



MMN – MONDAY, JULY 12, 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,
Tuesday, July 12th

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TONIGHT-- JULY 12 – TAX CUTS in the CONSTITUTION??

Member Sam Allison has sent in the word that the Association of Indiana Counties will be hosting a forum about the impact of tax caps at 6:00 pm at the Monroe County Library, in the main auditorium.

Speakers will include Matt Pierce, Geoff McKim and Sara Laughlin. Vi Simpson will speak on this issue at an upcoming DWC breakfast meeting.

REPORT ON FRIDAY's BREAKFAST -

Sue Wanzer, MCCSC school board member, did a great job presenting information about the upcoming referendum to restore school funding. Equally impressive were the questions and comments by members attending the breakfast.

Regarding this issue, member Glorianne Leck sent the following message:

I just discovered Gene V. Glass's book FERTILIZERS, PILLS, AND MAGNETIC STRIPS: The fate of public education in America. I think we should get everyone to be reading THIS book THIS summer as we prepare for the referendum. It is a very readable book. It is a meta analysis of all the previous studies on schools, test scores, etc. We need to know these facts and be armed for the battles that lie ahead as we try to maintain public schools, public libraries and other public services.

I ordered it for the PUBLIC Library and it will be there for you to check out or

reserve. A review here: <http://edrev.asu.edu/reviews/rev671.htm>

Let me know if and how you respond to the book and how you help to get the word out to get people to read this book.

Glorianne Leck, glorianneleck@sbcglobal.net

Glorianne had offered to help with discussions about this book and topic. A retired educator and powerful woman in her own right (!), Glorianne can share compelling insights about education with us as we prepare ourselves and others to tackle this important issue.

PICNIC PLANS

If you've not put August 22nd on your calendar, do it now!! The DWC annual celebration of the passage of the 19th Amendment (Women's Suffrage) is on that date in the form of an old fashioned family picnic. Games, races, pies, cakes, quilts, lace, croquet, lawn chairs, and the like will help us recreate that era when the amendment was passed. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from a committee member or a steering committee member. Sponsorships are available – contact Lorraine Farrell at lm.farrell@comcast.net for more information on that. Please come, support our efforts to raise funds for our women candidates this year.



TWO-FOR-ONE FUNDRAISER ON AUGUST 8 – ROBBINS AND MUNSON!

Members Lu Cregar, Jean Umiker-Sebeok, and Shirley Fitzgibbons are 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, can bring your checkbook!!! Time for brunch is set from 12:30 to 3:00. SAVE THE DATE! More information as it comes to us.

GAAL SUPPORT

Another summer picnic-- this one to support Chris Gaal for Prosecutor. August 7 from 4:30 to 8:30. Hazeland Farm, 430 North Hartstrait Road. Jo and Tom Vernon will be serving their home-cooked BBQ along with vegetarian Entrees.

2010 ELECTION NEWS – FIRST RESULTS

Happy to announce that Bloomington Trustee Linda Sievers has just about won her

election in November! No Republican or other candidate has come forward to oppose her in the fall election. Linda, may we be the first to cast the one vote you need, and congratulate you!!

Also we are happy to announce that members Pam Davidson and Kyla Cox have thrown their pillbox hats in the ring to vie for Richland Township Board Members. It's been a long time since we've had some women candidates run for the township board in Richland, and Pam and Kyla are a dynamic duo that can win these seats! GO!!

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING ON JULY 20

The Club meets at KRC Catering (located at the corner of College Avenue and 3rd Street), on Tuesday, July 20 at 11:30 a.m. Speakers are Vi Simpson and Peggy Welch.

A lunch buffet consisting of salad, soup and a beverage is available for a cost of \$7.00. You are not required to purchase lunch to attend the meeting, but you may not bring "outside" food. Please rsvp to Rita Drescher by noon on Friday, July 16 to this e-mail (rdresch@gmail.com), or at 334-2962.

PIEDMONT-SMITH HOLDS CONSITUENT MEETING JULY 31

City council member and current president Isabel Piedmont-Smith will once again host her monthly constituent meeting on Saturday, July 31, 11:00 am to 12:00 noon at Rachael's Cafe, 300 E. 3rd St. Come find out what the city council has been up to, and share your ideas on local issues. The July meeting will offer a preview of the 2011 city budget and a possible partnership of the city with the Monroe County Solid Waste Management District on the creation of a Materials Recovery Facility. What's that? Come to the meeting and find out. Free coffee will be offered by Isabel.

CAC of MCSWD OPENINGS

Speaking of a Materials Recovery Facility, the Monroe County Solid Waste District has a Citizens Advisory Commission and are looking for a few new board members. Contact Larry Barker at the District by calling 349-2020 for more information.

GOT SNACKS??

You may know that the Hill campaign has about 40 interns at the Monroe County Democrats office on Third Street. These young men and women are working extremely hard to identify voters in preparation for the fall election. Their work is so important this year so we can make sure the voters who support our candidates

get to the polls. Their work will help all candidates, and it's something that one campaign would be hard pressed to do alone. They are in need of some nutritional sustenance in the evenings.... and if you have time and the inclination to drop by with some snacks, they would be greatly appreciated. When I stopped in they had coke and pretzels.. only. The HQ is at 320 E Third Street... park in the back and use the back door. Just tell Alexa you're there to feed the interns!

THIS WEEK IN WOMEN’S HISTORY:

1972: Shirley Chisholm comes in fourth in the first ballot at the Democratic National Convention. She was the first black woman to seriously vie for a presidential nomination by a major US political party.

1848: Five women decided to call a convention in Seneca Falls on the conditions and rights of women. For more information, GOOGLE “Today in Women's History”

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER-

Feel free to send in information that you think members would be interested in reading or supporting. Feel free to send in feedback regarding this issue, or issues in general