



**"Proud to be a Democrat"**

## **REMINDER**

The November membership meeting of the Democratic Party of Door County will be held on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflicting with the Thanksgiving Holiday. The meeting will be at 7:00 PM in the basement meeting room of the Sturgeon Bay Public Library.

The featured speaker will be Shirene Hansotia, author of the recently published *Don't Crash My Party!*, a scathing assessment of the performance of our political parties over the past several years.

Hansotia says that while a great deal of the blame for America's recent foreign policy blunders and domestic policy failures must be assigned to the radical Republican leadership in power for the past decade, Democrats must accept responsibility for their inability to provide viable alternatives for the pressing problems facing our nation today.

She asks why does there continue to be such a dearth of Democratic Party leaders who are willing to speak up for what is right, rather than simply for what is politically expedient? Their silence has been deafening for Democrats across the nation who are thirsting for principled leadership and starving for a dose of enlightened idealism.

It is only after winning back the confidence of a majority of Americans fed up with a political environment rife with corruption and dominated by demagogues will Democrats be able to address big-picture issues such as solving our health care dilemma, bringing about an acceptable solution to the quagmire in Iraq, funding a Manhattan project for alternative energies, and adequately educating our children.

Shirene earned undergraduate degrees in journalism, political science and African studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a master's degree in public policy analysis from Michigan State University. She has worked as a newspaper journalist and at the Central Intelligence Agency as an intelligence analyst focusing on counterterrorism issues, and continues that work as an intelligence consultant today.