



The DFL Feminist Caucus Goes Digital

The DFL Feminist Caucus has a new website! You'll find information about our upcoming meetings and events, contact information, and much more. Check us out online at:

www.dflfeministcaucus.org

To keep our members and supporters better informed, we also have a Yahoo Groups list. Sign up to receive occasional emails about meetings and events:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DFLFC/>

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DFL Feminist Caucus Celebrates Successful Year

2006 was a successful year for the DFL Feminist Caucus. We celebrated our 33rd year of working as an officially chartered caucus of the DFL party and held planning meetings, informative candidate forums, and fun get-out-the-vote events.

To prepare for the 2006 mid-term elections, the Feminist Caucus held three candidate forums to educate our members and supporters about who was running for the DFL endorsement in key races. Volunteers asked pointed questions about our feminist principles and each forum included an opportunity for candidates to speak at length on a randomly chosen issue area. Each forum was free and open to the public.

In January, we held a Governor Candidate Panel with the four DFL primary candidates for Governor. The forum, held at the Hennepin County Government Center, was an exceptionally well attended event and a great way to kick off the year.

In April, the Feminist Caucus put on a 5th Congressional District Candidate Forum in coordination with MyDFL at South High School in Minneapolis. Because the 5th Congressional District race was so important and there were so many candidates in the field, the forum was very helpful for audience members to get to know each candidate. All eleven of the DFL candidates seeking the

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Top, President Jackie Stevenson presides over a meeting of the DFL Feminist Caucus during the DFL Convention in Rochester, MN in June.

Below, Steve Kelley and Lori Swanson participate in the Attorney General Candidate Forum in August.

DFL Feminist Caucus Efforts Help Candidates Win Their Races!

This year, the Feminist Caucus endorsed 105 candidates running for state level office in Minnesota and put on three GOTV afternoons to support endorsed candidates in Redwing, Mankato, and St. Cloud.

We are all incredibly excited that our endorsements and volunteering efforts contributed to a huge win for Democrats in the State House and State Senate. At last count, 88 of our endorsed candidates won their elections! In the House, DFLers

won 10 open seats and 19 seats that were formerly held by Republican representatives. In the Senate, 8 pro-choice DFLers will replace pro-life Republicans in January.

It is also very noteworthy that we now have our first women serving as Attorney General and have elected the first woman to the US Senate from Minnesota.

The Feminist Caucus would like to thank the volunteers who committed three Satur-

days in October to doorknock and literature drop for our endorsed candidates.

These "flying squads" spent the day GOTVing for Sen. Steve Murphy and Rep. Elect Sandy Wollschlager out of the Redwing DFL Office. They did the same for Cong. Elect Tim Walz, Sen. Elect Kathy Sheran and Rep. Elect Kathy Brynaert near Mankato. Volunteers also spent an afternoon literature dropping for Patty Wetterling and Rep. Elect Teryl Clark in St. Cloud.

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A Message from the DFL Feminist Caucus President

☺ Greetings to all. Hope this finds you well-rested and invigorated after several hard-fought months and campaigns – but well worth it. A personal thrill for me is not only re-electing Sen. Terri Bonoff but also Rep.-elect John Benson – the first DFL House Rep. for me in over 40 years living in SD 43(B). I know our past president, Yvette Oldendorf, is ecstatic about now having 3 women elected to represent SD 56 and HD 56A and 56B. I'm sure there are many more similar stories, not to mention our collective excitement at the

first female US Senator Amy Klobuchar and CD1 Cong.-elect Tim Walz. I look forward to visiting their new digs in DC while attending a DNC meeting Feb. 1-3, 2007.

I have very mixed feelings at this writing – sadness at our loss of Amber Shipley come January. She has received a grant to intern in a congressional office in 2007 and will be leaving her position as DFLFC Fundraising Director. But our loss is for the benefit of others I am confident that we will be hearing much about her in the fu-

ture. Bon Voyage Amber – keep in touch.

I wish everyone Happy Holidays and a safe, healthy and peaceful 2007.

Your president,
Jackie Stevenson



Four past presidents of the DFL Feminist Caucus gathered at the 2006 DFL Women's Hall of Fame (left to right): Jo Matson, Nancy Beals, Jackie Stevenson, and Besty O'Berry

Annual Meeting Scheduled for Early 2007

☺ The next DFL Feminist Caucus Annual Meeting will be scheduled for early 2007 – most likely in February – please keep on the look out for announcements !

