



## MMN – Tuesday Update, November 16, 2009

*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 Sandra,

Monday  
Morning News

November 16<sup>th</sup>

### IN THIS ISSUE:

- Democratic Women's Club Auction this Tuesday, November 17!
- Labor Studies Brown Bag lunch this week...on For-Profit Insurers
- Julie Thomas needs your help on Tuesday at the Plan Commission!!!
- ElectWomen Magazine for this week...
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### DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE MONROE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB,

I wanted to let you know about an exciting donation to our silent auction. Ed Bernstein, artist, professor, and Co-Head of the IU Printmaking Department, has donated his color lithograph, Codrington Reflections (Oxford Suite), 17/25. The unframed print, which will be displayed at our auction, is approximately 15 by 20.

Please join us at KRC Catering at **11:30am** and bring your checkbook! All proceeds will go to the Monroe County Democratic Party. Thank you – Connie Loftman

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### A LABOR STUDIES BROWN BAG LUNCH TALK:

#### WHY FOR-PROFIT HEALTH INSURANCE FAILS

#### BY MILTON FISK, PROFESSOR EMERITUS, PHILOSOPHY

**Tuesday, Nov. 17, 12:00-1:15**, Georgian Room, Indiana Memorial Union  
[Located on the first floor, one level up from the Mezzanine. Take the escalator (in front of Sugar and Spice Shop) up from the Mezzanine and turn right]  
(Co-Sponsored by the IUB Progressive Faculty and Staff Caucus)

- What are the basics of a single payer system?
- Is the legacy of employer based health insurance worth saving?
- The role the unions could play, but aren't, in ending the health care fiasco
- Where we'll be in ten years under the congressional health reform plan.

Bring your lunch or a snack. (No food or drink will be provided.) If you need visitor parking, we can arrange this. Please contact our office by Monday, November 16, at 12 noon to request a parking permit.

Please help circulate this announcement. Suggestions for further lunch discussions are more than welcome. These talks take place several times each semester and are great opportunities for staff, students, faculty, and community members to meet, discuss, and collaborate on local and global labor issues. For more information, contact Sarah Bailey, 812.855.9084, [schilder@indiana.edu](mailto:schilder@indiana.edu)

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### FROM COUNTY COUNCILOR JULIE THOMAS:

As you all know by now, the Monroe County Plan Commission (PC) is in the process of completing the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. This is a policy which, once approved, will guide the creation of the next generation of zoning ordinances. The proposed plan will limit future development to those areas that are already developed - it will keep rural areas rural and make urban areas urban. Whether or not you live in the city, whether you rent, own a small lot of property, or own a large parcel of land, this plan impacts YOU.

At last Thursday's work session, the Plan Commission heard from 20 pro-development forces - folks who are opposed to the plan. At the previous hearing, the opponents outnumbered proponents of the plan by 10 to 1.

The opposition has been emboldened by the fact that they are the majority of the people who are attending these meetings - and they are getting their ways. The process to hear concerns about the policy has extended the hearings through January (at least) - although the vast majority of participants offered no concrete proposals to change the document. Significantly, a number of Plan Commissioners are now backpedaling on the proposed policy. How do we stop this? Show up! Speak out!

Here's what you can do to get involved!

1. Read the document at <http://www.co.monroe.in.us/planning/compplan.html>
2. Ask questions! Attend a meeting or ask a PC member (Julie Thomas [councilorthomas@gmail.com](mailto:councilorthomas@gmail.com))
3. Make comments! At the website (listed above), you have the opportunity to submit general or specific comments about the draft document through e-mail or on the comment form (linked on the same page). The more specific your comment, the better! Better yet, attend a meeting to make your comments. Again, general comments are fine, but if you have a concern, the comment should be specific.

The next Plan Commission meeting is **Tuesday NOVEMBER 17, 6 PM** in the Nat U Hill meeting room of the County Courthouse. I hope to see you all there – thanks!



**Salute to Women Heroes and Winners**

[Being a Woman Veteran](#), one woman's story

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Winners on Election Day



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Kentucky News for Women in Politics

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