



April 21, 2008 Monday Morning News

Take a minute to look at some events of special interest to the women's political sphere this week and how you might help our endorsed candidates with their campaigns.

We have it on good information that there will be an additional early voting polling place on campus starting soon, and that there may be Sunday early voting also. Stay tuned to this message system for the latest information on these possibilities.

A Note From Charlotte Zietlow on the 2008 election --

CANDIDATE NEEDS THIS WEEK:

- Val Haughton and Julie Thomas Monday
- Julie Thomas - ongoing

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CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

A Note From Charlotte—

I have been re-entering since we got back from Spain (a week ago Tuesday midnight) and so much has happened since then--Bill Clinton's visit, my dear friend (and your former state representative for 16 years, Marilyn Schultz') husband was dying and since died and had a funeral, attended by many of our joint former allies and friends from the Democratic party and many other venues), Obama has now come, to return., Middle Way received a huge challenge from Kresge (which makes my job there urgent and huge) and I am reeling.

It is clear that this primary will rival the last time Indiana had an opportunity to weigh in substantially on the presidential race. I remember that campaign vividly--it brought out Democrats like never for years before, and created dilemmas for anti-war, civil rights, economic justice supporters that resulted, in some part, in irremediable (and, I would say, unnecessary) rifts. The ultimate result of those rifts (certainly exacerbated, to say the very least, by the assassination of Bobby Kennedy a month after our primary, which he won) was the election, by defection, of Richard Nixon. I cringe to imagine that could happen again. I do not believe it will.

So the question is, how much do we emphasize our differences now? The DWC has, I believe, been wise in its avoidance, for the most part, of getting into presidential endorsements at all. We are not all of one mind, and that has to be recognized. As individuals we will follow our hearts and minds and the paths between us are nothing as widely apart as the paths between the all of us and John McCain. Please let us keep that in mind. Whatever we do, as individuals, will possibly cause others annoyance or grief, but we will have to put that behind us as soon as possible and rally behind our candidate.

In 1968, the delegates that Bobby Kennedy won in Indiana were assigned by the state party, to support Hubert Humphrey, who had a surrogate in the primary—the governor. Eugene Mc Carthy had come in second., and Governor Branigin third. This did not make people here happy at all, and you have probably heard of the disaster that the Democratic convention in Chicago was. Humphrey was the nominee. He was LBJ's vice president, but he was much more than that. Although his allegiance to Johnson vis-à-vis the Vietnam War was a decided negativ for many, he was a very strong supporter of the War on Poverty and many progressive initiatives. As the Senator from Minnesota, He was one of the staunchest and earliest supporters of civil rights, universal health care, support for education. As Mayor of Minneapolis he was a model of progressive leadership. He was really a wonderful person, and he pledged to end the War, despite his earlier action. He had supported the most liberal Supreme Court justices, and would have continued this practice.

But the disgruntlement after the very contentious primary and convention carried over into the election—election, as I said, by defection. Democrats stayed away in droves or voted for third party candidates like Dick Gregory. The election was close. The result is history.

This fall, no matter which candidate wins the nomination, she or he will be running against John McCain, an amiable military zealot, a man who says that if people don't want to pay for health care they shouldn't have to—just forego it!! Anti-choice! Enthusiastic about Bush's court appointments! Ready to maintain our Iraq presence for years and years and years! With Phil Gramm, the architect of our shadow economy which is our current downfall, as his chief economic adviser! Etc etc. In November the campaign will be against this man, and we cannot let him win by default, by disappointment that our candidate was not nominated.

That will be our job in the long run, and I am confident we all will pull together with the remarkable skill and energy we have mustered over the last several years together, and that we will play a role in changing the face not only of Monroe County, but of Indiana and the whole country.

Thank you for all you do, everyone of you.

Charlotte

CANDIDATE NEEDS THIS WEEK:

Val Haughton and Julie Thomas both need your help with a couple of mailings. We'll be stuffing and labeling at the Democratic Party Office, 320 E Third Street starting at 5:30 **tonight, Monday April 21**. If you can help, please send a quick email to Regina at regina.moore@gmail.com and let her know you can help for an hour or more.. THANK YOU from Val and Julie.

Julie Thomas needs your help during the last two weeks of the Primary Election cycle:

We need folks to greet early voters outside of the Curry Building downtown weekdays, 8am to 4pm.

