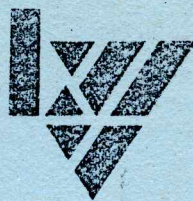


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**LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS  
DECATUR, ILLINOIS**

1985 - 1986

MY POLITICAL ADDRESS IS:

Precinct Number \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_

County Board District Number \_\_\_\_\_

District Board Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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51st Illinois Senatorial District  
(consists of Representative  
Districts 101 and 102)

Senator James H. Rupp (R)

Illinois Representative District 101  
(consists of Macon County Townships  
of Decatur, Long Creek, Mount Zion,  
Oakley and Whitmore)

Rep. John F. Dunn (D)

Illinois Representative District 102  
(consists of Macon County Townships  
of Austin, Blue Mound, Friends  
Creek, Harristown, Hickory Point,  
Illini, Maroa, Milam, Niantic,  
Pleasant View, South Macon, and  
South Wheatland)

Rep. Michael J. Tate (R)

United States Senators for Illinois

Alan J. Dixon (D)  
Paul Simon (D)

18th Congressional District  
(consists of Macon County Townships  
of Austin, Friends Creek, Harris-  
town, Hickory Point, Illini, Maroa,  
Niantic, Whitmore)

Rep. Robert H. Michel (R)

20th Congressional District  
(consists of the Macon County Town-  
ships of Decatur, Blue Mound, Long  
Creek, Milam, Mt. Zion, Oakley,  
Pleasant View, South Macon, South  
Wheatland)

Rep. Richard J. Durbin (D)

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Elected Directors

(1985-87)	(1984-86)
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Lauri Thornton	Margaret Coberly
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Appointed Directors (1985-86)

Andrea Bowen

The PURPOSE of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government, and to act on selected governmental issues.

POLITICAL POLICY: The League of Women Voters shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

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Decatur Public Schools Drop Out Study  
Know Your County Publication  
Water Task Force  
Family Violence

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State

State Role in Education & School Finance  
Task Force on Mental Illness  
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International Relations, National Security  
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Agnita Dupree  
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Nominating Committee - 1985-86

Chairwoman

Karen Jensen  
Carol Campbell

(An additional member will be appointed from the Board)

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Board meetings are open to members. Dates and times of meetings will appear in the monthly Voter.

CALENDAR 1985-86

<u>September</u>		New-Member Coffees
	10	General Membership Meeting. Salad supper with Gretchen Monti, State Board member.
	28	Downstate Regional Meetings. Springfield.
<u>October</u>	24	UN Luncheon. International student guest.
	29	General Membership Meeting. Financing the Federal Government - Stage 2 - The Deficit.
<u>November</u>	12	Panel discussion on National Security Study.
<u>December</u>	3	Program Planning Coffee.
	12	Holiday Brunch and Auction.
<u>January</u>	14	General Membership Meeting. National Security Study consensus.
<u>February</u>	11	Report from local School Drop-Out Committee.
<u>March</u>	11	Report from State School Study Committee.
<u>April</u>	9	Consensus meeting - education study.
	12	State LWV Leadership Conference
<u>May</u>	6-7	Legislative Seminar, Springfield.
	13	General Membership Meeting. Financing the Federal Government - Stage 3 - Funding Entitlement Programs.
<u>May</u>	20	Decatur League's Annual Meeting.
<u>June</u>	14-17	National League Convention, Washington, DC
		Summer Breakfast Convention Report.

This is a tentative calendar. Watch the monthly Voter for details of time and place for meetings.

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## P R O G R A M

Program in the League of Women Voters means government issues which members have chosen to study and on which they may act after thorough study and discussion and after consensus of the membership is reached.

Program selection at all three levels (local, state, and national) begins with suggestions by individual members. From these suggestions the appropriate board prepares a proposed program on which members vote - personally on local program at the annual Meeting of their league, and through delegates on state and national program at conventions.

The League of Women Voters believes that citizen participation in government is basic to the democratic process and it is therefore the cornerstone of the League's political purpose. The League acts in the public interest on political issues. We also act to enlarge citizen participation; to open up electoral and other government processes; to make facts on issues and on the political process more accessible; to protect the right of every citizen to vote; and to protect the individual liberties established under the Constitution.

We take legislative, litigative and administrative action at all levels of government. We also act directly in the community.

