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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

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Dear Lisa,

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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!



THANK YOU TO MERI REINHOLD!

Last Friday, the Indian Creek Township Board met to break the tie that involved Trust Team member and DWC-endorsed candidate Meri Reinhold and the Republican. It is sad to note that an elected Democrat on the board voted for that Republican, so Meri will not be serving on the board. Throughout the entire ordeal, Meri showed civility, strength, and incredible patience. Meri, we all appreciate your hard work and tenacity – we look forward to working with you again! Thanks are also in order for the Party, which supported the recount effort. If you have a note to send Meri, please contact her at meri5@juno.com.



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.



SENATOR VI SIMPSON APPOINTED TO 4 COMMITTEES...

In addition to leadership responsibilities, our own Vi Simpson will serve on four Senate standing committees for the 2011 General Assembly, including the Senate Health and Provider Services Committee, which deals with a variety of health-related issues, including health-insurance coverage, public-health policies, and licensing requirements for health professionals. This year the committee is expected to discuss options for reducing the cost of health care for Hoosiers and the implementation of the Federal Affordable Healthcare Act. Vi will also serve on that panel's Provider Services Subcommittee.

As Senate Democratic Leader, Vi will serve as the Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure Committee, which makes recommendations for changes to Senate rules and other special determinations, such as rule suspensions during the legislative session. Vi will also serve on the Senate Joint Rules Committee, the Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee, and on that panel's Insurance Subcommittee. For more information on Sen. Simpson, her legislative agenda or other State Senate business, call 1-800-382-9467 or visit www.senatedemocrats.in.gov.



CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: 2011 APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

From Regina Moore: Applications are now being accepted for 2011, including:

Animal Control Commission

Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission

Bloomington Commission on Sustainably

Bloomington Community Arts Commission

Bloomington Digital Underground Advisory Committee

Commission on Aging

Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs

Commission on the Status of Black Males

Commission on the Status of Women

Community and Family Resources Commission

Citizen Advisory for CDBG Funding

Environmental Commission

Historic Preservation Commission

Housing Quality Appeals Board Housing Trust Fund Board of Directors

Housing Trust Fund

MLK Jr Birthday Commission

Redevelopment Commission
Traffic Commission
Tree Commission
Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association

Priority date for application consideration is **December 15th**! City Boards and Commissions are citizen staffed and operated and serve to advise the Common Council and the Administration on issues affecting Bloomington. Citizens must live within the City, and some commissions have additional requirements. Application materials may be found at www.bloomington.in.gov/clerk along with board and commission descriptions or at the City Clerk's Office in Showers City Hall. For more information or questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 349-3408



NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT LOADED WITH INFO...

The NWHP is celebrating its 30th year with the theme Writing Women Back into History, and its website, www.nwhp.org, holds valuable information, a small portion of which is reprinted below. For example, dates in U.S. women's history include:

- Dec 1, 1955 - Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white person; her arrest sparks the modern civil rights movement in the US
- Dec 5, 1935 - Mary McLeod Bethune creates the National Council of Negro Women
- Dec 7, 1941 - Capt. Annie Fox receives the first Purple Heart awarded to a woman for her service while under attack at Pearl Harbor
- Dec 10, 1938 - Pearl S. Buck receives the Nobel Prize for Literature for "The Good Earth"
- Dec 10, 1869 - Wyoming is the first territory to give women the right to vote
- Dec 10, 1931 - Jane Addams becomes the first American woman to receive a Nobel Peace Prize
- Dec 10 2007 -Illinois celebrates its first "Jane Addams Day" (one of the only commemorative days in the country named for a woman).
- Dec 13, 1993 - Susan A. Maxman becomes first woman president of the American Institute of Architects in its 135 year history
- Dec 14, 1961 - President's Commission on the Status of Women is established to examine discrimination against women and ways to eliminate it
- Dec 14, 1985 - Wilma Mankiller is sworn in as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma - the first woman in modern history to lead a major Native American tribe
- Dec 17, 1993 - Judith Rodin is named president of University of Pennsylvania, the first woman to head an Ivy League institution
- Dec 28, 1967 - Muriel Siebert becomes the first woman to own a seat on the NY Stock Exchange

December Birthdays include:

- Dec 3, 1842 (1911) - **Ellen Swallow Richards**, first woman to graduate from MIT, 1873; recognized as the creator of the fields of ecology and home economics; cofounder of Association of Collegiate Alumnae which became the American Association of University Women

- Dec 6, 1927 (2002) - **Patsy Mink**, first Japanese-American Congresswoman (D-HI); wrote the Women's Educational Equity Act; played a key role in the enactment of Title IX which was renamed posthumously as the "Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act"
 - Dec 9, 1906 (1992) - **Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper**, pioneering computer scientist who invented the compiler and co-invented COBOL, computer programming languages
 - Dec 10, 1830 (1886) - **Emily Dickinson**, one of America's most famous and prolific poets
 - Dec 14, 1897 (1995) - **Margaret Chase Smith**, first woman elected to both houses of Congress (R-ME), serving 8 years in the House of Representatives and 24 in the Senate; first in Senate to challenge Senator Joseph McCarthy's anti-communist crusade
 - Dec 16, 1901 (1978) - **Margaret Mead**, renowned cultural anthropologist, author, lecturer
 - Dec 21, 1959 (1998) - **Florence Griffith Joyner**, "Flo-Jo," Olympic track and field champion, won 3 gold medals and 1 silver at 1988 Summer games, called "World's Fastest Woman"
 - Dec 22, 1912 (2007) - **"Lady Bird" Taylor Johnson**, First Lady, 1963-1969; advocate for civil rights, National Chair of Head Start, led "Beautification" efforts across the country involving environmentalism, conservation, and anti-pollution issues
 - Dec 23, 1867 (1919) - **Sarah "Madam C.J." Walker**, entrepreneur and philanthropist; first woman and first African American woman self-made millionaire; revolutionized hair care and cosmetics industry in early 20th century
 - Dec 25, 1821 (1912) - **Clara Barton**, founder and president of American Red Cross, 1881-1904
 - Dec 26, 1954 (2006) - **Susan Butcher**, sled dog racer; 4-time winner of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race
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