

INVITATION

to



Longmont Area Democrats Annual Member Meeting

Holiday Pot Luck Social and Business Meeting
Open to Current and Prospective Members

on

Saturday, December 16, 2017

11am to 2pm

at

Front Range Community College

2190 Miller Drive, Longmont, CO 80501

Classroom Building (east side of Miller Drive, enter through door C4)

Community Room



PLEASE NOTE: Members who are active (having paid dues for 2017), and members who pay dues at the December 16, 2017 meeting will have voting privileges (Dues are \$25/year).

Non-dues-paying members are welcome to attend, but will not have voting privileges in electing officers for 2018.

Your support of our work, along with the work of our partners goes a long way toward creating and maintaining an informed and actively engaged progressive community!

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WELCOME to LONGMONT AREA DEMOCRATS (LAD)!

This has been a challenging and exciting year. In solidarity with The Resistance, **LAD has been active locally:** networking with other activist groups in Longmont, with marches, rallies, booth events and volunteer opportunities. **At our State Capitol:** through our efforts with CLEAN (Citizen Legislative Early Action Network). **All across the country:** petitioning our Members of Congress to listen to us, their constituents, as they consider far reaching legislation that affects our lives in profound ways.

Although LAD has been around since 2003, this year we organized around the frustration of the 2016 Election outcome, providing activism history, tips and background, then positive and proactive measures to move our country and communities forward.

Here's what we did in 2017:

JANUARY: Updates on the universal health care movement from local experts. CLEAN Updates. "How to Be an Activist". Presentation of our 3 month Engagement Game Plan.

FEBRUARY: (our monthly meeting was canceled due to weather) LAD happily supported the El Comité Annual Fundraiser with a table of members. We also hosted a booth at the Longmont Chamber's annual event.

MARCH: Inspiration from our local partners — Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, Longmont Community Justice Partnership, El Comité, Hope House, A Queer Endeavor, Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care — who met with us to let folks know of the work they are doing and how to be involved.

APRIL: "The History of Longmont's City Council", ward maps, council make-up and seat vacancies — all providing a road map to our election in November 2017. Also a presentation for our new members about CLEAN and ongoing legislative session updates.

MAY: Hate Crimes Training, with two speakers from the Department of Justice Community Reconciliation. We also provided Hate Response cards for attendees. LAD hosted a booth at Longmont's Cinco de Mayo.

JUNE: We screened the documentary, "Now is the Time: Healthcare for Everybody", followed by a panel discussion with experts. LAD once again hosted a booth at Longmont Pride, and the following day, hosted a booth at the Colorado Latino Festival. A second LAD meeting in June walked folks through the City Council engagement process — tips on how and when to speak at council and how to propose items on their agenda.

JULY: An already busy summer included LAD hosting a Farmer's Market booth. We practiced outreach and rallied members to march in Brush's 4th of July parade.

AUGUST: As we do every year, members and fellow activists marched in Longmont's BoCo Fair parade. We hosted our annual summer picnic at Ollin Farms, with many guests, elected officials and candidates in attendance.

SEPTEMBER: We rallied in support of our Dreamers in front of Longmont's Justice Center. Our monthly meeting featured the inspiring and engaging Crisanta Duran, first Latina Speaker of the Colorado's State House.

OCTOBER: LAD presented our City Council Candidate Forum with moderator, FRCC History Professor Mary Ann Grim. We continued to provide candidate events and volunteer opportunities for our members.

NOVEMBER: "The History of the Mail-in Ballot" with Boulder County Clerk, Hillary Hall, with insight and background on the election process, voter suppression, ballot integrity and possible fallout from the passage of Proposition 108 in 2016. Also what to expect as Caucus is just around the corner.

...and throughout the year:

The Citizens Legislative Early Action Network (CLEAN), led by Marilyn Hughes, worked with our local elected representatives throughout the legislative session to engage deeply in the legislative process and reach out to progressives across the state to urge them to do likewise.

Through our social media presence, we have informed with our email blasts, answered questions, updated folks on breaking news and provided an anchor of resources and information at longmontdems.org

Membership: Your \$25 per year covers room rental at FRCC and other venues, booth space fees at the Farmers Market and various festivals, internet and Mail Chimp fees, marketing materials and expenses, expenses for the annual picnic. LAD also donates to the following local organizations: Hispanic Education Foundation, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care, BoCoDems Truman Dinner scholarships, Latino Chamber Festival. We appreciate your support to keep up our good work!

We look forward to seeing you at the annual Longmont Area Democrats Members meeting to be held Sat, Dec 16, 2017, at FRCC, 11 am to 2 pm. This is a pot luck social and business meeting, where we'll elect officers for 2018, review the bylaws, review and approve the actions of the Officers since the previous annual meeting, and pay dues for 2018.
— Marilyn Hughes, LAD President, and Virginia Gebhart, LAD Vice President, 11/16/2017