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Editor's Note:

The newsletter is always available online at www.larimerdems.org/newsletter.html. As always, please submit any and all newsletter items to Anne Wilseck anneeliz73@gmail.com and Adam Bowen adambowen@frii.com. Deadline for submissions is 5:00 pm Sunday.

Message from the Chair:

The House Majority Project plays an important role in creating State House victories in critical districts. This includes districts in Larimer County which we now hold and others that we WILL take in 2010! So don't miss the HMP After-Parade Party at Avo's next Friday, Oct. 9th. Former HD 53 Rep. Angie Paccione will join us to support our great legislators John Kefalas and Randy Fischer.

HOMEcomings PARADE! ALL HANDS ON DECK! See the details below and plan to show your spirit and Democratic support for issues and candidates (look for a surprise guest on our float!)

PARTY NEWS

Tue, Sep 29: LETTER WRITING WORKSHOP

We will cover writing guidelines including: topical letter content, writing tips, letter submission processes and suggested methods of constructing a persuasive argument. We will also cover communication team processes including: data management, weekly topics, media monitoring/research and talking points.

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 29, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: 505 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland

RSVP: bridgetcassidy@msn.com

Sat, Oct 3: COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH REP. JOHN KEFALAS

The public is invited to participate in a community conversation with State Representative John Kefalas to discuss the topic of your choice. Please bring your questions, comments and ideas to participate in this interactive and informal discussion.

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3rd 9:00-10:30 AM

Location: Reader's Cove Bookstore 1001 E Harmony Rd # C Fort Collins

Sat, Oct 3: JANE JEFFERSON'S OCTOBER MEETING: LOVELAND MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

The Jane Jefferson's October Meeting will be at Sophia's on the corner of 11th and Lincoln in Loveland at 9:00 am on October 3. The program will be Loveland Municipal elections with Cecil Gutierrez (running for mayor), Cathleen McEwen and Joan Shaffer (both running for City Council).

Date & Time: October 3, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Location: Sophia's, 11th & Lincoln, Loveland

Contact: c.j.quigley@comcast.net for reservations or more info.

Wed, Oct 7: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM: BOARD OF EDUCATION & LOVELAND MAYORAL CANDIDATES

With Poudre School District Board of Education and Loveland Mayoral/Council elections sneaking

up on November 2, the Breakfast Forum has invited the candidates in the PSD board races, as well as the Loveland mayoral candidates, to introduce themselves and meet those attending the October 7 breakfast. Depending on availability, candidates for the Thompson School District Board of Education may also attend.

Since these elections have relatively short campaign formats, there is still time to get involved in these campaigns, if you like what you hear October 7. At minimum, these personal appearances will result in informed votes on November 2. Information on the three elections is available at www.psd.k12.co.us (Poudre School District); www.ci.loveland.co.us (City of Loveland); and www.thompson.k12.co.us (Thompson School District.)

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 7, 7:45 am

Location: Cafe Columbine & Bakery, 802 W. Drake, NW corner of Drake & Worthington, Fort Collins

RSVP by September 30: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, anne2616@comcast.net

Thurs, Oct. 8: DATA COMMITTEE MEETING

Our data meetings are starting back up for the fall! We have a fun new project to start in on so bring your laptop if you have one and get ready to learn something new and help enter data. Refreshments will be provided.

Date & Time: Thursday, October 8, 6:00-7:30 pm

Location: LCDP Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

Contact: Martha Coleman, marthacoleman@earthlink.net

Fri, Oct 9: FUNDRAISER FOR HOUSE MAJORITY PROJECT

Immediately following the October 9th Homecoming Parade, join us in Avo's back yard to help our state House Majority Project.

Date & Time: Friday, October 9, immediately after the CSU Homecoming Parade

Location: Avo's, 605 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins

For more info: LCDP, ldems@frii.com or 970-689-6391

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Fri, Oct 9: CSU HOMECOMING PARADE

The parade begins at 4:30 pm.

Please arrive between **3:30 & 4:00** to form up at Oak and Howes. Route is down Howes, through the Oval, and ends at Meridian and University Avenue. So buddy up and leave a car at each end. Don your Green jeans, Gold lame, or CSU duds and join the marchers, including our great local candidates. A limited number of seats are available on the float for non-marathon walkers. Call Julie Lechtanski at 970-412-8480 to reserve a spot. **Float decorating begins at noon at Julie's house 2500 Wyandotte Dr, Fort Collins.**

*****PLEASE STOP IN AT HQ by Oct. 9th to sign the release required by CSU for all parade participants.**

ELECTION INFO

2009 LARIMER COUNTY COORDINATED ELECTION

There are a number of elections in Larimer County this November:

Poudre School District School Board, Thompson Valley School Board, Loveland City Council. School board candidates must live in their area but are elected district-wide, so everyone who lives in either school district will be voting for multiple school board candidates.

