

Area women rally for Chicagoan

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Carol Moseley Braun is running for the U.S. Senate — in Illinois. She'll be the beneficiary of a Thursday, Sept. 16 fund-raiser — in Detroit.

Anything unusual about that? "Not a thing," said event co-organizer Julia Pate of Bloomfield Hills. "Men have been doing it this way for years."

Braun herself may be the most unusual candidate in any race this year. As a black woman, her election to the U.S. Senate would be precedent-setting.

Her Detroit primary victory over two better-known, better-financed male candidates, including

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Incumbent Al Dizon, already ranks as perhaps this year's biggest political upset.

"This is probably the most important race in the country and probably the most historic, too," said Ruth Broder of West Bloomfield.

Broder, an aide to Michigan Sen. Carl Levin, and fund-raising director of Levin's three Senate campaigns, is among the political pros brought on board for the Braun fund-raiser at the newly refurbished Gem Theater.

Resentment over the appointment of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas clearly helped Braun in the March primary. But insiders say she's now building a coalition of blacks, feminists and other liberal activists.

Braun, recorder of deeds for Chicago-area Cook County, faces little-known Republican Rich Williamson in November.

"I think she has an excellent chance of winning," said Lanle Pincus of Southfield, former owner of the London Chop House, and another of the recognizable area women backing the project.

Efforts started small. "There were six of us who started and we decided that hundreds of others would probably like to help,

too," Pate said. A series of \$10 to \$100 contributions — some from men — has already produced \$9,000 for Braun's campaign.

But contributors aren't directly affiliated with EMILY's List, the nationwide fund-raising PAC for female, Democratic candidates.

Ironically, Braun's primary win shows money need not be the determining factor.

There she raised a mere \$87,605, compared with nearly \$350,000 for rival Albert Hofel and an estimated \$1.5 million for Dizon.

This time, though, her backers are taking nothing for granted. "This is the year of the woman," Pate said. "We want to help make it so."

OCC classes start, issues remain

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Bargaining — and classes — continued this week at Oakland Community College as a contract with the college faculty union remained unresolved.

"Classes are proceeding, but there are some issues still unresolved," college spokesman George Cartsonis said Tuesday. "The remaining issues are big ones — salary, benefits and use of ad-

adjunct faculty in place of regular faculty teaching extra classes.

"Other community colleges use far more than we do," Cartsonis said. "We're looking for a little flexibility."

But OCC Faculty Association spokeswoman Uni Suskind said the administration's plan demanded too much flexibility.

"Their original proposal called for about 40 percent (adjunct faculty)," Suskind said. "It's currently

33 percent and we'd like to keep it there."

OCC professors have been working under extended terms of their old contract since classes began Aug. 27.

"Really, we don't know what we've been working under," Suskind said.

A strike isn't considered likely. Though union members rejected a contract offer last week, they set no strike deadline.

Cartsonis blamed the delay on the wait for a mediator. Suskind, however, said mediation had already been tried and found wanting.

"This has to be settled at the table," she said.

Professors walked out only once in college history. A 1972 walkout lasted less than a week.

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