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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.

Message from the Chair:

Many of you have heard that Governor Ritter has tapped State HD 51 Representative Don Marostica as the state's chief economic development director. Unlike the extreme wing of the Republican Party, Don Marostica has been a voice of pragmatism in the face of Colorado's revenue nightmare. We applaud Governor Ritter's willingness to look for partners across the aisle to find solutions that help our state.

However, Marostica's resignation means that every Republican-held state legislative seat in increasingly Democratic Larimer County will have been filled by Republican vacancy committees in 2009, rather than by the voters.

Unfortunately, a small group of Republican activists have used these vacancies as an opportunity to select ideologically driven individuals. Here's hoping that the Larimer Republicans honor the fiscally responsible record of Don Marostica and this time pick a replacement who is focused on the needs of mainstream Coloradans.

Don't forget to join us at the Health Care Reform Rally and the Larimer County Fair Parade TOMORROW!

PARTY NEWS

Wed, July 29: HEALTH CARE REFORM RALLY

Congress is currently debating health care reform and we need to show support for the cause and encourage Congresswoman Betsy Markey to vote for good legislation. Our Congresswoman has been doing a GREAT job so this rally is to demonstrate our understanding that this is a complex issue but something must be done.

The costs are skyrocketing, too many people are uninsured or under-insured, and the system is working against both patients and doctors. Come show your support for this vital reform.

On Friday, July 17th a group of people rallied AGAINST health care reform. We must respond.

This rally is a positive demonstration of our support for real health care reform.

Date & Time: Wednesday, July 29, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Location: Meet at the corner of College and Mulberry

Contact: Adam Bowen, adambowen@frii.com, 970-481-6806

Tue, July 28: DEMOCRATIC MOVIE NIGHT

The Larimer County Democratic Party is sponsoring movie night on Tuesday, July 28, 2009, 6:30 p.m. (both nights), 505 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland, CO, 80537 with a screening of *What Now Mr. President*. A discussion session will take place after the movie. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Larimer County Democratic Party at 970.461.5779.

Date & Time: Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 pm

Location: Larimer Dems South Office, 505 N. Cleveland, Loveland

Contact: LCDP South Office, 970-461-5779

Wed, July 29: DEMOCRATIC FLOAT IN LARIMER COUNTY FAIR PARADE

Yee Haw! It's time to put on your western duds and kick up your heels in the annual Larimer County Fair Parade. The Repubs are out to show us up this year, and the contest is over health care, so let's not be outdone. We need lots of participants! Bring your signs. Wear your dancing shoes!

Date & Time: Wednesday, July 29, 5:30 pm

Location: Downtown Loveland. The parade will have a staging area on S.E. 3rd Street and south on Railroad Ave. in downtown Loveland.

Join the Parade/Walkers: Park in downtown Loveland, walk to 4th and Railroad, and wait for us to come by; then join us.

Join the Parade/Riders & Decorators: Call for directions.

Contacts: Julie Lechtanski, jtanski46@q.com, 412-8480 and Ann Harroun, a.harroun@comcast.net, 461-9177

Fri, July 31 - Tues, Aug, 4: DEMOCRATIC BOOTH AT LARIMER COUNTY FAIR

Come meet the public in our Democratic booth at the Larimer County Fair, where we will be emphasizing the need for health care reform. If you would like to volunteer, we need you, so please call Party Headquarters at 689-6391 during office hours. Otherwise, stop by the booth, fill out our surveys, and pick up our talking points. This is a crucial year.

Dates & Time: Friday, 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Sat/Sun: 10:00 am - 10:00 pm. Mon/Tues: 4:00 - 9:00 pm.

Location: First National Bank Building, Larimer County Fairgrounds

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Lynn Alldrin, lynn@ravenwindjewelry.com, 490-2772

Sat, Aug 1: JANE JEFFERSON DEMOCRATIC CLUB BREAKFAST: HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH CAMPAIGNS AND THE PARTY

The Jane Jefferson Democratic Club will meet at the Larimer County Democratic Party South Office for breakfast and a presentation by Anne Wilseck on how to get involved with campaigns and the Democratic party.

Date & Time: Saturday, August 1, 9:00 am

Cost: TBD

Location: Larimer County Democratic Party -South Office, 505 Cleveland, Loveland

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

Wed, Aug. 5: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM: A GOOD PLANET IS HARD TO FIND

Matt Garrington, Field Director of Environment Colorado, will direct our attention to those state and regional issues that define a healthy planet. Concerned about uranium mining in our area? Care about the future of the Poudre River? Frustrated by lack of transit alternatives to single occupancy vehicles? Alarmed about rising ozone levels? This presentation is for you!

