



MMN- DECEMBER 20, 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

Monday, December 20th

Dear Lisa,

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YES, IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN – DWC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

We need you! To renew your membership for only \$20, go to our website at <http://democraticwomenscaucus.org> and print the 2011 form, send it to the listed PO Box, and know that your dues are going to a GREAT cause! Thank you – it is our members who make it happen for other women!
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SEND YOUR ITEM TO MMN...

We appreciate hearing from YOU! All news items for MMN or the Announcements sheets (due at noon the Thursday before breakfast) should be sent to dwcannouncements@gmail.com. This change will facilitate ensuring that all relevant items are included so that everyone on our mailing list knows about your event! Thanks for all you do, all year long – keep those cards and letters coming! ☺

CONSTITUENT MEETING FOR ISABEL PIEDMONT-SMITH!



City Council president Isabel Piedmont-Smith will host her last constituent meeting of 2010 on Wednesday, December 22, 5:30 pm at Rachael's Cafe. Please note the new time for this month! Usually Isabel's meetings are the last Saturday of the month at 11 am, but she has moved the time due to Christmas. Please join her to find out what the Bloomington City Council has been working on, and to give your own input into city issues. Free coffee will be available. You can contact Isabel at

piedmoni@bloomington.in.gov.

MAYOR, CITY CLERK SUPPORT MIDDLE WAY GRANT OPPORTUNITY



Mayor Mark Kruzan and City Clerk Regina Moore this week expressed their support for the Middle Way House campaign to receive a \$250,000 grant from the Pepsi Refresh Project. "Obviously, if there are grant opportunities that can bring money and aid into our community, especially to support social services, it is

something the whole community should rally behind," said Kruzan. "This grant will help Middle Way House pay for the new building it needed and deserved."

Middle Way House is competing for the grant to cover the costs of its new building, the former Coca Cola plant on South Washington. Since the start of the campaign on 12/1, Middle Way House rose from 141st place to 36th – and only the top two entries will win.

"It would really be great if Middle Way House won this grant," said Moore. "The grant would not only benefit Middle Way House, but all of the women it helps to escape a life of violence and suffering."

Kruzan and Moore are encouraging residents to vote for Middle Way House by visiting the website at refresheverything.com/middlewayhouse or by texting 104741 to 73774. Individuals can vote every day until 12/31.



MLK WEEK IS SHAPING UP TO BE THE BEST YET!

On Wednesday, 1/19/2011, the movie "Standing on My Sister's Shoulders" will be shown at 6pm at the Neal Marshall Library (check out the movie's website at <http://www.sisters-shoulders.org/film.html>). A dramatic presentation, "I Question America" : The Legacy of Mrs. Fannie Lou Hammer" by E.P. McKnight, will take place at the Wittenberger Auditorium (in the IMU at IU) on Sunday, 1/16, at 3pm. Stay tuned to MMN for other details on events as they become available...



WENDELL POTTER IS COMING TO THE BUS-CHUM ON JANUARY 16!

Wendell Potter, the author of *Deadly Spin*, will speak before a showing of **Michael Moore's** documentary film, *Sicko*, on Sunday, January 16, 2011, at 3pm at the

Buskirk-Chumley Theater, 114 E. Kirkwood Ave, in Bloomington. Sponsored by Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan, Howard's Book Store, The Ryder and WFHB Community Radio, the presentation and film are **FREE!**

Since **Wendell Potter** walked away as head of communications at CIGNA in May of 2008, he has worked tirelessly as an outspoken critic of corporate PR and the distortion and fear manufactured by America's health insurance industry. It is a PR juggernaut that is bankrolled by millions of dollars, rivaling lobbying budgets and underwriting many "non-partisan" and "grassroots" organizations. *Deadly Spin* is

not just an exposé of health insurers but a stark warning that corporate spin is distorting our democracy. One of Wendell Potter's many tasks as Communication Director for CIGNA included participating in a behind the scenes national campaign to discredit Michael Moore's documentary film, *Sicko*. Moore's 2007 film investigates healthcare in America, focusing on the health insurance industry and Big Pharma. The film, laced with humor, compassion and outrage, compares the for-profit, non-universal U.S. system with the non-profit healthcare systems of Canada, the UK, Finland, France, and Cuba. When *Sicko* premiered at the 2007 Cannes Film Festival, it received a 15-minute standing ovation. Wendell Potter recently publicly apologized for the role he played to discredit Michael and his film. See a story at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/wendell-potter/my-apologies-to-michael-m_b_786902.html, and see you on January 16!



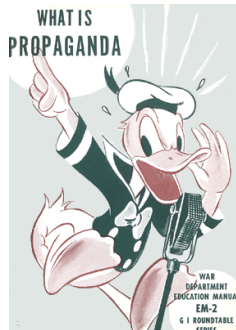
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2010

Follow this link

<http://www.lwv.org/AM/CustomSource/2010ElectionReflections/index.html> to check out the LWV and its many triumphs over the course of the year – we thank them locally for their forums and their assistance in getting the news out and trying

to inform voters to be better citizens!

THE PROPOGANDA GAME AWAITS...



Remember this one? Join us at the January breakfast on 1/7 as Regina Moore leads us in a friendly game of...well...you know!
