

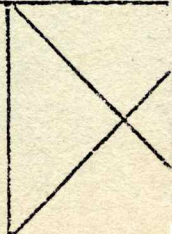
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League of Women Voters

DECATUR, ILLINOIS

1987-88

The PURPOSE of the League of Women Voters
is to promote political responsibility through
informed and active participation of citizens
in government.



MY POLITICAL ADDRESS IS:

Precinct Number _____

Township _____

County Board District Number _____

District Board Members: _____

51st Illinois Senatorial District
(consists of Representative
Districts 101 and 102)

Senator Penny Severns (D)

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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DECATUR LWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1987-88

Officers

o President	(1987-89)	Agnita Dupree	OK
o Vice President - Program	(1987-89)	Mildred Protzman	
E Vice President - Membership	(1987-89)	Lee Staley	OK
E Vice President - PR	(1986-88)		
o Secretary	(1987-89)	Karen Jensen	
E Treasurer	(1986-88)	Barbara Brown	

Elected Directors (2 year terms)

o (1987-89)	E (1986-88)
Laura Verbanac	Lucille Crow
Lauri Thornton	Sally Lantz
Betty Melville	Andrea Bowen

Appointed Directors (1 year term) (1987-88)

Andrea Bowen

Nominating Committee (1987-88)

(The chairman and one member elected by the membership, one member appointed by the board after the Annual Meeting.)

State LWV Coordinator 217-367-7664
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CALENDAR 1987-88

- September 8 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Salad supper at Mildred Protzman's home with State LWV Coordinator, Jane Chapin.
- 15 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at Agnita's home.
- 22 Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. YWCA Women in Excellence Awards Banquet, Holiday Inn.
- 28-29 LWV Rummage Sale, Jasper Street Firehouse. Afternoon of the 28th, morning of the 29th.
- October 13 Tuesday, 12:00 or 7:30 p.m. General membership meetings. Andrea Bowen will review the state LWV Mental Health Task Force Report at each meeting. First United Methodist Church.
- 15 State LWV Regional Meeting in Bloomington.
- 20 Decatur LWV board meeting.
- 24 Fall Forum at the Decatur Public Library.
Topic: Macon County Government.
- November 3 Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. International Potluck Luncheon, home of Mildred Protzman. Topic: International agriculture and a review of United Nations developments and changes.
- 10 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church. Con/Con Committee report and consensus in the new State LWV study of the need for an Illinois Constitutional Convention.
- 19 Tuesday, Decatur LWV board meeting.
- ?? End of November
First part of December HOLIDAY BRUNCH AND AUCTION

- December 8 Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Program-Planning Coffee at the Franklin Mall. Preparing for National LWV Convention in June.
- ? Wine and cheese party.
- January 12 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church. Consensus meeting for Basic Human Needs study.
- 19 Decatur LWV Board Meeting.
- February 9 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church. Panel discussion for Agriculture study.
- 15 Decatur LWV Board meeting.
- March 8 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church. Consensus meeting for Agriculture study. *Safe drinking water.*
- 15 Decatur LWV Board Meeting.
- April 12 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church. Meeting on safe Drinking Water. *Agriculture*
- 19 Decatur LWV Board Meeting.
- May 10 Evening. Decatur League's Annual Meeting.
- 17 Decatur LWV Board Meeting.
- June 11 to 14 National LWV Convention in Denver.
- ? Summer Coffee.

Board meetings are open to members. Look for time and place in the monthly Voter.

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PROGRAM

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 1987-88

(Adopted at Annual Meeting, May, 1987)

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.

Keep
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.

DECATUR'S ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Keep
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. Progress report in 1983.

Keep
Water - Quality and Quantity. (1980-82) 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.

DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Keep
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.

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 program, the Board of Education of Decatur Public Schools should ask the voters to imcrease 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.

CITY GOVERNMENT

Keep
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 the 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

Support for local efforts to provide intervention services for victims of family violence.

STATE PROGRAM 1987-89

(Adopted at State Convention, May, 1987)

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 and alternatives to incarceration.

ELECTION LAWS

Support of improved election laws and procedures.

LAND USE

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

MARITAL LAW

Support for laws which recognize marriage as an economic partnership and for a divorce process which is fair and equitable to all parties with regard to property division, maintenance, custody, and child support.

MENTAL HEALTH

Support for comprehensive and coordinated services for the mentally ill.

SCHOOLS

Support of a public school system that is equitable both in quality for the student and financing for the taxpayer.

STATE FISCAL POLICIES

Support for a diversified and equitable revenue system that provides adequate support for state and local governments, school, and human services, and furthers League environmental and land use goals.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

A study to assess the level of mental health services being provided in the community and to determine directions that can be taken to improve the mental health system.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

A study of the need for a state Constitutional Convention.

NATIONAL PROGRAM 1986-88

(Adopted at National Convention, May, 1986)

GOVERNMENT -

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, responsive; that has a fair and adequate fiscal base; 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

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

Individual Liberties

Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

Public Policy on Reproductive Choices

Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENCY

Congress

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

The Presidency

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 REPRESENTATION

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

ELECTION PROCESS

Apportionment

Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.

Campaign Finance

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

Promote the election of the President and Vice President by direct popular vote and work to abolish the electoral college; support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections.

FISCAL POLICY

Support adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax and through the responsible use of deficit spending. Support a federal role in providing mandatory, universal old age, survivors, disability and health insurance; oppose cutting social security benefits to reduce the federal deficit.)

VOTING RIGHTS

Protect the right of every citizen to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Promote peace in an interdependent world by cooperating with other nations, strengthening international organizations, fostering long-term development, negotiating arms control measures and encouraging the successful resolution of conflicts through nonmilitary means.

ARMS CONTROL

Reduce the risk of war through support of arms control measures.

MILITARY POLICY AND
DEFENSE SPENDING

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

TRADE

Support systematic reduction of tariff and non-tariff trade barriers and broad long-range presidential authority to negotiate trade agreements.

UNITED NATIONS

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

U.S. RELATIONS WITH
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Promote U.S. policies that meet the long-term social and economic needs of developing countries and that minimize U.S. - Soviet competition.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest, recognizing the inter-relationship of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Promote resource conservation, stewardship and long range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND POLLUTION CONTROL

Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

SOCIAL POLITY

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

Should Care

EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION,
EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

Support equal access to education, employment and housing.

EQUAL RIGHTS

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

INCOME ASSISTANCE

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

Meeting Basic Human Needs

TRANSPORTATION

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.

URBAN POLICY

Promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.

NEW STUDIES

MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

Evaluate public and private responsibilities for providing food, shelter, a basic income level and access to health care.

AGRICULTURE

Consider the role of the federal government in agriculture. Scope: Review, evaluate and establish criteria for U. S. agricultural policy and programs.

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Dear Mr. President

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Very respectfully yours,

Senators

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

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Dear Senator _____

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Sincerely yours,

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