Join fellow Dems in welcoming Environment Colorado on August 5. Garrington will discuss the organization's role in championing environmental legislation at the state level, and how citizen involvement in local issues supports sustainable policies. Come with questions and get involved. For further information on Environment Colorado, go to: www.environmentcolorado.org

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 5, 7:45 am

Location: Columbine Cafe & Bakery, 802 W. Drake, NW corner of Drake & Worthington, Fort Collins

RSVP by July 29: Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annewmich@comcast.net

Mark your calendars for the September 2 Breakfast Forum: A special visit with our own Congresswoman Betsy Markey.

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

Sat, Aug 22: LARIMER DEMS ANNUAL PICNIC

Join Governor Bill Ritter & Colorado Speaker of the House Terrance Carroll at the Larimer County Democratic Party's Annual Picnic!

This year we will be featuring a Colorado menu (including vegetarian options). If you've never picnicked in Dian Sparling's backyard, you don't want to miss this opportunity! We'll hear from a variety of special guests, followed by home-grown music from dedicated Larimer Dems Cheri Nichols, Julie Hoest and Colleen Crosson, known as "Three of a Kind". Don't miss the fun!

Date & Time: Saturday, August 22, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Fort Collins

For more info, and to sign up: www.LarimerDems.org

VOLUNTEER NEWS

VOLUNTEER AT THE FAIR BOOTH AND PARADE!

Larimer County Fair is now upon us. The big parade takes place the evening of July 29. DEMOCRATS, STEP UP! NEXT MAJOR EVENT: New West Fest on Aug. 15-16. And then the big Annual Picnic, which needs many workers to prepare and put on this great summer party! Check your newsletter or our website (www.LarimerDems.org) for details.

To volunteer contact the Larimer Dems, 689-6391 or ldems@frii.com

July 29	County Fair Parade
July 31-Aug 4	County Fair Booth at The Ranch
August 15-16	New West Fest
August 22	Corn Roast Festival Parade
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September 6	Rist Canyon Festival
September 7	Windsor Harvest Parade
September 19-20	Sustainable Living Fair
October 3	Berthoud Fall Festival
October 9	CSU Homecoming Parade
October 10-11	Harvestival at Grant Family Farms

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tue, July 28: Poudre School Board Candidate Orientation

Poudre School District School Board elections will be held in November, 09. If you have an interest in school board work, an orientation for potential candidates will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009, 7:00pm, at the Johannsen Support Services Center, 2407 LaPorte Ave., Fort Collins

For more information:

<http://www.psdschools.org/psdinfo/newsevents/index.aspx?newseventid=999021&affid=>

Date & Time: Tuesday, July 28, 7:00 pm

Location: Johannsen Support Services Center, 2407 LaPorte Ave., Fort Collins

RSVP required: 490-3607

Thur, July 30: BIRTHDAY PARTY TO CELEBRATE 44 YEARS OF MEDICARE

Helping Seniors Stay Healthy and Solvent

The gala event will feature songs, birthday wishes, cake and punch, and is open to the public. Linda Mahan, a member of the League of Women Voters and one of the organizers of the party, refers to recent surveys from the journal Health Affairs, the National Journal, and the US Dept. of Health and Human Services, which reported that "more than 70% of traditional Medicare enrollees say they 'always' get access to needed care (appointments with specialists or other necessary tests and treatment), compared with 51% of those with private insurance. They are also very confident that they will be able to afford the care they need." These findings are especially significant, she noted, "since Medicare patients are the most likely to be in poor health, and also have lower incomes."

Sponsored by: The City of Ft. Collins Recreation Department Senior Center

Health Care for All Colorado

Larimer County Office on Aging Advisory Council

League of Women Voters of Larimer County

Physicians for a National Health Program N.CO Chapter

Date & Time: Thursday, July 30 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Location: Patio of Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive, Fort Collins

Contacts: Linda Mahan, 484-2259, Carolyn Taylor, 461-1328

Thur, July 30: MARCH AT CIVIC CENTER PARK, FORT COLLINS

Following the Medicare Celebration we will reconvene at the Civic Center Park to promote health care for all and single payer to those gathered at the Thursday night music program. Bring signs, wear tee shirts and talk with the crowds gathered. Literature and some health care tee shirts will be supplied. We will meet at the Old Steele's Market on Mountain Ave. at 6:30 pm to organize the "parade" and walk across the street to the park together. Bring your picnic dinner to enjoy on the grass or buy some ice cream and food there.

Date & Time: Thursday July 30, 6:30-8:00 pm

Location: Meet at the old Steele's Market parking lot (Mountain Avenue and Howes) - on foot with signs

For more info, contact: Linda Mahan, lmahan@alum.bu.edu, 484-2259

Wed, Aug 12: 4th ANNUAL COLORADO CONSERVATION VOTERS FUND RAISER

Celebrate Our Environmental Values at the 4th Annual fund raiser for Colorado Conservation Voters featuring and honoring Senator Bacon and Representatives Kefalas and Fischer for their 100% environmental voting record in the 2009 state legislature!

