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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.

Special Message from the Picnic Committee:

We so appreciate Dian Sparling inviting us into her backyard, a location of significance to a number of Democratic officeholders, including Governor Bill Ritter. Her hospitality, not to mention her Margaritas, warmed our hearts and helped us feel at home.

An event like our picnic could not happen without the help of many volunteers. Our deepest thanks go out to those who showed up early in the day on Saturday and worked to set up the stage, the tables and chairs, cooking and serving areas, and reception tables. Our cooks and servers worked through the heat of the day to provide us with a fabulous meal. We are deeply grateful to those who stayed after our guests had departed to do the initial clean-up and to those who showed up the next morning and gave 3 hours of hard work to return Dian's backyard to its former state. We had less than one bag of trash from the entire picnic--everything else was composted or recycled!

One of the special treats of the evening was the fantastic music provided by a local group, "Three of a Kind," Colleen Crosson, Cheri Nichols, and Julie Hoest. Their music helped to build the energy we felt. They will be playing at Avo's on Fri, Aug 28, so don't miss this exciting group.

We also would like to thank everyone who attended. Watch our website, www.LarimerDems.org for a link to pictures from this great event.

Message from the Chair:

I join with the committee in their message of appreciation for all who helped make the Picnic such a huge success -- with special thanks to Events Committee Chair, Nancy Tellez, and her two major assistants, Wm. Russell and Nancy Dooley!

This Sat., John Kefalas kicks off his campaign with the first neighborhood walks. 2010 will be a tough year for all our candidates, so please get together with your fellow Democrats and help John talk to voters. Scroll down for all details.

PARTY NEWS

Wed., Sept. 2: DEMOCRATIC BREAKFAST FORUM

Don't miss out on this special opportunity to join our own congresswoman, Betsy Markey, at the September 2 Democratic Breakfast Forum. Betsy will address the myriad, critical issues facing Congress and the concerns that are important to you.

In the few short few months since her election in November, Betsy has already proven herself to be an effective member of Congress, who is well schooled in the needs and wishes of her constituents. If you haven't met Betsy in person--or even if you have--don't pass up this chance.

Attendance will be by "reservation only," with payment at the door. Make your reservation now, as seating will be limited.

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 2, 7:45 am

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

Cost: \$10 per person, payable at the door

RSVP by August 26 to Anne Michaelson, 484-9621, annemich@comcast.net (Attendance by reservation only.)

Sat, Sept. 5: JANE JEFFERSON DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Date & Time: September 5, 9:00 - 10:30 am

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

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

VOLUNTEER NEWS

VOLUNTEER TO STAFF A BOOTH!

Summer is winding down, but we still have some events. We will have a booth again this year at the Rist Canyon Festival on Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. Sign up for a shift!

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

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

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Sat, Aug 29: BIG WALK DAY FOR REP. KEFALAS

On Saturday, August 29, we'll go door-to-door in selected neighborhoods talking to voters about their concerns and issues. The first two-hour shift will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Democratic headquarters at 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins. We'll provide everything you need – training, maps, flyers to hand out, bagels and coffee.

Come back at noon for pizza, when the second shift will gear up and go out. No experience necessary! This is a great way to get involved in the political process, get some exercise and meet your Fort Collins neighbors. If you can't make it – fear not! We'll also be walking in September and October. If you'd like to volunteer to walk precincts, make phone calls, staff the office, or any of the hundred other things that make successful grassroots campaigns run, please visit www.johnkefalas.org.

Date & Time: Saturday, August 29, from 9:30 am to noon and noon to 2:30 pm

Location: Meet at Larimer Democratic Party headquarters, 606 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins

For more info: www.johnkefalas.org, Phone: 970-221-1135

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fri, Aug 28: LET'S GET IT DONE BUS TOUR-CARPOOL TO DENVER

The Organizing For America Health Insurance Reform Bus will be making a stop in Denver on Friday, August 28th at 6:00 pm. We don't have a location yet, but as soon as we do we will let you know. This is our chance to show our strength and how many people want Health Insurance Reform. It is a national tour (and it isn't stopping in every state), so we want to prove that there is a reason that we put up such big numbers here in Colorado. We will need to get the word out quickly. Bring your signs, flags and buttons.

Date & Time: Friday, August 28, 4:45pm

Location: Arrive at the Harmony Transportation Center at Harmony and I25, northwest corner, we will organize carpool and depart for Denver at 4:45.

RSVP with your phone number and email address:

<http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gpkgsx#rsvp>

Contact: Linda Berger ellebergere@gmail.com or call 970-225-2232

Wed, Sept 2: A PHYSICIAN'S PERSPECTIVE AND PROPOSAL FOR REFORM WITH STEVEN THORSON, MD

What are the elements of our current system which need reform? Which proposals are most likely to create positive change? What advantages does a single payer system offer? Presenter: Steven Thorson 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: Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 - 8:45 pm

Location: Council Tree Library, Harmony and Ziegler Roads in Fort Collins.

For further information contact 224-6122

Thur, Sept 10: WHY DOES HEALTH CARE COST SO MUCH? WHAT SOLUTIONS REFLECT AMERICAN VALUES?

"Health, Money and Fear" film and discussion with Bernard Birnbaum, MD

The producer of the film is Dr. Paul Hochfeld, a physician certified in emergency medicine who currently practices in Oregon. He interviews doctors and other health care providers for an insiders' look at reasons for the rising costs of health care. Suggestions of solutions for corralling costs, an essential element of successful health care reform, are outlined. Presenter: Bernard Birnbaum, M.D. is a family physician and faculty member at the Fort Collins Family Medicine Residency Program. Previously he worked on the Navajo Reservation in Chinle, AZ, for the Indian Health Service. Currently he is a member of the Board for the Health District of N. Larimer County.

Date & Time: Thursday, September 10, 7:00 - 8:45 pm

Location: Council Tree Library, Harmony and Ziegler Roads in Fort Collins.

For further information contact 224-6122

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: September 5, 9:00 - 10:30 am

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

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

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.

Larimer Democrats Southern Breakfast: Loveland

Date & Time: Third Fridays, 7:00 - 8:00 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.