



MMN – Monday, November 9, 2009

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

Dear Lisa,

Monday
Morning News

November 9th
Edition

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DWC ELECTION OF STEERING COMMITTEE, OFFICERS, AND ANNUAL MEETING IN DECEMBER!

According to the DWC bylaws, this year we'll elect several members of the steering committee along with the Vice Chair and Treasurer. If you are interested in serving on the steering committee (for a two-year term) please talk to any steering committee member or Regina. Your interest is vital to the continuation of the DWC!

We need YOUR HELP for March event!

It's not too early to be thinking about how we're going to raise funds next year. Lu Cregar is heading the committee for the March Fundraiser – an essential event in helping to fund our women candidates this year. We're looking at a number of options and would love to have your help in putting together an exciting event. Send a note to Lu at lcregar@gmail.com to help. She'll let you know when the meetings will be held, and if you've never served on a committee with Lu you'll have a great time! She's a marvel at organization and fun to work with!!

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**DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE MONROE COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB,**

As last Tuesday's election results in New Jersey and New York indicate, Democrats need to work harder than ever to preserve in 2010 what we gained in 2008. SO --- It's time for our annual silent auction to benefit the Monroe County Democratic Party! This is our only fundraiser of the year, so bring your checkbook and support our Democratic Party!

When: November 17, 2009, 11:30 a.m.
Where: KRC Catering, 216 S. College Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana
What: Lunch is a salad bar buffet for \$7.00. (No more nickel hassles.)
Program: 10:00 to 11:15 Drop off auction items
11:30 Bidding and Buffet line
11:45 Business meeting
12:00 Speaker Kate Cruikshank
12:35 Bidding closes
12:45 Collect your items and pay the auction cashiers

Our speaker, Kate Cruikshank, will talk about the findings of the Voting Systems Advisory Council, appointed by the Commissioners to evaluate the availability, accuracy, security, and cost of voting machines and voting systems in Monroe County.

Whether or not you are able to attend this meeting, which is our last one in 2009, please consider donating an item to the auction. Here are some ideas: political memorabilia, baked goods, gently used or new items, home décor. We will have a table for home and holiday décor items priced from \$1 to \$4. Please let Susie Hamilton know what you will donate to the auction by contacting her at 332-3992 or abshamil@indiana.edu. Auction items may be brought to KRC between 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. on Nov. 17.

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, November 13, 2009.

You also have the option of attending the meeting without having the buffet.

Please remember you can park at the Convention Center. It's a short walk on the B-Line Trail across 3rd Street to KRC. Bring a friend or two and join us on November 17!

Connie Loftman
President
Monroe County Democratic Women's Club

RESOURCES YOU WILL WANT TO CLIP AND SAVE!!

Many thanks to Lorraine Merriman Farrell and Jan Ellis for their wonderfully informing presentations about their trip to Washington, D.C., to lobby for health care reform! Lorraine sent a synopsis about the group that hosted them as well as resources discussed at the breakfast. You will find these to follow. Thanks again, you two!

WAND/WiLL 2009 National Conference: *WAND* was founded in 1982 as *Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament*. In 1989, they became *Women's Action for New Directions* empowering women to act politically to reduce violence and militarism, and redirect excessive military resources toward unmet human and environmental needs.

WiLL is the *Women Legislators' Lobby*, a network of women state legislators who work together to influence federal policy and budget priorities. (Legislative arm of

WAND).

- Both **WAND** and **WiLL** are national, non-partisan organizations.
- In 2 days of training preparing us for our lobbying day, we heard from women office-holders, veterans, labor representatives, pollsters, authors, educators & more.

HIGHLY Recommended Training:

How To Effectively Communicate Your Message - *The Truman National Security Project* is a national security leadership institute, the nation's only organization that recruits, trains, and positions a new generation of progressives across America to lead on national security.

- Any issue can be applied to this training, but the Truman Project uses national security issues.

