



MMN – Monday, May 10, 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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**SOLICITOR GENERAL ELENA KAGAN TO BE NOMINATED!**

Former Dean of the Harvard Law School and current Solicitor General Elena Kagan will be nominated today by President Obama to be the 112<sup>th</sup> Justice of the Supreme Court – and the fourth woman to serve. Kagan, 50, is not currently in the judiciary and is the first woman Solicitor General, who is the government's lead appellate lawyer who practices at the Supreme Court. With her confirmation, the court will be comprised of one-third women, with 3 women serving at the same time. Congratulations!

**WOMEN IN POLITICS AND THE MEDIA THIS FRIDAY!**



On Friday, May 14th, the DWC's special luncheon will focus on women and media. Our 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](#).

Lunch is \$15 at Affairs of the Sun, on 4<sup>th</sup> Street across from WFHB/Waldron Arts Center, beginning at 11:30am. Please email Regina at [regina.moore@gmail.com](mailto:regina.moore@gmail.com) to make your reservations – and do bring a friend and introduce her to the Caucus! If you can't make breakfast meetings, this is the place to be!

**THE FORECLOSURE CRISIS AND ITS IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES**

Come to the Second Baptist Church at Eighth and Rogers Streets (321 N. Rogers) this Tuesday, May 11, at 7pm to attend this forum, hosted by the Monroe County Chapter of the NAACP. Learn about the crisis from representatives of Indiana Legal Services, the City of Bloomington HAND, the Monroe County Recorder, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, and others. Hope to see you there!

### **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!

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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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### **WE NEED YOU – TO HELP PLAN THE DWC PICNIC!!!!**

We need your help! The DWC picnic will be held in August and we are looking for volunteers who are interested in serving on the organizing committee! No matter what your availability, we have a number of tasks that need to be done! We are meeting at 10am on May 22 at the Farmers' Market at the shopping-cart-rental booth (near the stairs to the Showers Building). One of our goals for this meeting is to create a list of targeted businesses to approach for sponsorship. If you cannot attend, please send any ideas you have to Dorothy Granger ([dgranger@mail.com](mailto:dgranger@mail.com)). You are also invited to e-mail Dorothy if you have any suggestions or to get added to the mailing list for volunteers (to be notified of future meetings). This will be fun – we look forward to hearing from you!

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### **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](mailto: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!)