

**10/13/09**

***Editor's Note:***

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

***Message from the Chair:***

After a snowy announcement of her HD49 candidacy by Karen Stockley last week, we have some sunnier weather and another announcement lined up - this time from Rich Ball for Senate District 15. As many of you know, this seat is occupied by Kevin Lundberg, who was appointed by a Republican vacancy committee. See details in the Campaigns section below!

## **PARTY NEWS**

### **Fri, Oct 16: LARIMER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY SOUTHERN BREAKFAST**

The ballots are in the mail and the campaigns are in the final stretch for the Loveland City Council and Thompson School District Board of Education. Join us for a round table discussion of final thoughts from our inspiring candidates before it all comes to a close on November 3rd.

All candidates are welcomed to attend (subject to campaign conflicts availability). Confirmed as of press time: Cecil Gutierrez, candidate for Loveland Mayor; Cathleen McEwen, candidate for Loveland City Council Ward 4; Joan Shaffer, candidate for Loveland City Council Ward 2; Diana Greer, candidate for School Board Director District E; Sharon Olson, candidate for School Board Director District E; Lori Ward, candidate for School Board Director District E; Leslie Young candidate for School Board Director District D (may attend if available).

**Date & Time:** Friday, October 16, 7:00 = 8:00 am

**Cost:** \$15.00 per person for full breakfast buffet or you are welcomed to order a la carte from the bakery.

**Location:** Schmidt's Bakery and Delicatessen 808 14th St SW, Loveland

**RSVP by** Wednesday, October 14, noon for the breakfast buffet. 970-461-5779 or [trenary3@msn.com](mailto:trenary3@msn.com)

### **Wed, Oct. 21: MEET YOUR STATE SENATE LEADERSHIP**

Join your Senator, Bob Bacon, along with Senate Majority Leader Brandon Shaffer; Senate President John Morse; Senate Pres. Pro Tem Betty Boyd; and Senator Mary Hodge from Adams County, at Avo's! This gathering is part of their Northeast Colorado Listening Tour. This is a great opportunity to make personal contact with elected officials who will be wrestling with Colorado's big problems in the next legislative session.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 21, 5:30-7:00 pm

**Location:** Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason, Fort Collins

**For more info:** LCDP HQ: 689-6391 or [ldems@frii.com](mailto:ldems@frii.com)

## 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 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

### Fri, Oct 16: CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT: RICH BALL RUNNING FOR STATE SENATE DISTRICT 15

Rich Ball, fourth generation Lovelander and long time attorney, will announce his run for State Senate District 15 on Friday October 16 at 1:00 at Loveland City Hall, Foote Lagoon. Rich has been a life long Democrat but has never run for office. He retired from the law practice in 2007 after 35 years.

"In good conscience I could just not sit on the sidelines and watch any longer. Our county needs inclusive, problem solving, collaborative representation at the state Capitol. We have real problems, and we need someone who will listen to all our residents and use leadership to create solutions," said Rich.

Rich's father Judge Conrad Ball served the County for nearly 20 years as District Judge.

Rich attended the University of Colorado, with a Political Science degree and C.U. Law School. He has been active in civic affairs serving as President of Habitat for Humanity, Loveland Rotary Club and the Larimer County Bar Association. He currently serves on the boards of Pathways Hospice and the Fort Collins Symphony. Rich urges you to get involved with his campaign. Rich can be reached at [richball2010@gmail.com](mailto:richball2010@gmail.com) or 970-776-6321. His web site will be [www.richball2010.com](http://www.richball2010.com).

**Date & Time:** Friday, October 16, 1:00 pm

**Location:** Foote Lagoon, Loveland City Hall

**For more info:** [richball2010@gmail.com](mailto:richball2010@gmail.com) or 970-776-6321

### Fri, Oct 16: RECEPTION FOR ANDREW ROMANOFF

Join us in welcoming Andrew Romanoff for a reception to meet Larimer County voters. Snacks, non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, children are welcome. Cash bar available. Meet Andrew Romanoff, share your ideas and hear what he has to say.

**Date & Time:** Friday, October 16 5:30-8:30pm

**Location:** McCoy's Morning Glory Restaurant, 1003 W. Horsetooth Rd., Fort Collins (SE corner of Horsetooth & S. Shields)

**RSVP:** Robin Van Ausdall, 2264171, [rvanausdall@gmail.com](mailto:rvanausdall@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **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

### **Wed, Oct 14: HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM PHONE BANK**

**"Over the next month there is going to be an avalanche of misinformation and scare tactics from those seeking to perpetuate the status quo." – President Barack Obama**

The time for Healthcare Reform is NOW and YOU are the catalyst!

Do you want to help ensure meaningful health reform legislation and empower your neighbors to find their voices? Organizing for America – Fort Collins is hosting a weekly phone bank beginning on October 14, 2009, and we would love to have your help. Please bring your enthusiasm, cell phone and charger. We will provide training, a script and a list of names to call. Refreshments will be served. If you have a few hours to meet some really great people and help create the change we voted for, please plan to attend.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 14, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

**Location:** Doug & Kathryn's Home, 325-A Sundance Cir N, Fort Collins

**RSVP & more information:** <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpc79l>

Beginning on October 21, the weekly Wednesday phonebanks will be held at the Larimer County Democratic Party Headquarters, 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins.

### **Sat, Oct 17: SEN. BACON, REP. FISCHER AND REP. KEFALAS TO HOST FORUM ON CHRONIC CARE**

State Representatives John Kefalas and Randy Fischer and Sen. Bob Bacon invite you to attend a forum on changes needed in Colorado law for those suffering from a chronic disease. Diabetes, obesity, asthma, depression, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease – these major chronic diseases make up 80% of health care costs.

The following issues will be addressed: \* Long-term Care \* Limited Insurance Coverage \* Preventive and Health Education Program Cuts \* Coverage of Psychiatric Medications

This is not a town hall on national health care reform.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 17, 10:00 am

**Location:** Council Tree Library, 2733 Council Tree Ave., Fort Collins

### **Wed, Oct 22: RETHINK AFGHANISTAN SHOWING**

*Rethink Afghanistan* is a ground-breaking documentary focusing on the key issues surrounding this war. The film raises critical questions regarding Afghanistan that Congress must address in oversight hearings, which inform the public and challenge policymakers.

Directed by Robert Greenwald, the man behind *Outfoxed*, *Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price*, and *Iraq For Sale*, the film portrays Afghanistan as a nation -- or, more accurately, a collection of tribal affiliations -- that has never been pacified by force in its long history and the present American endeavor as doomed to failure.

The film was funded by small donations rather than by large-scale producers and is being rolled out at several hundred house parties, church basements and events sponsored by activist organizations.

Read more at: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/09/30/watch-new-doc-calls-for-e\\_n\\_304153.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/09/30/watch-new-doc-calls-for-e_n_304153.html)

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 22, 7:00 pm

**Location:** Larimer County Democratic Party HQ, 606 S. Mason,

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [trenaryr3@msn.com](mailto:trenaryr3@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](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com) and [adambowen@frii.com](mailto:adambowen@frii.com). Thank you.