

DFL COUNTY UNIT/SENATE DISTRICT PARTY E-NEWS

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Please send any information you would like to share with your fellow DFLers to the moderator at: DFL_unit_chairs-owner@yahoo.com

If there are other DFL leaders from your district that would like to be on this list, send an e-mail to Allison at afrailich@dfl.org and they will be added for the next issue on November 3rd.

I. CONFERENCE CALL TONIGHT!

Don't forget about tonight's monthly conference call at 7:00 pm. **The call in number is: 1-800-977-8002 and the pin code is 685978#.** On tonight's call, we will be discussing the upcoming caucuses, building & wall of honor dedication event any other issues people would like to discuss.

If you have specific items you'd like to make sure are discussed on the call, please let Allison know ahead of the call and she will put it on the 'agenda'. **Also, please encourage your fellow chairs and state executive committee members to join in the calls. They're free, don't last too long and are a great way to communicate within the party.**

II. DFL WALL OF HONOR, HALL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE & BUILDING EVENT

We have sent out invitations to Democrats across the state of Minnesota inviting them to contribute to the DFL Wall of Honor and to attend our dedication event on November 15th. All state central committee members and state executive committee members were sent invitations and are asked to forward the information on within your units and to all interested parties. If you lost your invitation or want to refer others, information about the event is available on our website.

In its inaugural year, it is particularly important that we have a good showing. There are people within our districts that have made significant contributions and deserve to be honored. **Please consider making a contribution as a party unit to the wall of honor.** You may choose to honor one of your own local leaders, a state or congressional district party leader or one of the Hall of Distinguished Service inductees. Either way, a contribution from our units to the wall is an important recognition of the many unrecognized individuals who help make our party great.

III. PRECINCT CAUCUS PREPARATION

By now you should have received a letter outlining the preparations for caucuses that all units should begin thinking about. Essentially, all county unit chairs have the following responsibilities:

- Finding caucus conveners and locations and submitting those to the state DFL office no later than February 3, 2004.
- Making copies (check to cover expenses will be provided) of caucus materials and distributing to caucuses in his/her district.
- Recruiting election judges

More information will be available as we move closer to caucus time.

Also some of you have requested a copy of the state statute regarding usage of public facilities on precinct caucus night. That information is as follows:

202A.192 Use of public facilities.

Every statutory city, home rule charter city, county, town, school district and other public agency, including the University of Minnesota and other public colleges and universities, shall make their facilities available for the holding of precinct caucuses and legislative district or county conventions required by this chapter. A charge for the use of the facilities may be imposed in an amount that does not exceed the lowest amount charged to any public or private group.

IV. ID PROGRAM HOTLINE

The DFL is opening a hotline for information on the ID Program. This allows unit officers, home callers, and anyone else involved in the ID Program to call in and ask questions, practice the script, and get comfortable with ID calling. You are always welcome to call the numbers below at any time and leave a message, but during the hotline hours there will be someone at one or both of the numbers. **ID HOTLINE: 651-251-6321 or 651-251-6313/ 800-999-7457**

The hotline hours are:

Wednesdays: 3pm - 5pm

Thursdays: 5pm - 8pm

V. UPCOMING EVENTS

(Please note, if you'd like an event added to our calendar of events hosted on our website, e-mail a notice with all of the information including nature of event, location, time, costs if any, guest speakers and event contact person for more information to dfi@dfi.org)

Platform Commission Meeting - Saturday, November 8, 2003

Time: 10:30am

Location: Burnsville Galaxie Library, 14955 Galaxie Ave., Apple Valley

Affirmative Action Commission Meeting - Saturday, November 8, 2003

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Dakota County Library, 1101 West County Road 42, Burnsville

CD 4 Bruce Vento Spaghetti Dinner - Sunday, November 9, 2003

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Prom Center, 484 Inwood Ave., Oakdale

Cost: \$20 all you can eat, \$15 for kids, students & seniors

For more information, contact CD 4 Chair, Randy Schubring at (651) 690-1890 or CD 4 Associate Chair Jo Matson at (651)231-6263

DFL Hall of Distinguished Service, Wall of Honor & Building Dedication - Saturday, November 15th, 2003

Time: 4:00-Tour of the Building/5:00-Dedication Ceremony of the DFL

Headquarters/5:30-Reception/6:30-Dedication Ceremony of the DFL Hall of Distinguished Service & Wall of Honor

DFL State Executive Committee Meeting - Saturday, November 15th, 2003

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Awada's Restaurant (next to DFL HQ)

Monthly Conference Call - Monday, December 1st, 2003

Time: 7:00 pm

(Call in number and pin code will be e-mailed in advance of meeting)

VI. LOCAL UNIT NEWS

This is the chance to hear about what districts are doing in other parts of the state and to gloat a little. Please send in information about events or unit activities to include in this section for future editions.

