



MMN – Monday, December 21, 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,

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Morning News*

December 21

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

Our candidate follow-up training is now scheduled for January 17, 2010, from noon until no later than 3pm, location TBA. 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!

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.



THE GRATEFUL DIVAS PRESENT: *PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: A DIVA'S GUIDE TO LIFE*

The Grateful Divas was founded by four Indiana University Jacobs School of Music alumnae: Caroline Dowd-Higgins BM 89, MM 95; Jennifer Poffenberger Heichelbech BM 88, MM 91; Rebecca Keith MM 96; Melissa Korzec Hillman BSOF 03. This singing group performs to raise awareness and funding for charitable and non-profit organizations. The Divas are on a current mission to use their voices to pay-it-forward and make a difference as advocates for women in the Arts in Indiana.

The Divas have a new show that will premiere in the Waldron Arts Center Auditorium at 8pm on January 22-23, 2010 in Bloomington, IN.

Practice Makes Perfect: A Diva's Guide to Life is a cabaret filled with song, humor and poignant reflections about the stages of life. Written by Bloomington based playwright Joni McGary, this production features some of the great Broadway standards from shows like *Company*, *Rent*, *West Side Story*, and *Pippin*, to name a few. With clever writing and fabulous singing, the Divas perform using recognizable, but slightly tweaked show tunes set to an original story. Pam Freeman leads the Diva instrumental combo on piano and Sabrina Lloyd is the Stage Director. You'll be singing and dancing in the aisles during this fun filled evening of entertainment.

The money raised will be used to support women artists (singers, actors, designers, costumers, playwrights, choreographers, etc.) through the Cardinal Stage Company, Bloomington's professional, regional theatre company. Tickets are \$25 each and available at the door or online at www.Cardinalstage.org. For more information about this show or additional bookings, please contact Caroline at higginscd@aol.com or (812) 327-4884.

FROM EMILY'S LIST: SEN. LIEBERMAN'S EFFORTS TO HOLD UP HEALTH CARE REFORM HAVE INFURIATED ALL OF US.

But Rosa DeLauro was the one with the guts to stand up and say enough is enough. "No individual should hold health care hostage, including Joe Lieberman, and I'll say it flat out, I think he ought to be recalled," Rosa said.

Rosa's been leading the charge her whole career -- while serving as the first executive director of EMILY's List and as a member of Congress. And I couldn't be prouder of her leadership and courage. [Please click here and join me in thanking Rosa for her commitment to our progressive ideals.](#)

Rosa got it right when she said that "we don't have the luxury to hold up a bill that could make a difference in people's lives." We all understand the importance of passing a comprehensive health care reform bill, and when I see women like Rosa bravely fighting for the things that truly matter -- including their strong leadership against the Stupak/Pitts amendment -- I realize why it's so important for us to continue our work.

Thank you for all you do to help elect the pro-choice Democratic women who fight for the values we all share. Ellen R. Malcolm, President

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**MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN JANUARY
(21-24)**

From Rob Stone: Volunteers are needed for a 3-day free health care event in Washington, DC. The event is estimated to help 5000-8000 people over three days. Most needed are Dentists and Ophthalmologists as well as dental and eye techs and assistants. Also needed are EMTs, Paramedics, RNs, and MDs to do basic medical care and triage.

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