

*Democratic Women's Caucus  
Monday Morning News  
December 8, 2008*



**Caucus Mission:** *The purpose of the organization is to fund, inspire, recruit, support, and train progressive women to increase the numbers of women in the electoral process and in elected and appointed positions.*

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### **STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

At the breakfast meeting on Friday, Jenn Marcum and Tamyra D'Ippolito were nominated for the steering committee. Ballots were handed out to folks at the breakfast and now folks who are members can vote via email...

The following people on that ballot. Officers, vote for one person for each office, for the steering committee members at large, vote for a maximum of ten persons. If you are a paid member, and did not attend the breakfast meeting to vote there, you will be getting a ballot via email and you can return it to VOTEDWC. Instructions will be sent with the ballot.

- Officers: Chair, Regina Moore; Vice Chair, Susan Sandberg; Secretary, Dee Owens, Treasurer, Kristina Simmonds.
- Members at-large: Nicole Bolden, Lu Cregar, Tamyra D'Ippolito, Jill Jolliff, Jillian Kinzie, Merridee LaMantia, Jenn Marcum, Lois Sabo-Skelton, Doris Sims, Vi Simpson, Julie Thomas, Charlotte Zietlow.

Bios and pictures of the above folks can be found on the DWCAucus website:  
[www.democraticwomenscaucus.org](http://www.democraticwomenscaucus.org)

### **OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS FROM MEMBERS:**

**Member Dorothy Granger** recently became the Director of Development for Planned Parenthood of Indiana. Her last note included a message about their program of offering folks the opportunity to purchase gift certificates for PP services. If you have questions or comments about his service, please contact Dorothy at [dorothy.granger@ppin.org](mailto:dorothy.granger@ppin.org). All of us know someone without health insurance that might appreciate this unique gift.

**Member Tamyra D'Ippolito** sends information about a new forum *The Poor Club* on [www.bloomingtononline.net](http://www.bloomingtononline.net) under discussions. This group is working to lessen the effects of poverty in our community. They meet regularly at Ragazzi's, and if you would like to attend their meeting in January, or would like more information they can contact [tamyrad2004@yahoo.com](mailto:tamyrad2004@yahoo.com) The website for the Poor Club is [www.thepoorclub.org](http://www.thepoorclub.org)

This from **Deb Meador**:

We Need Volunteer Escorts Because Everyone Deserves Safe & Supportive Access to Services  
Planned Parenthood of Indiana seeks volunteer escorts for clinic patients on Thursday mornings.

CHOOSE from an:

- Early shift (7:30 – 9:00 a.m.) and/or
- Late shift (9:00-10:30 a.m.)

Let it be your CHOICE to help either:

- Weekly,
- Bi-weekly, or
- Monthly

DECIDE for yourself how to apply:

- Apply on-line (<http://www.ppin.org/careers.aspx> )
- Email [deborahmmeader@gmail.com](mailto:deborahmmeader@gmail.com)
- Fill out an application NOW

**December 8, 2008** Deadline for Nominations for Human Rights Award. City of Bloomington Human Rights Commission (BHRC) is seeking nominations for its 10th annual Human Rights Award. Nominees should be individuals, groups or organizations that have made significant contributions to improving civil rights, human relations or civility in Bloomington. **Nominations are due by Monday, Dec. 8, 2008.** The BHRC assesses the nominations based on demonstrated success in any of the following categories:

- 1) promoting equality in community life for people with disabilities;
- 2) ensuring equal access to housing, employment or education; and
- 3) advocating and enhancing civility and tolerance.

For a nomination form or for more information, contact the City of Bloomington Human Rights Commission at 349-3429 or [human.rights@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:human.rights@bloomington.in.gov) . The nomination form also is available on the City's web site at [www.bloomington.in.gov](http://www.bloomington.in.gov) .

For additional information, contact:

Barbara E. McKinney, Director, Bloomington Human Rights Commission, 349-3429

Danny Lopez, Communications Director, City of Bloomington, 349-CITY,  
[lopezd@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:lopezd@bloomington.in.gov)

**December 11-** Citizens' Breakfast - Thursday, Village Deli, 7:30 a.m.

The topic for the next Citizens' Breakfast, sponsored by councilwoman **Jill Lesh**, is "Identifying Key Strategies to Reduce Recidivism." **Judge Teresa Harper** will attend. We'll have a chance to continue the discussions from the past two Citizens' Breakfast with Sheriff Kennedy and Judge Todd about ways to reduce the high jail population. Judge Harper will share her recent experiences with the re-entry court. For more information, contact Jill, [jill@jilllesh.com](mailto:jill@jilllesh.com)

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**December 16** – Legislative preview with State Senator Vi Simpson, Rep. Matt Pierce and Rep. Peggy Welch at Community Chats sponsored by Ivy Tech. These 7:30 am meetings are held on Tuesdays at the Village Deli.

**January 1** – Swearing-In Day! Local ceremony to swear in the winners of the November 4<sup>th</sup> election. Stay tuned for times and location.

**January 19** - Catch-A-Ride transportation service, Indiana University's premier bus service, is making it easy and affordable for students/faculty who wants to attend the history making inaugural parade for Barak Obama to witness and participate in this groundbreaking event – firsthand!

Round trip tickets for the January 19th, 5:00 pm departure are just \$185. Seats are limited. Book yours today so that you won't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime event. [www.catcharide.com](http://www.catcharide.com). Note: This is a round trip service with no hotel stay. Bus arrives the morning of the inauguration parade and departs on its return trip to Indiana University at 8:00 pm the same day.

Depart: Jan. 19, 2009 – 5:00 pm - Memorial Union, Indiana University

Arrive: Jan. 20, 2009 – 5:00 am - Maryland Metro Station/Washington DC Metro Station

Depart: Jan. 20, 2009 – 8:00 pm - Washington DC Metro Station/ Maryland Metro Station

Arrive: Jan. 21, 2009 – 8:00 am - Memorial Union, Indiana University

Stopovers for food and beverages will occur in route and snacks will be available on the bus.

Book tickets and view details online at [www.catcharide.com](http://www.catcharide.com) or call (866) 622-8242

**January 20** – The Democratic Women's CLUB will be hosting a lunch at Coaches (7<sup>th</sup> and College – in the Hilton Garden Inn) to watch the Inauguration of Barack Obama. Big Screen TV's, lunch. Stay tuned for details.

**January 28** – Deadline for submitting your nomination for **Woman of the Year 2009**. 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 awards will be presented during Women's History Month, March 2009. **Luncheon is March 11, 2009**. Nomination forms are available in the City of Bloomington's Community and Family Resources Department, Suite 260, and online at [www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd/](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd/). Nomination forms also are available via e-mail by contacting [owenss@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:owenss@bloomington.in.gov) or phone at 349-3468.

#### **MMN TAKES A HOLIDAY**

**A quick email will be sent out on Friday announcing the results of the Steering Committee election. We'll send out another one to announce the January Breakfast. Have happy holidays!**

If you have an event or a notice that you think would be of interest to Democratic Women's Caucus members, please send it to Regina Moore by Sunday afternoon. We make every attempt to put out a regular Monday Morning Newsletter.

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