



**NEWSLETTER OF THE  
UPTOWN PROGRESSIVES**  
July 2007

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**July 23**, Monday, at noon. **Ohio Conference on Fair Trade Board Meeting.** 395 E. Broad St. Meetings open to everyone; bring your lunch. Information: <[khansen@695online.com](mailto:khansen@695online.com)>.

**August 3**, Friday, 7:00 p.m. Free First Friday Flicks. "**Bush's Brain**" (about Karl Rove). Free Press office, 1000 E. Main St. Free parking in the rear or next door in the Goodwill lot.

**August 6**, Monday, 7:30 p.m. **Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration.** Battelle Memorial Riverfront Park, Marconi and Broad Street. 252-9255 or <[walk@igc.org](mailto:walk@igc.org)>

**August 11**, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. **Kids in the Prairie.** Whetstone Park Prairie. Explore and look for butterflies and birds and the plants they like to eat. Prairie is south of the brook. <[www.for-wild.org/chapters/columbus](http://www.for-wild.org/chapters/columbus)>

**August 12**, Sunday. Arrival of summer 2007 cross-country

## **GARBAGE IN, GARBAGE OUT!** **Voter Strategies against Spin and Misdirection**

How can we get the candidates to take meaningful positions on important issues? When candidates rely on polling and focus groups, do they find out what voters really want to know? How can we get around the TV garbage? Can we afford to let the person with the cleverest campaign strategist win?

At the UP Meeting on **July 24, 7:00 p.m.** at the **Whetstone Library** on N. High Street, we'll tackle these problems. Join us for a session of ideas on how to get beyond the tell-you-nothing campaign babble. We'll talk about Project Vote Smart (with a short video) and its partner OpenSecrets, and we'll follow that with an open forum on the burning questions we'd like to ask next year's presidential candidates. We'll publish the results, and they'll be on our website, <[UptownProgressives.com](http://UptownProgressives.com)>

Please think about the issues you'd like addressed, the questions you'd like the candidates to answer, and share them with us at the meeting (if you can't come, email them to us - we'll read them at the meeting and make them part of the record: <[UP@UptownProgressives.com](mailto:UP@UptownProgressives.com)>). **NEXT MEETING: August 20:** "Columbus' Safety Net: How Good Is It?"

## **CLINTONVILLE DEMOCRATS TO HOLD FIRST ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC AND WATERMELON SOCIAL**

All friends, family, and neighbors from Wards 19 and 20 are invited to come to the Clintonville Democrats picnic at the Whetstone Park of Roses Shelterhouse Saturday, July 21, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

State Treasurer Rich Cordray will be there, and Mayor Michael Coleman, members of City Council, Franklin County Commissioners Mary Jo Kilroy, Marilyn Brown and Paula Brooks, and candidates for Columbus School Board have all been invited to join in for some old fashioned community fun and games. Speeches will be limited, and there will be live music and activities for the children.

Watermelon, iced tea, and lemonade will be provided; please make this a sustainable picnic by bringing reusable plates, utensils, and flatware in

March for Peace with Not in Our Name. <[www.marchforpeace.info/Home\\_Page.html](http://www.marchforpeace.info/Home_Page.html)>

**August 13**, Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
**"When the Levees Broke."**  
Central Ohio Greens, Northside Library, 1423 N.High.  
<[dgibson6@columbus.rr.com](mailto:dgibson6@columbus.rr.com)>

**August 17 – 19**, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. **Democracy School** training seminar, for challenging the authority of corporations to make governing decisions for community people. Clintonville Community Resource Center, 14 West Lakeview (off N. High).  
([eme@democracyohio.org](mailto:eme@democracyohio.org))  
<[www.celdf.org](http://www.celdf.org)>, 499-2815.

**August 21**, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.  
**Columbus Jobs with Justice Meeting.** 27 East Euclid Avenue. 291-5951.  
<[www.columbus-jwj.org](http://www.columbus-jwj.org)>

**August 27**, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. **Restore Lost Liberties.** Mark R. Brown, Capital U. professor of law, on how the administration continues to abuse detainees, to eavesdrop on Americans, and to squelch freedom to dissent. Whetstone Library, 3909 North High St.  
<[www.acluohio.org](http://www.acluohio.org)>

## **HEALTH INSURANCE:**

**Congress can provide it to all children in the U.S. annually for the equivalent of:**  
**16 days of military spending**  
**3 ½ months in Iraq**  
**5 ½ months of tax cuts to the richest 1% of Americans**  
*-Marian Wright Edelman*

your basket. Bring either a salad, appetizer, main dish, or dessert to share. For information: 946-8684.

## **MEMBER PROFILE: Maria Rosenthal, UP Coordinator**

Maria Rosenthal, born in Puebla, Mexico, and a chemist by profession, came to the U.S. for graduate school, and met her husband Steve there. She is now in her second term as Coordinator of UP, but her participation goes all the way back to the founding committee -- she was one of the charter members. She compiles the agenda, chairs the Steering Committee, and keeps track of everything!

"I have come to realize," she says, "that to ensure that social justice, fairness, and equality for all are preserved in our government, it is not enough to just cast my vote on election day. We realized this during and after the 2004 presidential campaign. UP emerged as the grassroots network that it is today because we knew that the infrastructure to preserve and grow the network needed to be a permanent effort, and because citizens have to be engaged, informed, and educated in all aspects of public life.

"To live in a democracy entails becoming an organic component of the government -- that is the meaning of 'by the people, for the people'. And politics is the means by which we effect change, peacefully, in a democracy. This is my vision and my hope for our group as well as our communities: that we can work together in finding ways to grow and preserve a dignified way of life for everyone, with care and respect for the land, so that there will be a future of peace and progress for generations to come."

## **BECOME A MEMBER of UP!**

It's one of the hottest citizens' groups around! We'll keep you up to date on local events, introduce you to candidates, and give you a chance to make a difference. Click [Join UP](#) on our website (below) for the membership form, and send it to Uptown Progressives, P.O. Box 82606, Columbus, OH 43202. Or stop by the sign-in table at the meeting. Membership is only \$5 a year.

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