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**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:**

**FINAL DAY - 2009 LARIMER COUNTY COORDINATED ELECTION**  
**Today, November 3 Election Day** Until 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.**

**Have you returned your ballot yet?**

Contact the [Larimer County Clerk](#) if you are a registered voter and have not received your ballot! **These elections are all mail-ballot elections. There are no polling places on November 3 BUT you can take your ballots in to official courthouse locations (all are open until 7 p.m.)**  
**Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W. Oak Street**  
**Loveland Annex, 205 E. 6th St. 1st Floor**  
**Estes Park Annex, 1601 Brodie Ave.**

There are a number of elections in Larimer County this November: *Poudre School District School Board, Thompson Valley School Board, Loveland City Council.* **ALL ARE IMPORTANT.** 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.

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.

## **PARTY NEWS**

### **TODAY, 2 PM: HEALTH CARE RALLY**

The Tea Party Express is targeting our own Betsy Markey over the next week. As we saw during August recess, these angry mobs can have an impact on her. The bus is rolling into Ft. Collins during the House vote, but we will be there. We are going to expose the insurance industry tricks, known as "Health Scare." Health Scare includes: lies about immigrants, abortion, cutting Medicare, a government takeover and false studies all to protect their sacred \$690 million dollars in bonuses last year. Don't be fooled by these ghouls! Come counter-protest:

**Date & Time:** November 3, 2:00 pm,

**Location:** Fort Collins Washington Park

**Date & Time:** November 3, 5:00 pm,

**Location:** Denver Civic Center Park - Greek Theatre

### **Tomorrow Wed, Nov. 4: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM WELCOMES OUR STATE LEGISLATORS**

To their credit, our Democratic state legislators are among the most accessible in the state, as they represent the interests of Fort Collins and Larimer County.

Please take the opportunity to meet State Senator Bob Bacon and Representatives Randy Fischer and John Kefalas at the November 4 Breakfast Forum to discuss the issues that are

important to you. The legislators will provide a picture of what the 2010 Legislative Session will bring, and how election year politics could play a role in what is accomplished.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, November 4, 7:45 am

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

**RSVP:** Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, [anne2616@comcast.net](mailto:anne2616@comcast.net)

**Note:** At this time, there is no Breakfast Forum planned for December or January. The Democratic Breakfast Forum will resume February 3.

### **Sat, Nov 7: JANE JEFFERSON DEMOCRATIC CLUB PRESENTS KAREN STOCKLEY**

It is time to mark your calendar for our November meeting of the Janes. Karen Stockley, candidate for House District 49 will be our speaker. House District 49 encompasses the parts of Larimer County not including Fort Collins and Loveland proper, covering most of unincorporated Larimer County as well as the communities of Berthoud, Estes Park, Wellington and a portion of Windsor.

In announcing her desire to run for office, Stockley said she “believes working with the land and renewing public education will create the jobs we need, and build thriving communities we’ll be proud to call home.”

**Date & Time:** Saturday, November 7, 9:00 - 10:30 am

**Location:** Catalyst Coffee, 3501 South Shields, Fort Collins

**RSVP:** Connie, [c.j.quigley@comcast.net](mailto:c.j.quigley@comcast.net)

### **Tue, Nov 10: DR JOHN STRAAYER, NOW AND THE FUTURE**

The Larimer County Democratic Business Coalition (LCDBC) will host Dr. John Straayer at its November 10th meeting; 12:00-1:00 in the Home State Bank Community Room, 303 East Mountain Avenue. Dr. Straayer is arguably the dean of Colorado Political Science professors and has had an illustrious career at Colorado State University. As always, John provides insights into what is happening in the Nation, State and Region; with particular reference to progressive public policy. Join us, and join in, on the discussion of the just completed off-year election, and Dr. Straayer’s projections for the crucial 2010 contests.

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, November 10, 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 that we do not park in their small lot.

**RSVP:** M.L. Johnson, 482-4979, [mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto: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.

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

Watch for details about our annual Holiday Party soon!

Caucus locations will be announced in 2010.

Larimer Dems Holiday Party	Saturday, December 5; 5:00 - 9:00 pm	LCDP HQ
Precinct Caucus	Tuesday, March 16, 2010; time tba	Locations tba
Larimer County Assembly	Saturday, March 27, 2010; time tba	Fort Collins
Larimer Dems Annual Dinner	Saturday, March 27, 2010; time tba	Fort Collins Marriott

## ELECTION INFO

See Chair's Message above.

