



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin.

**A BIG THANK YOU
TO OUR NEW AND RENEWING
GRASSROOTS MEMBERS...**

who contributed at the Russ Feingold event.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2011-2012,
please consider doing so (see instructions below).

BECOME A GRASSROOTS MEMBER OR RENEW!

Click here http://www.grassrootswi.org/become_a_member/ to become a Grassroots member or to renew your membership for the 2011-2012 year. Please print out the form at the bottom of the "Become a Member" page and mail it with your contribution (optional). Your support is greatly appreciated. You'll see below a number of LOCAL Grassroots events coming up. Our Grassroots Gazette also includes news of other community happenings.

WE THANK RUSS FEINGOLD FOR REFUELING OUR ENGINES. Over 200 people attended the Grassroots Annual Fall Event in Mineral Point last weekend. It was a fun, uplifting event, with great food, wonderful music and lots of good conversation. Thanks to all who made it happen. (For Cap Times coverage of the event, click here:

http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/article_9c919aa6-f84c-11e0-a077-001cc4c002e0.html

Sun., Nov. 13, 2 to 5 p.m. (Spring Green) PEOPLE, PIE AND THE COMMON GOOD So what's next after the Feingold event? You are invited to be a vital part of the Grassroots follow-up event called "People, Pie and the Common Good" -- an afternoon of provocation, passion, positive thinking and delicious homemade pies. Get involved in determining the Grassroots agenda for the coming year. The keynote speaker is Jay Heck, executive director of Common Cause Wisconsin. This event will give you a chance to contemplate what it means to be a citizen in a time of rapid, radical change. Location: Wyoming Valley School, 6306 St. Hwy 23, between Spring Green and Dodgeville. RSVP (helpful, but not required) at emma@mhtc.net or 608-967-2375.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

DODGEVILLE SCHOOL REFERENDUM INFO SESSIONS ARE COMING UP:

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUES., NOV. 8 Due to serious overcrowding at Dodgeville Elementary School, the Dodgeville School Board is asking voters to authorize it to continue to collect the same amount of money it's been collecting for the last several years because of the existing \$600,000 Middle School bond which will be paid off in May, 2012. IN OTHER WORDS, they will collect no new taxes, but continue the amount citizens are paying right now. For more complete information, you are urged to attend one of the Informational Sessions - Thurs., Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Ridgeway Elementary School; Sat., Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. at Stonefield Village; and Thurs., Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Dodgeville Elementary School. A tour of the Dodgeville Elementary School is scheduled for Thurs., Oct. 27 at 6:15 p.m. (before the information session.)

Oct. 19 to 27 (Dodgeville) WINDOWS INTO GAZA: a photo exhibit Gaza is one of the most troubled spots in the world where 1.5 million people have been living in the crosshairs of the Israeli-Arab dispute for decades. "How do they live?" That is the question that photographer Skip Schierl, a frequent Gaza visitor, answers in this photo exhibit at the Dodgeville Public Library on display from Oct. 15 to 29. The exhibit is jointly sponsored by the Dodgeville Public Library and Grassroots Citizens for Peace.

Wed., Oct. 19, 7 to 9 p.m. (Dodgeville) A LECTURE: SPOTLIGHT ON GAZA At the opening of the Gaza exhibit, UW professor and author Dr. Joe Elder will put the "Spotlight on Gaza", during a conversation about the long-running Middle East conflict. His most recent book is entitled A Compassionate Peace: A Future for the Middle East. The lecture will be at the Dodgeville Public Library.

Thurs., Oct. 27, 7 to 9 p.m. (Dodgeville) A LECTURE: CONFLICTING RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES ON ISRAEL/PALESTINE To close the photo exhibit at the Dodgeville Library, Lutheran scholar Dr. James L. Bailey, prof emeritus at Wartburg Theological Seminary, will share his years of experience visiting and teaching about the Israel-Palestine area. His last trip was in January, 2009. Location of lecture: Dodgeville Library

Mon., Oct. 24, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) WHAT DOES WATER MEAN TO OUR COMMUNITY? What water resources are right here in our area? How can we maintain or improve our water resources? These and other questions will be addressed at a Dodgeville area Conversation on Water Conservation sponsored by several statewide nonprofit organizations. You are invited. Location: Grace Lutheran Church, 1105 N. Bequette Street. Registration starts at 6:45 p.m. Please RSVP to Erika Jones erika.sh.jones@gmail.com or call 608-658-7763.

Thurs., Oct. 20, 4 to 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) 2011 DODGEVILLE BUSINESS

EXPO Grassroots believes in supporting our local businesses. Over 25 area businesses will have exhibits at this free event at the Dodger Bowl, 318 King Street, sponsored by the Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce.

Sat., Oct. 22, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Fitchburg) LEARN ALL ABOUT ALEC

(AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL) Our sister Grassroots organization in the Fitchburg area is planning this all-day conference to help people understand what ALEC stands for and its reported impact on Wisconsin elections and recent legislation.

Location: BTCI Promega, 5565 E. Cheryl Parkway, Fitchburg. To register for the conference, go to: <http://www.allaboutalec.org/registration.html> For more information about ALEC, go to http://alecexposed.org/wiki/ALEC_Exposed

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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