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HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

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News from our Health Care Task Force...

Health Care Reform Starting to Produce Results

If your kids or grandkids are under 26 and have no health insurance, it's time to talk to the insurance company. One of the first benefits to be implemented under the new health reform law is the opportunity for young adults to obtain health coverage through their parents' health insurance plans up to their 26th birthday. Although the change takes effect on Sept. 23, many insurers will implement the policy sooner than the law allows. Parents need to contact their insurance company.

For more info check out the "What's Hot" page on the Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin website

http://www.grassrootswi.org/what_is_hot/

And for seniors on Medicare Part D, the notorious "donut hole" will begin to disappear soon, starting with a \$250 rebate this year. If you are in that hole you should start seeing those checks soon.

GRASSROOTS IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE TWO WINNERS OF THE 1ST MARY LOUISE SYMON AWARDS

Congratulations to Molly Palzkill, a 2010 graduate of Mineral Point High School, and Kallee Satern, a 2010 graduate of Highland High School, who are the first two winners of the Mary Louise Symon Memorial Award. These awards honor Mary Louise's memory by recognizing young men and women whose scholarship, personal character and volunteer service demonstrate a commitment to community engagement and the creation of a positive social environment -- just as she did!

Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin created the Symon award to advance an agenda of social change consistent with Mary Louise Symon's life-long vision. Mary Louise blazed a path for women in politics, becoming the first woman chair of the Dane County Board. Throughout her life she remained deeply committed to advancing a broad social agenda including protecting the environment, preserving farmland and rural regions, making courts more humane, ensuring fair housing and defending social services, among others. She was one of the founders of the Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin.

A celebration event will be held in Fall, 2010, to honor Molly Palzkill, Kallee Satern and Mary Louise Symon. If you would like to help make this event a success, please contact us by return email or contact Linda Donnelly at lsdonnelly@charter.net

Sat., Oct. 2 (Dodgeville) 3rd ANNUAL SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY FAIR.

We'll soon be putting out calls for folks who would like to exhibit or help at this upcoming annual event. Let us know by return email if you're interested in getting involved.

REMINDERS

Fri., June 18 to Sun., June 20 (Custer, WI.) 21ST ANNUAL MIDWEST

RENEWAL ENERGY (MREA) FAIR Each year the MREA Energy Fair transforms rural Central Wisconsin into the global hot spot for renewable energy education -- with over 20,000 people coming from nearly every state and several foreign countries. Among the 200 workshop topics at this year's fair will be: "Solar Thermal for Beginners"; "Eating Year Round from your Garden"; "Building your own Electric Car" or "Launching your own Solar Business." Inspirational keynoters, lively entertainment, great food and local beers will all be part of the fun. Custer is 7 miles east of Stevens Point. To find out more details, including workshops, costs and info about daily buses leaving for the Fair from Madison, go to http://www.the-mrea.org/energy_fair.php Or call 715-592-6595.

Fri., July 2, 4 p.m. (Clyde) MONTHLY PEACE MEETING

Lots of things are going on. Come and hear how you can get involved. How about marching in the Mineral Point 4th of July parade (see below); or participating in the Lanterns for Peace event in August (see below) or lending a hand to make the Upland Hills Stones Into Schools project to be launched in the fall a success (more to come on this project in coming Gazettes.) Come early at 2 p.m. and help with preparing the lanterns for the August event. Contact Jane Kavaloski at kavaloski@countrysspeed.com

LOCATION: Home of Fanou and Bryan Walton, 6617 Clyde Rd., Spring Green, 583-2626.

Directions: From Highway 23 north of Dodgeville, turn west on Hwy. 130, several miles into the small Clyde community where you will turn right onto Clyde Road at intersection of County I, Hwy. 130 and Clyde Road. Walton home is just north of Global View.

Sun., July 4 (Mineral Point) THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Always a fun part of the holiday weekend is marching in Mineral Point's 4th of July parade down High Street with the Grassroots Citizens for Peace. The kids love it and so do the participating adults. If possible, wear a white shirt or T-shirt. Look for the group lining up close to the start of the parade, near High and Iowa Street (not far from the Mineral Point Care Center.) Contact Jane Kavaloski at 935-3007 for more info.

Fri., Aug. 6., 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) LANTERNS FOR PEACE

Part of an international movement against nuclear weapons, this annual event at the Twin Valley Lake Shelter at Governor Dodge State Park, includes lantern-making, information sharing, story telling and singing. Bring the kids and grandkids for this wonderful intergenerational activity. At dusk the unique and beautiful floating of the Lanterns will take place on Twin Valley Lake. Please bring finger food to share. Juice and water will be provided. A day pass or park sticker will be required. Contact Jane Kavaloski at kavaloski@countrysspeed.com for more info. Sponsored by Grassroots Citizens for Peace.

THE GRASSROOTS GAZETTE IS THE VOICE OF THE GRASSROOTS CITIZENS OF WISCONSIN, an energetic group of over 1000 people in Iowa, Sauk, Crawford, Richland, Lafayette and Grant Counties who are interested in taking an active role in improving government and promoting rational discussions of local, state and national issues. For further information, or to add a friend to our mailing list, please contact: Shirley Barnes, Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin, 2473 Mt. Hope Road, Dodgeville, WI. 53533, 608-623-2109, e-mail: grassroots@merr.com.

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