

March 17, 2008 - MONDAY MORNING NEWS

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The Primary is underway!

After watching the presidential primary unfold in those early voting states all across the county, it's OUR turn! This is an exciting time to be a Democrat in Indiana, and whether you are supporting Barak Obama, Hillary Clinton, still on the fence after Edwards left the race or still an ardent Kucinich supporter, this presidential primary has got to be about the most exciting thing we've seen in a long time. And Indiana will be visited by any number of folks for the presidential candidates, including Obama and Clinton themselves. We will try to bring you timely information about this as we get it.. maybe special bulletins. **Please do not construe any messages as an endorsement for one candidate or a non-endorsement of another candidate!** We send you this information as a heads up so that you might attend an event or rally for the next president of the United States, and that in itself is a great experience!

THIS JUST IN FROM VI SIMPSON:

Hillary supporters,

I have just been called by the Clinton campaign, and although the details are still sketchy, this is what I know.

Senator Clinton will appear in Terre Haute on Thursday at 10:00 am, then she is going on to Kokomo or Anderson, spending the afternoon in Floyd and Clark Counties, then to a big rally in Evansville that evening.

I know Terre Haute is closer, but we are hoping to put together a caravan to travel to the rally in Evansville. They are hoping for a big turnout. As soon as I know the details, I will pass them on. I have made a request for Senator Clinton to appear in Bloomington, but we don't have an answer on that as yet. In any case, if it happens, it will be later on in the campaign, perhaps early April. In the meantime, I hope you will join me in supporting Senator Clinton on Thursday in as many stops as you can. Itinerary will follow.

MARK your calendar for ALL ABOARD FOR CHANGE

March 30th, Sunday afternoon from 4-7 pm. This is a fundraiser to help fund the caucus in helping women become more involved in the political sphere.... in working for campaigns, in running for office, in bringing in speakers and presenting programs to inspire and encourage the participation of progressive pro-choice women in politics. We'll have several 'celebrity' servers, and frankly, I'll pay double to have Mayor Mark Kruzan bring me some munchies and a nice glass of wine! This is an all ages venue, so bring your daughters, sons, and younger friends, too!

<http://www.democraticwomenscaucus.org/march30fundraiser08.html>

Jillian Kinzie (2007 Democratic Candidate for City Council District 2) to be honored

We think you remember Jillian's close, close race in the municipal elections last year. She came within a handful of votes of getting elected to the council, but maintained afterward that she really did come out the winner with the extraordinary experiences she had during the campaign. Now she is really a winner, and will be presented with the "Emerging Leader" award on Monday March 24th at City Hall.

That evening the Commission on the Status of Women will be holding an event entitled Women on Board: Holding Power in Your Community. From the reception at 5:00 pm, presentation of Jillian's award, Keynote address by Liz Feitl of the United Way, to break out sessions on Taking a Personal Inventory, Philanthropy: Giving of Time or Money and Community Activism/Women in the Arts.

Please plan on coming to help Jillian receive her award!

Other upcoming events of political interest:

MONDAY 3-17

Women's Action for New Directions EVENT

DWC is joining with Democracy Four America, Indiana Progressives and Women's Action for New Directions (WAND) to co sponsor the Great American Pie Campaign on Monday, March 17th at the Monroe County Public Library at 7 pm.

The event is part of WAND's national "Great American Pie Campaign" to educate the public as well as local and state legislators about how the 2008 federal budget impacts them. WAND's national speaker on the subject, Bobbie Wrenn Banks and our own Vi Simpson will be doing the presentation.

Try this link for more on the campaign....<http://www.wand.org/issuesact/bbd.html>

TUESDAY 3-18

DWClub Luncheon at MCL Cafeteria 11:30-1PM

For lunchtime political discussions and presentations, check out the Democratic Women's Club. This month's luncheon will feature candidate presentations, and, because there are so many candidates in this election, presentations will start at 11:45am. Come early to get lunch from the cafeteria line before the program begins.

D4MC Forum for local candidates

Just in case you haven't noticed, our local primary will be almost as exciting as the presidential race! Your presence is cordially requested to view local candidates at the Forum on Tuesday.

7 pm at the Monroe County Library will be the place to be to see the bevy of County Council at-large candidates before the primary. Also the Auditor and Commissioner candidates will be presenting statements, and taking questions from the audience.

THURSDAY 3-19

See note above re: Clinton visit information above.

SATURDAY 3-22

League of Women Voters Legislative Update on Saturday, March 22, from 9:30 to about 11:00 am.

Held at the Monroe County Public Library rooms 1 B or C. Come to find out what has been going on in the Legislative Session from our state Senators and Representatives. Always informative, and sometimes frustrating, but Matt, Peggy and Vi always appreciate seeing you there!

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.

Would you like a job for a month?

Party Chair Lee Jones has put out a call for Democrats to work in the Voter Registration and Early Voting office for the month of April. If you are able to work a full day for a month please email her at leejones@kiva.net. Lee reports that the pay is \$90 per day, and that you might be required to work until the day's work is all done, even until the evening hours. This is a great opportunity to see first hand what goes on with early voting, and of course, watch out for the interests of Democrats in the process. (That was not meant to be any kind of disparaging remark about Republicans or partisan nature of the elections! Democrats and Republicans work side by side to make these elections work!)

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/>

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.

IN State Party JJ Dinner with DNC Chair Howard Dean on May 4

The 2008 State Jefferson Jackson Day Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday, May 4, at the Indiana Convention Center, and we hope you'll be able to attend. Democratic National Committee Chair Howard Dean will be our special guest, and both presidential candidates, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, have

been invited to attend!

VIP Reception - Special Guest DNC Chairman Howard Dean at 4:30 p.m. Downtown Indianapolis Westin.

Dinner - 6 p.m. Indiana Convention Center, Sagamore Ballroom

\$100 per person (Dinner)

\$500 per person (VIP Reception and Dinner)

\$1,000 per table (10 Dinner tickets)

\$5,000 per table (10 Dinner and VIP Reception tickets)

To order tickets: <https://secure.indems.org/page/contribute/jjdinner>

You can also check our website www.democraticwomenscaucus.org for more information, too.