



MMN – Monday, June 21, 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 21st

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REPORT FROM WOMEN IN POLITICS LUNCH

Report from Friday's Women in Politics in the Media Lunch.

The DWC thanks IVY TECH Community College for the use of their 'Old Depot' facility for our recent lunch. Long story, but they allowed us to use the room at no cost as they are moving out. It was perfect for the lunch!

Mary Dieter was a delightful speaker, and her presentation elicited several great questions about how women and Democrats in general frame message and interact with the media. She had some thought-provoking examples to illustrate her 13 tips for Women in Politics in the Media.

If you missed this lunch, you missed a certain treat. But, depending on member interest, we plan more of these informative lunches, especially to reach out to folks who are not able to attend breakfast meetings but want to stay connected to the caucus. Please help us gauge interest by emailing regina.moore@gmail.com with your ideas and suggestions.

Cathi Crabtree, Chair of the City of Bloomington's Commission on the Status of Women, attended the Women in Politics lunch on Friday and read a recent proclamation signed by Mayor Kruzan which said that the City supports the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. It urged our US Senators to ratify the treaty. The seven UN member states that have not ratified the convention are Iran, Nauru, Palau, Somalia, Sudan, Tonga, and the United States. These are either Islamic states (Iran, Somalia, Sudan) or small Pacific Island nations (Nauru, Palau, Tonga), or the United States. If you agree that this proclamation was a good thing for Mayor Kruzan to have done, please let him know. Lunch attendees were appreciative of the presentation and found the proclamation an incredible statement of support.

The following is the TEXT OF THE PROCLAMATION:

WHEREAS, millions of women and girls worldwide suffer daily violations of their human rights; violence against women is pervasive; two-thirds of the world's 771 million illiterate adults and 70% of its poorest people are female; millions of girls and women are denied access to property, legal action, civic life

and political participation; more than 530,000 women die annually from pregnancy-related complications attributable to inadequate healthcare; and an estimated 80% of the 600,000 to 800,000 victims of human trafficking are girls under 18; and

WHEREAS, the United States' failure to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) deprives our country of leverage and credibility in the international community with respect to women's rights and a leadership role in human rights provision, and belies our stated intention of reducing global poverty, supporting economic development and increasing democratic rule; and

WHEREAS, the United States is not free of the problems addressed in the treaty as exemplified by our country's consistently poor rankings among industrialized nations on comparative measures of women's well-being and equity, including high maternal and infant mortality rates, low political participation of women, and earnings of only \$.77 to every dollar earned by a man; and

WHEREAS, stipulations of the treaty do not dictate or violate U.S. legislation or the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, with encouragement from the Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women, whose goal is to monitor federal, state and local policies for their impact on Bloomington women and make recommendations to assure equity, the City of Bloomington supports the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and urges the United States Senate to join 186 countries around the world by ratifying the treaty with all due haste and committing itself to its provisions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the Seal of the City of Bloomington this 16th day of June 2010.

Mark Kruzan, Mayor, City of Bloomington

DEDICATION OF NEW WINGS COMPLEX

Wednesday, June 23rd from 5-7 pm.

Celebrating the new accessible welcoming emergency shelter, child care, commercial kitchen affordable housing for women without children production roof garden, solar panels, administrative offices all for empowering families to live without violence in their lives. That's a lot to celebrate and lot to see. Make sure you stop by the complex on South Washington, just across from the Third Street Park.

PLEASE CHANGE JULY BREAKFAST DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS!!

The Deli will be doing some renovations on our regular meeting date, so we've moved the breakfast date to JULY 9th at 7:30 am. We'll be having a comprehensive look at the referenda that we may be seeing on the ballot this November, and we'll certainly try to determine their effect on our local political races as well.

AUGUST CANDIDATE FUNDRAISER PLANNED

Members Lu Cregar, Jean Umiker-Sebeok, and Shirley Fitzgibbons are in the midst of planning a Sunday, August 8th fundraiser brunch for Linda Robbins, candidate for county clerk, and Cheryl Munson, candidate for county council District 2. There's no charge for the fundraiser but you, of course, should bring

your checkbook !!! Time for brunch is set from 12:30 to 3:00. More information as it comes in.

DEMOCRATIC WOMENS CLUB Tuesday

Concerned about a property tax cap amendment? Cheap construction of I69? Get the inside info at our ever popular Statehouse-update by Matt Pierce, State Representative of District 61.

Please join us on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at KRC Catering, 216 S. College Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47403. Lunch is a salad bar for \$7.00, but since reservations were needed by last week, you now have the option of attending the meeting without the buffet lunch. Call or email Rita Dresher for information.

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

It was August 26, 1920 when the Nineteenth Amendment was finally ratified by enough states to become law. Women had paraded, marched, picketed, cajoled, organized, and a whole lot more (!) to accomplish this important change... one that we almost take for granted today. Join us in a day of celebration of this 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 more! 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 (dorothyg@mail.com), who is our event chair. The caucus needs your help to have a wonderfully 'retro' family-type picnic to celebrate Women's Equality Day -- the celebration of Women's Right to Vote. But other than putting little doilies over our lemonade pitchers and wearing long white badminton dresses with the appropriate flounces and ruffles, help ideas and help are needed! If you have some flair with decorating, or some idea as to how to transform Pic-A-Chic farm into a 1920's afternoon picnic scene, please contact regina.moore@gmail.com – aka, the decorator-who-needs-help! Volunteer!!!

CAUCUS OF PRECINCT COMMITTEE CHAIRS on June 24th 7pm, Nat U Hill Meeting Room, County Courthouse. Items on the agenda will include: introduction of candidates, authorization for Party Chair to fill ballot vacancies, appointment of new Deputy Chairs, reports from party officers, update on Membership/Fundraising campaign, election outlook, etc. You are welcome to attend but if you are not a precinct committee person, you will not be eligible to vote. This is a good way to find out about the Monroe County Democratic Party plans for this election cycle.

INDIANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONVENTION JUNE 26TH IN INDIANAPOLIS

Several DWCaucus members and other local Democratic delegates are slated to attend the State Party Convention in Indy this next weekend. It's an all day event and there will be a vote for the Secretary of State Candidate. At a pre-convention caucus last week, delegates were introduced to candidates Vop Osili and Tom McKenna. The candidates spoke for a few minutes and took questions afterwards. Although several counties and delegations have endorsed one candidate or another, the Monroe County Delegation is not pledged in toto to any candidate. We'll try to report next week and most of the DWCaucus women who are delegates will meet with other women in the Women's Caucus that morning.

