

Past Presidents and Leadership, 1920-2021
League of Women Voters of the South Bend Area

1920 -1921 Anne Studebaker Carlisle (Mrs. Charles Arthur Carlisle)

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1924-1925 Rosa Brown Fickenscher (Mrs. L. S. Fickenscher)

1925-1926 Rosa Brown Fickenscher

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1927-1928 Mrs. Joseph Neff

1928-1929 Rosa Brown Fickenscher

1929-1930 Mrs. Emmett S. Webster

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1931-1932 Mrs. S. M. Compton

1932-1933 Mrs. S. M. Compton

1933-1934 Mrs. E. S. Gustin

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1935-1936 Mrs. Clem F. Smith

1936-1937 Mrs. J.J. Detzler

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1938-1939 Mrs. B. A. Anderson

1939-1940 Mrs. B. A. Anderson

1940-1941 Mrs. Walter Boigegrain

1941-1942 Mrs. John Peterson

1942-1943

1943-1944

1944-1945

1945-1946

1946-1947

(1942-1947 were World War II and war recovery years. We could find no records of League activity. Were League members simply too busy supporting the war effort and war recovery to engage in League work and meetings?)

1947-1948 (Nov. 28, 1948: Re-organization begins. Visit by Miss Irene Sweeney, Indianapolis and national field secretary for LWVUS. Also, other Indianapolis and Michigan City LWV women.)

1948-1949 Mrs. Raymond Pellisier

1949-1950 Miss Alice Carter

1950-1951 Miss Lela M. Bernd

1951-1952 Mrs. Harry S. May

1952-1953 Mrs. Elmer L. Navarre

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1954-1955 Mrs. Elmer Navarre

1955-1956 Mrs. John P. Wynn

1956-1957 Mrs. John P. Wynn

1957-1958 Mrs. John Cackley

1958-1959 Mrs. Ira D. Carpenter

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1961-1962 Mrs. George I. Brown

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1963-1964 Mrs. Harry Nielsen

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1965-1966 Mrs. Charles F. Manion

1966-1967

We could find no records of League activity during these years. It remains a mystery as to why the League went dormant, because in the early part of 1966, it seemed to be thriving.

1967-1968

1969-1970 Mrs. Robert Betchov (acting president of Unit at Large; Chair of Organizing Committee)

1970-1971 Mrs. James Robinson (provisional League, beginning April 6, 1970)

1971-1972 Mrs. James Robinson (full status League on May 17, 1971)

1972-1973 Mrs. Jerrold Colten (resigned July, 1972)/ Mrs. Rudolph Kroger, acting president/ Jeanne Gibbs

1973-1974 Nancy Kommers

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1975-1976 Kathy Barnard

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1979-1980 Pam Chipman

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1981-1982 Peggy Ruchti

1982-1983 Peggy Ruchti

1983-1984 Peggy Ruchti/Penny Hughes

1985-1986 Penny Hughes/Jody Fox

1986-1987 Jody Fox

1987-1988 Glenda Rae Hernandez

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1995-1996 Dorothy Jaffe

1996-1997 Nikki Hutchinson and Emily Conway (co-presidents)

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2000-2001 Nikki Hutchinson

2002-2003 Amy Clifford

2003-2004 Nikki Hutchinson and Diana Hess (co-presidents)

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2005-2006 Julie Elliott

2006-2007 Nikki Hutchinson

2007-2008 Lisa Plencner

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2010-2011 Lisa Plencner

2011-2012 Kelly Sanford and Lisa Plencner, co-presidents

2012-2013 Kelly Sanford

2013-2014 Geri Pawelski

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2017-2018 Three-person management model:

Elizabeth Bennion, Director of Voter Services and Voter Education (and League spokesperson)

Judy Bradford, Director of Administration

Nancy Johnson, Director of Voter Registration

2018-2019 Three-person management model:

Elizabeth Bennion, Director of Voter Services and Voter Education (and League spokesperson)

Judy Bradford, Director of Administration

Nancy Johnson, Director of Voter Registration

2019-2020 Three-person management model:

Elizabeth Bennion, Director of Voter Services and Voter Education (and League spokesperson)

Judy Bradford, Director of Administration

Diane Schmitz, Director of Voter Registration

2020-2021 Three-person management model”

Elizabeth Bennion, Director of Voter Services and Voter Education (and League spokesperson)

Judy Bradford, Director of Administration

Lisa Plencner, Director of Voter Registration