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NEWS FROM THE LARIMER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Issue of March 11, 2008

Thank You Message From the Chair:

If you were one of over 1200 folks who attended Larimer Dems' Assembly & Convention this past Saturday, you know how much good energy and intensity all those passionate, hard working Democrats can create!

Putting on the event was no small task - and we couldn't have done it without the skilled managers and over 100 volunteers who processed mountains of caucus data over the past month. It was many of the same folks who woke up early on Saturday to bring all of us a memorable Assembly & Convention.

Starting with our famous donkey that greeted delegates, quickly followed by the miracle of registering and getting a cup of coffee into the hands of 1200 people in 90 minutes. Throughout the day volunteers kept A/V systems up & running, tabulated results, served a delicious lunch, kept the auditorium and commons running, wrangled contribution envelopes, and gave their enthusiastic support to our candidates - who all did a marvelous job of keeping the crowd fired up! A great big THANK YOU to all of you who made this past weekend a success!

For those of you waiting to hear if you are moving forward to the CD4 or State Assemblies and Conventions we'll have results by this weekend. Those events are May 16-17, keep your eyes on this newsletter for more info as we get closer.

Adam Bowen
Chair

TODAY! Tues, Mar. 11: "CONSERVATION AND THE BUSINESS OF STATE ELECTIONS" IS THE TOPIC FOR THE BUSINESS COALITION LUNCHEON

If you slept-in on Wednesday, March 5th, and missed the Breakfast Forum, have we got a deal for you... Gary Wockner has a new presentation for us on Tuesday, March 11th. Here's the summary:

Gary, as a board member of Colorado Conservation Voters (CCV), will give a presentation titled: "Conservation and the Business of State Elections," which will highlight CCV's activities and successes in recent elections and in state legislative activities.

CCV (www.coloradoconservationvoters.org) is a non-partisan organization dedicated to electing a conservation majority to the Colorado legislature and to holding elected officials accountable for preserving Colorado's environment and economy.

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 11, 11:30 a.m. Socializing; Program at noon

Location: Basement Community Room of Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Ave., Fort Collins. Please do not park in the bank's parking lot.

Reservations and Box Lunch: ML Johnson, 482-4979

Sat, Mar. 15: SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Put on your best green duds and come join us for this year's annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade! Wear your walking shoes and show off your best jig!

Date & Time: Saturday, March 15, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Corner of Mountain Avenue and Walnut Street, Fort Collins

Contact: Bob Massaro, 402-3678, massaror2001@yahoo.com

Wed, Mar. 26: GOVERNOR BILL RITTER (invited) AND SENATOR KEN SALAZAR TO ADDRESS TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

Join Governor Bill Ritter (invited keynote speaker), Senator Ken Salazar, your friends, and neighbors in discussing the transportation challenges and opportunities facing the Northern Colorado region. Help us define how we move forward on these important issues.

Senator Ken Salazar will speak about opportunities for future federal transportation legislation and how federal policy may relate to Northern Colorado's regional transportation challenges.

Governor Bill Ritter is the (invited) keynote speaker. He will speak about the transportation challenges facing the region and the state and speak about the efforts underway to address these important and pressing problems.

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 26, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m

Location: 1st National Bank Exhibition Hall at the Ranch (Larimer County Fairgrounds & Events Center)

RSVP REQUIRED: 1-800-332-0950, ext. #4, <http://www.nfrsummit.com> , or email rsvp@nfrmpo.org

AN RSVP IS REQUIRED--don't delay.

March 29: TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR ANNUAL DINNER WITH JIM HIGHTOWER

Tickets are selling well, but are still available for our annual dinner. This year's keynote speaker is Jim Hightower, former Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, author, radio commentator, publisher of "The Hightower Lowdown" newsletter, and colleague of the late columnist Molly Ivins and Governor Ann Richards. His latest book, "*Swim against the current: even a Dead Fish Can Go With the Flow*," will be available for purchase and signing at the dinner. This should be a rollicking fun evening!

