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## **NEWS FROM THE LARIMER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

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### **March 29: JIM HIGHTOWER IS A HOOT! DON'T MISS THE PARTY!! TICKETS GOING FAST!**

GOOD FOOD, GOOD DEMOCRATIC COMPANY, and a better part of Texas as our keynote speaker: **Jim Hightower**, former Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, author, radio commentator, publisher of "The Hightower Lowdown" newsletter, and colleague of the late columnist Molly Ivens 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. Join your fellow Democrats for a rollicking fun evening!

**Make your Dinner reservations online NOW at [www.Larimerdems.org](http://www.Larimerdems.org):** or **mail a check** (with reservation form) 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.

**Silent Auction:** Silent Auction Items must be received by March 27. Please drop off at Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins, or call Joan Dooley, 223-21237, or Suzanne Trautwein, 225-9120, for pick-up. Please do ***not*** bring items to the dinner without a prior arrangement.

**Ten Volunteers Needed:** Lots of help needed to blow up lots of balloons (with helium or an air compressor), starting at noon on March 29. Contact Bob Massaro, 402-3678, [massaror2001@yahoo.com](mailto:massaror2001@yahoo.com). Hey, wrestling balloons could be fun...

**Seating Arrangements & Table Captains:** Tables are placed in the order in which they are filled and paid for. The earliest paid tables get the best placement. If you have a table captain, please let us know, because the captains are eager to finish their tables.

People without table captains also have a good chance of a great location. They are grouped together to form tables, which are then placed according to the same rule. So far, eleven tables have been placed; four of them seating individuals without table captains.

**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](mailto:a.harroun@comcast.net) or Nancy Tellez, 282-0492, [ntellez@frii.com](mailto:ntellez@frii.com)

### **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](mailto:annemich@comcast.net)

### **Apr. 8: PAUL KORDIS, AUTHOR OF “STRATEGY OF THE DOLPHIN; SCORING A WIN IN A CHAOTIC WORLD” TO ADDRESS DEMOCRATIC BUSINESS COALITION LUNCHEON**

To get ready for April, just scan through a few of Paul Kordis' 3,270 Google listings! Then come hear this New York Times best selling author.

The hearty few who made it to lunch on March 11th had the pleasure of hearing the positive news on the Colorado Conservation Voters (CCV) from Gary Wockner. The CCV's record of progressive achievement 2002 to 2006, the 2008 State Legislative campaigns, and the strategy of supporting candidates versus focusing on lobbying were discussed.

**Date & Time:** Tues, Apr. 8, 11:30 social, Noon meeting

**Location:** Home State Bank, 303 E. Mountain Rd., Fort Collins

**Contact:** M.L. Johnson, 482-4979 or [mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu) for reservations and to order your catered lunch.

### **LOVELAND DEMS' WATER FORUM POSTPONED**

The Loveland Democrats' forum on water, scheduled for April 24, has been postponed. Stay tuned.

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## **NEWS FROM THE CAMPAIGNS**

### **March 22: FORT COLLINS LEGISLATORS HOST COMMUNITY FORUM ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

Fort Collins Legislators invite community members to attend this important forum on higher education, with former US Congressman David Skaggs (D-Colorado), recently named by Governor Ritter as Executive Director of the Department of Higher Education and of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.

After a brief presentation, Executive Director Skaggs, Sen. Bob Bacon, and Reps. Kefalas and Fischer will address questions and concerns from the audience.

Community members are encouraged to bring their thoughts and ideas!

**Date & Time:** Sat, March 22, 9:30 AM- 11:00 AM

**Location:** Harmony Library Community Room, 4616 S. Shields, Fort Collins (SE corner of Harmony & Shields)

**Contact**

### **March 25: LETTER WRITERS FOR BETSY MARKEY'S CAMPAIGN**

“Letter Writers for Betsy” will meet on Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the new campaign headquarters. Anne Caprara, campaign manager, will discuss the current topics that letter writers might address. Adeline McConnell and Ann Molison will provide you with “tools” that will help you communicate issues and/or your personal thoughts about this campaign and the importance of the campaign to Colorado and across the U.S. You'll go home with a short list of newspapers that have accepted letters to the editor with contact information and links to their sites.

