

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS
67 East Madison St., Chicago 60603

FILE: ADMINISTRATION - FINANCE REPT. - P.

LOCAL LEAGUE Decatur

ILLINOIS SUPPLEMENT TO NATIONAL FINANCE DRIVE REPORT FORM - 1966-67

(NOTE: If you have completed your Finance Drive, return this report to State Office immediately. Otherwise, return it MARCH 1, 1967 with your other report.)

Finance Drive Goal: \$1,450

Finance Drive - Amount Raised: \$1,149.35

State wide or national <u>companies</u>	Amount of <u>Contrib.</u>	How was contact made? Personal acquain- tance? Letter? Appoint- ment thru secretary? <u>Other?</u>	With whom was contact made? Pres., Chairman of Board, per- sonnel director, branch man- ager, other?	<u>Reason for contributing</u>			<u>Other</u>
				Personal kindness to the <u>solicitor</u>	Past services of your League to the <u>company</u>	Reputa- tion of the <u>League</u>	
Carson, Pirie <u>Scott</u>	<u>\$25</u>		<u>Appointment-Manager</u>				
J.C. Penney & Co.	20	"	"				
York Division <u>Borg Warner</u>	<u>50</u>	"	"				

Do you have a program of offering services to businesses or industries which may help obtain future contributions? Describe what you have done, what has been successful, what you hope will be done in the future. We have made available to the Association of Commerce our "This is Macon County" and "Voters' Reference Guide". We send our resource committee fact sheets throughout the year, if they seem appropriate.

Please attach two copies of each piece of material prepared by your League and used in your drive: state flyer with information about your League on it, sheet of local League accomplishments, local agenda report, local Voter Service materials, other.

From your experience as finance chairman what is your opinion?:

1. Was your League's budget helpful to the finance drive in describing new and exciting plans for the following year for members and for the community? _____

Will you recommend a more careful, more interesting and better presented budget for your League for next year? _____

- Prospective contributors receive a copy of our agenda, but not our budget. Each solicitor carries a copy for use if interest is shown.
2. Does your board enthusiastically back the finance drive? Yes If not, do you think it would be helpful if, next year, a member of the state board met with your board to go over plans for fund-raising? _____

3. What past achievements of your League were best talking points while making finance calls?

We emphasize our sponsorship of Candidates Meetings and other public meetings, and general voters service material and activities mainly.

4. What kind of future accomplishments would be most helpful to the finance drive in the future? Describe your ideas.

5. Roughly, what part of the total contributions came from letters to: members 20%; past contributors _____; new contributors approximately \$30.

6. How have you gotten your board members to help you on the drive? What, exactly, did they do on the drive? Our board members always help as solicitors and sometimes serve as team captains in addition. This year board members who could not work as solicitors offered to baby sit ~~for~~ for others.

7. What were good ways to get a larger prospect list? _____ others. We haven't solved this problem. I think a permanent finance committee working throughout the year might be most effective.

8. What have been successful ways to get enough solicitors? We call all of our members personally, in addition to using the bulletin and letters. The committee method would be helpful here too.

9. What kind of training for solicitors has been most successful: talk by state board member _____; by local business man _____; other _____? Most of our solicitors have been board members, or past board members. Each solicitor's kit contains "Helpful Hints for Willing Workers".

10. How does your League celebrate the end of a successful drive?

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11. What has been the best new idea used this year for finance?

We did not have enough solicitors to make calls as yet upon all of the Decatur firms listed in your "State-Wide and National Firms" etc. We found eleven new prospects to work one

**In
the
Public
Interest**

**League
of
Women
Voters**

The League of Women Voters Works for Better Laws

The League of Women Voters supports or opposes selected governmental issues only after thorough study by its members.

In the PAST the League in Illinois worked for:

- 1941—Statewide permanent registration of voters
- 1945—Improved adoption procedures—first revision since 1874
- 1950—Gateway Amendment—to simplify the amending process of the Illinois Constitution
- 1954—Apportionment Amendment—to force first redistricting of Illinois since 1870
- 1962—Judicial Amendment—to modernize the Illinois Court System
- 1965—Juvenile Court Act—to establish court procedures to protect the welfare of children

NOW the League works for:

A Constitutional Convention to replace the 1870 State Constitution

An equitable and flexible tax structure

Annual sessions of the legislature

Improved methods in the selection of judges

Election reforms: a shorter ballot, mandatory and uniform training of election judges, simplification and codification of election laws

The League Helps the Voter

The League of Women Voters prepares accurate nonpartisan information on candidates and issues to help the voter make WISE CHOICES.

For the 1964 election 3,000,000 voters had access to information on the candidates for the House of Representatives prepared by the League of Women Voters and printed by 50 newspapers throughout the state.

