

1/19/09

Editor's Note:

We have added a new section to the newsletter, [Volunteer News](#).

The newsletter is always available online at www.larimerdems.org/newsletter.html.

As always, please submit any and all newsletter items to Anne Wilseck anneeliz73@gmail.com and Adam Bowen adambowen@frii.com. Deadline for submissions is 5:00 pm Sunday.

From the Chair:

The Big Day is finally here!! Barack Obama, who appeared right here in Fort Collins, takes office as the 44th President of the United States. The first African American president in our history as a nation is sworn in at 9:30 a.m. MST tomorrow . There are a number of events taking place around Larimer County throughout the day and evening. Please see below for details. LETS CELEBRATE! . . . and then roll up our sleeves and get back to work -- Obama needs us all to work together to make the change we all voted for.

PARTY NEWS

Tomorrow Morning! 2009 INAUGURATION WATCH PARTY, LCDP SOUTH OFFICE

Come join us as we watch the swearing in of President-elect Barack Obama on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at 507 N. Cleveland Ave. in downtown Loveland. The breakfast party starts at 8:30 am. and goes until we're done celebrating.

This is a momentous occasion for our county; therefore, we want to share it with our friends, families and neighbors here in Larimer County.

Our doors will be open to anyone who wishes to come and celebrate this historic event with us. Food and drinks will be provided; however, feel free to bring a breakfast-food item or drink. There's no entry fee but donations are suggested.

Come tune in with fellow Americans and celebrate Inauguration Day 2009.

Date & Time: Today! January 20, 8:30 am

Location: Larimer County Democratic Party South Office, 507 North Cleveland Avenue, Loveland

Contact: Larimer Dems South Office, 970-619-9006

Tomorrow Evening! FORT COLLINS INAUGURATION BALL!

All are invited to the Fort Collins Inauguration Ball! The Larimer County Democratic Party is partnering with two well-organized women, Bridgette Johnson and LaKendra Moore, who are representatives of the growing African-American community in Larimer county. They have done the major ground work for a classy gala at the new Drake Centre event facility.

The doors open at 6:30 pm., with a showing of the Swearing In and Inauguration Speech at 7:00, on two very large TV screens. Then the screens will show live coverage of the Washington festivities on the various major networks and cable channels for the rest of

the evening.

Enjoy a plentitude of hors D'oeuvres, and the music of a live, and lively, local jazz quartet. There will exciting door prizes, champagne/sparkling cider to toast our new President, and cash bar.

Bridgette and LaKendrea's organization is the The Conversations Book Club. Their mission is to enhance the diversity experience throughout Larimer County. They organized a Martin Luther King Community Celebration at the Lincoln Center on Sunday, January 18, in conjunction with Abyssinian Christian Church; are now planning a May event at Rolland Moore Park; and perhaps most importantly, have a commitment to donate books to the libraries of our schools on African-American culture, well as those with authors of African-American descent.

Any proceeds beyond expenses will go to support these endeavors. The cost for this historic event is \$30 individual, and \$55 for couples. **Please join old friends and new at the Drake Event Centre, 802 W. Drake, Fort Collins, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Tues., Jan 20th, to celebrate the Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama!!**

Call (689-6391) or e-mail (ldems@frii.com) LCDP Headquarters to RSVP. Keep checking our website, where you will be able to pay in advance by credit or debit card. Cash, check or card accepted at the door.

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 20, Doors open at 6:30 pm, Swearing-in will be shown at 7:00 pm.

Location: Drake Event Centre, 802 West Drake, Fort Collins

Cost: \$30 individual, \$55 couple

Contact: Larimer County Democratic Party, ldems@frii.com or 689-6391

Sat, Jan 31: JOIN THE JANE JEFFERSON DEMOCRATIC CLUB FOR A PRESENTATION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION WITH JOHN KEFALAS

Join the Jane Jefferson Democratic Club of Larimer County at Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S. Shields, Fort Collins for a presentation by Representative John Kefalas on Economic Development and Job Creation.

Catalyst will have food available for purchase, including quiche, breakfast burritos, pastries; many kinds of coffees and teas.

Please RSVP to Kathy Batterton so we can give Catalyst a general idea of numbers. People do not have to eat or drink if they don't want to, but it would be nice to support local business.

Date & Time: Saturday, January 31, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Location: Catalyst Coffee, 3501 S. Shields Street, Fort Collins

Contact: Kathy Batterton at kathybatterton@q.com for reservations.

