

Democratic Women's Caucus
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Special Women's Equality Day Edition

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WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

- **A Connection between Bloomington, Indiana University and that fateful day in Tennessee when the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified! Really!!**

Candidate Needs This Week is today!

**Val Haughton
Julie Thomas**

Messages for and from our members:

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EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN, EXTRAORDINARY VOICES!! Thank you to all who came to help celebrate Women's Equality Day 2008 with us. The food was great and the voices were extraordinary without a doubt. From Jillian Kinzie's tribute to her 'hometown' Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones, to the vocal trio "Unity," to State Senator Vi Simpson, to our guest speaker Ann Delaney, women's voices over the ages were celebrated. A good time was had by all, and we raised a little money for the caucus coffers.

A special thank you to Mary Norman, maven of the party development and production and her committee: Lorraine Farrell, Jane Bradley, Doris Sims, Lu Cregar, Merridee LaMantia, Susan Sandberg, and Jillian Kinzie. Thank you to Cathi Crabtree and Julie Thomas who along with Jillian greeted everyone with a big hug and great smiles!



A CONNECTION BETWEEN BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA UNIVERSITY AND THAT FATEFUL DAY IN TENNESSEE WHEN THE NINETEENTH AMENDMENT WAS RATIFIED!

After the Women's Equality Day Dinner, Kevin Enright, Monroe County Surveyor and life long Monroe County resident, asked me if I'd heard of the man from Monroe County who had played the most important part in the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment in the Tennessee legislature back in 1920. I thought he was kidding me, but on Saturday, I found tucked into my door, a book from the IU Library entitled Newell Sanders-A Biography by Rufus Terral dated 1935.

Newell Sanders was born in Owen County, and raised there on a farm. He attended Indiana University and graduated in 1873. He and his bride (a Dodds) ended up in Tennessee where he was elected a US Senator. But there's more!

As you know the vote to ratify the amendment was very close, with intense lobbying from both sides. The special session that included the ratification vote had over 100 items on the agenda, with the ratification vote being the first. On a technicality, after the vote, the ratification issue was going to be reconsidered.

This from the Terral book: "As the suffrage forces were counting noses in preparation for an imminent ballot, it was discovered that T. A. Dodson, a legislator supporting the amendment, had received a message that his baby was dying and had left the House to take a train home. Fearing that the loss of one vote

might prove disastrous, Senator Sanders and others hurried to the railroad station, where they reached Dodson as his train was on the verge of departure.

“Sanders persuaded Dodson to return for the vote by promising to charter a special train later in the day which would enable him to reach home as early as would the train then pulling out. With the loss of this vote averted, the suffragists waited for the anti-suffrage legislators to offer the motion to reconsider, and when it did not come, decided to offer it themselves the next morning and defeat it. After adjournment Dodson left on a special train which Sanders, at his own expense, chartered for four hundred and twenty-five dollars. The legislator found his child’s condition much improved.” (Thanks for the loan of the book, Kevin! Regina Moore)

Women’s Equality Day is today. Send a friend an E-Card!

<http://www.bluemountain.com/category.pd?path=34945>

Or at

http://www.dgreetings.com/womens_equality_day/index.html

or at

<http://www.usagreetings.com/html/womensequalityday/category.html>

And now... this week starts the Democratic National Convention. We’re all watching (Nancy Pelosi speaks as I write this). Send in your impressions and we’ll pass them along to fellow caucus members. As we get news from the convention from our members who are there (Vi Simpson and Pam Warren), we’ll send that along, too. John Hamilton texts from the floor that the convention just roared for Ted Kennedy, saw Spike Lee and Jimmy Carter close to them, and are having a wonderful time in what he calls the great diverse party. We keep looking for the Indiana Delegation.. and THINK we spied them one time....



CANDIDATE NEEDS THIS WEEK:

Thank you in advance for supporting these wonderful, capable candidates!

Fundraiser for Val Haughton

Is it on your calendar? SEPTEMBER 4, 5-7 –stop into FARM after work to support **Val Haughton** in her bid for Monroe County Circuit Court Judge. The reception will be held in the Root Cellar of the restaurant on Kirkwood. Live music, special hors d’oeuvres and the knowledge that you are helping to elect a qualified and committed woman to judgeship will await you there.

