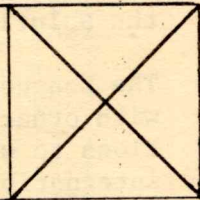


**League  
of  
Women Voters  
of Decatur, Illinois**

**1973—1974**

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



## LEAGUE PRINCIPLES

(Concepts of government, supported by the League as a whole, which constitute the authorization for adoption of national, state and local program.)

The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.

The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens.

The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in his right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education which provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination.

The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing, and coordination among the different agencies.

The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems which affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies which facilitate the solution of international problems.

The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems, and that the development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

1973 - 1974

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Mrs. Floyd Birt	1950-1952
Mrs. Clifford Smith	1952-1953
Mrs. John Donovan	1953-1955
Mrs. H. W. Gibson	1955-1958
Mrs. L. L. Colvis	1958-1960
Mrs. Neal Doubleday	1960-1962
Mrs. Henry Bachrach	1962-1964
Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst	1964-1966
Mrs. Clifford Smith	1966-1967
Mrs. W. H. Tilley	1967-1968
Mrs. Keith Westenhaver	1968-1969
Mrs. Robert C. Schade	1969-1971
Mrs. Robert W. Ohlsen	1971-1972

*Sally Long*  
*Wed. 7:30*

ORGANIZATION OF DECATUR LEAGUE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:

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| President (1973-74)        | Mrs. Charles Meyerson   |
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| Mrs. W. H. Hobbs  | <i>Emmy Lou</i> <i>Margaret Campbell</i> <i>Ellen Antoni</i> |

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- County and Township Govts.
- Decatur's Environmental Quality
- Council-Manager Govt.
- Human Resources and Civil Rights
- Decatur Public Schools

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- Mrs. Charles Meyerson
- Mrs. Frank Verbanac

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Structure of Local Government	Mrs. Robert Ohlsen
Civil Rights and Liberties	Mrs. Jay Sensenig
Child Welfare Services	Mrs. Nat Kessler
Correctional Procedures	Mrs. J. Wm. Coberly
Land Use	Mrs. James McVay
Election Laws and Procedures	
School Finance	

NATIONAL PROGRAM

Environmental Quality	Mrs. James McVay
Land Use	Mrs. James McVay
Human Resources	Mrs. Frank Verbanac
International Relations	Mrs. Clifford Smith
Representative Government:	Mrs. Elbert Smith

U.S. Congress, Election of  
the President, District of  
Columbia, Apportionment,  
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ORGANIZATION

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Nominating Committee Chrmn.	Mrs. Clarence Crow
Elected Committee members:	Mrs. Edward Beck
	Mrs. David Marshall

(two board members to be  
appointed by board.)

POLICY: The League may take action on governmental  
measures and policies in the public interest. It  
shall not support or oppose any political party or  
candidate.

Program in the League of Women Voters means government issues which members have chosen to consider 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. Any item suggested previously (but not on the proposed program) may be considered and adopted.

#### LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 1973-74

(Adopted at Annual Meeting, March 1973)

##### County and Township Governments

Study of County and Township Governments under the 1970 Constitution and their effectiveness in providing for the needs of the people of Macon County.

##### Decatur's Environment Quality

Support for adequate storm and sanitary sewers.

Study of local water quality.

##### Council-Manager Form of City Government

Support for Council-Manager form of city government.

Study of the structure and operation of Decatur Council-Manager government.

##### Decatur Public Schools

Support of the middle school grade organization (5-3-4, 4-4-4) and concept as best meeting our educational goals. Support of increased funds to provide quality education and adequate space.

Emphasis on local community responsibility to require the school system to develop each child's potential.

##### Human Resources and Civil Rights

Support for provisions for enforcement of the

Fair Housing Ordinance in Decatur.  
Support for funds for the Decatur Human Relations Commission.

STATE PROGRAM FOR 1973-74

(Adopted at State Convention, April 1973)

Constitutional Revision and Implementation

Initiation and support of legislation to implement the 1970 Constitution in areas of League consensus. Action to achieve other consensus positions not embodied in the 1970 Constitution.

Local Government

Support of measures to improve the structure and operation of local government, to include action on the recommendations of the County Task Force.

Civil Rights and Liberties

Support of the individual in his civil rights and liberties in relation to private and public record keeping. Continued appraisal of record keeping systems.

Child Welfare

Support of improved services of Illinois state agencies serving children and their families. (This item now includes Day Care services.)

