



MMN – Monday, January 4, 2010

Mission: The purpose of the Democratic Women's Caucus is to fund, inspire, recruit, support, and train progressive, pro-choice women to increase the numbers of women in the electoral process and in elected and appointed positions

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Morning News*

January 4th

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- HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE DWCAUCUS – ONWARD TO 2010

JUST A BREAKFAST REMINDER FOR THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 8!

Come to the Village Deli by 7:30 am Friday for our first breakfast of this election year; we will have an exciting program to whet your appetite (not to mention great food to satisfy it!). Filings for elected office begin later this month – come to breakfast to get “in the spirit” with other like-minded women!

CAMPAIGN TRAINING – YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

IF YOU ARE A CANDIDATE, THIS IS THE TRAINING FOR YOU!

IF YOU ARE NOT A CANDIDATE, COME TO LEARN HOW TO HELP A CANDIDATE!

Our campaign follow-up training is now scheduled for January 17, 2010, from noon until no later than 3pm at the Lodge, 101 E 6th Street (up the side stairs). You will learn about campaign plans, budgets, how to develop a message and stay on that message, forming a campaign team to help and the specific roles of that campaign team, fundraising, and more. If you are considering a run for office and would like to learn more nuts and bolts, please consider attending. Contact Regina Moore at regina.moore@gmail.com for further information and to sign up! If you think you might like to help a woman run for election in 2010, please come - you might find a candidate that you'd like to help. The DWC is committed to making sure women are smart and effective campaigners!

CITY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

The City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women is seeking nominees for the Woman of the Year, Emerging Leader and Lifetime Contribution Awards. The deadline for submission of nominations is **January 29, 2010**; awards will be presented during Women's History Month in March. Nomination forms are available in the City of Bloomington's Community and Family Resources Department, Suite 260, and online at www.bloomington.in.gov/csw.

The Woman of the Year Award is presented to a woman who has improved the quality of life for other women through inspiration, community service or professional accomplishments and who serves as a positive role model for girls and women. The Lifetime Contribution Award recognizes a woman whose work has significantly advanced the status of women through leadership and service. The Emerging Leader Award acknowledges a woman with a relatively short (less than five years) history of significant achievements and recognizes her potential for future contributions.

Nominations should include the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the nominee in addition to the reasons why the nominee merits the award. Those submitting nominations also should include their names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

The Woman of the Year and the Lifetime Contribution award recipients will be honored at the Women's History Month Lunch on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at the Bloomington Monroe County Convention Center. The lunch will include a presentation entitled "On Their Shoulders We Stand: A Salute to Women Who Paved the Way," written by Gladys DeVane.

Completed nomination forms can be sent via e-mail to owenss@bloomington.in.gov or by mail to The Commission on the Status of Women, P.O. Box 100, Bloomington, IN, 47402. For more information, please contact Sue Owens at 349-3468.

CITY AND COUNTY BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS – YOUR CHANCE TO SERVE!

This is the time of year when various seats on city and county boards and commissions end, and the Commissioners, County and City Council (and the Mayor) are all accepting applications for open seats, and seats where terms are ending.

The Monroe County Commissioners are currently accepting applications for appointment to various boards and commissions from county residents. Some positions may have specific requirements. Applications are available on-line at http://www.co.monroe.in.us/commissioners/commissioner_forms.html and in the Commissioners' Office, 100 W Kirkwood Ave. Room 322

For specifics about being a board or commission appointment by the County Council as appointing body, please contact Julie Thomas for information. drjuliethomas@gmail.com

For City Council and Mayoral appointments contact Regina Moore, City Clerk at her governmental address: moorer@bloomington.in.gov. Nearly all boards and commissions have a residency requirement, meaning you must live within the city limits.

ALL board and commission meetings are public meetings and open to visitors. Depending upon the nature of the board or commission, you may be asked to participate! Much work for these boards and commissions is done in subcommittees, and you could volunteer to help there, too.

So whether you jump in with both feet, or just become an attendee, or volunteer on a board or commission (city or county), you can learn a great deal about how local government is practiced. Good luck!

MARCH DWCAUCUS EVENT COMMITTEE MEETING NEWS...

The March events committee met for second time on December 29th; the goal of the committee is to make our March event a very effective fundraiser for the DWcaucus to further its mission to provide candidate and campaign training and support our women candidates. We will be asking members and Caucus supporters to sponsor the event at some level to increase our reserve revenues to provide CASH for CAMPAIGN training and CASH for CANDIDATES! We will be meeting again soon and will continue to share our progress with you. We will let you know the featured speaker and date as soon as it is set!

Many thanks to Committee members, including Jane Bradley, Pam Davidson, Kimberly Glassman, Dorothy Granger, Pamela Hensler, Jill Jolliff, Jillian Kinzie, Merridee LaMantia, Regina Moore, Lois Sabo-Skelton, and Janet Stavropoulos, Lu Cregar.