Julie Thomas, candidate for County Council At Large, needs your help walking door-to-door. Grab a friend and plan to spend a few hours helping to get Julie's name and issues communicated to as many Monroe County voters as possible. It's fun!

Contact Lorraine Farrell at lm.farrell@comcast.net or leave a message on her cell to indicate your interest and approximate time commitment: 812-345-0150. She will contact you after August 8th to make arrangements to deliver your walk packet. Thank you!

Valeri Haughton, Candidate for Judge is in the middle of her walking program. If you can carry Val’s literature through your neighborhood or if you would like to accompany Val to help her take notes and keep her on schedule with walking, please email Glorianne Leck at glorianneleck@sbcglobal.net. With what dates, or days, or times that you are free. She has been coordinating the field operation and voter contact for Val.



MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS TO OUR MEMBERS!

Member Margaret Joseph sends this note about CASA--

Become a CASA Volunteer. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is a volunteer powered program that provides representation in the juvenile court for child victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect. As a CASA you would provide advocacy to a child to ensure that they remain at the forefront of the court proceedings and find a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible. CASA is the voice of a child in court.

Volunteers must be:

- 21 years of age or older
- Able to commit to one - two years of service (after completing training)
- Able to travel to surrounding counties
- Able to have daytime flexibility
- Able to commit to approximately 10-15 hours a month (3-4 hours/week)

The next CASA training is October 7 – November 13, 2008, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9pm. To receive an application or to gather more information call 812-339-1551 or e-mail monroecasa@sbcglobal.net . CASA is a program of Family Service Association; A United Way Agency. Application deadline is September 19, 2008.

- Volunteers are urgently needed to serve the more than 20 children currently waiting for a CASA Volunteer.

Interested? Join us to learn more at a CASA Volunteer Orientation on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at the CASA Office, 120 W. 7th Street, Suite 110, One City Centre Building, Bloomington. Applications will be available. This is an opportunity to meet some of the staff and hear what it is like to be a CASA Volunteer from those who are currently advocating for children. Please call 339-1551 to make your reservation

From Caucus Member and former Candidate for City Council Jillian Kinzie:

With the recent passing of congressional representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-Ohio), we lost a progressive leader who championed women's rights, civil liberties, equality and reproductive rights. Tubbs Jones was the first African American woman elected to Congress in Ohio, and was serving her 5th term, after being recently re-elected with 83% of the vote. As a judge and civil rights leader in her hometown of East Cleveland, Tubbs Jones worked tirelessly for the poor and underserved and in Congress, co-sponsored legislative efforts to broaden healthcare coverage for the low and middle class and was a leader in the investigation into predatory lending. Senator Barack Obama described her as a "fearless friend" and an "unyielding advocate." We will miss her.

From Member and City Council Member Isabel Piedmont:

City Council Member Piedmont to Host Constituent Meeting

District 5 City Council member Isabel Piedmont will hold her monthly constituent meeting on Saturday, August 30, 10:00-11:00 am at Rachael's Café, 300 E. 3rd St. All city residents, especially those in District 5, are welcome to attend.

The City Council has been in recess since after its August 6th meeting, but Piedmont will review the reports and legislation discussed at that meeting and then take questions and comments from attendees. "I always enjoy this opportunity to hear from Bloomington residents about their concerns," said the first term council member.

Free coffee will be available courtesy of Piedmont, and Rachael's Café serves breakfast for those interested in combining a meal with the meeting. More information about Piedmont is available on her website,

www.PiedmontForCouncil.org.

From Charlotte Zietlow and Vi Simpson:

A consortium of groups that include several of our own DWC members will be hosting a forum on the assault on reproductive health in this country. Saturday, September 6th at 12:30 at the Council Chambers at City Hall. The Bush Administration has ignited OUR furor with a proposed definition of pregnancy that has the effect of classifying some of the most widely used methods of contraception as abortion. **THIS IS YOUR CALL TO ACTION!**

A draft regulation, still being revised and debated, treats most birth-control pills and intrauterine devices as abortion because they can work by preventing fertilized eggs from implanting in the uterus. If you need background on what is happening to throw women back into the 30s and 40s take a look at this:

http://www.nfprha.org/images/pdf/regs%20stories/WSJ_7-31.pdf