DUBUQUE

Editor's note

Through a misunderstanding, the material from this League was focused on their activities during the past year rather than on the early years. The person who submitted it said she was not certain this was the information requested and that she would be willing to try again if it was not satisfactory. The editor felt this story of the accomplishments of one year were so impressive that our publication would be enriched considerably by its inclusion.

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The Dubuque League, in connection with their local item of City Planning, sponsored a talk by the Dubuque city planner, Mr. Don Gilson, to orient the general membership on the basic points in planning for our city's growth. We are sending members to the different key city committees that are involved in planning so as to pinpoint what priorities may be coming up for consideration of the public. League studied the need for a new Central Fire Station. Our members visited the station, observed the facilities and took action by getting out information on the need. (Two previous bond issues that came up for a new facility were defeated.) With other groups we backed the bond issue and this time it passed. On election day we assisted with the telephone campaign to remind people to vote.

Last fall we arranged for a full page of information on voter registration in the local newspaper; planned and participated in three taped TV shows on registration, use of the voting machines and absentee balloting. We filled requests for speakers at service clubs and women's groups on voter service. A candidates' meeting was held for all county candidates. We distributed reprints of Election Specials, information on state candidates.

We organized a speaker's bureau, raised funds, to secure a "yes" vote for the five Constitutional amendments. On election day Leaguers stood at the polls handing out reminders to vote the five amendments. We cooperated with ABC and covered three key precincts on election night. (One precinct was fifty miles from Dubuque.)

We held a luncheon with state legislators before the opening of the 1969 State Legislature. We met with John Culver, second district Congressman, to explain League positions. We fulfilled a request of the government teachers at Wahlert High School to speak to the students on the structure of Iowa State Government. The chairmen of the Human Resources represented League at the City Council public hearing on the Dubuque Human Rights Ordinance.

League made it possible for thirty-five women from Dubuque to visit the State Legislature on April 7.