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## CLUW PARTNERS WITH THE WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN FORUM

**Only 10% of women have ever thought about running for office, compared with 20% of men.**

WCF's She Should Run™ program is a comprehensive effort to build the pipeline of women who support reproductive health choices in public office.

**Studies show women are more likely to run for office if we ask them to run.**

With She Should Run™ the WCF is committed to making sure as many women as possible are asked. Once they're given the name of a woman, they will ensure these women receive the support, training, and resources they need to join the next class of strong and successful women leaders in our country.

**Since 2007, WCF has collected over 2,000 online nominations for the She Should Run™ program.**

WCF is committed to ensuring these

women get the essential encouragement they need and to providing them connections to key public life decision making tools and campaign resources.

She Should Run™ nominees are looking to run at all levels of public office from School Board to Congress, regardless of political party.

CLUW will be working with the WCF to encourage union women to think about running for office. It's a perfect fit with what we are trying to accomplish as union women. We know from experience the culture changes when women are involved in making the decisions.

CLUW National Officers Council votes to partner with the Women's Campaign Forum to increase the number of women running for elected office.



Front: Siobhan "Sam" Bennett (President/CEO WCF), 2nd row: Judy Beard, Janet Nelson, Karen See, Diane Babineaux. 3rd row: Patty White (former Central FL Chapter Pres.) Victoria Sawicki, Carol Censki, Kerry Newkirk, Janet Hill, Gloria Brimm, Back row: Brenda Savoy, Sandra Burseson, Jackie Jeter, Elisa Riordan, Carolyn Williams, Bennie Bridges.

Women are poised to be a majority in the workplace. It only makes sense for us to hold more elected offices. **If women don't run women can't win.**

For more information about the "She Should Run" program, go to:

[www.cluw.org](http://www.cluw.org) or  
[www.wcfonline.org](http://www.wcfonline.org)

### CLUW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 18-21, 2010 at

[The Madison, A Loews Hotel](#)

1177 15th Street NW

Washington, DC 20005

featuring a Lobby Day and a Celebration of Working Women Reception on Thursday, March 18 and CLUW's Leadership Development Academy on Saturday, March 20, 2010

### Coalition of Labor Union Women Leadership Academy Part 1

On March 20, 2010 CLUW will begin a year long effort to prepare women for leadership positions. Part one will consist of workshops designed to help women gain the knowledge that will make them great leaders.

From the basics of "Running a meeting" to "How to deal with difficult people" and much more. The Academy workshops will be held in conjunction with the three NEB Meetings scheduled for 2010.

Rep. Donna Edwards (D-MD) will kick off Leadership Academy Part 1. All union members are welcome to attend and participate. Registration information is available online at [www.cluw.org](http://www.cluw.org)

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## Take the Pearl Pledge

CLUW and its Cervical  
Cancer Prevention Works  
Project are partners in the  
**Pearl of Wisdom Cam-  
paign to Eliminate Cervi-  
cal Cancer.** "Take the  
Pearl Pledge" is the cur-  
rent **Pearl of Wisdom**

promotion leading up to Mother's Day (May 9, 2010). In short, the pledge commits you to: scheduling your annual gynecologic examination, wearing a Pearl of Wisdom in support of cervical cancer prevention, and encouraging 5 friends to do the same. We urge you to **Take the Pledge!** Go to [www.pearlofwisdom.us/pledge](http://www.pearlofwisdom.us/pledge)

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## DRED AND HARRIET SCOTT MEMORIAL STATUES TO BE ERECTED NEAR OLD COURTHOUSE IN ST. LOUIS

Submitted by St. Louis CLUW  
Chapter



In March of 2009, Lynne Jackson, the great-great granddaughter of Dred Scott, addressed the St. Louis CLUW chapter. She informed the chapter about plans to build a memorial statue of Dred and Harriet Scott in downtown St. Louis.

The Old Courthouse in St. Louis is the site of the first of the historic Dred Scott cases that led to the famous Dred Scott Decision. That decision from the U.S. Supreme Court said that neither the Scotts, who were of African descent, nor their descendants, had any rights, not even to be in court and "no rights which the white man was bound to respect". This ruling affected all those of African descent, both slave and free. This case was a major catalyst for the civil war.

The St. Louis CLUW chapter immediately responded to Ms. Jackson that they wanted to be involved in the Penney Drive to help raise funds for the memorial statue.

At the National CLUW Convention in L.A. in October 2009, we passed a resolution submitted from the St. Louis chapter, stating that the Coalition of Labor Union Women shall:

Denounce the Dred Scott decision;

Remember Dred and Harriet Scott and the spirit, strength, and courage it took for them and their supporters to make a stand at that time for freedom, justice, and equality for all people of the U.S.;

Support the commemoration of Dred and Harriet Scott and the commissioning of statues in their images to be built in downtown St. Louis overlooking the Old Courthouse, the site of the first trials leading to the Dred Scott Decision.

Continue to work for reconciliation between all races and continue to oppose slavery anywhere on the planet.

If your chapter would like to get involved in the Penney drive to raise funds for these statues, contact the Dred Scott Foundation at: [www.thedredscottfoundation.org](http://www.thedredscottfoundation.org) or contact them at P.O. Box 2009, Florissant, MO. 63032-2009

**Bonnie Polster**, IAM member from New Holstein, WI, was awarded the Gloria T. Johnson Women in Union Leadership Scholarship at our 2009 National Convention.

As part of her requirement for the scholarship Bonnie will be providing mentoring to young people and providing CLUW with monthly updates. She is currently mentoring Sam, a young co-worker and IAM member.

With Bonnie's guidance, Sam is learning what is involved with being a union leader and activist. She has attended meetings, participated in actions and seen first hand what goes into planning an event.



**Bonnie Polster, IAM**

*In honor of Women's History Month,  
The Coalition of Labor Union Women presents*  
**CLUW's First Annual Working  
Women's Award Celebration**

**March 18, 2010**

Please join us in honoring

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