



MMN – Monday, May 17, 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

Dear Barbara,

Monday, May 17th

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PLAN COMMISSION NEEDS YOUR VOICES TO BE HEARD!

From Councilor Julie Thomas, Commissioner Mark Stoops, and Commission Member Lee Jones: The Monroe County Plan Commission is holding a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan, and you are invited to provide your input!

IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE THERE! Come to the Monroe County Courthouse, 3rd Floor meeting room, Tuesday May 18, beginning at around 7pm. (Two cases will be heard at 6pm; we anticipate reconvening the public hearing on the Plan at about 7pm).

What will your County look like in 10 years? 20 years? The Plan establishes the guiding principles for future land use - including residential development - that will be the basis for future planning-ordinance changes.

Everyone who lives in the County - property owners and renters, and city, town, or rural dwellers - has a stake in its planning future. How will we protect our water source, our watersheds, and prevent the degradation of the land? How will we be able to support development within the financial constraints of the County (especially with the property tax caps)?

The Plan is available at

<http://www.co.monroe.in.us/planning/compplan/Monroe%20Cty%20CP%20WEB%20VERSION%20final%20draft%20%20042010.pdf>.

For a brief review of the Plan, visit

<http://juliethomas.wordpress.com/2010/05/16/the-comprehensive-plan-for-monroe-county/>. Julie is willing to meet with any County residents who have questions about the Comprehensive Plan; just contact her at drjuliethomas@gmail.com.

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STATEWIDE HCHP MEETING AT 2:00PM THIS TUESDAY...

The 1st Annual Statewide meeting of Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan will be held in the Riley Room of the Marion County Public Library, 40 E. St.

Clair Street in Indianapolis on Tuesday, May 18, at 2:00pm. Please RSVP to rstone@hchp.info.

Join statewide and regional activists at the meeting to discuss future options and actions to expand and improve Medicare for everyone. Guests include Wendell Potter and Quentin Young, MD, along with HCHP Indiana State Director Rob Stone, MD.

Light lunch is available; HCHP is asking for a contribution of \$25 to offset lunch and related rental fees; however, scholarships are available, as it is important for everyone who is interested to come to meet fellow Single Payer advocates. See you there!

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETS TUESDAY!

Please join the Club on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, for a celebration of the 2010 Primary Election and the MCDW Club election of officers. The nominating committee consisting of Shirley Fitzgibbons, Katherine Hopkins, and Marian Shaaban have recommended the following slate of officers:

For President: Connie Loftman
For Vice-President: Jack Davis
For Secretary: Rita Drescher
For Treasurer: Diann Lock

Kim Glassman will talk about the social activities planned by the Party for the rest of this year. This will be an opportunity to discuss the Fourth of July Parade, the Monroe County Fair booth, and other events. People that ran for an office will be present for us to thank them for being "Candidates", no matter the outcome of their races.

Meeting and Lunch is at 11:30am at KRC Catering, 216 S. College Avenue. Salad-bar lunch buffet is \$7.00. Although you may not bring your own lunch, you may attend the meeting without having the buffet.

Dues are \$10.00 per year and are past due; Treasurer Jean Knowlton will be happy to collect yours at the next meeting. You must be current in order to vote for Club officers.

HCHP MEETING AT 5:30PM THIS WEDNESDAY...

The monthly general meeting of Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan is May 12 at 5:30pm at the Monroe County Public Library, 303 E. Kirkwood, Bloomington in Meeting Room 1B. Join friends and advocates working for healthcare for all and get ready for the upcoming rally and statewide meeting on May 18!

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.

PLEASE HELP US WITH YOUR FEEDBACK...

In order to help make the election process as smooth as possible for the fall, we would love to hear about YOUR polling experience! Good/bad/ugly? Great? Rocky? Mostly, we want to hear how YOU would do it if you were clerk for the day. We will share your input with our Party and the Election Board. Drop a line to drjuliethomas@gmail.com, and we will pass it along! (And hey - if you know anyone who would like to work the polls in the fall, let us know. We will help to compile that listing!)

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PLANNING AHEAD...

Due to the July 4 holiday weekend, we will have our Friday morning breakfast on **July 9**. Be sure to plan to attend! And mark your calendars for Sunday, **August 22** – we are planning a family fun event with food and good times for all Dems as we celebrate the passage of women's right to vote. Stay tuned to MMN for details!

TRAINING FOR DEMOCRAT WOMEN ON JUNE 19!

The Indiana Federation of Democratic Women will sponsor and subsidize 'Public Speaking for Candidates' on June 19 in Fishers. Dr. Laurel Vartadepian, the workshop leader, earned a Ph.D. in Mass Communication, with an emphasis in Political Rhetoric, at the University of Oklahoma. After teaching public speaking, persuasion, oral interpretation and rhetorical analysis at Amarillo College, Laurel joined the faculty of Western Carolina University, where she was Associate Professor of Communication. She now resides in St. Joseph, Mo., where her husband, Dr. Bob Vartadepian, is president of Western Missouri State University. In addition, Laurel and her co-author, Bill Evans, have had two musicals produced in New York: AN AMERICAN STORY in 2000 and MOTHER DIVINE in 2003.

Time: Saturday, June 19, 2010 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Host: Barbara McKinney (from Madison, IN)

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Location: The Public Library (Fishers, IN)
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