



*Democratic Women's Caucus
Monday Morning News on July 14, 2008*

*Take a minute to look at some events of special interest to the women's political sphere this week.
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Julie Thomas for County Council needs

JULIE THOMAS, candidate for County Council At Large, needs your help at the upcoming Monroe County Fair. Volunteers are responsible for handing out Julie's literature and will be stationed in front of the Monroe County Democrats booth. If you are able to take a shift at the MC Fair on Julie's behalf, please email Cathi Crabtree at: cathi1@comcast.net or call her cell: 812-272-1600.

SAVE THE DATE! Join JULIE THOMAS and host, Isabel Piedmont, for a fundraising Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, August 16th. Watch for details in the very near future.

Plan to attend an ICE CREAM SOCIAL hosted by Linda Sievers in her home to raise funds in support of JULIE THOMAS for County Council At Large:

Monday, August 18, 2008
5:30pm to 7:00pm
2201 Amherst
Bloomington, IN 47404

Cathy Smith needs a Treasurer

Monroe County Democratic Candidate for Treasurer Cathy Smith has just lost her campaign treasurer, Georgia. Georgia is moving overseas with her husband and therefore can't do this job from afar! If you have some time and can pay bills and balance a checkbook, you can help with this job. The DWC also has a number of women who have served as treasurers in other campaigns that can help you get acclimated. Please contact Cathy directly at CathySmithforTreasurer@gmail.com.

Val Haughton and Elizabeth Cure need Fair Surrogates

Both Val and Elizabeth would like help at the fair. With folks wearing their t-shirts they hope to attract some attention to their campaigns and talk to folks who may not know them. If you have a 2-3 hour window during the fair week (July 19 – 26) then please contact them:

Val: yhaughton@gmail.com

Elizabeth: curelaws@gmail.com

Let's Inspire and Support an Intern learning in DC.

One of our members, Ravay Smith, is interning right now for Congressman Brad Ellsworth in his DC office. Ravay came to IU through the Groups Project from northwest Indiana and is majoring in political science. She is working her way through school, and is really excited about this opportunity to learn about the federal government first hand. She asked if we have any scholarship opportunities helping young women who are interning with their expenses, and has estimated her total expenses at \$2500. She raised much of this before she left for DC. On Friday at breakfast, we used "Charlotte's Hat" to raise \$180 for Ravay. If anyone would like to help her, please send a contribution directly to her at: Ravay Smith, 2508 Perry Street, Washington, DC 20018. Ravay will be speaking to about her internship experience in the fall when she returns to Bloomington for the academic semester. Thanks!!

Obama Bloomington Headquarters Grand Opening Monday, July 14 6:00 PM

The Campaign for Change, on behalf of the Indiana Democratic Party and Barack Obama, is happy to announce the opening of their new office at the old Tortilla Flat restaurant at the corner of 9th and Walnut. At the event, there will be food and refreshments and a crafts table for children - bring your family! After some formal remarks by the staff, there will be some localized volunteering activities

Time: Monday, July 14 6:00 PM Place: 501 N Walnut St (formerly Tortilla Flats)

Please RSVP to Iain Robertson 812-219-3494

Democratic Women's Club Luncheon Tuesday, July 15 11:30 AM

Due to the closing of the MCL Cafeteria, the Monroe County Democratic Women's Club has had to change their regular meeting place. They will meet at the Colorado Steak House, 1635 N. College Avenue, Bloomington, on July 15 at 11:30 a.m. Members and guests are invited to this special legislative update by Matt Pierce, Indiana District 61 Representative. Lunch is approximately \$8.00.

Local Water Issues Discussion

Several organizations will sponsor a panel discussion of local water issues in the Monroe County Public Library on July 17, from 7:00-8:45 p.m. The discussion will center on a multi-million dollar proposal for the expansion of the Monroe Water Treatment Plant. A preeminent question is whether conservation measures could meet the water needs of the community. Panelists are Utilities Director Pat Murphy; Jack Wittman, Ph.D., President of Wittman Hydro Planning Associates, Inc.; Jeff Ehman, Member, Bloomington Utilities Service Board; and James Allison, Professor Emeritus, Psychology, Indiana University. Lisa Marie Napoli will moderate the discussion. Sponsoring organizations are Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), the Caldwell Center for Culture and Ecology(CCEC), the Center for Sustainable Living (CSL), The Indiana Forest Alliance (IFA), and Green Dove. The meeting is open to the public.

SAVE THESE DATES

- **WEDD on AUGUST 22**

We LOVE this annual celebration of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. We have had such a great time in the past few years and here we go again!!

Our annual Women's Equality Day Dinner that celebrates the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment giving women the right to vote will be held on August 22nd this year. This year's speaker will be Ann Delaney, former Indiana Democratic Party Chair, former candidate for Attorney General, and author of "Politics for Dummies." Put the date on your calendar NOW!!! AND If you'd like to help on the committee to work out the details, please contact Mary Norman at: mary@jeannewalters.com.

******* 2 seats left in CITIZENS ACADEMY**

Several of our members have attended the City of Bloomington's Citizen Academy in recent years. The city is again taking applications for the fall class that gives folks a real insight into the inner workings of city government. The sessions are on Thursday evenings from 6-8 and start on August 14th. You can apply online at bloomington.in.gov/hand. We highly recommend this class.

The deadline for 2008 Citizens' Academy applications is Monday, July 14 and there are two seats left before a waiting list is created. For an application and further information, call Vickie Provine at 349-3505.