**Date & Time:** Tues, Mar. 25, 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Campaign HQ, 419 West Canyon Ave., Suite 315

**Please RSVP:** Adeline McConnell, [adelinemccconnell@comcast.net](mailto:adelinemccconnell@comcast.net), (970) 631-8061, or Ann Molison at [amolison@comcast.net](mailto:amolison@comcast.net).

### **March 30: BOB BACON FOR STATE SENATE KICK-OFF PARTY!**

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](mailto:bob@baconforsenate.com)  
970-221-4552

### **Ken Bennett for House 51: 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:

**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. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Loveland

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

### **Betsy Markey for Congress: CHECK OUT THIS BLOG TO HEAR AN INTERVIEW WITH BETSY:**

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/epradio/2008/03/10/Heading-Left-welcomes-Betsy-Markey-CO-4>

### **April 4: Betsy Markey for Congress: A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND DANCING!**

With John Magnie and The Three Twins, along with special musical guests.

Come join Betsy for what promises to be a fun filled night with a great band, great people and all for the right cause. Lets "band" together, support change in Washington and send Betsy Markey to Congress!

Tickets \$20 general admission. Limited advanced reserved seating available \$35

**Date & Time:** Friday April 4, 7:00 – 11:00 PM

**Location:** Sunset Event Center, 242 Linden Street, Fort Collins, CO.

**Contact:** To order tickets go to <http://www.betsymarkey.com/> or call 970-221-1473

### **Ken Bennett for House 51: 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.

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **March 19 & 20: EMILY'S LIST & BLUEFLOWER FUND TO HOLD TRAINING FOR DEMOCRATIC WOMEN**

On March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> EMILY's List & BlueFlower Fund will be holding a candidate training in Denver.

In an effort to target and recruit pro-choice Democratic women candidates in your area, I am reaching out to former participants along with EMILY's List & BlueFlower Fund likeminded allies. I have contacted you because you know, better than anyone, capable women in your area that fit this description. Whether a pro-choice Democratic woman is currently serving on the school board, or in the State Assembly, or just beginning to think about running for elective office, this training is designed to provide her with the skills needed to successfully run for office.

**Date:** Wed-Thurs, March 19 and 20

**Contact:** Michelle Stephenson, POP Assistant, EMILY's List, (202) 419.3073, cell (202) 517- 7303, Fax: (202) 326-1415, [MStephenson@emilyslist.org](mailto:MStephenson@emilyslist.org)

### **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](mailto:rsvp@nfrmpo.org)

AN RSVP IS REQUIRED--don't delay

**LOVELANDERS:** You know that great view from the end of West Fourth Street and from the bike path??

Staples Farm is the exquisite area and view at the west end of 4th street. I can't tell you how many times I have walked to this site stopped and taken in this magnificent view of the countryside and mountains beyond. Priceless. And, it is proposed for development. Whatever you can possibly do to help preserve this property would be a real service to the community.

Call [Virginia Lucy](mailto:Virginia.Lucy@nfrmpo.org) at 667-0037 if you need flyers to distribute in your neighborhood. Thank you,  
Sharon Shuster Anhorn, 1303 No. Garfield Ave, Loveland, CO

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

### **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](http://www.HealthCareForAll.org)

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## **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, 29<sup>th</sup> & 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](http://www.larimerdems.org). Contact: Ann Harroun, 461-9177, [a.harroun@comcast.net](mailto:a.harroun@comcast.net)

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:vladimir1992@hotmail.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](mailto:a.harroun@comcast.net) and [adambowen@frii.com](mailto:adambowen@frii.com). (Sometimes one of us will be out of town.)

Thank you.

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