

### **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.

### **From the Chair:**

As noted last week, our bi-annual LCDP Reorganization is THIS Saturday. See all details under "Party News" below.

Additionally, please note that there are two upcoming local elections worth our attention:

First is the Poudre Valley REA Board election. Mail ballots go out the beginning of March -- Board meeting on March 28th. There will be pro-renewable energy candidates on that ballot. More on these folks in subsequent newsletters.

Second, Fort Collins city elections will take place (mail ballots go out in March) and there are progressive candidates for all seats on the ballot. We encourage our membership to become involved in supporting good progressives at all levels of government.

## **PARTY NEWS**

### **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, [annewmich@comcast.net](mailto:annewmich@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, March 21, 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](mailto: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.

Please bring your food bank donations to the meeting!

**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](mailto:ldems@frii.com) or 689-6391

### **Tue, Feb. 10: STOVES-TREE-LIVES at the February DBC LUNCH**

The DBC Luncheon presentation for February features Stuart Conway, International Director for Trees, Water and People. He'll focus in on their signature program that provides ecologically efficient and safe cooking stoves that are gaining expanded use in Central and South America. Since this will include a question and answer session, you can study-up by reading more at their website [http://www.treeswaterpeople.org/stoves/stove\\_intro.htm](http://www.treeswaterpeople.org/stoves/stove_intro.htm).

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 10th, 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 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.

### **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](mailto: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 and silent auction 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 this week!** 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.

**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

**RSVP TODAY!:** <http://www.larimerdems.org/specialevent.html>

**Contact:** Nancy Tellez, 689-6391, [ntellez@frii.com](mailto:ntellez@frii.com)

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED for the ANNUAL DINNER!**

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, especially Champagne.** You can drop off your items at either party office, or we'll pick up your donation!

**For more info, contact:** Charlotte Miller, [cimiller44@hotmail.com](mailto:cimiller44@hotmail.com) or Martha Coleman, [marthacoleman@earthlink.net](mailto:marthacoleman@earthlink.net)

**Or call either office:** Fort Collins Headquarters: 970-689-6391, South Office, Loveland 970 461-5779

**NOMINATE YOUR LOCAL DEMOCRATS FOR AWARDS at the ANNUAL DINNER**

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.

**Email your nomination to:** Nancy Tellez, 689-6391, [ntellez@frii.com](mailto:ntellez@frii.com)

**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](mailto: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

### **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](mailto:marthacoleman@earthlink.net)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Fri, Feb 6: SICK AROUND THE WORLD FILM & DISCUSSION WITH KEN MABRY, D.P.M.**

What Can the U.S. Learn from Other Countries to Reform our Health Care System? Film: "Sick Around the World" and discussion with Kevin Mabry, D.P.M.

Veteran Washington Post correspondent, T. R. Reid, travelled to five other capitalist countries that provide health care to all -- with less cost and better outcomes than the U.S. The result of his study was captured in the PBS Frontline special "Sick Around the World". He discovers the successes and failures of the system in United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Taiwan and Switzerland, and raises the question "What can the U. S. learn?"

Presenter: Kevin Mabry, D.P.M. is a retired podiatrist, who has recently completed a Master's degree in Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. He is a graduate of the California College of Podiatric Medicine, and Luther Seminary. He is a member of Physicians for a National Health Program and Health Care for All Colorado.

**Date & Time:** Friday, February 6, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Fort Collins Main Library, 201 Peterson St, Fort Collins

### **Sat, Feb 7: COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH REP. JOHN KEFALAS**

House District 52 Representative John Kefalas will host a Community Conversation to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing our state. The morning of Saturday, February 7, 2009. Representative Kefalas will answer questions and solicit comments from community members. The meeting is free and open to the public and will be held at DazBog Coffee, 401 Mason Court, Fort Collins.

The public is encouraged to share a cup of coffee and actively participate in the political process in order to improve our representative democracy and make good public policy.

