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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

Monday, November 29th

Dear Lisa,

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN – DWC STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS!

DWC Elections will take place at our December meeting this coming Friday, December 3; members will vote on a chair, secretary, and five steering committee members. Our declared candidates include Julie Thomas for Chair, Lu Cregar for Secretary, Regina Moore for Past Chair, and Jillian Kinzie, Doris Sims, Vi Simpson, Dee Owens, Dorothy Granger, Lynn Schwartzberg, and Mary Norman (yes, that's seven; both Julie and Lu are vacating seats, so now seven positions are open for Steering Committee!). Members will receive the opportunity to vote via email this coming Wednesday and Thursday, in case you are unable to join our enthusiastic group of women and men who support them for Friday's gathering. Otherwise, we will see you Friday at 7:30am, Village Deli, to elect our leaders for the upcoming

HELP PLANNED PARENTHOOD PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FOR WOMEN!



From Steering Committee Member Julie Thomas: Everyone deserves safe and supportive access to services -- Planned Parenthood of Indiana needs volunteer escorts for clinic patients on Thursday mornings.

CHOOSE from an:

- Early shift (7:30 – 9:00 a.m.) and/or
- Late shift (9:00-10:30 a.m.)

Let it be your CHOICE to help either:

- Weekly,
- Bi-weekly, or
- Monthly



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BREAKFAST WILL INCLUDE A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE SCHOOL REFERENDUM...

The passage of the school referendum in Monroe County is a milestone for our community; come to breakfast this Friday with your questions and learn about what the referendum means to you, to our children, and to our future.



SYCAMORE LAND TRUST FORUM IN DECEMBER TO FEATURE NOBEL PRIZE WINNER ELINOR OSTROM

Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Elinor Ostrom will be the keynote speaker at a forum called Community Actions Against Climate Change. Presenters from various institutions will discuss ways to conserve natural resources, promote ecological sustainability, and reduce the pace of global climate change. The free seminar will be held in the Indiana University Memorial Union's Alumni Hall from 2 to 5 p.m. on December 2, 2010. It is sponsored by Sycamore Land Trust, a regional non-profit environmental conservation organization. Students, faculty, community leaders, and all citizens are invited to attend.

Last year Ostrom became the first woman to win the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2009. The prize recognized her ground-breaking research

about decision-making and rule enforcement in social mechanisms for communal resource usage. She is the Arthur F. Bentley Professor of Political Science, Indiana University Distinguished Professor, and Senior Research Director of the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at IU. She is also the Founding Director of the Center for the Study of Institutional Diversity at Arizona State University.

Ostrom will deliver the keynote address for the forum, titled "What Can We All Do to Reduce the Threat of Climate Change?" Her speech will illuminate communities actively taking on the challenge of building sustainability and the benefits of working at multiple scales, down to the neighborhood level, rather than only expecting governmental, national, and global solutions.

Other presenters will discuss what is being done to promote healthy ecology in different community contexts-neighborhood, city, county, and campus. They will include:

- Mark Kruzan, Mayor of Bloomington, opening the forum
- Jacqui Bauer, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Bloomington, discussing efforts by the city
- Iris Kiesling -, Monroe County Commissioner, explaining steps taken by county leaders
- Karen Hanson, IU Provost and Executive Vice President, discussing efforts on the IU campus.
- Christian Freitag, Executive Director of Sycamore Land Trust, describing the role of land trusts.
- Kenneth RR Gros Louis, IU Chancellor, introducing Ostrom

The seminar's sponsor, Sycamore Land Trust, has a mission of preserving the disappearing landscape and connecting people with nature in southern Indiana. It works with private land owners in 26 counties to conserve natural places for healthy ecosystems, wildlife habitat, human enjoyment, and trees to mitigate greenhouse gases. The organization has so far assisted 70 families in placing permanent protections on fields, forests, and family farms. It is the fastest-growing conservation group in Indiana.

