



**MMN – Monday, May 3, 2010**

*Mission: The purpose of the Democratic Women's Caucus is to fund, inspire, recruit, support, and train progressive, pro-choice women to increase the numbers of women in the electoral process and in elected and appointed positions*

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- A DWC lunch date for your calendar! May 14... Women-Politics-Media
- From the League of Women Voters...empowering women!

**EARLY VOTE NOW!!!!**

Today until noon is the last day that you can early vote at the Curry Building. You can vote a paper ballot or on a machine, as you like, and you do not need a "reason" except that you want to vote. Make your vote count by voting early

**ENDORSED CANDIDATES: GOOD LUCK ON TUESDAY!**

The Caucus wishes every bit of good luck to all of our endorsed candidates: go, go, go! As the ballots are counted on Tuesday, please join us at Democratic Headquarter, 320 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, to listen and watch as the votes roll in (and thank you to our members who are working the polls, making sure our election is fair, accurate, and honest!).

Endorsed candidates:

- Linda Robbins for County Clerk
- Cheryl Munson for County Council, District 2
- Linda Sievers for Bloomington Township Trustee
- Vicky Sorensen for Indian Creek Township Trustee
- Barb Sturbaum for Perry Township Board
- Meri Reinhold for Indian Creek Township Board
- Amy Swain for Indian Creek Township Board

Congratulations in advance, women, for your hard work, strong ethics, and support for other women. Thank you for running and putting yourselves out there to serve!

**PURCHASE PALETTE-TO-PALATE TICKETS – SUPPORT DWC!**

DWC member, and Community Kitchen board-of-directors member, JoAnne Bunnage will donate \$5 to the Democratic Women's Caucus for each Palette-to-Palate ticket she sells through May 6<sup>th</sup>! Community Kitchen's spring fundraiser, Palette to Palate, is on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Clubhouse at the Fields. This year the event features music by Steve Houghton Group (Professor - Jacob School of Music) and a silent art auction, with food from over 25 local Bloomington restaurants and a live auction to follow. Tickets are now on sale through May 1st for \$20; after May 1st tickets are \$25.

To purchase tickets contact JoAnne at 812-219-4232 or [joannebunnage@gmail.com](mailto:joannebunnage@gmail.com). Thank you for support of Community Kitchen and the Democratic Women's Caucus!

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### **MAY 7 DWC BREAKFAST: WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND JUSTICE**

Be sure to join us for our regular breakfast on May 7 where we will feature a panel including the Honorable Mary Ellen Diekhoff, Monroe County Circuit Court Judge; Lara Weaver with Victim's Assistance in the Monroe County prosecutor's office; and Lauren Taylor, the Prevention Program Coordinator for Middle Way House. Are you interested in the intersection between women's rights in the system of justice and how this relates to political and legislative agendas? Then you won't want to miss this interesting gathering of like-minded women to learn about justice in our county.

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### **CITY/COUNTY CITIZENS' BREAKFAST ON MAY 13!**

Join County Councilwoman Jill Lesh and City Councilwoman Susan Sandberg for the next City-County Citizens' Breakfast at the Village Deli on Thursday, May 13, 7:30am. The topic is "Homeless in Bloomington" taken from recent headlines following the close of the Interfaith Winter Shelter. Guest speaker Todd Lare, Executive Director of the South Central Community Action Program, will engage participants in a discussion on community-wide strategies to address low-income housing issues, including chronic homelessness and emergency shelter.

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### **WOMEN IN POLITICS AND THE MEDIA**



On Friday, May 14th, the DWC has a special luncheon planned that will focus on women and media. Our special speaker will be Mary Dieter, a name familiar to many of us who read her daily columns in the *Louisville Courier Journal* for many years. Mary was more recently communications and press secretary for Governor Frank O'Bannon and covered that incredibly difficult job after he died in office in 2003. Mary is the President of MED Communications LLC, which focuses on writing and editing consultancy in the Indy area. She and her husband, Tim McClure, recently published a crime novel set in Indianapolis; it is called [The McNaughton Rule](#).

Details of the lunch will be announced soon....if you would like to serve on the committee to help with these arrangements, please contact [regina.moore@gmail.com](mailto:regina.moore@gmail.com).

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### **ENFORCING THE NVRA EMPOWERS WOMEN!**

As part of the PAVP project, the Arizona and Pennsylvania Leagues are working to ensure that public assistance agencies in their states comply with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), in particular the provision mandating all individuals seeking assistance at the agencies be offered the opportunity to register to vote. A recent article by Demos, "Increasing Access in Hard Times: Women and the National Voter Registration Act," reinforces the need for this type of work, noting that "as more women turn to public assistance, the potential for empowering them to participate in the political process is great."

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