Wed, Feb. 4: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM: ELECTION PRESENTATION WITH Republican Clerk & Recorder SCOTT DOYLE

After a break to enjoy the euphoria of the election, the Democratic Breakfast Forum resumes its 1st Wednesday schedule on February 4. Mark your calendar to join fellow Dems for an election presentation by Scott Doyle, Larimer County Clerk. Here's your chance to ask the many questions that emerged the morning after big Democratic wins.

Doyle will recap how elections were conducted in Larimer County and around the state, in addition to commenting on how and why elections may change in the future.

You'll also want to plan ahead for the March Breakfast Forum--an opportunity to hear from announced Fort Collins City Council candidates, and (if you choose) invest some post-election energy in these brief, non-partisan campaigns.

Date & Time: Wednesday, February 4, 7:45 am

Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, NW corner of Drake and Worthington, Fort Collins.

RSV by January 28: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annemich@comcast.net

Sat, Feb. 7: CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Larimer County Democratic Party Central Committee Meeting is Saturday February 7 at Thompson Valley High School, Loveland; 8:30 - noon.

All Precinct Committee People (PCPs) will elect the Larimer County Democratic Party Executive Committee, State Senate District Chairpersons, and Colorado House District Chairpersons at the Central Committee Meeting.

Another important order of business at Central Committee on February 7, is to elect "Bonus Members" to State Central Committee. Larimer County can elect 18 delegates and 18 alternates in 2009, split equally between men and women. If elected, your responsibilities include participating in the March 8, 2009 State Central Committee and another in 2010.

If you are seriously interested in representing Larimer County at State Central Committee, please submit your name, and contact information to Irene Fortune (vladimir1992@hotmail.com, 613-0966) NO LATER THAN February 1. Although you may self-nominate during the Central Committee meeting, your best chances for success will be to get your name printed on the ballot AND to appear in person on February 7.

Date & Time: Saturday, February 7, 8:30 am - noon.

Location: Thompson Valley High School, 1669 Eagle Drive, Loveland

Contact: Larimer County Democratic Party, ldems@frii.com or 689-6391

Feb 20-22: CAMP WELLSTONE COMES TO COLORADO

Just one month after we inaugurate President Barack Obama, join us at Camp Wellstone to grow the skills of the next wave of leaders, enhance the talents of long-time activists, and continue to build the foundation for the progressive movement. We all have to be ready to hit the ground running in 2009! Larimer Dems receive a special rate of \$50 for this training!

Don't miss out! [Register today](#): Denver, CO: February 20-22, 2009

This training runs from 3:00 pm Friday to 3:30 pm Sunday. The location will be announced to registered participants.

[Learn more about Camp Wellstone](#)

If you are interested in Camp Wellstone, the Larimer Dems will be coordinating transportation to Denver and a discount. Please contact LCDP Headquarters if you are interested in attending Camp Wellstone.

Sat, Mar 28: LARIMER DEMS ANNUAL DINNER

Our annual dinner is coming up at the Marriott on March 28! Be sure to mark this date your calendar. Watch for a special announcement of our dinner speaker. In the meantime, we are looking for table captains and taking reservations. Table placement is based on when payment for the entire table is received by the Larimer Dems. We anticipate a HUGE turnout this year, so reserve your table early for prime seating.

We'll be having a silent auction again, so start looking for those unique items that might be treasured by someone else. Wine is always a good seller.

We can recognize area Dems with the following awards: Volunteer of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and the Robin Murphy Davis Award (awarded to a Dem whose efforts have made a material change in Democratic political activities or successes). If you would like to nominate someone, please submit a letter of nomination, detailing what the person has done to deserve that particular award. Nominations are due by March 1.

Date & Time: Saturday, March 28, 5:30 pm

Cost: \$85 per person/\$850 per table

Location: Fort Collins Marriott, 350 E. Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins

Contact: Nancy Tellez, 689-6391, ntellez@frii.com

LARIMER DEMS ARE ON FACEBOOK!

Join the Larimer County Democratic Party on Facebook! Invite your friends! Network with old friends and make new friends. We are listed as Larimer County Democratic Party.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=42563568153&ref=ts>

LCDP SOUTH OFFICE NEWS

The south office grand opening took place last week (what a party!) and now the real work begins.

