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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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Happy New Year!

This is a SPECIAL EDITION of the Monday Morning News.....

Join Us at the Swearing In Ceremony!



Come support our newly elected and re-elected women as they take the oath of office on Saturday January 1st at 2 pm in room 315 of the County Courthouse. Linda Robbins (County Clerk), Linda Sievers (Bloomington Township Trustee), Vicky Sorensen (Indian Creek Township Trustee), Barb Sturbaum (Perry Township Board), and Amy Swain (Indian Creek Township Board) will be sworn in. Following the ceremony, there will be a gathering at Max's Place on the Courthouse Square. Hope to see you there!

Plan to Attend the January Breakfast Meeting!

Mark your calendar! Plan to attend DWC's January Breakfast meeting - Friday January 7th @ 7:30 AM at the Village Deli.



Regina Moore will lead us in a game of Propaganda! The PROPAGANDA GAME: the hilarious but effective antidote for the daily barrage from advertising, public relations, politics and the mass media - all seeking to manipulate our attitudes and behavior. Inoculate yourself, your

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family and students by learning to identify the many blatant and subtle persuasion techniques used by professionals. Soon you'll be seeing them everywhere and, in the process, learn to stand firmly outside their insidious grip.

PROPAGANDA is a delightful, highly social game in which players first learn to identify techniques such as: prejudice, casual oversimplification, faulty analogy, tabloid and wishful thinking, hasty generalization, attacking a straw man, appeals to ignorance, emotion, flattery, pity, prestige, folksiness, joining the bandwagon and many, many more. Once players become adept at identifying the techniques exemplified in the humorous examples provided with the game, they graduate to the "expert" level where they gather and create their own examples from the real world or their imagination. The PROPAGANDA GAME is a truly wonderful experience in which "who is right" is ultimately less important than the power of your arguments and the assessment of how convinced your fellow players are. Based on the book "Thinking Straighter" by George Henry Moulds, The PROPAGANDA GAME strikes a joyful blow for clearer social thinking.

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



Have you renewed your DWC membership yet for 2011? The DWC relies on membership dues to support our mission 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 in Steering Committee elections as well. 2011 is an election year - we need **your support** to succeed! You may also bring your form and cash / check to the January breakfast meeting.

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

Wendell Potter / *Sicko* Screening: January 16, 2011

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. 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. Read [Wendell Potter's Story](#) and plan to attend on January 16!



MLK Week - Featured Presentations

On Sunday January 16th, a dramatic presentation "*I Question America: The Legacy of Mrs. Fannie Lou Hammer*" by E.P. McKnight, will take place at the Wittenburger Auditorium (Indiana Memorial Union) at 3 pm.

On Wednesday January 19th, the movie *Standing on My Sister's Shoulders* will be shown at 6 pm at the Neal Marshall Library.

The *Vagina Monologues*: February 26, 2011



V-Day Bloomington will present Eve Ensler's award-winning *Vagina Monologues* on Saturday February 26 at the Buskirk-Chumley

Theater at 3 pm and 8 pm. We are seeking both volunteers and actresses! Send an e-mail to co-producers/co-directors Mary Norman and Julie Thomas to audition or sign up to help! Check out our page on Facebook, too!

Restorative Circles: 2-Day Workshop

Restorative Circles is an approach to conflict resolution - in relationships, families, schools, workplaces, or communities. There will be a 2-Day workshop on Restorative Circles on Saturday January 15th (10 am - 6 pm) and Sunday January 16th (Noon - 5:30pm) at City Hall (Council Chambers). The cost is \$60 before January 11 (\$ 70 after that date). The cost to attend only on Saturday is \$35. Full and partial scholarships are available. E-mail Ingrid Skoog at artofconnection@yahoo.com or call her at 333-1982.

For more information visit restorativecircles.org.

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 an e-mail to dwcannouncements@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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