Seating arrangements: Tables are placed in the order in which they are filled and paid for. The earliest paid tables get the best placement. People without table captains are grouped together to form tables, which are then placed according to the same rule

Reservations can be made online at www.Larimerdems.org, or you can print the reservation form and mail it with a check to Larimer County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 1252, Fort Collins 80522. Please let us know your occupation and employer (required by law), your meal choice, the name of your table captain (if you have one), and how you would like your name on your nametag.

Date & Time: Saturday, March 29, Registration 5-7 p.m., Dinner 7-10 p.m.

Location: Marriott Hotel, 350 Horsetooth Rd, Fort Collins

Contacts: Ann Harroun, 461-9177, a.harroun@comcast.net or Nancy Tellez, 282-0492, ntellez@frii.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH SILENT AUCTION AT ANNUAL DINNER

Our silent auction is growing by leaps and bounds, and contains some really neat items! We still have room for more, however. Perhaps some spring gardening items...arts, crafts, baked goods...Wherever your talents lie.

We will need a few volunteers to oversee the silent auction and for other time-consuming tasks, such as blowing up balloons. Whether you are attending the dinner or not, we could use your help.

To volunteer: Contact Joan Dooley at 223-1237 or dooley2713@comcast.net, or Suzanne Trautwein at 225-9120 or bjtraut@comcast.net.

To donate auction items: You may drop them off at Headquarters or call Charlotte Miller (207-1933 or 218-6141), Joan Dooley (223-1237), or Suzanne Trautwein, and they will pick them up. . Please include value, history, and your name and contact information..

Wed, Apr. 2: PAT WAAK, COLORADO DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR TO ADDRESS THE DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM

Colorado Democratic Party Chair Pat Waak will be the special guest and speaker at the April 2 Democratic Breakfast Forum. As a "super delegate," Pat will shed some light on that much-debated topic, and provide a preview of the August Democratic National Convention in Denver, as well as opportunities to volunteer at the historic event.

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 2, 7:45 a.m.

Location: Columbine Café & Bakery, 802 W. Drake, Fort Collins

Reservations due by March 26: Anne Michaelson, 484-9321, annemich@comcast.net

NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGNS

GREEK FOOD FUNDRAISER FOR REP. JOHN KEFALAS: Fri, Mar. 14

You are invited to join City Council Member Lisa Poppaw, with co-hosts Nancy Tellez and William Russell, for a fundraiser kicking off House District 52 Representative John Kefalas' re-election campaign.

John has raised the bar with able and energetic service during his first term in the Colorado House. With your help, John will be successful in his re-election campaign and will be able to serve the people of House District 52 for two more years.

Beverages and some of John's favorite Greek appetizers will be provided. The suggested contribution is \$52.

Date & Time: Fri, Mar. 14, 6-9 p.m.

Location: Home of Lisa Poppaw and Jim Schinnerer, 2945 Stonehaven Dr. in SW Fort Collins

RSVP: Lisa at lisamps@comcast.net, Nancy at ntellez@frie.com, or William at rwjr3@msn.com

BOB BACON FOR STATE SENATE KICK-OFF PARTY! Sun, Mar. 30

Please join Bob Bacon at his home for this campaign volunteer kick-off. Come learn how you can help Bob. He is putting together teams, and has many great ways for you to help make sure your values are represented in the State Senate in Denver.

"This promises to be an exciting election year. I have a formidable opponent with deep pockets, and I will need your

help to win. Please help me do all we can to make sure education, healthcare, the environment, and the economy remain top priorities for the Colorado legislature. I will greatly appreciate your volunteer support!

"And please do RSVP, so we can plan for enough snacks." -- Bob Bacon

Date & Time: Sunday, March 30, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: 720 Gilgalad Way, Fort Collins.

