Citizens In Action 2009
“We Are The Change!”

11th Annual
Saturday, January 24, 2009 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth
835 West College Street, Duluth

9:00-9:30 AM On-Site Registration

9:30-10:00 AM Welcoming & Opening Speaker:
Senator Tarryl Clark: Assistant Majority Leader of the Minnesota Senate
Tarryl Clark was elected the Minnesota Senate Assistant Majority Leader after an unprecedented 11 months as a state senator. She proudly represents the St. Cloud area. Before being elected, Tarryl led the Minnesota Community Action Partnership, coordinated the Northwest Area Foundation Devolution Project, and focused on policy and systems change work at the Children’s Defense Fund, MN and the Legal Services Advocacy Project. Tarryl uses the skills she gained as attorney, counselor, organizer, project developer, commissioner, youth minister, researcher, coalition builder, and mom to bring people together and find common ground in developing and implementing high-impact strategies to ensure the opportunity for everyone to achieve their potential and to increase the quality of lives.

10:00-10:15 AM Break

10:15-11:15 AM Workshops

I. Steps for Citizen Involvement
   * Sally Munger, LWV-Duluth & Clean Water Action
   * Jill Rogers, LWV-Duluth & American Lung Association
   Tools and skills for involvement in the political process, with a focus on lobbying effectively at the local and state levels.

II. Finding Likely & Unlikely Partners—Thinking outside the box to create effective coalitions
   * John Doberstein, Sierra Club (Facilitator)
   * Barb Darland, Vote Yes Constitutional Amendment Campaign
   * Dave Zentner, Vote Yes Constitutional Amendment Campaign
   * Tony Cuneo, Duluth Votes Coalition
   An advanced, skill base workshop that will provide principles and examples of creating effective collaborations/coalitions.

III. The Changing Face of Communication—Utilizing New Technologies in Organizing
   * Rebecca Covington, MPIRG (Facilitator)
   * Daniel Fanning, CHUM & MoveOn
   * Dylan Savall, UMD Office of Civic Engagement—“Own Your Vote” Campaign
   A workshop focusing on various ways to increase effectiveness and advance goals by utilizing technology in communication and advocacy

11:15-11:30 AM Break

11:30-12:15 PM Issue Workshops

* Discrimination / "ism"
* Education
* Housing
* Public Health & Safety
* Environment
* Health care

Learn about what local organizations are doing on these issues and how you can be more involved, including an upcoming events calendar to get involved.

12:15-12:30 PM Break

12:30-1:30 PM Coffee and Issue Topic Roundtable
Conversation with our Elected Officials
(see back for details)

1:30—2:00 PM Closing Speaker:
Councilor Nevada Littlewolf: Virginia City Council & White House Project Field Organizer

THIS WORKSHOP IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Its intent is to educate citizens about the process of government and how to effect positive change. Partial Funding provided by the League of Women Voters Education Fund.
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Duluth Adult Learning Center
Duluth Public-Policy Alliance
Life House
Million Mom March - Northland Chapter
MN Congress of Parents, Teachers & Students - Duluth PTSA Council
MN Environmental Partnership (MEP)
MN Public Interest & Research Group (MPIRG)
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Please register me for Citizens in Action 2009 - “We Are The Change!”

This workshop is free and open to the public. For planning purposes, pre-registration is requested by January 20, 2009. On-site registration will also be available.

NAME ________________________________

PHONE________________ FAX________________ E-MAIL __________________________

ORGANIZATION___________________________________________________________

ADDRESS_________________________________________________________________

CITY, STATE, ZIP_________________________________________________________

WORKSHOPS:  Choose one for each time slot (see descriptions on reverse side for workshops)

10:15 -11:15 AM: Choose one:  I)_________ II)_________ III)_________

11:30-12:15 PM  Choose Topic:  ______ Discriminations / “isms”  ______ Education  ______ Housing
 ______ Public Health & Safety  ______ Environment  ______ Health Care

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Officials invited:  State Legislators, County Commissioners, City Councilors, School Board Members, Mayor Ness, and Superintendent Dixon
* After introductions, conversations with elected officials will take place in your Issue Topic groups

Please be Earth Friendly: We encourage participants to ride the bus or carpool (UUCD is on the bus line!)
FREE parking is available in the UUCD lot/garage - please arrive early to ensure a space!

Return your registration to:  Clean Water Action of MN
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