

## ***OCTOBER 8, 2007 MONDAY MORNING NEWS***

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1) To help distribute literature for Isabel Piedmont on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

2) To help pick up Piedmont yard signs after the polls close on election day.

If you are willing to help, please contact Lorraine Farrell at 345-0150 or [Lmfarrell@insightbb.com](mailto:Lmfarrell@insightbb.com)

#### **TEAM KINZIE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:**

Campaigns are approaching the home stretch and I need to get to the remaining neighborhoods this weekend! I'm looking for walk partners for Sat. Oct 13 and Sun. Oct 14. I expect to walk sometime between 2 - 6 pm. if you can commit an hour that would be terrific! Please let me know if you have any time to walk. Thanks for your support – Contact Jillian: [jillian@jilliankinzie.com](mailto:jillian@jilliankinzie.com)

#### More From the Kinzie campaign

We want to reach students! Jillian has several student areas in her district and wants to be sure she has a chance to hear from them and to communicate the importance of this local election in addressing their concerns. We would welcome any connections to Greek houses in the district, opportunities to speak to students, and ideas for reaching student voters in general. We're particularly interested in motivating them to vote, since this is a non-Presidential year and interest is low. If you have any thoughts on this or can help us make connections, please contact Jill Jolliff at [jolliff@jilliankinzie.com](mailto:jolliff@jilliankinzie.com) or 322-0381.

Also, we have another neighborhood friend/fund raising event coming up in the Cascades/Fritz Terrace neighborhoods. Our gracious host, John Zody, welcomes all comers to his home at 529 West Dogwood Lane on Monday, October 22nd, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to Kristina Simmonds at [kristinasimmonds@hotmail.com](mailto:kristinasimmonds@hotmail.com) or 322-8821. *This event is in the opponent's neighborhood! We want to reach as many people as possible in that area and have a strong showing. If you know anyone who lives north of 17th St. and west of Walnut, we'd love for you to personally invite them! Please contact Kristina for more information.*

Jillian Kinzie  
City Council Candidate District 2  
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### **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CANDIDATE FORUM THIS WEEK!**

On Thursday (October 11) of this week, the League of Women Voters will be having a forum for the city council at large candidates and the mayoral candidates. There's just one woman who will be speaking on Thursday, but Susan Sandberg would be grateful for your kind attention in the audience! It really helps to see friendly faces in the crowd.

From experience, we can tell you that it is SO helpful to have friendly faces in the audience, and if you can wear a pin or candidates' shirt, it would be even MORE helpful!

It's such an easy thing to do to come to support the candidates. Please try to be there... The forum starts at 7 pm.

### **WIP means WOMEN IN POLITICS!**

The Women in Politics reading group will be watching a film on the 2004 Election and results in Ohio. Many folks from Bloomington went to Ohio to work for the Kerry campaign, and were horrified at the results there. Find out from our member Glorianne Leck who worked extensively in Youngstown Ohio. She is featured in the film and will lead a discussion on what actually happened there. Please mark your calendars for Sunday October 21. We will gather at Phi Delta Kappa International Headquarters at 4 pm. Cindy Hoffman will also add some updates on her research on Direct Recording Machines. Contact Julie Thomas at [drjuliethomas@gmail.com](mailto:drjuliethomas@gmail.com) for more information. This is a great time to hear from someone who was intimately involved in that fateful Ohio election.

In November we will gather to discuss Ellen Bravo's Taking on the Big Boys. This is now widely available in paperback form. With a focus on women's economic status, Bravo address, dismisses, and counters the many myths which surround such questions as "Why do women earn less money?" A copy of a selected chapter will be available at the November Friday breakfast meetings, or contact Julie to receive a copy via snail mail ([drjuliethomas@gmail.com](mailto:drjuliethomas@gmail.com)).

### **Announcements from Friday's Breakfast... SCHIP --**

As you probably read this week, President Bush vetoed the SCHIP bill, the one that would fund the Children's Health Insurance program. The program provides health insurance for families who earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid, yet cannot afford to buy private insurance. Several women from our caucus joined some folks from Move-on.org at Congressman Baron Hill's office this week to present our views on SCHIP and ask Hill to vote to override the President's veto of the bill. We would urge you to write to him or call his local office to urge him to vote to override the veto. Read what Speaker Nancy Pelosi has to say at: <http://www.speaker.gov/legislation?id=0090>. Participating in this discussion to help Congressman Hill to understand that we would back him in this vote is a basic part of civic participation. Send a letter to Congressman Baron Hill, 320 W. 8<sup>TH</sup> Street, Suite 114, Bloomington, Indiana 47404. You could also call his office at 336-3000 and speak to one of the folks in his office.

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL HARASSMENT:**

#### **MIDDLE WAY HOUSE PROFESSIONAL and BUSINESS WOMEN'S LUNCH**

October 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, from noon to 1 pm at the First United Methodist Church Great Hall. MW Executive Director Toby Strout will be presenting "Our Community Response to Domestic Violence" Meal provided by Food Works for \$10 per person. RSVP to Bobbie Summers at [bsummers409@hotmail.com](mailto:bsummers409@hotmail.com) or make a quick phone call to her at 333-7404. This program is presented in conjunction with Domestic Violence Month.

We need to be sure that we can go out and look anyone  
who is a victim of harassment in the eye and say,  
"You do not have to remain silent anymore." — *Anita Hill*

It was this day (October 8) in 1991 that the hearings reopened on the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the US Supreme Court, in response to allegations of sexual harassment by former Thomas staff member, Anita Hill.

### **TIME FOR TAKE BACK THE NIGHT RESCHEDULED**

Holly Spitz updates us on the Take Back the Night march and rally against sexual assault and domestic violence. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The event will start at Dunn Meadow and folks will march to the Courthouse and end with a speak out.

### **GOTV**

The Monroe County Democrats needs volunteers for the GOTV effort this year. This consists of asking voters a couple of questions, and entering this data into a database. Shortly we'll change to calls reminding Democratic voters about the election. This is an important campaign activity that will be needed more than ever in this year's very quiet election. We cannot afford to let one Democrat or Democratic supporter NOT get to the polls. Please consider volunteering a couple of hours of your time on Monday and Thursday evenings, starting at 5:30 pm. HQ phone is 336-5875.

### **ELECTION DAY**

If you are available to work on Election Day this year as an inspector, judge or clerk, please call the Democratic Party Office at 336-5875 to leave that information. You'll need to attend a training session the week before the election and be available at 5 am on Election Day, but you'll be ensuring that the Democratic Party has representatives at each of the polls to watch for trouble, and ensure the smooth and fair running of the polls. Please consider working this year.

### **EARLY VOTING INFORMATION**

Voter registration ends on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. At that point early voting begins. Anyone can vote at the Curry Building at the corner of Morton and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets from 8-4 each weekday, and the two Saturdays before the election. There are parking places specifically for early voters on Seventh Street just in front of the building. If a voter wants to vote by mail, or is confined to their home and would like a bi-partisan traveling board to come to their house to take their vote in person, absentee ballot applications are available for them at the Party HQ, most candidates, the Secretary of State's Website, and the county clerk's office.

### **CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION**

With just a few weeks before the November 6<sup>th</sup> election, and with early voting starting on October 9<sup>th</sup>, just a short week away, please consider helping one of the women below. They thank you heartily for your help!!

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

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