



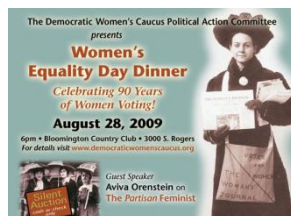
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### Make Your Reservation TODAY!!

Be sure to get your reservation made for the Women's Equality Day Dinner, to be held at the Bloomington Country Club this Friday! **We must place food orders TODAY** (your choice of Portobello ravioli or pan-seared chicken in wine sauce)! Check our Website ([www.democraticwomenscaucus.org](http://www.democraticwomenscaucus.org)) and write [dwcevents@gmail.com](mailto:dwcevents@gmail.com). If you cannot attend but would like to sponsor a student or lower-income member, please contact Regina Moore at [regina.moore@gmail.com](mailto:regina.moore@gmail.com) to make your donation. Please join us for this wonderful evening of friendship, entertainment, good food, inspiring speaker, and a great cause: electing more women to office, boards, and commissions!

### DWC Campaign Forum and Lunch on SEPTEMBER 20, 2009!

Space is filling fast for a lunch at noon on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Affairs of the Sun Catering on 4<sup>th</sup> Street (across from WFHB) that will focus on women in the electoral and/or political process. This forum will examine the problems that women encounter in making the decision to run for office, getting the experience to do so, and issues in coordinating a campaign team. There is limited seating at this **FREE** lunch, so if you are considering a run for election in 2010, please make your reservation now. If you think you might want to run in the next city election, now's the time to prepare. If you are interested in helping recruit women and help them become candidates, this forum should help you give them the tools they need to get started. (More on this after the Women's Equality Day Dinner.) Reservations: [regina.moore@gmail.com](mailto:regina.moore@gmail.com).

### The League of Women Voters Celebrates Women's Equality Day!

From Doris Wittenburg: To recognize "Women's Equality Day" and the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, the League of Women Voters of Bloomington-Monroe County will present a film entitled "Health, Money and Fear" on **Wednesday, August 26**, at 7pm at Monroe County Public Library, Rm 1B-1C. Come celebrate and learn, all at the same time!

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### **Karst Farm Park Playscape needs YOUR input!**

From Sophia Travis: Greetings Friends! A few weeks ago the Karst Farm Park Playscape opened the Splashpad feature! We had an incredible day of fun launching this playful experience for all-accessible water play. Soon the playground will be completed as well. The long-term vision for this completely accessible Playscape is a work in progress, and we want to encourage you and your friends to help us with a creative visioning process.

At the opening we had an "Idea Tent!" Beautiful and inspiring ideas about the Playscape were gathered. We're offering a follow up charrette experience next Wednesday facilitated by Ladi Terry, a creative process facilitator.

Can you help by attending-- or by encouraging some people in your lives to participate? There will be mini-sessions, challenges throughout the day and a lunch-hour meal provided. Here is a description of the event; thank you so much!



**Get involved in the next phase of this project and help to ensure that We All Play!**

A charrette will take place on Wednesday, August 26th, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Choose from the following challenges and times:  
9:00 am-Nature Play area; 12 noon-Donor Recognition and  
3:00 pm -Programming with Community.

**Stop by for a session and be a part of this exciting creative process!**

**LOCATION:** Contact by Design (Next to Employment Plus. Park in back of building and enter through back door.

For more information contact Options at 800-875-9615 or visit:  
[www.karstfarmpark.com](http://www.karstfarmpark.com)    [www.communityfoundation.ws](http://www.communityfoundation.ws)

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## Isabel Piedmont-Smith Monthly Meeting on August 29!

City Council member Isabel Piedmont-Smith will hold her monthly constituent meeting **this Saturday**, August 29, 11 am to 12 noon at Rachael's Cafe, corner of 3rd St. and Lincoln St. Come find out what the city council has been up to (before its August recess), and the status of the proposed 2010 city budget as well as the Unified Development Ordinance revisions. Isabel will treat you to coffee and allow time for you to bring up any issues of concern. For more information, please contact [piedmoni@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:piedmoni@bloomington.in.gov).

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### ACTION ALERT: Urge Your Senators to Support CEDAW

The Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is the most comprehensive international treaty promoting the advancement of women worldwide. It establishes a legal framework to which all governments must adhere, to ensure the equality of women in various areas of life including politics, law, employment, education, health care, commerce and domestic relations. The United States remains the only democracy in the world that has not ratified the CEDAW Treaty, putting our country in the dishonorable company of states such as Iran, Somalia and Sudan.

Call your Senators at 202-224-3121 or [click here](#) to enter your zip code and send them an email. Urge them to support ratification of the CEDAW Treaty for the Rights of Women today!

The CEDAW Treaty provides a universal standard for women's human rights. It provides a fundamental framework for ending international violence against women, ensuring girls access to education, and promoting economic opportunity and political participation for women. The United States should strive to be a leader and set an example for the rest of world in its commitment to women and expanding women's rights by ratifying CEDAW.

### TAKE ACTION

1. Call the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask for your Senators' offices. Urge your Senators to support ratification of CEDAW.
2. [Click here](#) to enter your zip code above to urge your Senators to support ratification of CEDAW.
3. Send this alert to other concerned citizens - your grassroots network, your friends and coworkers. Encourage them to contact their Senators today!

### BACKGROUND

Sign up to receive Action Alerts directly by email. Don't miss an opportunity to take action!

It's easy to sign up and the League will never share your email with others: <http://takeaction.lwv.org/lwv/mlm/signup/>.

For additional information, please contact LWVUS Grassroots Lobbyist Christina

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