Whatever the issue, the League believes that government policy, programs and performance must meet these criteria:

Competent personnel with clear responsibilities,

Coordination among agencies and levels of government,

Adequate financing,

Effective enforcement, and

Well-defined channels for citizen input and review.

LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 1985-86

(Adopted at Annual Meeting, May, 1985)

County and Township Governments (1973-74)

Support for elimination of townships in Macon County with their functions transferred to general purpose governments, such as the county or municipalities.

Support for Home Rule status for the county with establishment of an elected county executive. (If necessary, we would support appointment of an administrator by the County Board until an executive can be elected.)

Support for elimination of as elected offices those at the county level which do not set policy, such as Auditor, Recorder of Deeds, and Coroner.

Establishment of a task force to prepare a "Know Your County" booklet for publication by the 1987 Annual Meeting.

Decatur's Environmental Quality

Support for improved surface drainage of the City of Decatur, as proposed by the Surface Drainage Task Force and the Citizens Advisory Committee for Improved Storm Drainage in 1975.  
(1983) Progress report on surface drainage program.

Decatur Public Schools

Position resulting from 1976-77 study (needs and goals of District 61 educationally, to include areas of responsibility of the school board and administration): The school district needs to make a continuing effort to determine the desires of the public concerning its schools. The Board of Education should present a "state of the schools" message at the end of each school year, and also describe plans for the next school year. The school district should continue to place a high priority on meeting the needs of individuals. The school district should increase its efforts to implement its goal of communication with the public.

<sup>86</sup>  
(1985) Evaluation of school district drop-out problems.

*John A. ...*  
*RS*  
*Armed*

Position resulting from 1977-78 study (of the financial resources and condition of District 61): When it is determined that the projected revenues will not be sufficient to maintain and/or improve programs, the Board of Education of Decatur Public Schools should ask the voters to increase one or more of the tax rates making up the "operating tax rate" for state funding.

Referenda should be submitted before a crisis situation exists, that is, before cuts have to be made or a deficit exists in fund balances.

An increase in the tax rate would be justified to maintain and/or improve programs if: Decatur's operating tax rate was less than districts of similar size, or Decatur's operating tax rate was less than needed to get maximum state funds.

(1983) A review of the school aid formula.)

*7/20/83  
John H.  
Carnes*

City Government

Position resulting from 1977-78 re-study of council-manager form of city government and a study of the Home Rule option in city government: After studying the several possible alternative forms of city government, consensus is that the council-manager form of government is the best for the City of Decatur. It provides the professionalism and administrative capabilities not as likely to be found under other forms. Decatur is in many ways similar to a big business; it needs to be governed in an economic and efficient way. By separating the policy making body, the elected council, from the administrative body, the appointed manager and staff, council-manager government provides balance between leadership and management.

Home Rule power of the City of Decatur, granted by the 1970 Constitution of Illinois, has not been misused. The Council has been cautious in use of the Home Rule power, and careful to seek the community's specific needs. The Home Rule power should be retained in order that the local citizens can find the solutions to their own local problems, and not be dependent on the Illinois legislative action.

Family Violence (1980)

Support for local efforts to provide intervention services for victims of family violence. The League will monitor the implementation of the Illinois Domestic Violence Act locally.

Water (1982)

Quality and Quantity. Decatur's future growth depends on an adequate water supply which meets recommended quality standards. The economic, aesthetic and environmental impact should be a consideration. Conservation by all water users should be a priority.

(1983) Water Task Force to monitor Decatur's water supply.

*Water Plant*

*Soil Conservation*

*credging shallowland*

STATE PROGRAM 1985-87

(Adopted at State Convention, May, 1985)

SCHOOL FINANCE: Support of a public school finance system that achieves greater equity for student and taxpayer without diminishing local control of program and budget. *1985: A study of the role of the state in determining educational policy.*

STATE FISCAL POLICIES: Support for a diversified and equitable revenue system that provides adequate support for state and local governments and school districts, and furthers League land use goals.

LAND USE: Support for a state land use policy that addresses the problem of conflicting uses for the land resources of Illinois.

ELECTION LAWS: Support of improved election laws and procedures.

CHILD WELFARE/JUVENILE JUSTICE: Support of improved services of Illinois state agencies serving children and their families.

