



**MMN – Monday, June 7, 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 Lisa,

Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

**THE PO BOX:**

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**WOMEN IN POLITICS AND THE MEDIA ON JUNE 18 – RESERVE NOW!**



The luncheon event with Mary Dieter as our featured speaker will be June 18 at 11:30am at Affairs of the Sun on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, across from WFHB and the John Waldron Art Center. Mary Dieter is 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, titled [The McNaughton Rule](#).

Lunch is \$15; please email Regina at [regina.moore@gmail.com](mailto:regina.moore@gmail.com) right away to make your reservations – and do bring a friend and introduce her to the Caucus! If you can't make breakfast meetings, come to lunch!

**JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY EVENT!**

Tickets for the DWC picnic on Sunday, August 22nd, to celebrate Women's



Equality Day, are now available! We are planning a fabulous afternoon with food, friends, and even a cake walk! There will be old-fashioned prizes for kids, and a dunk tank with local dignitaries – what fun that will be! Don't forget the silent auction, with goodies like a quilt, and a cupcake walk for kids. The event will be held at Pic A Chic farm at 6949 S. Rockport Road. We need volunteers with

this event; please contact Dorothy Granger ([dorothy@mail.com](mailto:dorothy@mail.com)), who is our event chair. Thank you!

**CITY-COUNTY CITIZENS' BREAKFAST THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 10!**

Jill Lesh and Susan Sandberg invite you to join them for this month's breakfast.

The topic is the new "County Health Clinic." Rhonda Foster, Human Resources Director for Monroe County Government, will provide details. The first Health Clinic for Monroe County Government employees will open in August. The City of Bloomington and local non-profit agencies will be invited to join the initiative, making healthcare more affordable for many local employees. See you at the Village Deli at 7:30am for this stimulating discussion!

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### **MONROE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMENS CLUB ON JUNE 15!**

Concerned about a property-tax amendment? Cheap construction of I-69? Get the inside scoop at the ever-popular Statehouse update with District 61 State Representative Matt Pierce. The lunch is on Tuesday, June 15, 11:30-1:00 at KRC Catering, 216 S. College Ave. Lunch is a salad bar for \$7.00. Please reserve your lunch by contacting Rita Drescher at [rdresch@gmail.com](mailto:rdresch@gmail.com) or call 334-2962 by no later than noon, June 11. You may not bring your own lunch to this venue, but you may attend without eating at the buffet.

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### **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 Vartabedian, 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

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

**Host:** Barbara McKinney (from Madison, IN)

**Contact Phone:** 812-265-5979

**Location:** The Public Library (Fishers, IN) 5 Municipal Drive Fishers, IN 47038

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### **FOR ALL COMMONSENSE HOOSIERS!**

The monthly meeting of Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan is **Wednesday, June 9 @ 5:30 PM** at **Monroe County Pubic Library**, 303 E. Kirkwood, and is back in the **Auditorium** this month.

- Attend the monthly meeting
- Join in the 4th of July Parade
- Volunteer for or Visit the HCHP table at the Bloomington Farmers' Market
- View the May 18 rally on Indy Govt TV
- Moment of Education "WellPoint CEO Is Grilled"

Help us plan the **4th of July Parade** on **Saturday, July 3 @ 10AM**. Anyone wanting to walk or ride with HCHP, plan to be there by 9AM. More information will be available on June 24.

HCHP has a table each Saturday at the Bloomington Farmers' Market in Information Alley near the B-Line Trail. Think about joining HCHP friends, volunteering to talk with Market goers about the benefits of expanding and improving Medicare for All. Or just visit!

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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!

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### **CITY OFFERS NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP CLASSES**

The City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) department will be offering its next Neighborhood Leadership Series class on Thursday, June 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. This Series includes free classes offered quarterly to enhance leadership skills, share best practices and provide interaction between City departments and neighborhoods. The June 10 class will explore the Planning Department and the fundamentals of what neighborhood leaders should know about working with the City on land-use issues.

The class also will feature Jan Sorby from Bryan Park, Jack Baker from McDoel Gardens and Patrick Murray from Prospect Hill in a "Round Table Discussion with Proven Neighborhood Leaders in the Area of Land Use," aimed at educating neighborhoods about the planning process and how to address land use in the neighborhood.

This session will help neighbors learn how to work productively with City departments and the City Council. Through interactive discussions, participants will come away with effective techniques for approaching issues in their neighborhoods. To register, contact Vickie Provine at [provinev@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:provinev@bloomington.in.gov) or call 349-3505. Read more about the class on the HAND Web site, <http://bloomington.in.gov/hand>.

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