

Democratic Women's Caucus Monday Morning News on August 11, 2008

Take a minute to look at some events of special interest to the women's political sphere this week.

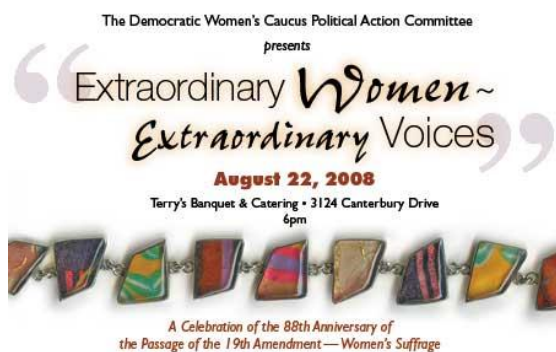
This week will mark anniversaries of two women born decades apart, but ones that have had lasting impact on women and their roles in civic life. Lucy Stone, early suffragist was born on August 13, 1818. Her statement on equal pay for women says it all:

The flour-merchant, the house-builder, and the postman charge us no less on account of our sex; but when we endeavor to earn money to pay all these, then, indeed, we find the difference. Lucy Stone, suffragist born August 13, 1818.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was the second woman to serve in the Supreme Court was sworn in on August 10, 1993. Her statement on abortion when questioned at the hearing considering her nomination to the court in 1993 follows:

..it is essential to a woman's equality with man that she be the decision-maker, that her choice be controlling. If you impose restraints, you are disadvantaging her because of her sex. The state controlling a woman would mean denying her full autonomy and full equality.

It's the month for celebrating the anniversary of the passage of the nineteenth amendment which gave women the right to vote. August 26 of each year is designated in the United States as Women's Equality Day. Instituted by Rep. Bella Abzug and first established in 1971, the date commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave U.S. women full voting rights in 1920. We're ready to celebrate with the 4th Annual Women's Equality Day Dinner – a fundraiser for the Democratic Women's Caucus. Details are below, but this is a wonderful way to celebrate this right that we consider one of our basic civic duties this fall. It's an opportunity to gather with others, to introduce this celebration to your daughter or son, spouse, friend or partner. Get a couple of tickets and prepare for an inspiring evening and help us raise funds to help in the mission of the Democratic Women's Caucus.



WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY DINNER will be held on Friday, AUGUST 22, 6 PM @ TERRY'S. Our Special Guest is Ann Delaney, author of Politics for Dummies, former candidate for Indiana Attorney General, former Indiana Democratic Party Chair ... and that's just for starters! Don't miss this wonderful night! Tickets are available on line at www.democraticwomenscaucus.org through ActBlue. You can also send a check for \$50 for each dinner (a table for \$350) to Treasurer Lorraine Farrell at DWPAC, P.O. Box 6172, Bloomington, IN 47407-6172.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION AND EVENTS!

It's exciting to be part of a group that, when our candidates get elected, they reach out a hand to help other Democratic Pro-Choice women get elected. Here are a couple of opportunities for you to help get them elected, too!

City Council member Isabel Piedmont cordially invites you to:

PANCAKES FOR PROGRESS
A FUNDRAISER FOR **JULIE THOMAS, County Council Candidate**
Saturday, August 16, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
at the home of Isabel Piedmont & David Smith
1108 South Rogers Street

Directions: This is a white bungalow with a front porch swing located on Rogers between Allen St. and Patterson Dr., on the west side of the street. There is parking available on the east side of Rogers St. and along Allen St. Look for the Julie Thomas sign and balloons. (Yes, these balloons are legal.) Join us for food, conversation, and fun! Meet the candidate and find out how Julie Thomas will implement her progressive ideals for the benefit of all in Monroe County. Any questions? Call Isabel at 333-8489

Another Fundraiser for Julie Thomas will be held at the home of **Linda Sievers, Bloomington Township Trustee** on Monday, August 18th, from 5:30 to 7:00. Linda's house is at 2210 W Amherst Road.

