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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:

If you were recently elected as a State Central Committee delegate or alternate, did you receive your call from the State Party to the meeting next Sunday? Please plan to attend.

When I first became active with the Party, I was a bit impatient with the numerous committee meetings. What did all that have to do with exciting the electorate and getting Democrats elected to office? Attending a lot meetings seemed about as exciting as watching paint dry. But I quickly gained respect for the importance of the Party structure. County and state meetings are critical to ensuring that structure is sound and ready to support every candidate for every level of our government.

And believe it or not, we have fun! I hope to see you all in Denver this weekend.

PARTY NEWS

Tomorrow Morning, Mar 4: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM: ALL POLITICS ARE LOCAL

To prove that time-honored axiom, the Democratic Breakfast Forum will have the opportunity to hear from candidates for Fort Collins City Council and for Mayor on Wednesday, March 4. With the non-partisan election set for April 7, there is--and will be---time to support candidates with the donation of time and hard-earned dollars. Come join fellow Dems to quiz the candidates and hear their views.

Make the 1st Wednesday Breakfast Forum a staple on your calendar. There is still much to be done, and always time to celebrate accomplishments with fellow Dems.

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 4, 7:45 AM

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

RSVP by February 25: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annemich@comcast.net

Wed, Mar 11: LARIMER DEMS BOOK CLUB

The Larimer Dems would like to invite everyone in joining the formation of our new book club called "*Off the Fence*" that will educate and titillate lovers of history and political events. Along with informative discussions, we hope to generate real enjoyment and to share ideas and reactions with people of all walks of life (elephants included!). If you read, skim, scan, Google, cliff note or wait for the movie to come out, we would love to have you join us. Everyone will have the option of choosing a book. Some may not want to join every session but pick and choose those subjects that they find personally compelling. We contacted the Anthology Book Store in downtown Loveland, a struggling Democratic locally owned business, which is willing to work with our book club and provide us a generous discount. We have scheduled our first inaugural meeting and chosen the first book for expediency.

Book: *The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage*, by Daniel Mark Epstein (paperback)

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 pm

Location: 505 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland

Contact: Larimer Dems South Office, LCDP_south@yahoo.com or (970) 461-5779

Sat. Mar. 14: ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE!

LCDP Community Events committee will kick off the Parade, Festival and Booths season by marching in Fort Collins' St. Patrick's Day Parade. Join your Democratic elected officials and candidates on Saturday, March 14 in Old Town Fort Collins. We'll start staging at 8:30, and the parade starts at 10:00. Be there by 9:00 a.m - wearing GREEN!

Date & Time: Saturday March 14, 8:30 am

Location: Old Town Fort Collins - meet at the Armadillo parking lot, Walnut and Mountain.

Let us know if you can take part! contact LCDP, 689-6391, ldems@frij.com

Sat, Mar 28: TICKETS GOING FAST FOR ANNUAL DINNER!!

Let's Celebrate! The LCDP annual dinner and silent auction is coming up at the Marriott on March 28! Your guest speaker is New York Times Best-selling author **DAVID SIROTA**. Mr. Sirota is a political journalist, nationally syndicated weekly newspaper columnist and bestselling author. His two books, *Hostile Takeover* and *The Uprising*, were both New York Times bestsellers. He appears periodically on CNN, Comedy Central's Colbert Report, Fox News, and National Public Radio. His writing has won praise from across the political spectrum. Mr. Sirota's books will be available for purchase and book signing.

Sign Up Now! Table placement is based on when payment for the entire table is received by the Larimer Dems. A HUGE turnout is shaping up this year, so reserve your table early for prime seating. Please RSVP by March 20. If you need a special meal--kosher, vegan, gluten-free--the hotel is prepared to accommodate you with advance notice. Contact Steve Rose

srose58089@earthlink.net

Date & Time: Saturday, March 28, 5:30 pm Cocktails (cash bar), 7:30 pm Dinner

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@frij.com

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED for the ANNUAL DINNER!

We will have some AWESOME Obama memorabilia in our silent auction this year. We're still looking for **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 or Martha Coleman, marthacoleman@earthlink.net

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

VOLUNTEER NEWS

EVENTS COMMITTEE--SPRING, SUMMER AND BEYOND!

Start thinking about summer! Can you set-up or staff a booth at a festival or farmers market or can you organize a small team and staff a booth for an entire festival? Volunteering to staff a booth is a great way to connect with our communities and to provide visibility for our party. It is an easy way to volunteer, enjoy some sunshine and fresh air, and meet interesting people.

For more information or to volunteer, contact contact LCDP, 689-6391, ldems@frij.com

WEB DESIGNERS--FLASH!

Do you know Flash? Do you want to help the Larimer Dems with their website? The web team is looking for someone who knows Flash to help us out.

Contact: Jen Walton, jenniferawalton@gmail.com

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Sun, Mar 8: PV PIONEERS PRESENT: AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH

Join Steve Szabo, Roger Alexander, and Jan Peterson, the three PV Pioneers candidates for the Poudre Valley REA Board of Directors, at Avogadro's Number as the PV Pioneers sponsor a presentation of *An Inconvenient Truth* on Sunday, March 8, 2009, starting at 6:00 pm.