CONSTITUTIONAL IMPLEMENTATION AND AMENDMENTS: Support for League positions to implement, amend and uphold the 1970 Constitution.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Support of improved criminal justice procedures in Illinois.

MARITAL LAW: Support of laws that recognize marriage as an economic partnership.

EDUCATION: Study of the role of the state of Illinois in determining policies and standards for elementary and secondary education.

MENTAL ILLNESS: Establishment of a Task Force on Illinois public policy on mental illness.

NATIONAL PROGRAM 1984-86

(Adopted at National Convention, May, 1984)

GOVERNMENT

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, responsive; that protects individual liberties established by the Constitution; and that assures opportunities for citizen participation in government decision making.

Citizen Rights

Citizen Right to Know/  
Citizen Participation

Action to protect the citizen's right to know and to facilitate citizen participation in government decision making.

Individual Liberties

Action to oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

Public Policy on Reproductive Choices

Action to protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

Congress and the Presidency

Congress

Action to support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision-making capability and effective performance.

The Presidency

Action to promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.

DC Self-Government and Full

Voting Rights

Action to secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and representation in both Houses of Congress.

Election Process

Apportionment

Action to support apportionment of congressional districts and elected bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.

Campaign Finance

Action to improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process.

Election of the President

Action to elect the President and Vice President by direct popular vote and to abolish the electoral college; support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections.

Voting Rights

Action to protect the right of every citizen to vote.

Financing the Federal  
Government

Action to support a federal tax system that is fair and equitable; provides adequate resources for government programs while allowing flexibility for financing future program changes; is understandable to the taxpayer and encourages compliance; and accomplishes its objectives without creating undue administrative problems.

Evaluate U. S. fiscal policy; revenue sources, including borrowing; tax expenditures; and the funding of entitlement programs.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Promote peace in an interdependent world through cooperation with other nations, the strengthening of international organizations, arms control measures and the resolution of conflict without the use of military force.

Arms Control

Action to reduce the risk of war through arms control measures.

Development

Action to support U. S. development assistance policies that improve the quality of life for the people of the developing countries.

Military policy and  
Defense

Action to limit reliance on military force and to examine defense spending in the context of total national needs.

Trade

Action to support systematic reduction of tariffs and nontariff trade barriers and broad long-range presidential authority to negotiate trade agreements.

United nations

Action to strengthen the United Nations, in recognition of the need for cooperation among nations in an interdependent world.

National security

Examine the interdependent nature of International Relations program, including new and innovative ways to promote global security.

Evaluate U. S. economic and military aid to developing countries and its relationship to our international economic and political interests.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote the wise management of resources in the public interest and an environment beneficial to life.

Air Quality

Action to reduce air pollution from vehicular and stationary sources.

Energy

Action to support policies that bring about a significant reduction in U. S. energy consumption, give priority to conservation, renewable resources and the environmentally sound use of coal in the energy mix before the year 2000, and rely predominantly on renewable resources thereafter.

Land use

Action to support responsible management of our finite land resources and developed environment to ensure consideration of public interests and private rights.

Waste Management

Action to reduce the waste stream, recycle suitable portions, and ensure the safe treatment, storage and disposal of all wastes.

Water Resources

Action to improve and protect water quality and to support planning and management of water resources to meet local and regional needs and the national interest.

SOCIAL POLICY

Promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all and combat discrimination and poverty.

Equal Access to Education  
Employment and Housing

Action to provide equal access to education, employment and housing.

ERA

Action to support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA.



Income Assistance

Action to support a federalized system of income assistance, with uniform standards, to meet the basic needs of all persons who are unable to work, whose earnings are inadequate or for whom jobs are not available.

Transportation

Action to promote energy efficient and environmentally sound transportation systems that improve the well-being of cities and other communities and afford better access to housing and jobs.

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND HOW TO ADDRESS THEM

WASHINGTON

President

Envelope

Ronald Reagan (R)  
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D C 20500

Salutation

Dear Mr. President

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Very respectfully yours,

Senators

Alan J. Dixon (D) and Paul Simon (D)

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The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
United States Senate  
Washington, D C 20510

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Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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Sincerely yours,

Representatives

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Richard J. Durbin (D), 20th Congressional District

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The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dear Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

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Sincerely yours,

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Governor

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Dear Governor \_\_\_\_\_

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James H. Rupp (R), 51st Legislative District

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