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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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CAMPAIGN TRAINING –LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

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 will be held this Sunday, January 17, 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 to sign up! If you might like to help a woman run for election in 2010, please come – there may be a candidate that you'd like to help. The DWC is committed to making sure women are smart and effective campaigners!

2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES TIME – TALK ABOUT GETTING YOUR MONEY'S WORTH!

It's that time again – the Membership Committee invites you to renew (or begin!) your membership in the Democratic Women's Caucus. An ambitious goal – to double our members – needs your help! By becoming a member, you affirm your commitment to Fund, Inspire, Recruit, Support, and Train progressive, pro-choice Democratic women as they run for city, county, and state House and Senate offices. Your dollars and help provide programming, training, and endorsement funding for candidates. Only members may vote for officers, committees, and vote on candidate endorsements!

We will collect your forms (found on our Website, <http://democraticwomenscaucus.org/Membership/DWPACmemberform2010.doc>) at a Friday breakfast, or please mail your form to us at PO Box 6172, Bloomington, IN, 47407-6172. The second page of the form contains a number of important questions that will help the Democratic Women's Caucus provide targeted training and the best assistance we can for candidates and their campaigns!

CITY/COUNTY CITIZEN'S BREAKFASTS IN FULL SWING AGAIN!

The monthly City/County Citizen's Breakfasts resume in January, featuring a program on the status of winter shelters in Bloomington. Guest presenters will be Bobbi Summers of Martha's House and Tom Capshew, shelter administrator for the Interfaith Shelters. Please

join County Councilmember Jill Lesh and City Councilmember Susan Sandberg at the Village Deli, 7:30 a.m., Thursday, January 14 for a lively discussion on the imperative need for emergency shelter in the cold of winter (and beyond).

ON A SHELTER-RELATED NOTE, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP...

During this bitter cold, we feel fortunate that we are able to offer the warmth of shelter to our neighbors in need. For the months of November and December, we offered the hospitality of a warm bed 1,592 times. We are only able to do this through the generosity of volunteers. It takes 25 volunteers a night, 175 volunteers a week to keep our doors open. Thanks to all those who have volunteered!

If you or anyone you know is interested in helping, please attend one of these last 2 training sessions. The Shelter is scheduled to be open through March 31st, so we can still use the help.

- Tuesday, Jan. 12, 6-9pm, Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, 2700 E. Rogers Rd. (south of the College Mall, just west of Sare Rd)
- Wednesday, Jan. 27, 6-9pm, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 100 N. State Rd 46 (on the bypass, just north of College Mall)

Families who have volunteered for the set-up shift have found that, in addition to having fun, it has sparked some important family conversations about being in community. You can sign up for a shift at: <http://interfaithwintershelter.org/volunteer/schedule/>. If you've been trained, but not yet volunteered, please feel free to stop by any of the Shelters and observe. Thank you!

HCHP MEETING AND IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION, FROM THE STONES:

It is time now to pick up where we left off in 2009. There's work to be done and strategy to be discussed while building our Single Payer movement. Our strong and principled arguments to finance our healthcare system by expanding and improving 'Medicare for All' has made progress as more people understand the benefits.

Please join us on **Wednesday, January 13 at 5:30 PM** in the Auditorium at Monroe County Public Library, 303 E. Kirkwood, in Bloomington. And now for...A Moment of Education: To keep up on some of the latest comments about what's happening in Washington, check the HCHP Blog: <http://hchp.wordpress.com/>.

Dr. Aaron Carroll, HCHP Indianapolis, blogs on health care reform. His perspective is insightful and clear: <http://mdcarroll.com/>.

Grab a blanket and a snack to view: "Sick Around the World" <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundtheworld/> or "Health, Money and Fear" <http://www.ourailinghealthcare.com/>.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING INFO, FROM PRESIDENT CONNIE LOFTMAN:

Happy New Year! Thanks to your efforts, our Club raised \$909 at our November Silent Auction; kudos to organizer Susie Hamilton. Our first meeting of the new year is on **Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 11:30 a.m.**, KRC Catering, 216 S. College Avenue, in Bloomington. Lunch is a salad bar buffet for \$7.00.

We will hear presentations by David Bottorff, Executive Director of the Association of Indiana Counties, or his representative, concerning restructuring of county government and redistricting. Tamyra d'Ippolito, candidate for U.S. Senate, will also address us.

Please reserve your lunch by contacting me at connie@loftmanlaw.com or 812-339-4899. **I need to give KRC an estimate by noon Friday, January 15.** Although you may not

bring your own lunch, you may attend the meeting without having the buffet. Dues are \$10.00 per year. Please pay your 2010 dues at our January meeting! Bring a friend or two and join us on Tuesday, January 19!

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.

The County Council is accepting applications from County residents who are interested in serving on the **Board of Zoning Appeals**, as well as other boards and commissions. The BZA position is vital to proper planning in the County. Residents/business owners who wish to construct or remodel structures in a way that is not normally allowable under the current planning/zoning ordinances must seek the approval of the BZA for a variance to the ordinance before they may proceed with their project. If you have questions about this or other positions, please contact Julie Thomas at drjuliethomas@gmail.com. To get a better sense of what the BZA does, it may be helpful to review CATS broadcasts of

meetings (through the Monroe County Public Library website) and/or to review reports and meeting minutes at <http://www.co.monroe.in.us/planning/bza.html> (to view minutes, click on "reports" on the menu on the left side of the page).

If you would like to be considered, please complete the application form, found at (http://www.co.monroe.in.us/countycouncil/2009/2009_Appointments/BoardsAndCommissionsApplication.pdf), and submit it to the Council office (Room 215 of the Courthouse) as soon as possible.

At the City, a complete listing as well as descriptions of Boards and Commissions, including the new **Commission on Aging**, and application materials may be found at www.bloomington.in.gov/clerk. These also are available at the City Clerk's Office in Showers City Hall at 401 N. Morton. Applications remain active and on file for one year from date of application. For more information or questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 349-3408.

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!