- Progressives have an historic, once-in-a-generation chance to take back national security issues and own them for decades to come. For the first time since 1968, the security gap is closing between Republicans and Democrats when considering which party is better on National Security issues.

Some Basic Lobbying Tips:

- Make an appointment in advance
- Know your legislator's record
- Be punctual and positive
- Focus the meeting
- Listen and gather information
- Make a specific request/s
- Follow up
- Express your thanks

You don't have to be expert on an issue; speaking from your heart is effective.

Martha ("Mattie") Hughes Cannon – Just for fun, look up this remarkable turn-of-the-century woman. You won't be disappointed!

And resources:

If you have any questions regarding the **WAND/WiLL 2009 National Conference**, the **DC lobbying experience**, the **Goshen single-payer health care study**, or any of the following resources, please contact:

- Jan Ellis ellis.jan@gmail.com or Lorraine Merriman Farrell lm.farrell@comcast.net
- **Truman National Security Project Materials:** (How to Communicate Your Message Effectively)
- Pollster [Celinda Lake's presentation](#) on effectively engaging with women about national security issues
- A digital copy of **Kimber Beachy's single-payer health care study**

WAND/WiLL 2009 National Conference: <http://www.willconference.org/>

Women's Action for New Directions (WAND)

WAND web site: <http://www.wand.org/>

WiLL is the Women Legislators' Lobby

WiLL web site: http://www.wand.org/will_home.htm

Eight Tips for a Successful Lobby

Visit: http://www.fcni.org/pdfs/brochures/lobby_flyer1105.pdf

Kimber Beachy's single-payer healthcare

blog: <http://weneedmedicareforall.blogspot.com/>

WOMEN AT THE TABLE

40 Intimate Profiles of Political Women of the Northeast

by Miclaeline Della Fera

ISBN 978 - 1 - 60318 - 096 - 2

WOMEN LEAD THE WAY

Your Guide to Stepping Up to Leadership and Changing the World

by Linda Tarr-Whelan

ISBN 978 - 1 - 60509 - 135 - 8

WE FOUGHT THE NAVY AND WON

Guam's Quest for Democracy

by Doloris Coulter Cogan

ISBN 978 - 0 - 8248 - 3216 - 2

Call and Fax your Congress members about health care reform (see next article!!):

- Richard Lugar ph) 202-224-4814 fx) 202-228-0360 Indiana US Senator
- Evan Bayh ph) 202-224-5623 fx) 202-228-1377 Indiana US Senator
- Baron Hill ph) 202-225-5315 fx) 202-226-6866 Indiana 9th Congressional District, US House of Representatives
- Steve Buyer ph) 202-225-5037 fx) 202-225-2267 Indiana 4th Congressional District, US House of Representatives

FROM CECILE RICHARDS: USE YOUR NEW RESOURCES TO CALL THE SENATE AND HOUSE NOW!

WHAT'S IT GOING TO TAKE TO PASS HEALTH CARE REFORM THAT SERVES WOMEN? LEADERSHIP.

Despite hundreds of thousands of voters like you and me who called on members of the House of Representatives to include women's health care in health care reform, the bill that passed late Saturday night includes a ban on private abortion coverage for millions of women and would prohibit it in the new "public option."

We can't let the Senate also betray women. It's time to use our strongest weapon: the White House. President Obama campaigned on a promise to put reproductive health care at the center of his reform plan. Supporters of women's health voted for him and contributed to his campaign in record numbers — and now it's time for the president to reaffirm his commitment to women's health, and demand that Congress reject any bill that leaves women worse off under health care reform than they are today. Take a moment right now to tell President Obama to stand with us to protect women's health care today and every single day until reform is passed.

Send this message to:

- President Barack Obama

To TAKE ACTION Click on this Planned Parenthood link.

http://www.ppaction.org/campaign/hcr09bse_ppan/w56bidkrq778x53t?source=hcr09bse_e1_ppan