1. Volunteers: The office is now open Monday through Saturday; however, open time slots during those days still remain. If you have time to volunteer, please come in and see what hours might work for you, or contact the office at (970) 461-5779. Other activities are in the planning stage and volunteers will be needed to assist with these programs.
2. Donations: As always, donations are needed. Every little bit helps and will go a long way to changing how county-wide elections turn out in the future.

PHOTO REQUEST

If you have a few (3-4) photos of party events taken between March, 2008, and February, 2009, please e-mail them to Bob Massaro at massaror2001@yahoo.com, especially photos from the State Convention, National Convention and/or Obama's Acceptance speech.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

We love our volunteers!

Without volunteers, we would not have been successful in the past, and without volunteers we will not be able to continue our success in the future! We now have two offices to staff, and we have many plans for a busy and productive 2009! Check here for

calls for volunteers, volunteer recognition and short and long term volunteer opportunities.

Sat, Jan 24: VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

Have you volunteered for the Larimer Dems? Stop by and celebrate our successes in 2008! Would you like to volunteer for the Larimer Dems? We have opportunities throughout Larimer County. Join us and learn about specific volunteer opportunities on Saturday, January 24. We appreciate all of our volunteers!

Date & Time: Saturday, January 24, 2:00 - 6:00 pm.

Location: Larimer County Democratic Party Headquarters, 606 South Mason Street, Fort Collins

Contact: Larimer County Democratic Party, ldems@frii.com or 689-6391

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tomorrow Morning! PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION @ The Lyric

Come join us and a whole slew of fuzzy bears as we watch our political process in action while we get loaded on Mimosas. Bears are always funniest after a couple bottles of Champagne. Make this inauguration more memorable than it already will be by watching it with us starting bright and early at **8:00 on Tuesday the 20th**. We will be selling Mimosas, coffee, coffee cake and breakfast sandwiches so you don't have to worry about making yourself a balanced meal before leaving the house.

Lyric Cinema Café 300 E. Mountain Ave. Fort Collins 493-0893

Tomorrow Night!: INAUGURATION POT LUCK PARTY AT AVOGADRO'S NUMBER, BENEFITING THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE

Inaugural Speech airs at 7:00

Featuring:

The Poudre River Irregulars, 5:00 - 7:00

Inaugural Speech, 7:00 - 7:30

The Bob Montgomery Jazz Band, 7:30-9:30

The Horsetooth Mountain Rangers, 9:30 on...

Fact: the average age of a homeless person in Colorado is only 9 years old.

The Homelessness Prevention Initiative (H.P.I) provides immediate rental assistance to low-income working households facing temporary financial crisis and unable to pay their rent. H.P.I. also links clients to budget-stretching resources that help meet their basic needs. The average cost to keep a family facing crisis in their home through H.P.I assistance is only \$238/year. Please come and help us raise money for this incredible program. Be the change you wish to see in the world.

All admission proceeds and donations will be contributed directly to the Homelessness Prevention Initiative.

www.homelessnessprevention.net

www.avogadros.com

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 5:00-11:00 pm

Admission: \$10 (free if you bring a dish to share)

Location: Avogadro's Number, 605 South Mason Street, Fort Collins

Wed, Jan 28: PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS OF AMERICA PRESENT THE BUSINESS OF HEALTH CARE

Progressive Democrats of America is a grassroots organization founded to lobby and educate our Representatives. PDA members in CD4 are leading communication with Congresswoman Betsy Markey to support HR676, Expanded Medicare for All, already introduced in the House for the third time by John Conyers, Jr. and signed on by Dennis Kucinich and over 80 other Representatives.

PDA's initial meeting will be Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at 7:00 pm in the Harmony Library Meeting Room. Dr. Cory Carroll will be the featured speaker on the Business of Health Care, and discussion will include "job lock" and benefits instead of wage increases, competition of our businesses with those in countries which provide national health care, and other "myths" put forth by opponents of a national health care plan.

Date & Time: Thursday, January 28, 7:00 pm

Location: Harmony Library, 4616 S Shields Street, Fort Collins

Thur, Jan 29: HEALTHCARE IN AMERICA: A MEDICAL, MORAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS

Does the U.S. have the best health care system in the world? What health outcomes do we achieve for our health care dollars? How did the health care system become linked with employment and how does this compare with other industrialized countries?

