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SEN. RON JOHNSON NEEDS TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT IMMIGRATION REFORM

Every day this week!



The long-awaited immigration reform vote is expected THIS WEEK in the U.S. Senate. This vote is vitally important to our dairy farming neighbors and their workers. Senator Johnson needs to know how YOU want him to vote! Please call every day this week

because the number of calls is a measure of enthusiasm.

Sen. Ron Johnson phone numbers

202-224-5323 -- Washington D.C.

920-230-7250 -- Oshkosh

414-276-7282 - Milwaukee

If his voicemail is full or you can't get through via the phone, please email him using the email contact form at:

http://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-the-senator

Want to know more about the immigration reform? Go to the Grassroots Immigration page for an in-depth discussion of the

issues: http://www.grassrootswi.org/immigration



Fri., June 28, 7 p.m. (Richland Center) CELEBRITY N.Y. CHEF AND COOK BOOK AUTHOR SUVIR SARAN COMING FOR FREE

EVENT. Here's an exciting local opportunity! Well known N.Y. cookbook author, chef and organic farmer SUVIR SARAN will be on stage for a FREE cooking demo/tasting. He'll be talking about healthy cooking and the relationship between food, culture and health in America. Get tickets early

at the Health and Human Services Building, 221 W. Seminary St., Richland Center. Tickets are free but there is a limited number available. LOCATION OF EVENT; RICHLAND CENTER COMMUNITY CENTER, 1050 North Orange Street (just off Hwy. 14.) For more info, check out http://www.richlandfit.com Sponsored by Food for Life.

Sun., June 30, 1 to 4 p.m. (Richland Center) A COOKING CLASS WITH SUVIR SARAN A few slots are still available for a cooking class (\$100) with SUVIR SARAN at the Richland Center High School. (He is chair of Asian Students at the Culinary Institute of America). Contact Dana Churchill, 608-649-5968 or dana.churchill@co.richland.wi.us to reserve your spot or for info.

REMINDERS ABOUT OTHER UPCOMING NEWS.

Tues., July 2, noon to 2 p.m. (Dodgeville) AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE 101: A LOCAL FORUM The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (known as Obamacare or the ACA) made sweeping changes to the nation's health care system and employer-sponsored health care coverage. Many businesses, employees and citizens are unsure what the law actually does or how it may affect them. FORUM LOCATION: Iowa County Health and Human Services Building, Community Room, 303 W. Chapel Street in Dodgeville. You are invited to join Tyler Wilkinson, from the law firm of Axley Brynelson, LLP; Dr. Aaron Dunn from Upland Hills Health and Kevin Kane from Citizen Action WI. They will help you understand the big picture and provide you with the tools to meet the law's requirements. Expect plenty of time for questions and answers. The forum is sponsored by the Dodgeville and Mineral Point Chambers and UW Extension. PLEASE PRE-REGISTER AT UW EXT - 930-9850.

Sat., July 13, 11:15 a.m. (location to be announced) IOWA COUNTY CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY This local group is part of a national organization that supports passage of legislation to gradually raise a fee on carbon-based fuels with the money being returned to all taxpayers. New members always welcome! Learn more at http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org. For more information contact Chuck Tennessen at twotens@yousq.net or (608) 987-3835.

Fri., July 19, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) CITIZENS FOR PEACE Grassroots Citizens for Peace will meet at the home of Fanou and Bryan Walton, 6615 Clyde Rd, Spring Green. This will be the final preparation meeting for the Lanterns for Peace event in August. For more information about the meeting each month or about specific events or activities please contact: Jane H. Kavaloski at Kavaloski@countryspeed.com or (608) 935-3007.

Mon. June 24 and Mon., July 15, 7:30 (Spring Green) Two exciting Rural Musicians Forum upcoming concerts - FLAMENCO AND COLE PORTER Spend a delightful Monday summer night at Spring Green's Unity Chapel, Cty T, just east of Hwy 23. The June 24 Rural Musicians Forum concert features two of the area's most talented Flamenco performers. On July 15, Cole Porter's music will be featured. For more info go to http://www.ruralmusiciansforum.org. No ticket charge but freewill offering.

Sun., Aug. 4, 6:30 p.m. to dusk (Governor Dodge State Park) "LANTERNS FOR PEACE" EVENT featuring traveling folk singer Rich Baumann. The highlight of this long-time local event will be the floating of over 90 hand-colored paper lanterns, linked loosely together as they are pulled slowly out into Twin Valley Lake by a silent canoe - at dusk. As the darkness deepens, the long arc of glowing lights illumines the night, symbolizing our hope for a world of peace, free of nuclear weapons. The event begins at 6:30 p.m., with lantern making, music, poetry, children's stories and presentations. People are invited to bring a dish to share. A park day pass or sticker is required. For further info contact Jane H. Kavaloski at Kavaloski@countryspeed.com or (608) 935-3007.

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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