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

**Location:** DazBog Coffee, 401 Mason Court, Fort Collins

**For more information:** [cyruspatten@yahoo.com](mailto:cyruspatten@yahoo.com)

**Website:** [www.johnkefalas.org](http://www.johnkefalas.org)

### **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](mailto:dan.shaner@gmail.com)

**Wed., Feb 11: Town Hall Meeting on Uranium Mining**

Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction (C.A.R.D.) will hold a public Town Hall Meeting to provide an update on the status of the proposed in-situ leach mining close to Fort Collins. Important information will be given about what needs to be done now to help protect people's health and the environment.

The CARD website, [www.nunnglow.com](http://www.nunnglow.com), has a wealth of information about the proposed mining, the processes and the potential impact on our air and water. On our website you can learn what you can do to stop the proposed uranium mining, sign an online petition and make a donation.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, Feb. 11, 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Fort Collins Senior Center

**Contact:** Jackie Adolph, 568-0594 (h), 217-7007 (c)

**Thur, Feb 12: SICK AROUND THE WORLD FILM & DISCUSSION WITH DEANNE LEMBITZ, M.D.**

What Can the U.S. Learn from other Countries to Reform our Health Care System? Film "Sick Around the World" and discussion with Deanne Lembitz, M.D.

Veteran Washington Post correspondent, T. R. Reid, travelled to five other capitalist countries that provide health care to all -- with less cost and better outcomes than the U.S. The result of his study was captured in the PBS Frontline special "Sick Around the World" and a soon-to-be released book. He discovers the successes and failures of the system in United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Taiwan and Switzerland, and raises the question "What can the U. S. learn?".

Presenter: Deanne Lembitz, M.D. is a Fort Collins native currently in private practice as a full spectrum family physician including obstetrics. She is a member of the Larimer County Medical Society and Physicians for a National Health Program.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, February 12, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Location:** Fort Collins Harmony Library, 4616 S Shields St, Fort Collins

**Mon, Feb 16: SICK AROUND THE WORLD FILM & DISCUSSION WITH KATHY WALLER, M.D.**

What Can the U.S. Learn from other Countries to Reform our Health Care System? Film "Sick Around the World" and discussion with Kathy Waller, M.D.

Veteran Washington Post correspondent, T. R. Reid, travelled to five other capitalist countries that provide health care to all -- with less cost and better outcomes than the U.S. The result of his study was captured in the PBS Frontline special "Sick Around the World" and a soon-to-be released book. He discovers the successes and failures of the system in United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Taiwan and Switzerland, and raises the question "What can the U. S. learn?".

Presenter: Kathy Waller, M.D. has been a physician at Hartshorn Health Service at Colorado State University for 17 years. She completed residency and fellowship training in Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, and also earned a Master's degree in Public Health. She is a member of Physicians for a National Health Program, Health Care for All Colorado, and the Universal Health Care Action Network.

**Date & Time:** Monday, February 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Location:** CSU Lory Student Center Theater, Fort Collins

**Thur, Feb 19: THE POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE 2009 WITH T.R. REID**

Traveling the World to Fix American Health Care

Presenter: T.R. Reid is a veteran foreign correspondent and Denver Bureau Chief for The Washington Post, a Health Policy Fellow for the Kaiser Family Foundation, a commentator for PBS and National Public Radio and the author of nine books. His book, The Healing of America, will be released in the spring of 2009.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, February 19, Noon - 1:30 pm

**Location:** CSU Lory Student Center West Ballroom, Fort Collins

**AND**

**Date & Time:** Thursday, February 19, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

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

**For More Info:** 491-1723

**Thur, Feb 26: KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

Keeping Kids Healthy in the 21st Century Topics will include access to health care for kids, immunizations, and childhood obesity.

Presenter: Susan McColl, RN pediatric nurse. She worked as the health specialist in the Early Head Start program for the Poudre School District. She has participated in the Early Childhood Council and is widely known and respected in the early childhood community.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, February 26, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Location:** Fort Collins Main Library, 201 Peterson St, Fort Collins

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