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

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If you've read this far..... Bill Clinton will be at the IU at 2:00 PM Wednesday Assembly Hall, Indiana University

BREAKFAST THIS FRIDAY

Be sure to make time to come to breakfast with your favorite Democratic Women on Friday! We will hear from candidates who are receiving endorsements from the DWC. Come hear them speak, ask questions, support them! See more below... If you have any announcements that you want to add to the announcement sheet that is provided for breakfast attendees, please send them to Regina at regina.moore@gmail.com by Thursday. See you at the Village Deli, 7:30 am on Friday, April 4th.

DWC ENDORSEMENTS ANNOUNCED

The DWC Steering Committee has spent several weeks vetting candidates for this primary endorsement period. Lu Cregar chaired the process this year, and immediately after the filing period closed, she sent a letter to each woman on the Democratic ticket explaining the endorsement process. The candidates were asked to submit campaign plans, a budget for their campaign, and were given several questions to help them prepare for forums and presentations. Each woman candidate who applied was invited for an interview.

An entire Saturday was spent having candidate appointments on the hour and half hour. We held 20 minute interviews with a few minutes for note taking and breaks between candidates. In addition to reviewing the written candidate questions, we asked the same four questions of each candidate in the interview:

1. Why are you running?
2. What distinguishes you from your opponent and why are you the better candidate?
3. Since we're concerned about viability, tell us how will you win this race?
4. And a general question asking the candidate to

add anything more they thought we should know. We also assured each candidate that their answers to the written questions and interview questions would remain confidential. We felt this was important since we were interviewing candidates who were actually running against each other.

After letting the interviews settle in our minds for a week, we held a meeting to come to consensus on the endorsements. Much discussion took place, we felt that we made the best decisions that we could make, and learned a lot in the process. After the decisions were made, members of the endorsement committee met with each candidate in person to tell them of the results and give them some feedback from their written questions and interview session.

We hope that all the candidates looked upon this process as a good one, one which actually would help all of them be a better candidate because of the preparation for the process and interview, if nothing else. It's not just the purpose of the caucus to support good women candidates, but to help women candidates become great candidates and great elected officials with our support – both in funds and in advice, assistance and perspective.

ENDORSEMENTS!!

We congratulate the following candidates who received DWC endorsements:

- Elizabeth Cure for Circuit Judge Seat 9
- Valeri Haughton for Circuit Judge Seat 6
- Sandy Newmann for County Auditor
- Cathy Smith for Monroe County Treasurer
- Julie Thomas for Monroe County Council.

All said that they were grateful to the Caucus and said that they would work even harder to win their races. The committee chose not to endorse in the Commissioner District 2 race between Iris Kiesling and Sophia Travis. Both are qualified women who have been endorsed by the caucus in the past and have shown dedication as public servants. We will provide an opportunity for them both to speak and answer questions so that you can make up your own mind about who to support in this race.

All of these women will be asked to speak at the DWC Breakfast on Friday. Be sure to come to hear what they have to say! Congratulate them, help them, and vote for them!

Having fun and Raising Funds...

If you missed this event yesterday, you missed one of the nicest events in a wonderful venue for one of your favorite causes... Chair Jean Sebeok, Mary Norman, Barbara Carlson planned an incredible line up of musical talent and 'celebrity' servers for "All Aboard for Change." Lu Cregar, Susan Sandberg, Lorraine Farrell and Jane Bradley led caucus members in their respective tasks. **Jazz Pianist Monika Herzig, Vocalist Janiece Jaffee and Ron Kadish (on bass) and Bob Stright (on vibraphone) helped create a an upbeat atmosphere. Cheryl Underwood and Matt O'Neill are to be thanked for hosting us in their new Jazz at the Station.** The food was incredible, almost indescribable, and we heard many many complements as folks departed: "The best" "I'm coming back for dinner." "I hope we made lots of money!" "Thanks

for asking me to be a server!" "Great, just great!"

Sponsorships for the event helped raise at least half of our proceeds, so a big thank you goes to:

- ❖ Julie Thomas and her shop Cartridge World
- ❖ Lorraine Merriman Farrell
- ❖ Philippa Guthrie
- ❖ Judicial Candidate Holly Harvey
- ❖ Judicial Candidate Val Haughton
- ❖ County Councilwoman Jill Lesh
- ❖ Mary Norman
- ❖ City Clerk Regina Moore
- ❖ City Council President Susan Sandberg
- ❖ Senator Vi Simpson
- ❖ Dr. Lois Sabo-Skelton
- ❖ County Councilwoman Sophia Travis.

Again, thanks to all for helping to raise some important funding for the Caucus and its mission: 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.

Poll Workers Urgently Needed for Primary on May 6

Many of our older Democratic poll workers are retiring after long and distinguished service to our local elections, and many Democrats are unable to serve on May 6 because they will be on the ballot for State Convention Delegate. It is quite a challenge to recruit the 204 Democratic poll workers (+ numerous substitutes) needed for the Primary. Compensation is \$90 for clerks and judges, \$140 for Inspectors. If you can help on May 6 by working at the polls, please contact Jean Sebeok at 219-1062 or jean.sebeok@gmail.com. Please pass this information on to friends and colleagues.

MCDP Candidate Forums on April 2 & 3 at 7-9PM at MCPL

The Monroe County Democratic Party will hold two nights of Candidate Forums on April 2nd and 3rd from 7-9PM at the Monroe County Public Library. More information as it is available. All are welcome to attend.

Voter Registration deadlines:

Last day to register to vote is April 7th.

Last day for absentee ballot requests to be received in the Clerk's Office is April 28th

For more information check the Indiana Secretary of State's website at <http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/>

If You've Read This far.....

Then you've probably heard that Bill Clinton will be stumping for his wife in Bloomington on Wednesday at 2 pm at Assembly Hall. Bill Clinton..... Bobby Knight..... Bill Clinton.... Bobby Knight... is there any resemblance there? Bring your binoculars and opera glasses! Seriously, there are about 40 to 50 volunteers needed to help with the event. If you would like to volunteer contact Kristina Simmonds at

kristinasimmonds@hotmail.com.

And seriously, very seriously, any announcements made regarding either candidate for president from the DWC should be taken as an invitation to get more involved in the political process, not an endorsement of the particular candidate. As you know, there are many divisive things being said about these candidates and their willingness to take their candidacies to the end of the process. There are many people pushing for some resolution before the convention, before the primary processes have fully played out. (Hey... Indiana wants to chime in here!!) ANYTHING we can do to help ensure civility locally, and to what we can in the larger statewide sphere will help us in the fall, when we have one candidate and need a unified effort behind that candidate. Do your share, support your candidates, but remember, we ARE ALL Democrats in the best sense of that word. There's lots of work to be done to ensure that we have a Democratic President, Governor, state legislature, and county wide sweep of Democrats this year.