

Editor's Note:

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:

I'd like to invite all Larimer Dems to attend the Central Committee Meeting on Feb. 7 (see below for details). It's a chance to get to know the members of your Executive Committee, to become more involved as we head into the 2010 cycle, and meet various local and state elected officials.

2010 will be a critical year for us. Congresswoman Markey and Senator Bennet are already off to a great start, and it's up to us to keep them in office. Retaining the majority in the State House is crucial in these tough fiscal times, not to mention that re-districting will take place after the 2010 census. Last, but certainly not least--it's time to remove the Republican grip on our county offices. SEVEN county offices will be on the ballot in 2010!

BREAKING!! Congresswoman Betsy Markey's Fort Collins Office will hold a Grand Opening this Sunday, Feb. 1. Details will be sent in an LCDP "Special Edition." Watch for it!

PARTY NEWS

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

Wed, Feb 4: 2009 EXPLORATIONS, VISIONS AND OUR FUTURE FORUM SERIES

The Larimer County Democratic Party kicks off the 2009 series in February, with two events. The forum is free and open to the public.

The Future of Transportation in Colorado

Bill Kaufman, chair of the Colorado State Transportation Commission, will present the serious challenges facing Colorado's transportation systems and will identify some of the future opportunities for the state. A question-and-answer period will immediately follow. Bill, an attorney with William G Kaufman P.C., has lived in Loveland for 32 years and was appointed to the State Transportation Commission in 2003 after serving two terms in the Colorado House of Representatives.

Date & Time: Wednesday, February 4, 2009, 7:00 pm

Location: LCDP South Office, 507 N. Cleveland, Loveland

Contact: LCDP South Office, 970.461.5779

Upcoming topic: Peak Oil, with Bill Demarco

Date & Time: Saturday, February 28, 2009, 2:00 pm

Location: LCDP South Office, 507 N. Cleveland, Loveland

Contact: LCDP South Office, 970.461.5779

Sat, Feb. 7: LCDP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Larimer County Democratic Party Central Committee Meeting is Saturday February 7 at Thompson Valley High School, Loveland; 8:30 - noon. This our bi-annual reorganization required by Colorado State Democratic Party rules.

Calls have been emailed to all Precinct Committee People (PCPs). PCPs without email address will receive their call via US mail. **If you are a PCP and have not received your call, please contact party headquarters, 689-6391 or ldems@frii.com**

All PCPs will elect the Larimer County Democratic Party Executive Board, State Senate District Directors, and State House District Directors at the Central Committee Meeting. Another important order of business 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 subsequent State Party meetings. If you are seriously interested in representing Larimer County on the 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 County 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 check-in -- noon.

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

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

Sat. Feb 14: DATA COMMITTEE MEETING

Please come if you can, and find out if you like the work. It takes a lot to win a campaign, including good data.

Meetings are the second Saturday of the month, 4:00 pm at LCDP Headquarters.

Date & Time: Saturday, February 14, 4:00 pm

Location: LCDP Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

Contact: Martha Coleman, marthacoleman@earthlink.net

Feb 20-22: CAMP WELLSTONE COMES TO COLORADO

Just one month after we inaugurated 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 and soliciting those unique items that might be treasured by attendees. Wine is always a good seller.**

We 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

LCDP SOUTH OFFICE NEWS

Inauguration Party News:

The inauguration is over, but what an incredible day. The South Office held its live watch party and 50 people attended. In preparation, we tested a donated Dish-TV for the broadcast; it sat proudly on the sidewalk in front of the office, beaming in the bright of the day. We also set up a Webcam feed for broadcast at the evening's Washington D.C. Neighborhood Ball. The Dish-TV and Webcam were up and running by the time the food started arriving a little after 8 a.m. Breakfast was ready by 8:30 a.m., thanks to our great and dedicated volunteers.

Several cheers engulfed the office during the morning activities. Two of the loudest eruptions occurred when Obama took the oath and when Bush departed by helicopter; a couple of “Na-Na-Na-Na, Na-Na-Na-Na, Hey-Hey, Goodbyes” also rang from the buoyant crowd.

Just before the inauguration, it was our turn to send in our Neighborhood Ball Webcam for broadcast on ABC starting that night at 7 p.m. Loveland did make the “Webcam wall” for a few seconds. A shot of Cecil Gutierrez (Loveland City Council member) with a caption LOVELAND CO was the first one shown at the beginning of the show. Way to go Cecil!

Local press attended the event, including reporters from the Reporter Herald, Loveland Connection and the Berthoud Recorder. Reporter Herald published its story the next day; we’re still waiting on the other two, so let us know if you see the stories.

Thanks again to everyone who attended and volunteered!

Food Drive News:

The LCDP delivered 60 pounds of donated food to the Food Bank for Larimer County that was collected at the south office on Inauguration Day. We want to thank our volunteers and visitors of the South Office for their generosity and commitment to those in our community who are in need. As a reminder, the south office is a permanent collection point for the Food Bank. The second week of each month is “food-drive week” at the office, which coincides with the Downtown Loveland Second Friday festivities.

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.

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>



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.

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED: DATA VOLUNTEERS

Data entry: This spring’s project is to improve phone number data in the registered voter database.

Skills: be comfortable opening, editing and saving computer files.

Data inquiry and development: We currently receive requests for basic data compilation and cross-tabulation style analysis.

Skills: Excel and Access software. Some experience, but you don’t need to be an expert!

The way it works: You volunteer, someone from the data committee calls or meets with you to get to know you. Then, when we have a data request come in we match the request up with the

right person. Sometimes as in the case of phone numbers, we will work on the project as a group. It's always good if you can make the monthly meeting (2nd Saturday of the month at 4 pm.)

For more information or to volunteer, contact Martha Coleman, marthacoleman@earthlink.net

COMMUNITY NEWS

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: Wednesday, January 28, 7:00 pm

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

Thur, Jan 29: *HEALTH CARE 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

Sun, Feb 8: 'BARACKFAST' FOR TOM GRIGGS FOR MAYOR

If you've been to Barackfast before, you know the drill. Donations will go to Tom Griggs for Mayor.

If you're new, here's the deal:

- Invite your friends
- Come eat
- Meet interesting people
- Make a contribution in support of Tom Griggs for Mayor.
- Not a pot luck: breakfast is provided
- No RSVP

Date & Time: Sunday, February 8, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Location: Dan Shaner's house, 3401 Terryridge Road, Fort Collins
Contact: Dan Shaner, dan.shaner@gmail.com

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.

SAVE THE DATES

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, annemich@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.

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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 and adambowen@frii.com.

Thank you.