Message from Linda: Please stop by my house for an ice cream social with Julie Thomas. Meet Julie and hear what she has to say about a green economy, public safety initiatives, and civic engagement. She would also love to hear what you have to say about county government. Directions: Take 17th St./Arlington Rd, heading west pass Westbury Village, at bottom of hill turn right onto Maple Grove Rd. Go approximately one mile, Amherst is the first road on the left, my house is the second driveway on the left.

State Senator Vi Simpson asks you to save the date! Vi is co-hosting a fundraiser for Attorney General candidate **LINDA PENCE** on August 21 at Fred Cates home. Details are forthcoming so watch Monday Morning News or contact Vi for more info.

Bloomington Township Trustee and member Linda Sievers sends a Save the Date!

Save the Date. Thursday, September 4th, 5-7pm, FarmBloomington. Come by and support **VAL HAUGHTON**. The party will be a mix of local food and local politics. The festivities will be in the Root Cellar (if you haven't been, it's a must see) with live music, and of course delicious hours d'oeuvres made by recognized Chef Daniel Orr. Price to be determined, fun will be a definite.

Cathy Smith, Democratic Candidate for Monroe County Treasurer sends a note that she is in need of campaign workers. Email her at: CathySmithforTreasurer@gmail.com

MEMBERS SEND THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS: (somewhat chronologically arranged)

Charlotte Zietlow sends this important message about the ongoing travesty of the attempt to control the dispensing of birth control but the Bush Administration. This is a real threat to our friends and our daughters. Read on..

August 8, 2008 Last night, as you may have seen, Health and Human Services Secretary Michael O. Leavitt posted a blog entry addressing the draft anti-contraception regulations that his department appears to be considering. Secretary Leavitt's blog states the intent of the regulations would be strictly to broaden existing federal laws that allow medical providers to refuse to perform certain services. The Secretary's blog is an attempt to diffuse the controversy surrounding these regulations and his statement was posted to cool down the aggressive opposition from members of Congress, family planners and the public who are outraged at the potential risk of Americans losing access to contraception. National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA) President & CEO Mary Jane Gallagher has spoken to the media and has posted a blog

response to Secretary Leavitt expressing opposition from the members of her organization to his "latest version of regulations" noting that allowing health care professionals to deny providing services will deny access to critical contraception and family planning services. NFPRHA is continuing to oppose any and all regulations that would limit access to contraception and we will keep you up to date on this attack by the Bush Administration. We urge you to continue to voice opposition

(<http://capwiz.com/nfprha/utr/1/GDJWJBPMPI/IAGKJBPNOL/2269649031/>) to any and all last-minute Bush Administration regulations that would affect access to contraception.

For more background information, please visit our website

(<http://capwiz.com/nfprha/utr/1/GDJWJBPMPI/MTNFJBPNOM/2269649031>).

To read the Secretary's blog posting, go to:

(<http://capwiz.com/nfprha/utr/1/GDJWJBPMPI/LJDUJBPNON/2269649031>)

Doris Wittenberg tells of Iron Jawed Angels screening:

The HBO film, "Iron-Jawed Angels", which chronicles "the struggle of the suffragists who fought for the passage of the 19th amendment" will be presented by the League of Women Voters of Bloomington-Monroe County on Saturday evening, August 23rd at 7:00p.m. in the lounge of the Health Pavilion at Meadowood. This is a powerful and suspenseful portrayal of the struggle of women to get the vote. Reserve the date—large screen, refreshments---free!!! If you have any questions, please email Sally Hegeman (hegemans@indiana.edu).

Indian Creek Board Member Cheryl Munson sends this information:

Monroe County United Ministries will be having a FoodRaiser to restock their Emergency Food Pantry. On August 23 & 24 the Third Annual Each One Feed One Community Food Drive will take place, and MCUM needs 200 volunteers for each day! Candidates are especially invited to participate.

Member Liz Feitl sends information:

White River Central Labor Council Yard Sale on Saturday, August 30, 9-2 (United Way parking lot, 441 S. College Ave.). We'll be taking donations that can be dropped off at United Way, Monday through Friday through Friday, 8/29, anytime between 9-5.

Member Bobbie Summers, Director of Martha's House, has sent word of a fundraiser for the women's shelter room that will be named after late member and early caucus supporter Roberta McCloskey. If you would like to have information about this fundraiser, email Bobbie at bsummers409@hotmail.com