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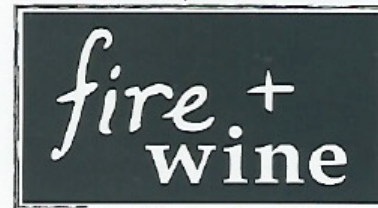
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achieved the
passing of
the Voting
Rights Act,
the Nuclear
Forces
Treaty, and
the National
Voter
Registration
Act, known
as the
"motor
voter" bill.



In the sixties the LWV began the work of building a solid foundation of support for equal access to education and employment and by the early seventies began efforts to achieve a National Equal Rights Amendment. In 1976 the League hosted the first televised presidential debate since 1960 and won an Emmy for Outstanding Achievement in Broadcast Journalism.

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In the 2000s the League helped to enact the Help America Vote Act of 2002, the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2002, and renew the Voting Rights Act. They filed a number of amicus briefs relating to campaign finance reform issues, racial bias in jury selection and Title IX. In 2011, the League opposed measures that restricted access to voting, particularly those that affected minorities, the elderly, students, and rural voters. In 2017 the League filed an amicus brief to the Supreme Court arguing that gerrymandering violates the First Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution.



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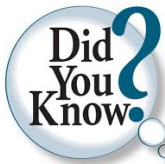
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The first president of the Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters, Adade Wheeler (pronounced Aida Dee), was known as the 'White Tornado' because of her premature white hair and her tireless advocacy. She taught history at Jackson Middle School. During her tenure there, she continued her commitment to the League's mission of promoting active citizenship by publishing *Congress-Student Style* a curriculum designed as a simulation that required students to form a legislature, study bills, debate controversial issues and hold elections.



Earning over 60 credits at over 10 different universities, Adade went on to teach at Wheaton North High School and adjunct at five different colleges before becoming one of the first faculty members at COD. As a history instructor, she immediately developed a course entitled *Women in American Society*. She organized the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Women's Programs and along with Doris Voelz, director of Continuing Education for Women (CEW), secured funding to establish a Women's Center designed to "serve as a clearinghouse and information center on programs of interest to women." Adade devoted her life to improving the lives of women through education and advocacy.



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Women in the Illinois Legislature as of 2019			
Senate - 20		House - 43	
18 Democrats	2 Republicans	35 Democrats	8 Republicans
Total Women serving in the Illinois Legislature – 63 out of 177 (35.6%)			

Celebrating 100 Years of Illinois Women Voting League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn

1913 – The Illinois Women’s Suffrage Bill passes 83-59 and give women the right to vote in Presidential and local elections.

1916 – Five thousand women march on the Republican National Convention in Chicago to demand a suffrage plank in the party platform

1919 - Illinois becomes the first state to approve the 19th amendment.

1920 – The 19th Amendment becomes law

The LWV is founded at the Victory Convention of the National American Women Suffrage Association in Chicago.

1922 – Lottie O’Neill is the first woman elected to the Illinois House.

1923 – the Illinois Equal Rights Bill is introduced in the House but fails to pass.

1939 – Ensured the right for women to serve on juries.

1941 – Established statewide permanent registration of voters.

1963 – The Illinois Commission on the Status of Women is established.

The Equal Pay Act is passed, requiring equal pay for men and women with the same job.

1965 – The Voting Rights Act is passed allowing African-American women the right to vote.

1970 – The Illinois Constitution states that equal protection of the laws shall not be denied on account of sex.

1972 – The Equal Rights Amendment is considered in Illinois legislature. It receives a majority, but fails to get the 3/5 majority needed to pass.

1993 – Illinois forced to implement the NVRA (Motor-Voter) requiring voter registration in drivers’ license facilities and other state agencies.

1996 - Illinois Students Vote becomes statewide LWV student curriculum around elections and voting.

1997 – Barbara Currie becomes the first Majority Leader in the history of the Illinois General Assembly

1998 – Corrine Wood becomes the first female Lieutenant Governor.

2003 – Lisa Madigan becomes the first female Attorney General in Illinois.

2009 – Federal legislation increases statutory limitations for equal-pay discrimination lawsuits.

2018 – Illinois ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment.

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