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OUR NEXT MEETING..

Thursday
May 10, 2007
11:30 AM

Kipplees' Party House

INDIANA REP. SUZANNE CROUCH

Representative Suzanne Crouch was first elected as Vanderburgh County Auditor in 1994, and served two terms. In 2002, Suzanne was elected to the Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners and served as President.



In 2005, Suzanne was elected by precinct committeemen to fill House District 78, the position vacated when Rep. Vaneta Becker moved to the Senate to fill a vacancy. Shortly thereafter, Suzanne was appointed Vice Chairman of Public Health Committee in the House of Representatives. Suzanne was reelected as House District 78 Representative in 2006, and currently serves on the Public Health, Financial Institutions, and Veterans Affairs and Public Safety committees. House District 78 includes Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties.

A graduate of Mater Dei High School in Evansville, Representative Crouch received her Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University, majoring in Political Science. Her husband of 28 years, Larry Downs is a partner with Kahn Dees Donovan and Kahn law firm. They reside on the north side of Evansville with their daughter Courtney.

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NATIONAL HEALTH PLAN SPEAKER COMING TO EVANSVILLE

Dr. Rob Stone, an Evansville native who is now a physician campaigning for a national single-payer universal health plan will speak at 7:00 PM on May 3 at Central Library's Browning Events Room.

Stone, an ER doctor in Bloomington, Ind., is a leader in Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan, an Indiana affiliate of Physicians for a National Health Plan. Stone said the group's mission is to educate the public and the Legislature about the benefits of a "publicly financed and privately delivered" national health insurance plan.

His presentation, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of SW IN, is open to the public.

If you are interested in joining us for this meeting, contact Marlene Bowen at 449-9782.

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**NAHU'S REGION 3
MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Save These Dates...
AUGUST 16 & 17, 2007**

**at the
HYATT REGENCY HOTEL
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
Details To Be Announced Soon!!!!**

Upcoming Events...

May 10, 2007 Rep. Suzanne Crouch
2007 Legislative Session Recap

July 19, 2007 CE Program
at St. Mary's TBA

August 16 & 17 Region 3 Meeting
Louisville, KY

September 13, 2007 Golf Outing
12:00 Noon Eagle Valley GC

LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING...

LTC Compensation/Policy Forms - HB 1452

Removes the restriction that insurers may not use the compensation earned by a producer for the sale of LTC in figuring bonuses, trips, prizes and awards. ***Changed insurance licenses renewals from four (4) to two (2) years, effective July 1, 2007.*** The bill was passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

The Governors 'Healthy Indiana Plan' - SB 503 Establishes the healthier Indiana insurance program and the healthier Indiana insurance trust fund, including provisions for the office of Medicaid policy and planning. Language allowing the "pooling" of small employers in the State's plan was removed from the bill before passage.

Please note that your local association (SWIAHU) does not determine the bills we oppose, support, or watch, but simply forwards the information from the State. If you would like to comment on any of these positions, please contact the State Legislative Chair, Jim Anderson at jeanderson11@sbcglobal.net or the State President, Shawn Gibbons at sgibbons@ihnppo.com

**NEW STATE LEGISLATIVE TRACKING SERVICES
AVAILABLE TO NAHU MEMBERS**

NAHU has created a new legislative database that members can use to track legislation of interested to our association, in all 50 states. This free service, available exclusively to NAHU members, is now accessible via the member's-only section of the NAHU website. The database contains all of the bills NAHU is tracking in each state legislature, and members can search bills by state and by five broad categories: Long-Term Care, Mandates, Market Reforms, Producer Issues, and Universal Access Initiatives. You can use the database to obtain the text of each bill, as well as summary information and regular status reports. The information in the database is updated on a daily basis. Furthermore, if you are interested in setting up an automatic e-mail report for the state(s) and/or bill(s) of interest to you, please contact Megan Mamarella at mmamarella@nahu.org (Regions 3, 4 and 6).

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