## CAMPAIGN NEWS

### **Sat, Nov 7: LAST KEFALAS 2009 LITERATURE DROP--ONCE MORE WITH FEELING!**

Our last big 2009 lit drop is Saturday, November 7th. With the weather changing and holidays coming on, this is our last chance to promote Rep. Kefalas before the legislature reconvenes in 2010. **First shift starts at 9 am.**

E-mail Julia if you can come: [juliaw\\_5810@yahoo.com](mailto:juliaw_5810@yahoo.com). Or call Lenina Olivas at 970-631-4466 (email [lmolivas@hotmail.com](mailto:lmolivas@hotmail.com)) to pick up a packet and walk whenever it's convenient for you.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, November 7, 9:00 am on

**Location:** LCDP HQ, 606 S. Mason St., Ft Collins

**For more info, contact:** Julia Weichselbaum, [juliaw\\_5810@yahoo.com](mailto:juliaw_5810@yahoo.com)

### **Sun, Nov 8: BARACKFAST FOR KAREN STOCKLEY**

Better know a district! That's Colorado State House District 49. I understand this district has not had Democratic representation since Dick Lamm took the governorship in 1976! **Karen Stockley** intends to change all that. Karen is on the Thompson R2J School Board, owns a small business, and knows how to be strong advocate for the people in her district. Come get to know her at Barackfast on Sunday November 8th.

Not a potluck, and no RSVP necessary.

All contributions are voluntary and go to Karen Stockley for HD49 Anyone you invite to any Barackfast is welcome. And, so you can plan your Holiday season, December Barackfast will be Sunday, December 6, and will support Greg Mortenson and Central Asia Institute to build schools in remote Afghan villages. This is a tax deductible contribution event, and further, your contributions will be matched by Pat Stryker!

**Date & Time:** Sunday, November 8th, anytime between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Location:** 3401 Terryridge Road. That's the second left into TERRY SHORES, 1.7 miles north from 287 on Highway 1 toward Wellington.

### **Mon, Nov 9: WHERE ARE WE NOW ON THE PATH TO HEALTH CARE REFORM?**

A Public Informational Program Featuring **Earl Baumgartel M. D.** Monday, November 9, 2009 7:00 to 9:00 pm Foothills Unitarian Church 1815 Yorktown Avenue, Fort Collins Dr. Baumgartel will be presenting a brief review of the economic factors impacting the American health care system that have lead us to where we are today, and then explain in detail the features of the various health care reform bills currently under consideration in Congress. There will be a discussion period following the presentation. Please join us in the Social Hall for wine & chocolates at the conclusion of the program.

This Program is Open to the Public

Sponsored by the Health Care Action Team - A Social Justice Project of Foothills Unitarian Church

**Date & Time:** Monday, November 9, 2009 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Location:** Foothills Unitarian Church 1815 Yorktown Avenue, Fort Collins

## **Sun, Nov 15: CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT: TORSTEN ECKSTEIN FOR SD 15**

**Torsten Eckstein**, small business owner and research scientist at Colorado State University, invites you to participate in democracy by attending his official announcement and party for State Senate District 15.

*"Come hear my story – a story of overcoming adversity and living the American Dream. The values I hold dear: education, fiscal responsibility, personal liberty and caring for the environment have shaped me and now compel me to run for office this office. I'd like to share with you my commitment to these values, and hear your ideas on how we can work together."* -Torsten

Torsten settled in Colorado in 1995 to work on microbiological research at CSU to help the cattle industry. He recently started a small business to expand his ability to help farmers. He is also the president of his homeowner's association, sits on a special faculty committee at CSU, sits on the Larimer County Public Improvement District 24 Board, and was active in the Obama campaign. If you'd like to participate in democracy by getting involved in any way, please call Torsten at 970-988-5121, or email him at [torsten@ecksteinforstatesenate.com](mailto:torsten@ecksteinforstatesenate.com). His campaign website is [www.ecksteinforstatesenate.com](http://www.ecksteinforstatesenate.com).

**Date & Time:** Sunday, November 15, 4:00 pm

**Location:** Conrad Ball Middle School, 2660 N. Monroe, Loveland

**For more info:** [torsten@ecksteinforstatesenate.com](mailto:torsten@ecksteinforstatesenate.com) or 970-988-5121

## **Sun, Nov 15: HOUSE PARTY FOR KAREN STOCKLEY**

**Karen Stockley**, your candidate for House District 49, is starting her House Party tour of Larimer County.

Lisa Poppaw, Nancy Tellez and William Russell invite you to meet and speak with Karen Stockley.

Refreshments provided.

