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FROM THE CHAIR:

Congratulations to everyone who brought about the best Democratic performance in memory!

Let me start out with **Betsy Markey's** brilliant and graceful defeat of Marilyn Musgrave. Larimer County, which went blue for 4th CD candidates in '04 and '06, produced an exceptionally big win for Betsy. Congresswoman-elect Markey had broad appeal across the district as well, and it is a thrill to know that ALL of the people of the 4th CD will finally have representation in Washington.

Mark Udall will be a great senator - again, Colorado will now have two effective Senators in Washington. It's especially notable that Udall won in Larimer County, the home county of the vanquished Bob Schaefer

At the top of the ticket -- we Barack'ed Larimer County! And with **Obama's** visit at the 11th hour, the political face of our hometown has been changed for good.

Our perennial favorites **Bacon, Fischer and Kefalas** won even more convincing victories than they did in the past - showing that voters give them thumbs-up for the stellar job they've done in the State House.

At press time, there were still thousands of uncounted ballots which means **Roger Hoffmann's** quest for a County Commission seat is still ongoing. See below in this newsletter if you cast a provisional ballot.

Much appreciation to our other great candidates.

Randy Eubanks took a seat in a fractured County Commission last year. He proved to be a quick study and ran a tough, close race against a well-known Larimer County legislator. **James Ross** and **Ken Bennett** ran hard in difficult districts against entrenched, well-funded incumbents. Both candidates helped move the Democratic Party forward in their respective districts.

I want to thank the **LCDP Executive Committee, GOTV Committee, and all volunteers** for their dedication and hard work. Our success has been achieved through great teamwork!

Holiday Open House - mark your calendar for December 18th. Let's celebrate some more!

What's Next for LCDP? With the Democratic Party now 60,000 strong in Larimer County, the LCDP is a year-round organization. We continue to maintain our Headquarters on Mason Street and party-building never stops! If you're new to the Party, please stay involved - it will feel great to elect even more Democrats.

Last but definitely not least: A profound thank you to all our veterans. We salute you, on Veterans Day, and every day.

Adam Bowen, Chair, Larimer County Democratic Party

NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS:

Yard Sign recycling - bring your yard signs to 606 S. Mason in Fort Collins, or 218 E. 6th St. in Loveland.

Commemorative Buttons: Come down and pick up your memorabilia - this presidential race will never happen again! We have pre-victory and lovely post-victory buttons. They will make great gifts!

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. The deadline for our submissions is 5:00 pm Sunday.

PARTY NEWS

Tue, Nov 11: DEMOCRATIC BUSINESS COALITION LUNCHEON

Dr. John Straayer, professor of Political Science at Colorado State University, will discuss the November 4th election at the Democratic Business Coalition luncheon. His analyses typically include trends in demographics voting patterns and factors underlying voter decisions.

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 11th, Socializing: 11:30 am, Presentation: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Location: Community Room, basement of Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Ave., Ft. Collins

Parking is available on Mountain Ave. or in the Old Town parking garage one block to the west. Home State Bank requests we do not park in their small lot.

Contact: M.L. Johnson, 482-4979, mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu for reservations and to order a catered lunch (or you can bring your own lunch). For \$10 the sandwich box lunch or chef salad of your choice from Dorothy's Catering of Loveland will be waiting for you.

Friday, Nov. 14: VICTORY CELEBRATION WITH BACON, FISCHER & KEFALAS

Hello Friends! Well we did it again! And we are so thankful to all of you who donated and volunteered for this campaign.

THANK YOU!

To express our thanks and celebrate victory, our campaigns will be joining for a Thank You and Victory Celebration. Food and Drinks. We hope you can attend.

Date & Time: Friday, November 14, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: The Lincoln Center Canyon West Room, Fort Collins

Sat, Nov 15: JANE JEFFERSON CLUB POST-ELECTION CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH with BETSY MARKEY

Join Betsy Markey on November 15, 9:00 am at the Sweet Spot, 210 East Fourth Street, Loveland for the November meeting of the Larimer County Jane Jefferson Club. This month we will have a Champagne brunch celebrating the election. Please RSVP to Kathy Batterton kathybatterton@q.com by noon Thursday. If you do not RSVP, please join us, but we cannot guarantee your meal.

Date & Time: Saturday, November 15, 9:00- 11:00 am

Location: The Sweet Spot, 210 East Fourth Street, Loveland

Cost: \$8.00

RSVP and for more information: kathybatterton@q.com

YARD SIGN RECYCLING

Starting today, November 11, the Larimer County Democratic Party will have large recycling bins for all types of yard signs set up in our parking lot.

Fort Collins: 606 S. Mason Street, 970-689-6391

Loveland: 218 E. 6th Street, 970-619-9006

Contact: Larimer County Democratic Party, ldems@frii.com

DID YOU VOTE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT?

Voters who voted provisional ballots should contact the Larimer County Elections office to follow up on whether your ballot is counted.

