



Democratic Women's Caucus

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The purpose of the organization is to fund, inspire, recruit, support, and train, progressive pro-choice Democratic women to increase the numbers of women in the electoral process and in elected and appointed positions.

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There continue to be many ways we can (and need to) make our voices heard during this legislative session. We will try to update you on important legislation moving through both houses when possible, but we encourage you to visit [The Indiana General Assembly website](#) for complete lists of bills being heard and to watch LIVE action!

Mark Your Calendars!

The Democratic Women's Caucus will host a performance of **Women Speak Theater** on **Sunday, March 27th**. Susan Sandberg is collecting inspiring words from great women in history for this wonderful event. Please plan to attend.... and please send us an [email](#) if you can help us plan the event!

The Marriage Discrimination Amendment moves forward

Indiana's Marriage Discrimination Amendment, House Joint Resolution 6 (SJR-6) authored by State Representative Eric Turner (R-Cicero) has been recommended by the Judiciary Committee by a vote of 8-4 and now moves on to the full House of Representatives.

Take Action Now!

- [Email your Representative](#) and tell him/her that HJR-6 is WRONG for Indiana families
- Make Your Voice Heard on **Monday, February 21st** (President's Day) by taking part in the **State House Equality Day**. Following a briefing on equality issues, meet with your State Representative and State Senator to tell them that the Marriage Discrimination Amendment is

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**Monroe Co
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As the 2011 Election year unfolds, keep up to date with news and events for all Democratic candidates at the [Monroe County Democratic Party website](#).

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*This message is provided by Indiana Equality.

Indiana Commission for Women (ICW)



The Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) recently profiled our own State Senator Vi Simpson and her work "Moving Indiana Women Forward!"

Check out the full story here:

<http://indianacommissionforwomen.wordpress.com/writing-her-story/senator-vi-simpson/>

Monroe County Commissioners to hold one more Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners will be holding one more public hearing on the proposed Monroe County Comprehensive Plan. This second hearing is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday March 2, 2011** at 5:30 p.m. The location has not been selected yet, so the date may change.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan establishes guidelines for the future growth of Monroe County and deals with issues related to the appropriate uses of land. The proposed Plan balances development preferences, management and preservation of natural resources and adequate planning for infrastructure such as roadways, parks and other public services. After the proposed Plan is formally approved, it will serve as a policy guide for decisions about community development. **Please plan to attend !!** Plan Commission Member Julie Thomas has compiled a brief tutorial and will answer any questions you may have about the Comprehensive Plan in person or via e-mail. For further information, send Julie an [e-mail](#).

Copies of the proposed Comprehensive Plan are available for public examination at the Monroe County Libraries, Township Trustee offices and the Town of Ellettsville Clerk/Treasurer office. The Monroe County Recorder's office and County Planning Office also have copies available for review at the Courthouse, Monday through Friday, between the hours 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The proposed Plan is

also available [here](#). Questions? Please contact Larry Wilson, Monroe County Planning Director at 812-349-2560 or via [e-mail](#).



Tickets on sale NOW for *The Vagina Monologues*

Eve Ensler's Award-Winning play *The Vagina Monologues* will be presented for the first time featuring a local cast at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater on **Saturday February 26th**.

The cast includes local favorites such as Charlotte Zietlow, Mary Catherine Carmichael, Dorothy Granger, Janet Cheatham Bell, Cathi Crabtree and Sophia Travis! *The Vagina Monologues* explores the mystery, humor, pain, power, wisdom, outrage and excitement buried in women's experiences. Proceeds for the show benefit Middle Way House. Tickets for the 3 pm and 8 pm shows are available at the [Buskirk-Chumley Theater Box Office](#). Mary Norman and Julie Thomas are Producing and Directing the production. We still need some volunteer help for the event! If you can help, please send us an [e-mail](#).

Monroe County Democratic Women's Club

The Monroe County Democratic Women's Club will meet **Tuesday, February 15**, at 11:45 a.m. at KRC Catering, 216 S. College Avenue, Bloomington. Monroe County Clerk Linda Robbins will present information about the new voting machines that will be used for the first time in the May 2011 primary election. The public is welcome to attend. Please respond before noon on Friday, February 11, if you will attend the luncheon, which is \$7.00. As always, you may attend the meeting without purchasing a lunch, but may not bring in "outside" food. For a lunch reservation, contact Rita Drescher at rdresch@gmail.com or 334 2962.

It's time to Renew your DWC Membership for 2011!



Have you renewed your DWC membership yet? The DWC relies on membership dues to fund, inspire, recruit, support, and train pro-choice, progressive Democratic women! The annual membership fee is just \$20. Only members may vote on endorsements and in Steering Committee elections. 2011 is an election year - we need **your support** to succeed! You may also bring your form and cash/check to the next breakfast meeting.

[Click here to download your membership form!](#)

Send us your news items!

To add your upcoming event information to the Monday Morning News or to the Announcement Sheet distributed at our monthly breakfast meeting, send your news to dwcannouncements@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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