At the Annual Meeting, we will elect a new slate of board members. Interested in joining the Feminist Caucus board of directors? Becoming a board member is

easy! Monthly board meetings are held throughout the metro area to make our work as accessible as possible for outstate members. We are looking for DFLers with a passion for our feminist principles and skills they would like to share to grow the Feminist Caucus.

The Annual Meeting will also include agenda setting for

Feminist Caucus priorities and events through 2008. If you have ideas for the future of the Feminist Caucus, please consider attending this event and sharing your ideas!

We hope to announce the meeting date, location, and guest speaker in the coming month!

Feminist Caucus Successful Year (Cont. from Page 1)

DFL endorsement participated.

During the DFL Endorsing Convention in Rochester in June, the Feminist Caucus held a series of events, including membership meetings, social hours, and an impromptu gathering on Saturday to discuss a potential endorsement for governor.

The Feminist Caucus also

held an Attorney General Candidate Forum in August featuring the two front-running DFL candidates, Lori Swanson and Steve Kelley. Swanson and Kelly debated issues related to their sought office.

In all, it was a very exciting 33rd year for the Feminist Caucus! We all look forward to many more fun and informative events!



DFL Feminist Caucus members Amber Shipley, Tammy Tesky, and Melissa Parker gathered at the 2006 DFL Women's Hall of Fame luncheon in June.

DFL Feminist Caucus Principles

1. Support the Bill of Rights, especially freedom of speech, freedom of press, and separation of church and state
2. Support the Federal Equal Rights Amendment and implementing legislation
3. Support Human Rights legislation and strict enforcement of anti-discrimination laws
4. Support the 1973 Supreme Court decision on abortion and its implementation
5. Support contraceptives research, education, education, and access to birth control
6. Support comprehensive child cares services
7. Support access to food, housing, and health care for all
8. Support economic justice for women at home and in the work force
9. Support reallocation of public resources to meet human needs and protect the environment
10. Support reforms that make political parties more democratic
11. Support feminists for elective and appointive offices at all levels of government
12. Support comprehensive services for victims of domestic and sexual assault, accountability for offenders, and initiatives to prevent violence
13. Support actively only those candidates who support these principles

Marsha Swails Wins Her House Seat in Woodbury (56B)

Representative-elect Marsha Swails captured attention as a first-time candidate in the Woodbury area and one of three women candidates to sweep SD 56 removing all Republican incumbents. Marsha is a 20-year resident of Woodbury, a high school English teacher, an active community volunteer.

Her candidacy impressed all of the members serving on the Feminist Caucus endorsement committee, which enthusiastically supported her

race. Indeed, members of the Feminist Caucus spent a sunny October Saturday doing literature dropping and door knocking for Marsha.

The Feminist Caucus endorsement meant something to Marsha, who says, "I am so grateful for the unwavering support of the DFL Feminist Caucus. I am so proud of your endorsement and the time several members spent dropping lit for my campaign."

Congratulations to Marsha!



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—Rep. Elect Marsha Swails, 56B

Great holiday gift idea!

Become a Member of the DFL Feminist

sota feminists. Memberships start as low as \$10 for seniors and students!

A Feminist Caucus membership is also a great idea for the holidays! To give the gift of the Feminist Caucus, note on the form below who we should send a membership certificate and principles signature sheet.

To become a member or request a gift membership, please fill out the form below and mail it to us at:

DFL Feminist Caucus
255 E. Plato Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55107

If you need more immediate help, please call us at (651) 251-6323 or email info@dflfeministcaucus.org.

Consider becoming a member of the DFL Feminist Caucus! We're working to increase our membership to more effectively reach out on behalf of Democratic Minne-

Yes, I support the principles of the DFLFC and would like to contribute as a member:

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Cong. Dist: _____ Leg. Dist.: _____

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- Benefactor – \$250/year
- Sponsor – \$100/year
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- Individual – \$25/year
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- Please contact me about volunteering

Please make checks payable to the MN DFL FC

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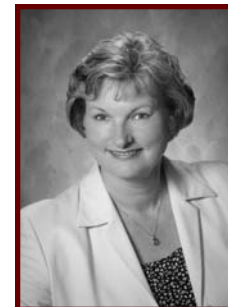
Congratulations to the DFL Feminist Caucus Endorsed Candidates!

