



## ***AUGUST 20, 2007 MONDAY MORNING NEWS***

On August 26th, it will have been 87 years since the 19th amendment to the Constitution passed, and this week we will celebrate it in style with a fundraising dinner with some special tributes to Women who INSPIRE Women. Our special guest will be Jill Long Thompson who is running for Governor of Indiana. This is a momentous and formidable task and we're anxious to hear how a woman would lead Indiana to progress in so many ways. Make your reservations today, call Merridee LaMantia and leave a message on her voice mail at 332-2667. Make a commitment to help the DWC mission, ask a friend, and come to dinner!

### **Nancy Pelosi released the following statement in honor of the anniversary of Women's Equality Day on August 26, 2005:**

"Today, 85 years after women finally obtained the right to vote, we celebrate the successes of the women's suffrage movement and the continuing fight for equality, the opening of doors, and the smashing of glass ceilings.

"But we must stand sentry over our civil rights, never forgetting the hard-won fight to obtain them, and continuing to work for the rights and equality of our sisters around the world.

"There is still work to be done. Women today earn only 77 cents for every dollar men earn, yet President Bush has eliminated the Equal Pay Initiative, designed to protect against discriminatory practices that threaten equal pay for women and minorities. We must continue to work to close the pay gap, and to provide more effective remedies for women who are not being paid equal wages for doing equal work.

"While Social Security has represented dignity and independence to millions of women over the years, the President still champions his risky privatization plan. Women would be disproportionately harmed by this misleading proposal; Democrats are united against turning Social Security's guaranteed benefit into a guaranteed gamble.

"Even as we recognize the passage of essential liberties for women, President Bush and anti-choice Republican lawmakers in Congress are threatening the right to reproductive freedom. We must fight to protect these rights.

"And Title IX\*, one of the most instrumental initiatives in achieving equality for women in the classroom and on the playing field, is under threat as the Bush Administration has recently lowered the

standard for schools to comply with Title IX. Democrats are working to try to get the Bush Administration to reverse its recent action and make certain that Title IX is protected, not eroded.

“Former Congresswoman Bella Abzug established Women’s Equality Day in 1971 so that we would always remember our past while looking toward the next possibilities for progress. On this anniversary, let us honor her legacy and recommit ourselves to continue to open the doors and fuel the hopes for women of the next generation and beyond.”

\*(ed. note: Note that the father of Title IX is our own former Senator Birch Bayh!)

**More thoughts on Women’s Equality Day...** It was three years ago that Sophia Travis released a press statement making note of this momentous day, and drawing attention to the fact that she was the only woman running for the county council in a field of six candidates. The Herald Times, not publishing that statement, told her, it was not newsworthy. ‘Nuf said.

### **So... EVITES AND INVITES ARE OUT!**

Make your reservations today for the 3RD Annual Women’s Equality Day Dinner where we will once again be gathering to raise some funds for our mission, and to take some time to celebrate the passage 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, Women’s Suffrage. But don’t think that this is a fundraiser where you come, have dinner, hear a political speaker and leave. We have much more planned than that! We could use your help, too, so please contact Merridee ([mlan@kiva.net](mailto:mlan@kiva.net) or 332-2667) if you have flower arranging skills, decorating skills, and coffee making skills! Thursday evening for set up, Friday afternoon for preparations, too, we’ll need lots of help!

Speaking of our congressmen, the **WOMEN’S ISSUES LUNCH** with our Congressman Baron Hill took place on Saturday, August 18th. About 70 women and a few men gathered to hear a short report of the Democratic Congressional message and Hill took questions from those gathered there. Women’s issues are, indeed, the issues of the other 49% of the population: peace, health care and concerns, education, ending the war and killing children. CATS taped the program part of the meeting and hopefully we’ll be able to revisit it. More information as it comes forth.

### **CANDIDATES CORNER!**

#### **KINZIE CAMPAIGN**

##### **Jillian Kinzie -- Committed to Bloomington!**

The Kinzie for Council campaign has some gaps to fill. There is something for everyone -- you can either roll up your sleeves and join the campaign team or sign on to help with myriad smaller projects. Whether you have a few hours a month or a few hours a week to give, we need you!

Volunteer Coordinator – help recruit volunteers for tasks and projects (walking, stuffing mailings, helping with fundraisers, putting up signs, etc.); maintain volunteer list and info about areas of interest; coordinate with members of the campaign team to provide volunteers when needed; and support and communicate with volunteers.

Mailings Coordinator – ensure that mailings go out on schedule; handle printing, bulk mail permit and other preparations; arrange and oversee processing of mailing (folding, stuffing, sorting, etc.).

VOLUNTEERS!! – help with a wide variety of projects, such as compiling mailings, making phone calls, helping with fundraising activities and events, walking with or for Jillian, delivering yard signs, and anything else we need! This is a great way for someone to learn about what it takes to run for office or to get his/her feet wet in working on a campaign.

**Jill M. Jolliff**

**Home: 825-728 Cell: 322-0381**

### **PIEDMONT CAMPAIGN**

This week, Team Piedmont is looking for yard sign hosts in the following neighborhoods: The Stands, Sherwood Oaks, Bryan Park, and McDoel Gardens.

If you live in one of these neighborhoods and would be willing to host a yard sign for Isabel Piedmont, City Council, District Five, please contact

Lorraine Merriman Farrell

[Lmfarrell@insightbb.com](mailto:Lmfarrell@insightbb.com) or call 812-345-0150 and leave a message.

If you know people who live in any of these neighborhoods and might be willing to host a Piedmont yard sign, we would be very grateful if you would call them and ask on our behalf. Again, all requests for yard signs can be sent to Lorraine.

Isabel and Team Piedmont extend our thanks, in advance, for your assistance with this important project and your support.

**Lorraine Merriman Farrell**

*Campaign Manager*

### **CANDIDATE CONTACTS:**

There are three short months until the election. Our candidates need your help in making those meaningful voter contacts that will, hopefully, make them memorable to voters and enhance their chances of winning their elections.

Jillian Kinzie, City Council District 2: [jillian@jilliankinzie.com](mailto:jillian@jilliankinzie.com)

Isabel Piedmont, City Council District 5: [ipiedmon@hotmail.com](mailto:ipiedmon@hotmail.com)

Susan Sandberg, City Council At-Large: [susan@susansandberg.org](mailto:susan@susansandberg.org)

Regina Moore, City Clerk: [regina@bluemarble.net](mailto:regina@bluemarble.net)

### **DWC MISSION:**

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

You can also check our website [www.democraticwomenscaucus.org](http://www.democraticwomenscaucus.org) for more information, too.