RSVP by Friday, March 28: Pat Moore, 226-4898

Contact: Bob Bacon, bob@baconforsenate.com
970-221-4552

BETSY MARKEY TO SPEAK AT COUNTY ASSEMBLIES IN PROWERS AND BACA COUNTIES

Fri, Mar. 14, 6:00 p.m.: Prowers COUNTY ASSEMBLY, Cow Palace, 1301 N. Main, Lamar

Sat, Mar. 15, 10:30 p.m.: Baca County Assembly, Baca County Resource Building, 1260 Main St.,
Springfield

Contact: Mackenzie, 221-1473

HD51 CANDIDATE KEN BENNETT, INVITES CONSTITUENTS TO OPEN COFFEE SESSIONS

Loveland candidate for House District 51, Ken Bennett is holding a series of Open Coffee Session for people who want to meet him, share their views, ask questions, and express concerns and hopes on any topic.

Please drop in and let Ken buy you a cup of coffee at any or all of the upcoming sessions:

Saturday, March 15, 9:00 to 10:30am, The Sweet Spot, 210 E. 4th Street, Loveland

Tuesday, March 18th, 6:00 to 7:30pm, Mimi's, 1450 Fall River Rd, Loveland

Sunday, March 30, 2:30 to 4:00pm, Sweet Spot, 210 E. 4th Street, Loveland

Thursday, April 4th, 6:00 to 7:30pm, Perkins Restaurant, 2222 W. Eisenhower, Loveland

HD51 CANDIDATE KEN BENNETT INVITES PARTICIPATION IN FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Ken has been busy hosting a series of focus group discussions on Education. He has invited parents and people who work in the field of education to meet with him and share their views, questions, concerns and hopes for a strong public education system.

Coming soon will be focus groups discussions with practitioners in the health care professions, law enforcement and small business owners. If you are involved with any of these professions and would like to attend a focus group discussion with Ken, please contact him for date, time and locations.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GLOBAL WATER SUPPLY IS THE TOPIC FOR THE OPEN FORUM SERIES ON MARCH 16

Are you concerned about future water availability in Colorado...the United States....the world???? Is it possible that drinkable water could be more important than oil in the future? This is a crucial topic.

Dr. Reagan Waskom, Director of Colorado Water Resources Research Institute, will talk about Global Water Supply.

All Open Forum sessions are free and open to the public. The series is sponsored by Namaqua Unitarian Universalist Congregation. We hope you can join us this Sunday at the Washington in Loveland at 4:30 p.m.

Namaqua UU Church Open Forum Series

Date & Time: Sunday, March 16, 4:30 p.m.

Location: Community of Christ Church, 503 E. 7th St., Loveland

Contact: Pat McVey, 203-0649

Information: www.namaquauu.org

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL COLORADO PLANS A BUSY MONTH IN LARIMER COUNTY

Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 to 7:00 PM KRFC (88.9 FM) Radio program "Imagine Action" "Health Care and Poverty" Interview with Bernard Birnbaum, MD and Tom Linnell, EdD. Studio call-in questions and comments (970) 221-5065

Saturday, March 15, 9:30 AM line-up at Walnut and Mountain Ave. Look for our banner. St. Patrick's Day Parade, Fort Collins downtown. Parade 10-11:30 AM. Wear your green, bring a sign and march with advocates for health care for all.

Monday, March 24, 3 to 4:30 pm

Osher Lifelong Learning Perk Series: *The Future of Health Care* Columbine Health Systems Market Centre, 802 W. Drake Street, Fort Collins (enter through the café entrance on the east side of the building).

Dr. Glenn Pearson, a member of Health Care for All Colorado, will facilitate the session on:

- The medical, economic, and moral concerns driving the need for health care reform.
- How to resolve conflicts between access and cost to create a sustainable health care system in the U.S.
- Reform initiatives being considered in Colorado and Congress.
- What role citizens can play in creating a viable system of comprehensive, affordable, and high quality health care for all.

The program is free and open to the public. For further information call (970) 491-7533.

Thursday, March 27, 3:00 to 6:00 PM

Free, public showing of "**SICKO**." Front Range Community College, Longs Peak Student Center, Fort Collins. The documentary film by Michael Moore shows the not-for-profit, universal health care in France, England, and Canada and asks, "Why not here?" Bernard Birnbaum, MD leads a discussion following the film at 5 PM.