Presenter: Cory Carroll, M.D. is a family practice physician in Fort Collins. He is a past president of the Larimer County Medical Society and a member of the Colorado Medical Society Physicians' Congress for Health Care Reform.

Date & Time: Thursday, January 29, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Harmony Library, 4616 S Shields Street, Fort Collins

Sponsored by Fort Collins Regional Library Series

For more info: Norman Fitzpatrick, 224-6122

BERTHOUD JOINS OVER 300 COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE IN "DRINKING LIBERALLY"

(One pint at a time) "Drinking Liberally" clubs are pouring across the country; creating welcoming social spaces around progressive politics and bringing together activists, newcomers and everyone in between. Berthoud will join this wave, adding a chapter to meet at the Wayside Inn Pub (505 Mountain Avenue) beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month.

TOM GRIGGS FOR MAYOR

Tom Griggs announced his candidacy for Fort Collins Mayor! Learn more about Tom and his plans for Fort Collins at TomGriggsForMayor.com.

SAVE THE DATES

Tue, Jan. 20	Inauguration Party!--6:30 - 10 p.m., Drake Centre, 802 W. Drake
Sat, Jan. 24	Volunteer Appreciation Open House, LCDP Headquarters, 2:00 - 6:00 pm
Sat, Feb. 7	Central Committee Meeting--Thompson Valley High School, 1669 Eagle Drive, Loveland; 8:30 - noon
Sat., Mar. 28	Larimer Dems Annual Dinner, Marriott Hotel

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: FEBRUARY MEETING AT SOUTH OFFICE, LOVELAND, 505 N. CLEVELAND

Contact: Irene Fortune for more information vladimir1992@hotmail.com

Democratic Breakfast Forum: Fort Collins

Monthly Meeting. No meeting in December or January.

Date & Time: First Wednesdays at 7:45 am

Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, NW corner of Drake and Worthington, Fort Collins.

Contact & RSVP: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annewmich@comcast.net

Estes Park Meetup for Democracy: Estes Park

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.

Date & Time: First Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Contact: John Ericson, 586-5042

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: Varies

Location: Varies

Contact: Kathy Batterton at kathybatterton@q.com for reservations.

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 for reservations and to order catered lunch.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Larimer County Democratic Party

Chair	Adam Bowen	481-6806	adambowen@frii.com
1st Vice Chair	Charlotte Miller	207-1933	cimiller44@hotmail.com
2nd Vice Chair	William Russell	227-6303	rwjr3@msn.com
Secretary	Irene Fortune	613-0966	vladimir1992@hotmail.com
Treasurer	Lynn Alldrin	490-2772	lynn@ravenwindjewelry.com
Member	John Gascoyne	221-4316	jpgascoyne@frii.com
Member	Karen Ericson	586-5042	kjericson@earthlink.net
Member	Vivian Gilbert	221-3887	bellacrone@yahoo.com
HD49 Director	John Bauer	532-2669	astonbauer@hotmail.com
HD51 Director	Bob Massaro	402-3678	massaror2001@yahoo.com
HD52 Director	Nancy Tellez	689-6391	ldems@frii.com
HD53 Director	Kevin & Julie Caffrey	225-9424	kcaffrey98@aol.com
SD14 Director	Mac Hester	224-2588	mhester@coloradolaw.net
SD15 Director	Eric Weedon	962-9725	eweedin@hotmail.com
Communications Committee Chairs	Jennifer Walton	420-2590	jenniferawalton@gmail.com
	Anne Wilseck	484-4399	anneeliz73@gmail.com
Webmaster	Jennifer Walton	420-2590	jenniferawalton@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor	Anne Wilseck	484-4399	anneeliz73@gmail.com
Volunteer Coordinators	Lynn Alldrin	490-2772	lynn@ravenwindjewelry.com
	Julie Lechtanski	232-9683	
CSU Young Dems President	Mandi Asay		manman@holly.colostate.edu

CSU Young Dems Vice President	Alesia Gifford	303-519- 2281	avsangel@simla.colostate.edu
----------------------------------	----------------	------------------	--

Colorado Democratic Party

Colorado Democratic Party	777 Santa Fe Dr. Denver, CO 80204	(303) 623- 4762 (866) 400- 3367	www.coloradodems.org info@coloradodems.org
Colorado House Democrats	200 E. Colfax Denver, CO	(970) 221- 1473	cohousedems.typepad.com

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 and adambowen@frii.com. (Sometimes one of us will be out of town.) Thank you.