Also, featuring Auden Schendler who is Director of Sustainability for Aspen Skiing who will speak about his new book, "Getting Green Done." Plus, the first annual "Larimer County Environmental Leadership Award" will given to Mayor Pro-tem Kelly Ohlson! It'll be a great time!!

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: New Belgium Brewing, 500 Linden Street, Fort Collins

For more information, visit <http://coloradoconservationvoters.org/data/larimer-2009/>

RSVP: bgregory@coloradoconservationvoters.org or (303) 454-3349

ORGANIZING FOR AMERICA WEEK OF ACTION

Organizing for America's Week of Action continues this week with many activities.

Tue, July 28: FORT COLLINS TUESDAY HEALTH CARE PLEDGE PHONE BANK

Let's come together during these critical weeks to mobilize and reach out to our neighbors, asking them for their pledges of support for President Obama's Health Care Reform Principles as well as gather more volunteers and suggest how they can take action during the month of July. Enjoy a great atmosphere, great company, and fresh baked cookies! Please RSVP! Thank you.

Date & Times: Tuesday, July 21 & July 28, 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Host: Samantha Astudillo, 909 223-3202

Location: Larimer County Democratic Party Headquarters, 606 S. Mason St., Fort Collins

Wed, July 29: FORT COLLINS WEDNESDAY STATEWIDE CANVASS

Our weekly Wednesday Statewide Canvass! Come join us during this critical month of July in what might very well be one of our final opportunities to push for real health care reform legislation and gain support for the President's three principles. We will meet at Mugs Coffee Lounge and hand out walk packets to individuals/groups for neighbor to neighbor canvassing as we aim to collect pledges, express our support for reform, share our stories, and provide our community members with the necessary information and resources for them to contact their congressional representatives and urge their support.

Date & Time: Wednesday, July 22 & July 29, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Host: Samantha Astudillo, 909 223-3202

Location: Mugs Coffee Lounge, 261 S. College Ave., Fort Collins

Wed, July 29: LOVELAND WEDNESDAY STATEWIDE CANVASS

Come join us during these final critical weeks as we aim to reach out to our neighbors and to those in our community, asking them for their pledges of support for President Obama's Health Care Reform Principles as well as suggest how they can take action and make their voices heard.

Date & Time: Wednesday, July 22 & July 29, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Host: Samantha Astudillo, 909 223-3202

Location: Loveland, CO, Final location TBD

Please RSVP at <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpf5sy> (July 22)

Thur, July 30: LOVELAND HEALTH CARE PLEDGE PHONE BANK

Come join us as we come together and call our former volunteers and our neighbors, asking them for their pledges of support for President Obama's Health Care Reform Principles and encouraging them to volunteer their time once more in our ongoing fight for healthcare reform. Bring cell phones if possible. Lists of family and friends are always welcome! Enjoy great company and a great atmosphere as we come together during this time of need. Please RSVP!

Date & Times: Thursday, July 23 & July 30, 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Host: Samantha Astudillo, 909 223-3202

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

Please RSVP at <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpf5sk> (July 23)

Fri, July 31: HEALTH CARE CANVASS/BOOTH AT THE LARIMER COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

Come join us starting July 31 as we share a booth with the Larimer County Democrats and collect pledges of support for the President's Three Health Care Principles and provide people with information on how they can get involved in this ongoing fight. July 31st-Aug 4th. Please RSVP and let me know what hours you can be there.

Date & Time: Friday, July 31 10:00 am (All Day)

Host: Samantha Astudillo, 909 223-3202

Location: The Ranch - Larimer County Fairgrounds & Events Complex, 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, **Please RSVP at** <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpctpc>

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: August Meeting: LCDP HQ, 606 S. Mason, Fort Collins

Contact: Anne Wilseck for more information 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, annemich@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: August 1, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Location: Larimer Dems South Office, 505 N. Cleveland, Loveland

Contact: Kathy Batterton at kathybatterton@g.com for reservations or more info.

Democratic Business Coalition: Fort Collins

Monthly Luncheon. No meeting in December or January.

Date & Time: This month only: special DBC fundraiser for Betsy Markey. See item above for details.

Location: Odell's Brewery

Contact: M.L. Johnson, 482-4979 or mjohnson@lamar.colostate.edu

Larimer Democrats Southern Breakfast: Loveland

Date & Time: Third Fridays, 07:00 to 08:00 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

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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.

The Larimer County Democratic Party distributes information on candidates and candidate events and invites candidates to speak at our party functions because this information is helpful to those who care about political progress.

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