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THANKS FOR CALLING YOUR IOWA COUNTY SUPERVISOR!

KEEPING TABS ON THE IOWA COUNTY BOARD AND THE "COMMUNITY ROOM" ISSUE

"I think board members were astounded at how many people contacted them about the Community Room at the new HSS Building in Dodgeville. I detected a changed public position from one board meeting to the next in some members," said one attendee at last week's Iowa County Board meeting. Thanks to all of you who called, emailed or attended the county board meeting -- urging wide-spread use of the Community Room by the public. Unfortunately, the matter isn't settled yet. The question of user fees for the room has been sent back to the Economic Development Committee -- Dan Oleson, Dan Curran, Jim Griffiths, Jeremy Meek, Daniel Nankee, Joe Thomas and Ryan Walmer. Keep up the pressure on these committee members, to encourage minimal fees and maximum use. Click here for their contact info:

<http://www.grassrootswi.org/uploads/images/file/Legislators/Iowa%20County%20Board%20Members%202010-2012.pdf>

Sundays, Sept 18 thru Oct. 23, (Madison) IMMIGRATION AS A MORAL ISSUE:

A short course Our Grassroots Immigration Task Force recommends the following: With an Arizona-style anti-immigrant bill now introduced in the Wisconsin State Legislature, it's time to learn the facts about our broken immigration system and what can be done to fix it. Register by Sept. 5 for "Immigration as a Moral Issue", a short course facilitated by immigrant rights expert Leila Pine. The six classes will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays -- Sept. 18 through Oct. 23 -- at James Reeb UU Congregation, 2146 E. Johnson St., Madison. The cost is \$15 and scholarships are available for those in need. E-mail Leila Pine at sabinosanctuary@gmail.com or call Elizabeth at the church, 608- 242-8887. For more information and a copy of the registration form go to this website: <http://workerjustice.org/2011/register-now-for-exciting-class-on-immigration-as-a-moral-issue/>

Mon., Sept 19, 6 to 9 p.m. (Dodgeville) BECOME A VOLUNTEER ENGLISH TUTOR

The next English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor training course will be held the week of Sept. 19. CAN YOU HELP? No experience or foreign language necessary. Tutors are needed in Cobb, Highland, Darlington, Dodgeville, Mineral Point and other local communities. We have a waiting list of adult students eager to learn English. Once trained, you'll meet one-on-one with your student once a week - at a mutually agreeable time and place. The ten-hour tutor training is Mon., Sept. 19 (6 to 9 p.m.); Thurs., Sept. 22 (6 to 9 p.m.); Sat., Sept. 24 (8:30 to 12:30 p.m.). Let us know by return email if you are interested. For more details, check out our website at:

<http://www.grassrootswi.org/immigration/>

Tues., Sept. 20, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) IOWA COUNTY BOARD MEETS Use of the Community Room will be on the agenda among other vital topics. See our local leaders in action. It can be an eye-opening experience and may inspire you to fill out an application (by January) to serve. School boards also need board members willing to serve. Check out the Grassroots website for info about how to run for local office.

<http://www.grassrootswi.org/elections/>

Fri., Sept. 23, 4 p.m. (Reedsburg) FROM THE START, CONSIDER THE FINISH:

a play The Reedsburg end-of-life planning group is presenting a play entitled "From the Start, Consider the Finish" to be performed by a Milwaukee theater company at the Fusch Community Center, behind the Reedsburg hospital. Palliative care and end-of-life planning, although often neglected as a healthcare issue, have become a major concern for the Grassroots Health Care Task Force. The task force is working in cooperation with the Bioethics Committee of Uplands Health and regional and statewide coalitions to explore ways to raise awareness of the medical, legal, ethical and spiritual dimensions of decision-making as life moves toward its close. See the Health Care page for more information: http://www.grassrootswi.org/health_care_reform/

Sat., Oct 15, 6 p.m. (Mineral Point) RUSS FEINGOLD HEADLINES

GRASSROOTS FALL EVENT He'll be talking about "The Exploding Corporate Influence in Washington". Join your friends and neighbors for a fun evening of wine, cheese and lively conversation (after a day enjoying the *Fall Art Tour*.) At this free event, you'll learn about what the Grassroots organization is up to and how you can become involved in its community-changing work. To RSVP (helpful but not required), email or emma@mhtc.net or call 967-2375

DAILY BUS SERVICE IS NOW AVAILABLE FROM DUBUQUE TO MADISON --

with stops in Platteville, Dodgeville, Mount Horeb and Verona. For fares, schedules and pick up points, check out the link on the Sustain Iowa County page of our Grassroots website:

http://www.grassrootswi.org/sustain_iowa_county/

What do you think about Warren Buffett's op-ed piece on Taxes and "Coddling the Super-Rich"?

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Grassroots-Citizens-of-wisconsin/174246405925559?sk=wall>

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