These elections are all mail-ballot elections. There will be no polling places on November 3.

Questions regarding Voter Registration, Ballot Status and Election Results should be directed to the Larimer County Elections Division at 970-498-7820 or [Larimer County Elections](#) website.

Important dates:

Monday, October 5: Last day to register to vote for the November 3, 2009 Coordinated Election.

Monday, October 12: First day allowed by statute for the designated election official to send mail ballot packets to eligible voters.

Friday, October 16: Last day allowed by statute for the designated election official to send mail ballot packets to eligible voters.

Tuesday, November 3 Election Day. 7:00 am to 7:00 pm *All ballots must be received by the County Clerk and Recorder no later than 7:00 p.m. Postmark dates do not count as received.*

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Sat, Sep 26: LIT DROPS FOR REP. JOHN KEFALAS--NO TALKING, JUST WALKING

If you find talking to voters intimidating, or Saturday mornings don't work for you, you're in luck! Pick up Kefalas leaflets and walk on your own schedule in targeted precincts. No knocking required – just delivering leaflets. Lenina Olivas will be at Democratic headquarters Tuesday, September 29th from 4:30 – 7 pm and Thursday, October 15 from 6:00-8:00 pm to give out packets. If you can't make those times, please call Lenina at 631-4466 or e-mail to lmolivas@hotmail.com

Dates & Time: Tuesday, September 29, from 4:30-7:00 pm, & Thursday, October 15, 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: Meet at Larimer Democratic Party headquarters, 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins

For more info: www.johnkefalas.org, e-mail lmolivas@hotmail.com, Phone: 970-631-4466

FUTURE KEFALAS WALKS

Our next Big Walk day will be Saturday, October 24th. The first shift will start at 9:00 am and the second shift will start at 10:30 am. We'll provide food, campaign literature, voter lists, maps and training. Tentatively there will also be a 4th Big Walk, scheduled for Saturday, November 7th. Stay tuned for details.

Thur, Oct 1: DAN SLATER CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT

Please join Dan Slater and fellow Northern Coloradans as we kick off Dan's campaign to become Colorado's next Attorney General! Dan has been an active fighter for the Democratic Party and an effective attorney for those who would otherwise lack a voice in the legal system for years. Dan will announce his candidacy in Greeley on Thursday, October 1.

Date & Time: Thursday, October 1, 2009; 5:00 pm
Location: In Front of the Weld County Courthouse, Greeley, CO

Sat, Oct 3 & Sun, Oct 4: FREE TOURS OF PROPOSED GREELEY PIPELINE THROUGH LAPORTE

See the Poudre River habitat and historic railroad features that would be affected by Greeley pipeline construction. Hosted by Rose and Jim Brinks, Mary Humstone, and George Burnette.

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm; Sunday, October 4, 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm

Location: 2405 North Overland Trail, LaPorte (just south of the Poudre River) For more information, call: 221-4261

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sun, Sep 27: NAMAQUA FORUM: NUCLEAR WEAPONS REDUCTION

The Namaqua Forum (formerly the Open Forum) will feature Dr. Robert Lawrence on September 27 from 7:00 to 8:30. His topic will be Nuclear Weapons Reduction. We will meet at our new location: Ferguson Hill School at 1101 Hill Top Dr, Loveland. Take Taft 2 blocks south of Eisenhower, turn west on 11th St. Sponsored by UU Congregation. Refreshments served. Free and open to the public.

Date & Time: Sunday, September 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Ferguson Hill School, 1101 Hill Top Drive, Loveland

Wed, Sep 30: LOVELAND MAYORAL AND COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

Loveland voters will have an opportunity to ask questions and hear answers from the five Mayoral and eleven Council candidates at a Forum on Wednesday, September 30, from 7:00 to 9:30 pm at the City Council Chambers, 500 East Third Street in Loveland. The Forum is an important way to find out the positions these candidates hold on local issues of concern to Loveland residents. The evening will begin by each candidate being asked, "Why are you running for office and what skills or experience do you bring to that office?"

Written questions concerning local issues, submitted by audience members, will be posed by the Forum moderator to the candidates.

The Forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Larimer County, a nonpartisan organization, in cooperation with the City of Loveland.

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Location: Loveland City Council Chambers, 500 East Third Street, Loveland

For more information: 669-8230

Mon, Oct 5: WHERE ARE WE NOW ON THE PATH TO HEALTH CARE REFORM? with Earl Baumgartel, MD

As comprehensive health reform legislation makes its way through Congress what will it mean for Americans in terms of cost? What will be the impact on racial disparities? Will reform mitigate barriers to access? How can citizens engage with legislators in the decision making process? Earl Baumgartel, M.D. practiced as a Board Certified General Surgeon in Loveland for 27 years until his retirement in 2004. He's served as a member of the Board of Hospice in Larimer County, a member of the Larimer County Medical Society and as a Chief of Staff at McKee Medical Center.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Larimer County

Date & Time: Monday, October 5, 7:00 - 8:45 pm

Location: Council Tree Library, 2733 Council Tree Avenue (Ziegler and Harmony Roads), Fort Collins
For more information: 224-6122

Wed, Oct 7: CANDIDATE FORUM FOR PSD SCHOOL BOARD

Candidates for the Poudre School District school board election will appear at a Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at the City Council Chambers, 300 LaPorte in Fort Collins, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The public is invited and encouraged to submit questions in writing to the candidates. This election is for districts C, D and E. The Forum also will be shown periodically on Channel 14.

The Candidate Forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan, political organization, which encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Fort Collins City Council Chambers, 300 LaPorte, Fort Collins

For more information, please call 225-8954

Thurs, Oct 8: COLORADO ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION FUNRAISER

*** Free beer, good eats, brewery tour ***

Folks will be able to learn more about CEC's work to protect Colorado's environment. Reps Kefalas and Fischer and Senator Bacon will be in attendance.

\$30 suggested donation, includes a CEC membership

When: 7 pm, Thursday, October 8

Where: New Belgium Brewery

Tue, Oct 13: MONEY DRIVEN MEDICINE: FILM AND DISCUSSION

Join Health Care for All Colorado at the Harmony Library for their fall meeting and "Money Driven Medicine" film and discussion.

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Harmony Library, Shields and Harmony Roads, Fort Collins

For more information: Linda Mahan, 484-2259

REGULAR MEETINGS

Larimer County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting (All are Welcome!)

Date & Time: Third Thursdays, 6:30 pm social, Meeting at 7:00 pm

Location: October Meeting: LCDP South Office, 505 N. Cleveland, Loveland

Contact: Anne Wilseck for more information anneeliz73@gmail.com

Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

Date & Time: First Wednesdays at 7:45 am

Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, NW corner of Drake and Worthington, Fort Collins.

Contact & RSVP A Week Ahead: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, anne2616@comcast.net

Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club

The Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club is going to be moving around this year! We are going to try some new activities and locations: breakfast, lunch, happy hour; Loveland, Fort Collins. Check the newsletter often and please join us!

Date & Time: October 3, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Location: Sophia's, 11th & Lincoln, Loveland
Contact: c.j.quigley@comcast.net for reservations or more info.

Democratic Business Coalition: Fort Collins

Monthly Luncheon.

Date & Time: Second Tuesday of each month. 12:00 noon, Guest presentation. Doors open at 11:30 am to socialize and start lunch.

Location: Home State Bank, 303 East Mountain, Fort Collins.

Contact: M.L. Johnson, 482-4979 or mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu for reservations and to order catered lunch.

Larimer Democrats Southern Breakfast: Loveland

Date & Time: Third Fridays, 7:00 - 8:00 am

Location: Schmidt's Bakery & Delicatessen, 808 14th St SW

Cost: \$15, including tip & a donation back to the LCDP

Contact & RSVP: LCDP South Office 970-461-5779, or email Ralph Trenary at trenary3@msn.com

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

If you have items to submit, PLEASE READ!

Due to the length of the newsletter, we are limiting the body of most items to 75 words (not including title and “date & time, location, contact” type information). If your submission is longer, it will be cut. We suggest including a link for additional information. Our deadline for newsletter items is Sunday at 5:00 pm for publishing by e-mail on Tuesday mornings. To be effective, send us your notices at least a week early, so that they can appear twice. This will give potential attendees time to put your events on their calendars. We would like to include House District meetings, committee meetings, neighborhood coffees or picnics, etc. Such notices may increase your attendance. Please send newsletter items to anneeliz73@gmail.com and adambowen@frii.com. Thank you.