Contact: Larimer County Elections, 498-7820

DID YOU FORGET TO SIGN YOUR MAIL-IN BALLOT OR INCLUDE IDENTIFICATION?

Voters who did not enclose required identification with their mail-in ballots should have received letters from the Larimer County Elections Department. **Tomorrow (Wednesday) is last day to remedy this.** Voters must follow the instructions on the letter to ensure their vote is counted.

Contact: Larimer County Elections, 498-7820

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING AT COMMUNITY EVENTS

The 2008 Community Events season is over. It has been a great year. We expanded our participation by adding two Farmers Markets to our schedule, Drake Street in Fort Collins and one in Johnstown on Friday evenings. The LCDP spent 61 days either setting up and staffing a booth or marching in a parade this past year. We started with the St. Pats parade in Fort Collins and ended with a booth at the new Grant Family Farm Annual Harvestival.

We covered the area from Red Feather Lakes to Berthoud, from the Johnstown Farmers Market to Rist Canyon. Our participation in each event was an opportunity to show the folks in Larimer County that the Democrats are here and ready to work.

Our final parade, the CSU Homecoming parade was something to behold. When I turned in our Release form 20 minutes before the scheduled start time, I had 10 signatures. I

thought we are going to have a terrible showing. 20 minutes later I counted 110 participants and folks were still arriving. At one point we looked like a parade within a parade with our folks extending over a block. There were contingents for each of our candidates and the crowd cheered as we passed, picking up the chant from our music 'Obama, Obama.'"

To each of you that marched in a parade or helped with a booth, thanks.

To the office staff in HQ, a special thanks for scheduling volunteers and setting up the tubs for the booths--we could not have done it without your efforts.

To Philip and Martha Moore another special thanks for allowing us to use the trailer in the parades.

Each of you has earned a well deserved rest, but not for long, the St. Pats parade is just around the corner.

Bob Massaro

Larimer County Democratic Party
Community Events Chair

TO ALL HOUSE DISTRICT 51 VOLUNTEERS

It has taken a day for the reality of Election Day to sink in. We are now part of history. Each of those that volunteered helped change the future of the US and indeed the world. The icing on the cake would have been to get our local officials, Ken Bennett, James Ross, Randy Eubanks and Roger Hoffmann elected. My sincere thanks to each candidate for stepping up to represent our principals. The demands made on them and their families are daunting.

However, Colorado is now a blue state, and I believe each volunteer played a role in making that happen.

My unofficial estimate is HD51 had a 94% turnout. That is remarkable considering the Country turned out something like 60%.

There are too many people to thank individually, but to each of those that volunteered in the LCDP South Office and Ann Harroun's house on Election Day, I want to extend my personal thanks for a job well done.

The South office started with limited activity in late spring, and grew into a bevy of activity by mid summer. We can be proud that the South Office made more than 7,800 GOTV calls and assisted many Lovelanders with election questions.

I also want to thank Mark and Joan Shaffer for allowing us to use there office space--we could not have done the work without their generosity.

Although we did not succeed locally it does not mean we do not keep going forward.

This year was just another step on our journey. It took several cycles to send Musgrave into retirement and it will take continued effort to have our other candidates elected.

So let's take a few days to enjoy the success of Tuesday, but then let's get back to work.

We need to identify what we did right and where we need to improve. I view each election is an opportunity for us to gain experience to move the Democratic Party forward.

So again thanks for all the hours you have spent helping, it has been a pleasure to be part of such a great team and I look forward to our next challenge.

Bob Massaro

Larimer County Democratic Party
House District 51 Director

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thur, Nov 13: "SICK AROUND THE WORLD", A PBS FRONTLINE DOCUMENTARY

The film captures the successes and failures of health care systems in the United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Taiwan and Switzerland. Veteran Washington Post correspondent, T. R. Reid, traveled to these five capitalist countries that provide health care to all--with less cost and better outcomes than the U.S. He raises the question : "What can the U. S. learn?"

Following the film Deanne Lembitz, MD will lead a discussion. Dr. Lembitz is a Fort Collins native and a family practice physician in Windsor.

Refreshments will be served at 6:45 pm and the film will begin at 7 pm.

The program is free and open to the public.

Date & Time: Thursday, November 13 , 6:45 pm

Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1709 W. Elizabeth, Fort Collins.

For further information contact: 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: Headquarters, 606 S. Mason St., Fort Collins

Contact: Irene Fortune for more information vladimir1992@hotmail.com

Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

Monthly Meeting

Date & Time: First Wednesdays at 7:45 am

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

Contact & RSVP: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annemich@comcast.net

Estes Park Meetup for Democracy: Estes Park

Monthly Meeting

The Estes Park Meetup for Democracy is open to anyone interested in a return to progressive government. The group supports candidates who are fiscally responsible, socially progressive, and who promote honesty and candor in political discourse.

Date & Time: First Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Contact: John Ericson, 586-5042

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: Varies

Location: Varies

Contact: Kathy Batterton at kathybatterton@q.com for reservations.

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.

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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. (Sometimes one of us will be out of town.) Thank you.