Rebecca Otto (State Auditor)
Mark Ritchie (Secretary of State)
Ellen Anderson (SD 66)
Jeanine Allen (HD 49B)
Margaret Anderson Kelliher (HD 60A)
Joe Atkins (HD39B)
Grace Baltuch (HD 32A)
Barbara Beniek (HD 14A)
John Benson (HD 43B)
Linda Berglin (SD 61)
Don Betzold (SD 51)
Karla Bigham (HD 57A)
Carol Bomben (SD 42)
Terri Bonoff (SD 43)
Andrew Borene (SD 41)
Chris Brazelton (HD 19B)
Kathy Brynaert (HD 23B)
Julie Bunn (HD 56A)
Mariani, Carlos (HD 65B)
Jim Carlson (SD 38)
Lee Carlson (HD 32B)
Lyn Carlson (HD 45B)
Tim Carlson (SD 33)
Satveer Chaudhary (SD 50)
Karen Clark (HD 61A)
Teryl Clark (SD 15)
Dick Cohen (SD 64)
Jim Davnie (HD 62A)
Gary DeVaun (HD 34B)
Scott Dibble (SD 60)
Augustine Dominquez (HD 58B)
Leo Foley (SD 47)

Mike Germaine (SD 37)
Mindy Greiling (HD 54A)
Rick Hansen (HD 39A)
Alice Hausman (HD 66B)
Sandy Hewitt (HD 43A)
Linda Higgins (SD 58)
Debra Hilstrom (HD 46B)
Bill Hilty (HD 8A)
Frank Hornstein (HD 60B)
Melissa Hortman (HD 47B)
Jim Huhtala (HD 16B)
Tom Huntley (HD 7A)
Mike Jaros (HD 07B)
Sheldon Johnson (HD 67B)
Kate Knuth (HD 50B)
Carolyn Laine (HD 50A)
Jess Langerud (HD 48B)
Dan Larson (SD 63)
Ron Latz (SD 44)
John Lesch (HD 66A)
Tina Liebling (HD 30A)
Leon Lillie (HD 55A)
Diane Loeffler (HD 59A)
Tony Lourey (SD 8)
Tim Mahoney (HD 67A)
John Marty (SD 54)
Sandy Mason (HD 38A)
James Metzzen (SD 39)
Frank Moe (HD 04A)
Will Morgan (HD 40A)
Terry Morrow (HD 23A)
Mee Moua (SD 67)

Erin Murphy (HD 64A)
Mike Nelson (HD 46A)
Jerry Newton (SD 49)
John Olson (SD 41)
Sandy Pappas (SD 65)
Michael Paymar (HD 64B)
Aaron Peterson (HD 20A)
Sandy Peterson (HD 45A)
Larry Pogemiller (SD 59)
Jeanne Poppe (HD 27B)
Yvonne Pretner-Solon (SD 7)
Rob Raphael (HD 52A)
Patricia Torees Ray (SD 62)
Ann Rest (SD 45)
Sharon Ropes (SD 31)
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Maria Ruud (HD 42A)
Brita Sailer (HD 02B)
Kathy Saltzman (SD 56)
Bev Scalze (HD 54B)
Linda Scheid (SD 46)
Tony Sertich (HD 05B)
Kathy Sheran (SD 23)
Katie Sieben (SD 57)
Steve Simon (HD 44A)
Rod Skoe (SD 02)
Nora Slawik (HD 55B)
Linda Slocum (HD 63 B)
Dan Sparks (SD 27)
Mike Starr (SD 48)
Marsha Swails (HD 56B)

Cy Thao (HD 65A)
Paul Thissen (HD 63A)
Dave Tomassoni (SD 05)
Millie Vetch (HD 19A)
Jean Wagenius (HD 62B)
Neva Walker (HD 61B)
Ryan Winkler (HD 44B)
Sandy Wollschlager (HD 28A)
Diane



“This is a win for grassroots democracy! Thanks so much to the members who came here and doorknocked. I appreciated the initiative and the hard work paid off.”

—Rep. Elect Sandy Wollschlager, 28A