

Celebrate Our New Senator!

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Senator Michael Bond Sworn In

State Senator Michael Bond was inaugurated on January 10 amid a crowd of his Lake County supporters and volunteers. Many of them rode down on a bus provided by the Bond organization. Supporters were photographed on the floor of the Senate, as well. Awesome place.



Closed circuit TV allowed us to watch as Michael raised his hand and was sworn in. We also watched him vote for Senate president, Emil Jones. Then it was off to an inauguration party at the Illinois Federation of Teachers building. (Thanks, Alan Prochaska!) Former Senator Geo-Karis stopped by as well and was greeted with a standing ovation! But the biggest ovation of the afternoon was for Senator Bond, who has shown us how heart and dedication can convince people to vote our way.

EDDI Meeting To Feature Senator Bond An Inside Look at Success

We'll be kicking off the 2007-2008 election effort with special guest Senator Michael Bond. He'll be giving us an inside look at how he won.



When: Thursday January 18, 7 p.m.

**Where: Lake Villa Public Library
1001 E. Grand, Lake Villa (east of Rt. 83)**

What: a great program and snacks

We should be able to learn a lot about electing more Democrats from Senator Bond. Speaking of which, we'll also be launching our 2007 BaseBuilding effort.

This time around, we want to reach out to groups that should be voting Democratic, but probably don't turn out in the numbers they should. We'll be sending Democratic volunteers into community groups in the "off year" to help them with their charitable purposes. Then we'll be better able to recruit them into the ranks of consistent voters in 2008. At the same time, we'll be showing our communities how civic-minded Democrats are.

Please think about the community groups you know of that might welcome our help in 2007.

****There will be a prize drawing at the meeting for those who submit names of non-profit groups for us to contact.****

You will also have an opportunity to volunteer for EDDI's leadership team!

[For more Democratic events, click here!](#)

Buy Blue: Apple

This Apple Ain't Red

By Andy Kitzmiller, editor

One easy way you can participate in the political process is by doing something you do everyday: spend money. Whether you are buying food at the grocery store, paying your phone bill, or shopping for new clothes, you can make a political statement with where you choose to spend your hard earned cash.



Buyblue.org is an excellent resource to help you support the businesses that share your values. The website provides information on over 500 companies, rating them according to how they treat their workers, their concern for the environment, and their political contributions.

Apple, formerly Apple Computer, is best known for its iPod and, more recently, its iPhone. Founded in 1976 by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, Apple has grown from a small computer company run out of Steve Job's garage to a multi-billion dollar corporation. Over the years it has led the industry in innovation as well as in promoting progressive values.

Some examples of Apple's corporate responsibility:

- In 1999 the company agreed to stop doing business in Burma due to the human rights abuses of the Burmese government.
- In 2004 Apple achieved a 100% rating on the Corporate Equality Index for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Social Responsibility.

- In 2005 the company created its iPod recycling program, which allows customers to return used iPods for free disposal. In 2006 the company expanded the program to include all of its computers.
- In 2004 Apple was added to FTSE4Good's list of socially responsible companies.

In addition to supporting progressive causes, Apple also supports progressive candidates. 99% of the company's political contributions have gone to Democratic candidates.

So the next time you are shopping for a computer, MP3 player, or cell phone, consider more than just the battery life or the price tag. Consider whether the values of the company match your own and make your voice heard with your pocketbook.

(Source: Buyblue.org)

Help Wanted: EDDI Leadership

We need committed people to take the initiative in several exciting roles. You do not need experience; we will train you and provide you with a job description. (Yes! an innovation for 2007!) You may also volunteer to be a member of these committees, rather than the leader.

Please contact volunteers@illinoiseddi.com if you are interested in:

1. **Campaign Coordinator.** Will oversee a group of people providing liaison and support to every candidate who runs. Perfect for someone who loves being close to power.
2. **Parades & Festivals Chair.** Do you like to schedule people and events? Help us to have a presence at community events throughout the Eighth District.
3. **Fundraising.** We need money if we are going to keep our office and help candidates to the best of our ability. You will work with the EDDI chair, who is currently the main fundraiser.
4. **Whatever you dream.** If you think EDDI should be doing something, tell us your dreams. We'll make them happen.

Contact volunteers@illinoiseddi.com to join our team. We need you!

If not you, who?