The presentation will be made by **Cami Hay**, who was personally trained by Al Gore. Following the presentation, there will be an open discussion with a panel of experts, including Roger Reinking, climate scientist (retired), Nancy LaPlaca, J.D., energy consultant with Bardwell Consulting, and Tom McKinnon, professor at Colorado School of Mines. Steve Szabo, Roger Alexander, and Jan Peterson, the three PV Pioneers candidates for the Poudre Valley REA Board of Directors, will also be part of the discussion. Learn more about the PV Pioneers' plans to help move the Poudre Valley REA into the 21st Century by visiting www.pvpioneers.org.

Date & Time: Sunday, March 8, 6:00 pm

Location: Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason, Fort Collins

For more info: www.pvpioneers.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tue, Mar 3: A PHYSICIAN'S PERSPECTIVE AND PROPOSAL FOR REFORM, Presenter: STEVEN THORSON, M.D.

How do current proposals for reform stack up? What advantages does a single payer system offer? Presenter: Steven Thorson, M.D. is a family physician and co-founder of the Family Clinic of Fort Collins. He has served as the President of the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians and President of the Larimer County Medical Society and currently is a member of the Board for the Health District of N. Larimer County.

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

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

Sat, Mar 7: COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH REP. KEFALAS: FOCUS ON 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

State Representative John Kefalas (HD-52) will host the next community conversation with constituents. "**Community Conversation with Kefalas – Focus on 2009 Legislative Session**" is scheduled for Saturday, March 7.

These community conversations are open to the public, and all residents are invited to share a coffee and lively conversation with Representative Kefalas about the issues of the day.

Date & Time: Saturday, March 7, 9:00 – 10:00 am

Location: Dazbog Coffee, 401 Mason Court, Fort Collins

Sun Mar 8: NAMAQUA FORUM: WHY DOES U.S. HEALTH CARE COST SO MUCH AND WHAT SOLUTIONS

Film: "Health, Money and Fear" and discussion with Bernard Birnbaum, MD

The writer and producer of the film is Dr. Paul Hochfeld, a physician certified in Emergency Medicine, who currently resides in Oregon. He interviews doctors and health care providers for an insiders look at reasons for the rising costs of health care. Suggestions of solutions for corralling costs, an essential component of any health care reform proposal, are outlined.

Bernard Birnbaum, MD is a family physician and faculty at the Fort Collins Family Medicine Residency Program. Prior to his current position he worked on the Navajo Reservation in Chinle, AZ, for the Indian Health Service. Dr. Birnbaum completed his residency at Thomas Jefferson University and medical school at George Washington University and is a member of Physicians for a National Health Plan and Health Care for All Colorado. He currently serves as a Board member of the Health District of N. Larimer County.

Date & Time: Sunday, March 8 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Namaqua Unitarian Church, 503 East 7th Street, Loveland

For more info: 484-2295

NAMAQUA FORUM: UPCOMING EVENTS

Namaqua Unitarian Church is hosting several health care events in March and April. Join us to learn about how to fix our health care system.

Sun, Mar 22: 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, traveled to five other capitalist countries that provide health care to all -- with less cost and better outcomes than the U.S. 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., 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 a Board member of Health Care for All Colorado. **Date & Time:** Sunday, March 22, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Namaqua Unitarian Church, 503 East 7th Street, Loveland 80537

For more info: 484-2295

Sun, April 5: What Health Care Reform Proposal Is Best for the United States? Presented by Earl Baumgartel, MD

What elements are essential for comprehensive health care reform? Which proposals are most likely to create positive change? Presenter: Earl Baumgartel, M.D. practiced as a Board Certified General Surgeon in Loveland for 27 years until his retirement in 2004. He has served as a member of the Board of Hospice in Larimer County, a member of the Larimer County Medical Society, and as Chief of Staff at McKee Medical Center.

Date & Time: Sunday, April 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Namaqua Unitarian Church, 503 East 7th Street, Loveland 80537

For more info: 484-2295

Sun, April 19: Imagine Action!

How can citizens get involved in shaping a sustainable health care system for our country? What are the ways congregations can help create a just and sustainable health care system? Panel discussion with representatives from Foothills Unitarian Church, Fort Collins.

Date & Time: Sunday, April 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Namaqua Unitarian Church, 503 East 7th Street, Loveland 80537

For more info: 484-2295

Tue, Mar 10: WHAT HEALTH CARE REFORM PROPOSAL IS BEST FOR THE UNITED STATES, Presenter: EARL BAUMGARTEL, M.D.

Which proposals are most likely to create positive change? How can citizens get involved in shaping a sustainable health care system for our country?

Earl Baumgartel, M.D. practiced as a Board Certified General Surgeon in Loveland for 27 years until his retirement in 2004. He has served as a member of the Board of Hospice in Larimer County, a member of the Larimer County Medical Society, and as Chief of Staff at McKee Medical Center.

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

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

SAVE THE DATES

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: LCDP Headquarters, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

Contact: Anne Wilseck for more information anneeliz73@gmail.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.