Election Laws and Procedures

Support of improved election laws and procedures.

Land Use

Support of a statewide land use policy for Illinois to include a study of how the tax system might be revised to encourage sound land use decisions.

Correctional Procedures

Support of improved correctional procedures in Ill.

School Finance

A study of the distribution of money for public education in Illinois and of alternative methods for financing schools to achieve greater equity for students and taxpayers.

NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR 1972-74

(Adopted at National Convention, May 1972)

Environmental Quality - Support of a physical environment beneficial to life: action to promote wise use of water resources and improvement of water and air quality. Evaluation of solid waste management, including reuse, reclamation and recycling.

Land Use

Evaluation of land-use policies and procedures and their relationship to human needs, population trends, and ecological and socioeconomic factors.

Human Resources - Support of equal rights for all regardless of race or sex, with recognition of the special needs of American Indians: action to combat poverty and discrimination and to provide equal access to employment, housing and quality education.

International Relations - Support of policies to promote international cooperation and world peace: action to promote international trade and development efforts, to further normalization of relations with the People's Republic of China and to strengthen the peacekeeping and peacebuilding functions of the United Nations system. Evaluation of current trade patterns and their impact on the U. S. and world economy. (See consensus in June/July National Voter).

Representative Government - Support of an open governmental system that is representative and responsive.

U.S. Congress - study of and action for responsive legislative processes: study of campaign financing (decision of National Council meeting, May 1973).

Election of the President - action for election of the president and vice president of the U.S. by direct national popular vote. District of Columbia - action for self-government and representation in Congress for citizens of the District of Columbia. Apportionment - action for apportionment substantially on population of congressional districts and of all elected state and local governmental bodies. Voting Rights - (Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 1, a) Action to protect the rights of every citizen.



MEETINGS FOR 1973-74

(See Monthly Decatur Voter for details)

September 12 (wed.) 7:30 p.m.

All-member Meeting; City Government

October 16 (Tues.) 9:15 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Campaign Financing Units, Babysitting provided

October 24 (Wed.) 12:30 p.m.

U.N. Potluck Theme: World Development

November 13 (Tues.) 7:30 p.m.

All-member Meeting, Illinois Constitution Update

December 11 (Tues.) 10:00 a.m. All-member meeting

Brunch Human Rights-Human Resources

Welcome to New Members Program Suggestions

January 8 (Tues.) 1:00 p.m.

All-member Meeting; Election Laws Voters Service

February 12 (Tues.) 9:15 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

City Government Units, Babysitting provided

March 12 (Tues.) 7:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting, Dessert

March 19 (Tues.) 9:15 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

County Government Units, Babysitting provided

April 9 (Tues.) 9:15 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Land Use Units, Babysitting provided

May 5 - 8, National Convention, San Francisco

May 14 (Tues.) 9:15 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

School Finance Units, Babysitting provided

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ADELMAN, Mrs. Arthur (Jeanette) 327 South Westdale 62522 422-3223

APPLEBAUM, Mrs. Irving (Tede) 1812 West Forest 62522 429-7414

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212 Southmoreland 62521 428-3331
- COOK, Mrs. Marvin, Jr. (Jean)  
42 Meadow Terrace 62521 423-2741
- COX, Mrs. Gerald D. (Florence)  
834 West Division St. 62526 877-8892
- CROW, Mrs. Clarence V. (Lucille)  
76 Colorado Drive 62526 877-2070
- DAKIN, Mrs. H. W. (Alice)  
151 Lake Shore Drive 62521 422-4601
- DAVISON, Mrs. William K. (Betty)  
86 Greenridge Drive 62526 877-2943
- ~~DENT, Mrs. Richard (Gail)  
384 South College 62522 422-0239~~
- ~~DODGE, Mrs. Stephen C. (Marjorie)  
1615 West Harrison 62526 423-0511~~
- ~~WHIGGINS, Mrs. Bruce L. (Maggie)  
1855 West Forest 62522 429-1176~~
- DYAR, Mrs. John (Betty)  
~~1758 Foster Avenue 62526 428-9746~~  
1732 Oakmont
- EDGECOMB, Mrs. James (Mary Jane)  
3260 Greenlake Court 62521 422-3364
- ELWELL, Mrs. Robert H. (Thelma)  
580 S. Church, Apt. 5 62522 428-2725