Today

League members are continuing to study:

- Welfare services for children
- Illinois tax structure
- Fair housing legislation



IN DECATUR IN THE PAST THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

STUDIED AND SUPPORTED:

SOUND DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL WATER RESOURCES
COUNCIL-MANAGER GOVERNMENT FOR DECATUR
A MACON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WE HAVE CONDUCTED CANDIDATES MEETINGS PRIOR TO ELECTIONS, AND PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED A "VOTERS REFERENCE GUIDE"

THIS YEAR THE LEAGUE:

WILL PUBLISH AND DISTRIBUTE A REVISED "THIS IS MACON COUNTY"

WILL SPONSOR A CANDIDATES MEETING PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER ELECTION AND PROVIDE NON-PARTISAN VOTERS SERVICE INFORMATION

WILL STUDY:

GOVERNMENTAL PLANNING AGENCIES IN DECATUR AND MACON COUNTY
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES OPERATION OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ACT IN DECATUR AND MACON COUNTY
THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND CONTINUE TO EVALUATE THE NEED FOR A MACON COUNTY NURSING HOME.

They Say about the League

“The League of Women Voters of the United States has for many years performed outstanding service to the men and women of the Armed Forces . . . It is with personal appreciation and great pleasure that I confer on the League of Women Voters of the United States the Department of Defense Meritorious Award.”

ROBERT S. MCNAMARA, *Secretary of Defense*

“With the very large number and variety of worthwhile undertakings that seek corporate support with full benefit of deductibility for income tax purposes, it is a rare one that demands similar support without this advantage. However, the League of Women Voters is, indeed, in this small group, for its work in the public interest is no way duplicated.”

FAIRFAX M. CONE, *Chairman of Executive Committee, Foote, Cone & Belding*

“The League of Women Voters serves an invaluable purpose in procuring responsibly and effectively the information relating to important issues and in making it available to the person who has neither the time nor the resources to do this for himself. The League’s dedicated work has gained the respect and confidence of all who are interested in raising legislative standards, and is a most vital force in good government at all levels.”

BEN W. HEINEMAN, *Chairman Chicago and North Western Railway*

**Good communities are
good for business**

We need your help to make
the League of Women
Voters more effective.

Write your check today.

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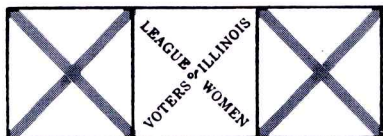
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Standard Oil Company (Indiana)



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR

MRS. CLIFFORD E. SMITH, PRESIDENT

PAST PRESIDENTS

MISS BLOSSOM REDMON	1946-47	MRS. H. W. GIBSON	1955-58
MRS. MELVIN GOLDMAN	1947-48	MRS. L. L. COLVIS	1958-60
MRS. GEORGE KUHNS	1948-50	MRS. NEAL DOUBLEDAY	1960-62
MRS. FLOYD BIRT	1950-52	MRS. HENRY BACHRACH	1962-64
MRS. CLIFFORD SMITH	1952-53	MRS. THOMAS L. HURST	1964-66
MRS. JOHN DONOVAN	1953-55		

CONDENSATION OF PROGRAM FROM 1946 TO 1966

NATIONAL

UNITED NATIONS
INTERNATIONAL TRADE
FOREIGN POLICY - (TREATY MAKING POWERS, ATOMIC ENERGY, FOOD FOR EUROPE AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING, DEFENSE PACTS, DISPLACED PERSONS, ECONOMIC COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION, MARSHALL PLAN, ATLANTIC PACT)
UNITED STATES ECONOMY - (FISCAL POLICY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, INFLATION AND DEFLATION, BUDGETARY PROCEDURES)
CONSERVATION - (SOUND DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND QUALITY CONTROL OF WATER)
INDIVIDUAL AND CIVIL LIBERTIES - (CONSTITUTION, BILL OF RIGHTS, LOYALTY-SECURITY PROGRAMS, FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION)
DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - EVALUATION OF POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE FOR ALL PERSONS EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT.

STATE

INDIVIDUAL AND CIVIL LIBERTIES - (STATE CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS)
FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMISSION
WELFARE INSTITUTIONS
CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION - (CONVENTION, GATEWAY AMENDMENT, REVENUE REVISION, JUDICIAL AMENDMENT, REAPPORTIONMENT AMENDMENT)
STATE GOVERNMENT (LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION)
CIVIL SERVICE
PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCES
REVENUE - TAX STRUCTURE
ILLINOIS WELFARE SERVICES TO CHILDREN

LOCAL

STRUCTURE OF CITY, TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
SANITARY DISTRICT - DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF INTERCEPTOR SEWER SYSTEM
HOUSING - DECATUR HOUSING PROJECT, URBAN RENEWAL, EVALUATION OF GREENWOOD PROJECT, ETC.
PUBLIC SCHOOLS - (BOARDS, CHARTERS, FINANCE, STATE AND FEDERAL AID, TAX STRUCTURE, EXPENDITURES, TEXTBOOK CENSORSHIP)
HOME RULE FOR CITIES - COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR DECATUR
CITY BUS LINES
LIBRARY
COUNTY NURSING HOME