

*The League of Women Voters of Dane County, Inc.*  
**2015 CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT AWARD RECIPIENT**

**🌸 Sally Phelps 🌸**

The person we are honoring tonight with our Carrie Chapman Catt award is a modest, quiet woman who has made major contributions to our league and the state league over the past forty years.

Sally Phelps was raised in East Lansing, Michigan, and graduated from the University of Michigan. She and her husband Lynn raised four children in a small town in Michigan, where she was very involved in her community.

Sally served for ten years on the local School Board, and also served on the Board of Directors of a low-cost elderly housing project.

Lynn decided to make a career change and move to Madison in the early 1970's. Sally joined the League in 1973. The first record we have of her leadership roles was as a program senator from the East Daytime Unit.

Sally then served on the Board as the Voters Service Chair from 1976 to 1978. I joined the Board then and noticed how efficient Sally was. I also noticed that when she set a deadline—she meant it.

From 1978 to 1980 Sally served as the President of the Dane County League. The League was extremely active at that time, with a large Board, and the presidency was a very demanding position.

Sally was President of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin from 1985 – 87. Sally was then tapped for the national League Nominating Committee, and flew around the country finding national Board members. State League records are somewhat incomplete, but we know that she served on the state legislative committee from at least 1995 through 2007.

In recent years Sally has been enjoying spending time with her 9 grandchildren, and helping out with the Downtown Dinner Unit. After various issues with our dinner location, Sally arranged for the unit to meet at Capitol Lakes, where she and Lynn now live.

Please join me in honoring Sally Phelps.