

Democratic Women's Caucus
Monday Morning News
January 12, 2009

Caucus Mission: *The purpose of the organization is to fund, inspire, recruit, support, and train progressive women to increase the numbers of women in the electoral process and in elected and appointed positions.*

- **TODAY IN WOMEN'S HISTORY:**
- **JANUARY 2 WAS OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR!**
- **YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE DWC**
- **INVITATIONS AND CALENDAR ITEMS FROM OUR MEMBERS**

TODAY IN WOMEN'S HISTORY:

January 12, 1874 Susan B Anthony petitions the US Congress

Susan B. Anthony registered and voted in the 1872 election in Rochester, NY. As planned, she was arrested for "knowingly, wrongfully and unlawfully vot[ing] for a representative to the Congress of the United States," convicted by the State of New York, and fined \$100, which she insisted she would never pay a penny of. On **January 12, 1874**, Anthony petitioned the Congress of the United States requesting "that the fine imposed upon your petitioner be remitted, as an expression of the sense of this high tribunal that her conviction was unjust."

Read the actual document at the National Archives website link!

http://womenshistory.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?zi=1/XJ&sdn=womenshistory&cdn=education&tm=10&qps=55_187_1276_616&f=20&su=p897.3.336.ip_&tt=2&bt=0&bts=0&zu=http%3A/www.archive.gov/digital_classroom/lessons/woman_suffrage/anthony_petition.html

Ironically, it was on this same date in 1915, that the US Congress rejected the proposal for women's suffrage.

Sources: This Day in Women's History website

January 2 was our first meeting of the year!

Merridee had planned that we would do readings from Pearls, Power, Politics by Madeline Kunin, and Doris, Jillian, Jill Jolliff read portions along with Tamyra D and Jenn Marcum. We had children galore, and what a treat to see so many attending with grandmothers (Iris and Dee) and Moms (Jenn Marcum, Nicole, Vicky Polansky and Barbara Phipps) about 8 in all. What a joy to see these young women (and the two small boys) who listened with us to words from Governor Kunin meant to inspire women!

Mark Your Calendar! Dinner with Madeline Kunin, former Governor of Vermont, on March 28th. If you would like to help with the logistics of this dinner, or help with the Governor's visit, please email Susan Sandberg at sjsandbar@juno.com. We're looking for folks to help with all aspects of the event, including a book signing.

How about joining the DWC?

January is the time for renewal of your DWCAucus Membership. If you haven't already paid, please print the form from the website and mail it in you're your dues of \$10.

<http://www.democraticwomenscaucus.org/mailin.html> Instructions for mailing are on this page also. Your membership in the Democratic Women's Caucus show your support of the above mission, and is greatly appreciated by other members, elected Democratic women, and those women who we support. If you wish to add any amount to that modest membership fee, we will use it to sponsor a college Democrat from IU or Ivy Tech.

OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS FROM MEMBERS:

JANUARY 15 Citizens' Breakfast - Thursday, Village Deli, 7:30 a.m.

Members County Councilwoman Jill Lesh and City Councilwoman Susan Sandberg are joining forces to sponsor Citizen Breakfasts this year. The breakfasts, started as listening sessions during Jill's campaign for County Council in 2006 have blossomed into a wonderfully informative resource for citizens. Susan notes:

I truly look forward to this opportunity to join the good work Jill Lesh has begun in continuing these public discussions. As we work to encourage city/county collaborations, we will need your constructive feedback in identifying current events and local challenges that merit attention. We'll organize these City-County Citizen's Breakfast topics to be timely and interactive. Jill and I welcome spirited debate in a respectful forum. It is not always easy to get up early in the morning, but...we promise to make it worth your time to take part in the Citizen's Breakfasts in 2009! There is so much we can share and accomplish by working together.

We are listening!

. For more information, contact Jill, jill@jilllesh.com

January 20 – A Day To Celebrate!!

- Community Chats are held at the Village Deli at 7:30-8:30 on Tuesday mornings. On Inauguration Day Marjorie Hershey, Professor of Political Science will be, well, chatting, about the inauguration!
- The Democratic Women's CLUB will be hosting a lunch at Coaches (7th and College – in the Hilton Garden Inn) to watch the Inauguration of Barack Obama. Big Screen TV's, lunch. Send an RSVP to Connie Loftman at loftmanconnie@choiceonemail.com or Susie Hamilton at abshamil@indiana.edu
- Rachel's Café, 7-10 pm – hor's Douvres, dancing (like an inaugural ball!) friends and celebration.
- We have not received any official word, but have heard of another gathering of Democrats on Inauguration Day.. and will let you know as soon as we hear anything definite.

January 23-February 1 *HAVING OUR SAY: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years* is a Broadway play based on the Delany Sister's memoirs and features **member Gladys DeVane** as Bessie. If you've never seen Gladys in performance you are in for a treat of the best kind! For times and ticket

prices, see http://www.cardinalstage.org/having_our_say.html at the Cardinal Stage Website. Performances will be at the Waldron Arts Center downtown.

January 28 – Deadline for submitting your nomination for **Woman of the Year 2009**. The City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women is seeking nominees for the Woman of the Year, Emerging Leader and Lifetime Contribution Awards. The awards will be presented during Women's History Month, March 2009. **Luncheon is March 11, 2009**. Nomination forms are available in the City of Bloomington's Community and Family Resources Department, Suite 260, and online at www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd/. Nomination forms also are available via e-mail by contacting owenss@bloomington.in.gov or phone at 349-3468.

If you have an event or a notice that you think would be of interest to Democratic Women's Caucus members, please send it to Regina Moore (regina.moore@gmail.com) by Sunday afternoon. We make every attempt to put out a regular Monday Morning Newsletter.

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