



MMN – Monday, April 5, 2010

Happy Women's History Month!!

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

Dear Lisa,

Monday, April 5th

THE PO BOX:

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COME TO BREAKFAST THIS THURSDAY WITH JILL AND SUSAN!

From County Councilwoman Jill Lesh and City Councilwoman Susan Sandberg: You are invited to attend this month's Citizens' Breakfast. County Parks & Recreation Department administrator Chuck Stephenson and assistant administrator Kelli Witmer will offer updates on the County trail system and plans for the new Will Detmer Park - and anything else you want to talk about! This will be a very exciting and timely discussion.

For more information, contact Jill Lesh at jill@leshes.com or Susan Sandberg at sjsandbar@juno.com.

FUNDRAISER WITH LAURIE EYNON AND SILPADA WERE A SUCCESS!

A huge thank-you goes to Laurie Eynon for her contribution to the DWC treasury. Her recent Silpada fundraiser allowed her to contribute over \$350 to our mission of electing more women to office, as well as to boards and commissions - and some of us are sporting new earrings and bracelets, to boot. Now that's what we call win/win! Thanks again, Laurie. We really appreciate your generosity!!

PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, RIGHT HERE IN B-TOWN...

Every Thursday, protesters flock to the Planned Parenthood clinic on South College to oppose women's abortion rights. When patients enter the clinic, protesters hurl insults and display their sometimes graphic signs. Patients also see friendly faces as they exit their vehicles: men and women in yellow vests - the clinic-safety escorts. These volunteers are vital to the exercise of women's reproductive rights - but we need more volunteers! If you can spare 2-4 hours on Thursday mornings - even if you can only volunteer once every 1 - 2 months, we need your help! Please contact Deb Meador, the escort volunteer coordinator, at deborahmmeader@gmail.com for more information or to sign up to help! These women are counting on us to ensure their safety as they take this step in their lives – and we are counting on YOU to be there!

MIDDLE WAY HOUSE LUNCHEON AND SILENT AUCTION COMING!

Come to the Middle Way House event that is always so much fun – it will be held this year on April 8, with the silent auction starting at 11:30am and the lunch beginning at 12:15. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 219 E. 4th Street, in the Great Hall on the third floor. The cost is \$20; for reservations and more information, please contact Michelle Egidio at 333-7404 or write her at megidio@middlewayhouse.org. The featured speaker will be Dr. Linda Malkas, Professor of Medicine, Vera Bradley Chair of Oncology, and co-leader of IU's Cancer Center's Breast Cancer Program at the IU School of Medicine. See you all there!

ARIANNA HUFFINGTON AT THE O'BANNON INSTITUTE ON FRIDAY...

Ok, you are in for a treat. Arianna Huffington is the outspoken leader of the Huffington Post and widely known for her political acumen and humor. Come to the event titled "CONVERSATION with Arianna Huffington" this Friday, April 9th, at 2:30pm at the Commons Area at Ivy Tech on West 3rd Street. Reservations are required so do contact (812) 330-6001 or gkeller3@ivytech.edu. See you there!

DAWN JOHNSON STILL BEING HELD UP – FIND RESOURCES TO HELP!

The Republicans are still holding up Dawn Johnsen's nomination; the resource center from People for the American Way is online with many good items for your perusal and use. Please see <http://www.pfaw.org/issues/fair-and-just-courts/dawn-johnsen-resource-center> for more information! Let's get Dawn to work as head of the Office of Legal Counsel!



Women in Politics Still Lag Behind

[**New Study by CAWP Reports Women Candidates are Still Scarce**](#)

[**The Iron Lady of Politics – Nancy Pelosi**](#)

[**South Carolina's First Black Female Elected Official Found Dead**](#)

Involved with Women Candidates this Spring?

[**Send us a story**](#) about a female candidate you are supporting.

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We encourage you to [write and tell your stories](#) about running for office. We want to hear about your fears and barriers to running as

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Contact us at info@electwomen.com.*



NOTE TO COMMONSENSE HOOSIERS FROM DR. ROB STONE:

Healthcare Reform: We're STILL For It... And We're Not Done Yet!

Save the dates:

- Press Conference Wednesday April 7, 11am, Monument Circle, in front of WellPoint Headquarters in Indianapolis
- 4th Annual HCHP Rally, Tuesday May 18, 11am on Monument Circle

This weekend WellPoint/Anthem will release their annual proxy statement and our resolution will be in it! The full resolution is posted on the [HCHP BLog](#). The blog includes additional background information. Scroll down to *Fightin' The Blues*, below the shareholder resolution and *What Would FDR Do?*

WellPoint has had a heap of (well-deserved) bad publicity lately about their corporate culture of greed. [Consumer Watchdog.org](#) reported 3/31 that WellPoint reassured its investors that it will re-label overhead and administrative costs as "medical care" to meet the new law's requirement to cut overhead. [Sick of Blue Cross](#) (among many others) has reported on the outrage in Congress over their executive salaries and huge rate increases. [Open Secrets](#) (among others) is shining a light on how much money WellPoint is spending on lobbying. [The Los Angeles Times](#) (3/18) revealed how WellPoint pledged to donate \$30 million in 2007 as part of a "comprehensive plan to help address the growing ranks of the uninsured." But according to tax filings and former executives familiar with the initiative, WellPoint never came close to fulfilling that pledge, proving once again that they cannot be trusted.

Attend the Rally for Non-Profit Healthcare on Monument Circle at 11 AM on May 18, after the shareholder meeting. Wendell Potter, former VP of Cigna, Rob Stone MD of HCHP, and others will speak, and Carrie Newcomer will sing. Supporters of the resolution include Citizens Action Coalition, Indiana Change That Works, SEIU Health Care, [MoveON.org](#), and the Institute for Global Communications.

We have a new partner/supporter, **MoxyVote**. This new web site supporting progressive shareholder initiatives has added HCHP as one of their Advocates, and I encourage all of you to sign up as supporters at <https://www.moxyvote.com/support/hoosiers>.

Check to see if you own any WellPoint stock and please notify us if you do. Many Hoosiers became shareholders years ago when Anthem demutualized. We would like as many shareholders as possible to attend the May 18 meeting. After the Rally, we will hold our first-ever HCHP statewide meeting and luncheon at the Indianapolis Public Library. Details to follow.

Tell your friends, family, co-workers, and fellow church-goers about the resolution and the rally. We are gradually building national support for our efforts to hold WellPoint accountable.

To Your Health,

Rob

Shareholder Resolution

“Whereas, the United States allows too many people to suffer and die due to lack of adequate health insurance, and this is threatening the economic stability of the country; and

Whereas, no country has achieved universal healthcare through for-profit health insurance; and

Whereas, in written statements WellPoint supports “the best healthcare value for our customers” and promises “to advocate for responsible healthcare reform”; and

Whereas, WellPoint has actively opposed President Obama’s healthcare reform efforts; and

Whereas, WellPoint was a nonprofit insurance company before it demutualized, raised capital through stock offerings, merged with, acquired, and demutualized other nonprofit Blue Cross/Blue Shield companies; therefore be it

Resolved, that the shareholders of WellPoint urge the board of directors to launch a feasibility study for returning to nonprofit status.”

ARE LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES PHYSIOLOGICALLY AND COGNITIVELY DIFFERENT?

Professor John Hibbing, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will discuss the differences between liberals and conservatives this coming Friday from 1:30 to 3pm in Woodburn Hall 215. Contact carmines@indiana.edu for further information.