Two hour shifts - or more - are preferred.

Contact Lorraine Farrell at 812-345-0150 or lm.farrell@comcast.com to sign up for a shift and receive literature to hand out to voters.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Clinton Campaign message

Dear Friend,

Thanks for your support! The Indiana primary is just two and a half weeks away - and there is a lot to do. Please join us for a conference call with Ann Lewis and our staff in Indiana to talk about the campaign in Indiana and what YOU can do to help!

Monday, April 21, 5:30 p.m. ET

Dial-in: 877-232-0400

Sincerely,

Dana Singiser, Director of Women's Outreach

email Regina at regina.moore@gmail.com for the passcode for this conference call.

O'Bannon Institute Schedule for Friday, April 25th

The annual O'Bannon Institute Panel Discussions featuring local and regional experts in healthcare, education and the environment and the O'Bannon Conversation featuring Paul Begala

- ◆ 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Registration and Continental Breakfast
- ◆ 9:00 a.m. – Welcome Remarks
- ◆ 9:40 a.m. – Panel Discussion #1 - Healthcare
- ◆ 11:00 a.m. - Panel Discussion #2 - Education
- ◆ 12:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided
- ◆ 1:15 p.m. - Panel Discussion #3 - Environment
- ◆ 2:30 p.m. – O'Bannon Institute Conversation w/Paul Begala
- ◆ 3:30 p.m. – Closing Remarks

Breakfast and lunch are complimentary, but please register so that IVY TECH will know how many folks will be coming. <http://obannon.ivytech.edu/register.html>

“**Building Green**” Film Festival to be held at the Monroe County Public Library from 11:00 am to 5 pm on both Saturday April 26th and May 3rd. Each film will be followed by a brief time for questions and discussion. For more information contact Amanda Shaw: 812-339-0646. The event is co-Sponsored by The Indiana Green Building Council, Earth Care, and the City of Bloomington’s Environmental Commission and Commission on Sustainability.

EVENTS NEXT WEEK:

Jill Long Thompson will be showered with campaign contributions on Monday, April 28th at Tutto Bene. For more information about times, suggested donations, or to help with the event, please contact Shaunica Pridgen or host Cindy Lott

Jill Jolliff is hosting a casual Meet and Greet fundraiser for **Julie Thomas**:

When: Tuesday, April 29, 2008, from 5 - 7pm

Where: Lorraine Farrell's home, 3533 East Longview Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47408

Come by and learn more about Julie Thomas and why she will be a topnotch County Council member! Light refreshments will be served.

Middleway House Semi Annual Lunch for Business and Professional Women. -On April 30, Middle Way House having their spring luncheon. Dr. Jill Bolte-Taylor will speak. Lunch will be prepared by FoodWorks, a silent auction will begin at 11:00 am with lunch at noon. Make a reservation and you will be able to pay

your \$15 lunch fee at the door. Reservations: (812) 333-7404

GOT A COUPLE OF HOURS ON ELECTION DAY?

Point of Sale Action!

- ◆ In order to help our endorsed candidates on Election Day, DWC caucus members and supporters will be at the polls, handing out little cards with our endorsed slate at selected polling places. Would you be willing to work for just a couple of hours? In the whole scheme of Election Day work, this is one thing that you could do that won't take too much time, but will be incredibly helpful to our endorsed candidates. We found that in the precincts where we did this activity, our candidates did better than in other precincts. Can you give a couple of hours on election day to make sure that more women get elected? Email Cathi Crabtree at cathi@insightbb.com and call her at 812-272-1600.

Got an hour or so on May 5th, the Monday night before the Election?

- ◆ As part of our support for women candidates, we are looking for teams of two people that could help by taking a set of yard signs out to the polls on Election eve. This is being coordinated by the local Democratic Party, but if we could come up with teams for our endorsed candidates, they could spend that time doing some other last minute thing for their campaign. Again, email Cathi Crabtree or better yet, call her cell phone and leave a message! 812-272-1600.

DWC ENDORSED CANDIDATES CONTACTS

Monday Morning News was started during the last election to keep caucus members apprised of activities of campaign needs for our endorsed candidates. We'll continually publish contact information for these candidates so you can contact them with yard sign locations, offers to walk in your neighborhood, and other offers of help!

Val Haughton thanks those who came on short notice to help with a mailing last week in response to a call for stampers and stuffers in this message!

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