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<http://democraticwomenscaucus.org/MMN/MMN%205-11-09.pdf>

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Happy Belated Mother's Day!

Even though you are reading this after Mother's Day, take time to check out this Proclamation written by Julia Ward Howe. It has particular relevance today. Kaia, our favorite women's acapella group has adapted part of this statement in their piece entitled "Arise" and if you've ever heard it, you know how moving and inspirational it is.

**Mother's Day Proclamation  
by Julia Ward Howe\*, 1870**

*The First Mother's Day proclaimed in 1870 by Julia Ward Howe  
was a passionate demand for disarmament and peace.*

Arise, then, women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts, whether your baptism be that of water or tears!

Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have taught them of charity, mercy and patience. We women of one country will be too tender of those of another to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

From the bosom of the devastated earth, a voice goes up with our own. It says, "Disarm, Disarm!"

The sword of murder is not the balance of justice. Blood not wipe out dishonor, nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail & commemorate the dead. Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesars but of God.

In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.

### ***Biography of Julia Ward Howe***

*US feminist, reformer, and writer Julia Ward Howe was born May 27, 1819 in New York City. She married Samuel Gridley Howe of Boston, a physician and social reformer. After the Civil War, she campaigned for women rights, anti-slavery, equality, and for world peace. She published several volumes of poetry, travel books, and a play. She became the first woman to be elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1908. She was an ardent antislavery activist who wrote the Battle Hymn of the Republic in 1862, sung to the tune of John Brown's Body. She wrote a biography in 1883 of Margaret Fuller, who was a prominent literary figure and a member of Ralph Waldo Emerson's Transcendentalists. She died in 1910.*

[http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/0000/1870\\_howe\\_mothers-day.htm](http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/0000/1870_howe_mothers-day.htm)

### **Dinner with President Obama**

Want to have dinner with the President?? May 17<sup>th</sup> will bring President Obama to Indiana, to speak at Notre Dame's graduation and then for a fundraiser in Indianapolis. There are a few DWcaucus members who would like to attend the dinner, and perhaps we could get a 'table' together. Particulars can be found in previous Monday Morning News editions... Contact Lois Sabo-Skelton for these arrangements. Lois' email is violin spelled backwards: [niloiv@aol.com](mailto:niloiv@aol.com)

### **Jill and Susan City-County Citizen Breakfast on Thursday**

City Councilmember Susan Sandberg sends this message:

*Jill Lesh and I hope you can attend the next City-County Citizen's Breakfast from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Village Deli on Thursday, May 14. The topic is "B-Line Trail: Public Spaces, Walkable Places" and special guests from the City of Bloomington will be Miah Michaelson, Assistant Director of Economic Development for the Arts and Dave Williams, Director of Operations and Development, Parks and Recreation*

*Join a lively public discussion about alternative transportation, current status and future plans for the B-line, plus stimulus funding, public art features, and the often clashing views about public art vs. graffiti! Keep the coffee and conversation flowing by saving the date - May 14!*

*Feel free to contact me, 812-320-8552, [sjsandbar@juno.com](mailto:sjsandbar@juno.com) for more information about the monthly City-County Citizen's Breakfasts, and...we'll see you at the Deli!*

### **From our friend Kathy Groob and ElectWomen Magazine:**

ElectWomen Magazine Announces Job Bank and Consultants Page

In further support of women candidates, ElectWomen Magazine is creating a job bank and consultants page to connect job seekers and consulting resources with female political campaigns. ElectWomen Magazine is an online media site dedicated to providing resources and information for women candidates and their supporters, as well as sharing stories and important women's political news.

"There are hundreds of campaign staff coming off of the busy presidential election season of 2008 who are looking for work," said ElectWomen Magazine Publisher Kathy Groob. "Despite 2009 being an off year for elections, there are campaigns gearing up for 2010 and candidates seeking qualified professionals. Our goal is to help connect the two."

Job seekers are requested to submit specific criteria and will be listed by geographic proximity on the new Job Bank section. Consultants in the areas of general campaign management, speech and message coaching, polling, opposition research, fundraising, direct mail, media, grassroots organizing and website/new media are invited to submit their qualifications and contact information.

Since its launch in January 2009, ElectWomen.com has received thousands of visitors to the women's political blog/website dedicated to electing women to public office. Story contributors to ElectWomen.com come from a wide array of political backgrounds. The contributors write articles and offer advice to women thinking about or running for political office. ElectWomen Magazine is a non-partisan, independent media site.

For more information about ElectWomen Magazine, contact Kathy Groob at 859-291-9001, [info@electwomen.com](mailto:info@electwomen.com) or visit: [www.electwomen.com](http://www.electwomen.com).

### **From Member Amy Jackson:**

I hope that you will consider signing the petition below. It only take a few moments. And I hope that you'll then forward this link on to others and encourage them to do the same.

Please also consider learning about and participating in Army of Women ([www.armyofwomen.org](http://www.armyofwomen.org)). This is a revolutionary new organization. And eradicating breast cancer will most certainly require a revolution.

There's a bill called the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act which will require insurance companies to cover a minimum 48-hour hospital stay for patients undergoing a mastectomy. It's about eliminating the 'drive-through mastectomy' where women are forced to go home just a few hours after surgery, against the wishes of their doctor, still groggy from anesthesia and sometimes with drainage tubes still attached.

Lifetime Television has put this bill on their web page with a petition drive to show your support.. Last year over half the House signed on. PLEASE! Sign the petition by clicking on the web site below. You need not give more than your name and zip code number.

<http://www.mylifetime.com/my-lifetime-commitment/breast-cancer/petition/breast-cancer-petition>

This takes about 2 seconds. PLEASE PASS THIS ON to your 20 friends.

### **City of Bloomington Citizens' Academy**

A limited number of seats are available for this year's Citizens' Academy, conducted by the City of Bloomington to encourage civic involvement. The sessions are held from 6-8 pm on Thursday evenings from August 27th through October 29th. Participants are acquainted with several departments and their work for the city, and several off site visits include the police, fire and parks departments. This is an excellent way to learn more about what city government does for its citizens and some of the reasons for why things are the way they are in Bloomington!

Contact Vickie Provine in the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department for more information: [provinev@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:provinev@bloomington.in.gov).

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 DWCAucus Secretary Dee Owens ([deeowens@indiana.edu](mailto:deeowens@indiana.edu)). We make every attempt to put out a regular Monday Morning Newsletter.