For further information: Call Eliza Carney 416-0636 or Linda Mahan 484-2259 or check the website www.HealthCareForAll.org

SAVE THE DATES – 2008

Sat., April 5 **HCAC Annual Fundraiser** in Denver Dinner and Speaker David Sirota, author, columnist and journalist

Wed., April 16, 7:00-9:00 PM **Health Care for All Colorado, N. CO Chapter Meeting.** Plymouth Congregational Church, 916 W. Prospect Rd., Fort Collins "The Future of Health Care in the U.S." Randall Marsh, MD, Cardiovascular Surgeon, Greeley. [Guests welcome.](#)

Fri, May 16, 2008: **Congressional District 4 Assembly and Convention**, evening, Colorado Springs

Sat. May 17, 2008: **State Assembly and Convention**, all day, Colorado Springs

Sun, June 8, 2008: **Ice Cream Social w/Candidates**, sponsored by Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club, Shelter #3, North Lake Park, 29th & Taft, Loveland., 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Tues, Aug. 12, 2008: **State Primary Election**

Sun, Aug. 24, 2008: **Delegate Reception**, sponsored by LCDP, 6-9 p.m., Walker Fine Art Gallery, Denver

Mon-Thur, Aug 25-28, 2008: **Democratic National Convention, Denver!!**

Fri-Sun, Aug 29-31, 2008: **Convention Delegates Invited to Larimer County.** More information: www.larimerdems.org. Contact: Ann Harroun, 461-9177, a.harroun@comcast.net

REGULAR MEETINGS

Democratic Breakfast Forum; Fort Collins

Monthly meeting: **First Wednesdays** at 7:45 a.m. Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, NW corner of Drake and Worthington, Fort Collins. Contact: Irma Woollen, 266-1136, ierwoole@peoplepc.com

Estes Park Meetup for Democracy; Estes Park

Monthly Meeting, **first Wednesdays** at 7 p.m.. 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. Contact: John Ericson, 586-5042

Larimer County Jane Jefferson Democratic Club; Loveland

Monthly Breakfast. **First Saturday** of each month, except June through August, 8:30 a.m. at Dorothy's Catering, 2248 West First Street, Loveland. Contact: Kathy Batterton at kathybatterton@q.com for reservations

Democratic Business Coalition; Fort Collins

Monthly Luncheon. **Second Tuesday** of each month. 12 Noon, Guest presentation. Doors open at 11:30 to socialize and start lunch. 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.

Association for Responsible Development; Estes Park

Monthly Meeting: **Second Fridays** at 8:30 a.m. Good Samaritan Village, 1902 Ptarmigan Trail, Estes Park. The Association seeks to provide leadership and direction in an effort to serve the residents of the Estes Valley who wish to preserve its mountain character. Guests are always welcome. Contact Ron Norris at 586-3600.

LCDP Executive Committee (all are welcome):

Monthly Meeting: **Third Thursdays** at 6:30 social; 7 p.m. meeting. Headquarters, 606 S. Mason St., Fort Collins. Contact: Irene Fortune, Secretary, for information, vladimir1992@hotmail.com

HD49 Citizen Meetings with Liliias Jarding

Weekly meetings: Liliias Jarding, candidate for House District 49, will be holding weekly citizen meetings around the District. These will be on Thursday evenings throughout the campaign season.

First Thursday of the month: **Wellington:** 7:00 pm at the T-Bar Inn, café side, 3803 West Cleveland Avenue.

Second Thursdays: Berthoud: 6:00 pm at the Jumping Bean coffee-house, 434 Mountain Avenue

Third Thursdays: Windsor: 7:00 pm at Loodles coffeehouse, 1180 Main Street

Fourth Thursdays: Estes Park: 6:00 pm at Thai Kitchen, 401 South St. Vrain Avenue

Come and share your concerns. Get to know the candidate. And feel free to bring your friends!

Contact: Liliias Jarding, 690-2996, info@jarding49.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 (...doesn't include 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 Sundays at 5 pm for publishing by e-mail on Tuesdays 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 BOTH a.harroun@comcast.net and adambowen@frii.com. (Sometimes one of us will be out of town.)

Thank you.

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