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EVENTS

2010 WOMEN OPENING DOORS FOR WOMEN

What: 21st Annual Women Opening Doors for Women (WODW) event!-

With EMILY's List President Stephanie Schriock, celebrate this year's outstanding WIN Advisory Council member and WIN network, enjoy appetizers and wine, and network with fellow professional women

Where: AFL-CIO (815 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20006)

When: Thursday, June 17, 6:00 p.m.

Please click [here](#) to select your dinner, then register for this event by purchasing your ticket to the [2010 Women Opening Doors for Women](#).

http://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/2741/t/9921/p/salsa/web/common/public/content?content_item_KEY=2656

VOTING RIGHTS NEWS

ELECTION DAY OBSERVATION

Harrisburg, PA - A bill that would allow teachers to take groups of schoolchildren to observe polling places on Election Day has been approved by the state House. The bill, introduced by Rep. Kevin Murphy (D-113, Scranton) would permit students to

observe voting for a limited time period during off-peak hours. The legislation now goes to the Senate for consideration. Details Here:

<http://thetimes-tribune.com/election-observation-bill-passes-house-1.838674>

DC DLC BRAIN TEASERS

DC DLC BRAIN TEASERS - Each week we have a puzzle or a brain teaser or a trivia question for you to answer. You can e-mail your answers to editors@democraticlawyers.org. Please put "Brain Teaser" in the subject line. We will run the names of all those who get the right/best answer in the following issue.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

What state celebrates Flag Day as a state holiday?

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

What two veteran's of the Mexican War became President? Bonus: Name a third veteran of the Mexican War also became a very high ranking politician.

ANSWER

Zackary Taylor and U. S. Grant served in the Mexican War and later each became President. The third veteran we were looking for was Jefferson Davis who became President of the Confederacy. Other well known veterans included Robert E. Lee, George Meade, George McClelland, Ambrose Burnside, James Longstreet and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. Kevin Kingston correctly identified Taylor and Grant. Congratulations Kevin!

WHO ARE WE?

The DC Democratic Lawyers Council (DC DLC) is a group of Democratic lawyers, affiliated with the National Lawyers Council of the Democratic National Committee, volunteering their legal skills to strengthen the democratic process. We work to ensure that every eligible citizen is allowed to vote and that every vote cast in every election is counted. The DC DLC was formed out of a concern that voting rights are increasingly under attack in our country and an understanding that now is the time to put the skills of Democratic attorneys to work to ensure that every citizen's right to

vote will be upheld in future elections. Our activities include advocating for better laws and regulations and initiating litigation when necessary to guarantee the fairness of and the widest participation in the U.S. electoral process.

The Democratic Lawyers Council was founded by attorneys who have served on the front line of election law for the Democratic Party. The lesson learned from the recount debacle in 2000 was that post-election day litigation will hardly ever fix any election injustice. Given that, many of the recount lawyers, particularly those based in Florida, engineered a comprehensive voter protection program to confront and deal with voter and election issues before Election Day in 2004. One aspect of this effort was the recruitment of 3200 lawyers who, after receiving specialized election law and procedures training, worked inside the polls in key precincts in Florida to assure that every citizen who showed up to vote, was able to do so.

Since then, our members have been involved in priority federal and state and local elections across the nation. DC DLC members served in volunteer and leadership capacities in support of the election of President Obama and federal, state, and local Democratic candidates in 2008 and volunteered for the 2009 off-year elections. Now, we are gearing-up to protect the vote so that we can grow our majorities in the House and Senate during the 2010 mid-term elections

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