EVANS, Mrs. E. B. (Catherine)  
2011 West Sunset 62522 422-4948

FORBES, Mrs. Dennis (Christine)  
12 Medial Drive 62521 428-9291

GILL, Mrs. Lowell O. (Helen)  
294 North Taylor Ave. 62522 429-6491

GOGEK, Mrs. J. L. (Betty)  
144 Westdale Place 62522 423-2691

GOLDBERG, Mrs. Edwin E. (Betty)  
80 Allen Bend Drive 62521 423-2032

HIPPLER, Mrs. Charles E. (Mary Jane)  
323 West Macon 62522 429-1644

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Warrensburg, IL 62573 672-3641

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2095 West Sunset 62522 428-4795

JACK, Mrs. David C. (Joan)  
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637 West Macon 62522 429-3515

JONES, Mrs. Helen P.  
12 Lakecrest Avenue 62521 429-7743

KAREOTES, Miss Christine  
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843 W. Wood St. 62522

KESSLER, Miss Margie  
893 West Wood St. 62522 422-0232

KESSLER, Mrs. Nat (Sara)  
1405 West Sunset 62522 422-2261

LANTZ, Mrs. Harold N. (Sally)  
4241 East Lake Shore Dr. 62521 428-6020

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208 Brownlow Drive 62521 429-4685

LIMERICK, Mrs. George F. (Ann)  
155 North Summit 62522 428-9077

LOEB, Mrs. Sam (Irene)  
14 Montgomery Place 62522 422-5682

LOEWEN, Mrs. David F. (Winifred)  
1477 West Sunset 62522 422-6489

MACKECHNIE, Mrs. J. D. (Bernys)  
255 North Fairview 62522 422-7001

MCMILLEN, Mrs. R. C. (Ruth)  
465 West Macon 62522 422-5239

MCNABB, Mrs. L. C. (Edith)  
746 West Harrison 62526 877-5557

MCVAY, Mrs. James L. (Pat)  
3021 Lynwood Drive 62521 428-7655

MANN, Mrs. David S. (Janet)  
222 South Dennis 62522 422-2324

MARSHALL, Mrs. David (Susan)  
155 South Glencoe 62522 422-0824

MARTIN, Mrs. Forrest R. (Cauline)  
130 Southmoreland 62521 428-9236

MAUTERER, Mrs. Roger J. (Mary Beth)  
109 Benton Drive 62526 877-2476

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~~215 West William 62522~~ 429-7857

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175 Park Place 62522 423-4097

MILAVETZ, Mrs. Mitch (Diane)  
2101 North Oakcrest Ct. 62526 877-9499

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~~1614 West Harrison 62526~~ 877-9369

~~MILLER, Mrs. Joseph Roger (Marilyn)~~  
~~1830 West Riverview 62522~~ 428-1748

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1487 West Macon Street 62522 422-3654

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418 Woodhill Drive 62521 422-2565

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1946 West Riverview 62522 422-3795
- POWERS, Mrs. Jack (Helen K.)  
539-544 Hotel Orlando 62523 422-7631
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2 Allen Bend Place 62521 429-1936
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45 Allen Beni Drive 62521 422-9116
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2535 Willow Drive 62521 429-4734
- REDFORD, Mrs. Gerald A. (Barbara)  
1553 West Main 62522 429-6239
- ROUCHER, Mrs. Jerry (Nancy)  
478 Shoreline Drive 62521 428-7227
- SCHAAR, Mrs. Alvin (Shan)  
78 Montgomery Place 62522 422-0445
- SCHAUB, Mrs. Robert, Jr. (Jean)  
526 Bradley Court 62522 422-2004
- SCHLACHTER, Mrs. J.E. (Mary Louise)  
73 Fairview Place 62522 423-1354
- SCHROEDER, Mrs. E. Wayne (Ruth)  
1495 West Sunset 62522 423-1376

SCHWANDT, Mrs. Robert (Phyllis)  
2320 Hawthorne Drive 62521 423-1810

SENSENIC, Mrs. Jay D. (Brenda)  
1911 S. Fairview Rd. 62521 422-2364

SHELL, Mrs. Lester C. (M. Kathryn)  
855 West Main St. 62522 422-5339

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90 Montgomery Place 62522 422-3000
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9 Dakota Drive 62526 877-4359
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12 Dakota Drive 62526 877-2621
- VITTON, Miss Vera  
1085 West North 62522 429-2063
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327 North Oakcrest 62522 423-6710
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1132 West Cushing 62526 422-1300
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