**Date & Time:** Sunday, November 15, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

**Suggested Donation:** \$49

**Location:** Lisa Poppaw's house, 2945 Stonehaven Drive, Fort Collins

**For more info:** William Russell 227-6303, [rwjr3@msn.com](mailto:rwjr3@msn.com). Nancy Tellez 443-7705, [ntellez@frii.com](mailto:ntellez@frii.com). Lisa Poppaw, 217-5423, [lisamps@comcast.net](mailto:lisamps@comcast.net)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Wed, Nov 5: ELECTION NIGHT ANNIVERSARY & GRAB A MOP PARTY**

Please plan to join your fellow Fort Collins and Loveland OFA volunteers, friends and neighbors as we celebrate the anniversary of President Barack Obama's election, reconnect with old campaign friends and learn about the work Organizing For America is doing to help create the change we all voted for. *"The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even one term, but America – I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there. I promise you – we as a people will get there."* *"I will never forget who this victory truly belongs to – it belongs to you."* ~ President Barack Obama, November 4th 2008

Pot Luck Dinner Please bring an appetizer, entrée, side-dish, salad, dessert, beer, wine or beverage to share. Or, if you prefer to help with setup, guest reception, tabling or cleanup, please call Kathryn for details. Space is limited for this event. Please RSVP no later than November 2nd. Yes, We Did! Yes, We Will!

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

**Location:** Holiday Inn Express, 6092 East Crossroads Blvd, Loveland

**Contact:** Kathryn Barrett, 714 317-3039

**For more info and to RSVP:** <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpchv2>

**Upcoming events:**

Thursday, November 5th Call Party - Larimer County Democratic Party Office

<http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpcmht>

Saturday, November 7th Call or Canvass Party - Two Locations North Fort Collins:

<http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/manage/gpcksy>

West Central Fort Collins: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpc3m4>

Wednesday, November 11th Call Party - Larimer County Democratic Party Office

<http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpc7fw>

**Thur, Nov. 5: COLORADO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION PUBLIC FORUM**

Colorado's Director of Civil Rights **Steven Chavez** will facilitate an open discussion on civil rights issues affecting Coloradans. Participants will have the opportunity to speak freely and have their concerns heard by members of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, November 5, 5:00 Refreshments, 5:30 - 7:30 pm Facilitated Forum

**Location:** Fort Collins City Council Chambers CIC Room 300 W. Laporte Ave., Fort Collins

**Sat, Nov 7: ACLU: GUANTANAMO ATTORNEY TO SPEAK**

**Mari Newman**, a Denver attorney who is representing a Yemeni detainee held at Guantanamo, will give a talk about her first-hand experiences concerning the current and future status of the detainees and about the complex legal and human rights issues involved in their continuing detention. Ms. Newman has been a recipient of a number of awards and honors, among which are: recognition this year as one of forty outstanding local professionals under age 40 by the Denver Business Journal; the 2008 Richard Marden Davis Award, a joint award by the Denver Bar Foundation, the Davis Family and the law firm of Davis, Graham and Stubbs; and selection in 2008 as the Outstanding Young Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association. The talk is part of the Annual Meeting of the Northern Colorado chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Colorado, which will be held on Saturday afternoon, November 7, at 2:30 pm, at the Drake Center (Columbine Restaurant and Bakery), 802 West Drake (northeast corner of Drake and Shields) in Fort Collins. For attorneys planning to attend, there is 1 CLE credit available for \$10, free for members of ACLU. Admission is free and the public is welcome. For more information about the program, please contact Sidna Rachid, 377-9568 or [sidnarachid@hotmail.com](mailto:sidnarachid@hotmail.com).

**Date & Time:** Saturday, November 7, 2:30 pm, at

**Location:** The Drake Center (Columbine Restaurant and Bakery), 802 West Drake (northeast corner of Drake and Shields) in Fort Collins

**Contact:** Sidna Rachid, 377-9568 or [sidnarachid@hotmail.com](mailto:sidnarachid@hotmail.com)

**Sun, Nov 15: NAMAQUA FORUM: ASIAN AGENDAS: SETTING PRIORITIES FOR THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION**

Namaqua Forum will feature **Dr. Sue Ellen Charlton** on November 15th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Her topic "Asian Agendas: Setting Priorities for the Obama Administration." The Forum meets at Ferguson High School at 1101 Hill Top Dr in Loveland. Sponsored by the Loveland Unitarian Universalist Congregation, all Forums are free and open to the public.

**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 25, 7:00 pm

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

## 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:** November Meeting: LCDP HQ, 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins

**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:** First Saturday of each month. 9:00 - 10:30 am

**Location:** November: Catalyst Coffee, 3501 South Shields, Fort Collins

**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 [trenary3@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:anneeliz73@gmail.com) and [adambowen@frii.com](mailto:adambowen@frii.com). Thank you.