

Democratic Women's Information Network



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There was a lively **discussion of political issues at the Downtown DWIN lunch** this week. Everyone at the table was asked to speak on which issue she would make her priority if she were elected president today. We discussed abortion rights, sex education, the environment, the voting process, passage of the ERA, campaign finance reform, restoration of civil rights, the importance of a strong judiciary, healthcare, the re-regulation of industry and financial markets, international trade agreements and regaining the respect of other nations. All in about an hour! If you have not attended a Downtown DWIN lunch you're missing out on a terrific experience.

Michelle Barth, Regional Director for Sen. Bill Nelson, asked that we call her office and register our opinions about **off-shore drilling**. The phone number is 346-4500. Your elected representatives keep track of these phone calls. It just takes a minute. Call today!

Here's another call to make: It takes weeks for the public to obtain the Senate's paper campaign disclosure forms. This means that in the final weeks of a campaign, well-heeled donors can anonymously provide funding for last minute negative attack ads for candidates. This is unfair to voters. The Sunlight Foundation is pushing the Senate to go digital in filing its campaign disclosure forms. Call your senators and urge them to pass the **Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act**. Go to www.Pass223.com for more information.