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**Editor's Note:**

There will be no newsletter December 22 or 29 due to the holidays. You may continue to submit events while the newsletter is on holiday hiatus. The newsletters will resume January 5.

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:**

It was great to see everyone at the LCDP Open House on Saturday evening. The Executive Committee provided a terrific assortment of food and drink, and in addition to enjoying each others company, we heard from Senator Bob Bacon and State Rep John Kefalas. Congresswoman Betsy Markey came by to take a break from the hard work of legislating. HD49 candidate Karen Stockley joined the party, as well as our newest announced candidate, Jay Harrison, who is running for Larimer County Sheriff.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to get everything ready for a great holiday get together-- especially Kristina Bulik-Holcum and Charlotte Miller.

Adam Bowen

**PARTY NEWS**

**SAVE THE DATES:**

Caucus locations will be announced in 2010.

LCDP Central Comm. Meeting	Saturday, January 30, 2010; time tba	Location tba
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

**CAMPAIGN NEWS**

**KAREN STOCKLEY LISTENING TOUR**

Please join Karen at one of the following Listening Tour and Fundraising House Parties. Karen is running to win House District 49 in 2010 and wants to hear about your top issues and concerns. So come, bring a friend, enjoy some refreshments, share your views and help Karen win HD49.

**Sun, Dec. 13: BERTHOUD PARTY AT THE LOCKER'S HOME**

**Date & Time:** Sunday, December 13, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Location:** the home of Lynda and Frank Locker, 648 5th St, Berthoud, CO 80513

**Contact:** Tim Kubik 970-219-0268, or Martha Coleman 970-391-1630 for more info.

**Sat, Dec. 19: SE FORT COLLINS PARTY AT ROBIN VANAUSDALL'S HOME**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, December 19, 5:30-9:00 pm

**Location:** At the home of Robin Van Ausdall, 903 Saddlebrook Lane, Fort Collins

**Contact:** Robin Van Ausdall 970-226-4171 or Martha Coleman 970-391-1630 for more info.

Visit Karen's website: <http://KarenStockley.com>

## **JAY HARRISON FOR LARIMER COUNTY SHERIFF**

For the first time since 1962, Larimer county will have a Democrat on the ballot for sheriff. Jay Harrison filed his paperwork to become the next Larimer County Sheriff.

"We have excellent personnel, but we are in critical need of independent leadership. That's why I'm running for sheriff," Jay said.

Jay is a professional law enforcement officer with 25 years experience. He took on the challenges of a floundering K-9 program and helped build it into the best K-9 program in the region.

Jay grew up in Northern Colorado and comes from a family with a history of service to county and community. "The sheriff's department needs to return to its original mission of serving and being accountable to the people of Larimer County."

Visit Jay's website: [www.JayHarrisonForSheriff.com](http://www.JayHarrisonForSheriff.com).

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Thur, Dec. 10: BECOME A BACKSEAT BUDGETER!**

***Community Forum with Colorado House Reps. Randy Fischer and John Kefalas***

Think you could do a better job of balancing Colorado's budget? Here's your chance to become a Backseat Budgeter! Fort Collins House Reps. Randy Fischer and John Kefalas will be joined by House Rep. Mark Ferrandino, a member of the state's powerful Joint Budget Committee, for a community forum on the 2010/2011 Colorado State budget.

Participants will invited to make their own suggestions for balancing state budget using an interactive tool developed at Colorado State University called the Backseat Budgeter. This web-based application will be up and running to allow participants to add or drop programs, raise revenues, or rearrange spending priorities to balance the 2010/2011 budget.

Participants will enjoy opportunities for input, commentary, and questions and answers with our local House reps, as well as a member of the legislature's budget committee. Experience firsthand the challenge of trying to provide critical state services with insufficient revenues while constrained by Colorado's unique constitutional oddities and convolutions, such as the Douglas Bruce amendment, Amendment 23 and others.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, December 10, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

**Location:** Harmony Library Community room, 4616 South Shields, Fort Collins

### **Sat, Dec 12: FINAL 2009 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH REP. KEFALAS**

The public is invited to participate in John's final 2009 community conversation to discuss the issues of the day, celebrate the holidays and support a great local business by buying a book and a cup of coffee. Please bring your questions, comments and ideas to participate in this interactive and fun discussion. Remember the glass is half-full and life is good despite the challenges.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, December 12, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

**Location:** Reader's Cove Book Store, 1001 East Harmony Road, Unit C (next to Ace Hardware), Fort Collins

## **REGULAR MEETINGS**

**Larimer County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting (All are Welcome!)**

**NO DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING!**

**Date & Time:** Third Thursdays, 6:30 pm social, Meeting at 7:00 pm

**Location:** LCDP HQ, 606 S. Mason, 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 [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.