The following is an article that appeared in the Rochester newspaper about a day long event put together by the Olmsted DFL to honor the legacy of the Senator Paul and Sheila Wellstone on the one year anniversary of the plane crash. It was a great event that not only gave DFLers a way to pay tribute to the memories of the Wellstones but also made a meaningful contribution to the greater community. Lynn Wilson, chair of Olmsted DFL, says that they're already making plans to have this be an annual event and hope that other DFL units will consider making it happen in their area. For more information about this year's tribute and ideas on how to make it happen in your district, contact Lynn at 507-281-2956 or lwilson154@charter.net.

Olmsted DFL tries to carry on Wellstone's legacy

Saturday, October 25, 2003

The Post-Bulletin By Dawn Schuett

In the year since Paul Wellstone died, Olmsted County DFLers have gone from attending vigils in his memory to rallying against state budget cuts to opposing the war in Iraq.

For all the grief brought by his death, his legacy for grassroots organizing lives on locally and throughout the country, said Lynn Wilson, chairwoman of the Olmsted County Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party.

"I think everybody took a little more responsibility and ownership" to be more concerned about the issues, Wilson said.

More people seem to be informed of relevant issues and decisive in their views, she said, adding that state and world events also helped to renew community activism after Wellstone's death in a plane crash Oct. 25, 2002.

"It's just a culmination of the times and the concerns," Wilson said.

The Olmsted County DFL has kept the momentum going by remaining active year-round and increasing its membership, Wilson said. Following last fall's election, the party kept its headquarters open rather than shutting down until the next election cycle.

>From Dec. 5-7, Rochester will be the site of a three-day training event known as "Camp Wellstone." The camps have been conducted in Minnesota and other states in the past year to teach grassroots advocacy and organizing, and to train people how to run a campaign and how to win as a candidate in a progressive campaign.

Wilson said about 135 people are expected to attend the camp, sponsored by Wellstone Action, a non-profit organization devoted to continuing the legacy of Paul and Sheila Wellstone. Registrations for the Rochester camp have already been filled.

Today, local DFLers are observing the one-year anniversary of the Wellstones' deaths by volunteering in the community. Tonight, they'll have a program to honor the Wellstones and raise money from a chili feed for two local charities in their memory.

Both activities are a fitting tribute to the late U.S. senator and his wife, Wilson said.

There's no better way to honor the Wellstones, according to Wilson, than "extending a collective helping hand to the vulnerable and needy in our community."

Other Wellstone supporters will be attending an AFL-CIO convention in the Twin Cities this weekend.

Connie Dammen, president of the Southeast Central Labor Council, said labor organizations are pressing forward with Wellstone's fight to protect the rights of working class people.

"We're carrying the torch," she said.

Day of Caring and Sharing

The Olmsted County DFL is having a "Day of Caring and Sharing" as a tribute to the late U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone and his wife, Sheila. Volunteers performed community service this morning. From 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., there will be activities at DFL headquarters, 2002 Second St. S.W. Children's activities will begin at 4 p.m. A chili supper will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Volunteers eat for free. A tribute to Wellstone begins at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Women's Shelter and Channel One Food Shelf.

VII. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

(This section of the e-mail has been set up to enable the exchange of questions and answers that may be of relevance to chairs across the state. If you have a question or would like to respond to something posted in this section, send your response to Allison. This is designed to be interactive so please submit questions and respond with answers.)

Q: CD 4 Associate Chair Jo Matson is trying to collect a list of non-official e-mail addresses for DFL elected officials (legislators, county commissioners, city council, etc) across the state. This list will help in building a network of people to do candidate recruitment for all levels of elected office. If you have personal e-mail addresses of elected officials in your area that you'd be willing to share or willing to help Jo get in touch with some of these people, please e-mail them to her at: jomatson@msn.com

VIII. HOW TO REACH US

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- General questions
- Mailings

