

The Faye Lyksett Award is given each year at the Annual Meeting to a Saint Paul League member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the League and the community for which she has not received public recognition. The award was created to recognize a Leaguer who, like Faye Lyksett, has demonstrated devoted service, performance excellence and enthusiasm about the League for many years. This recognition is not meant to be a “Leaguer of the Year” award, but is given to a Leaguer who embodies the qualities of Faye Lyksett.

Among the criteria considered by the Committee of past Faye Lyksett award recipients are:

- Service to the League program, purpose, organization and membership
- Length of service
- Diversification of activity
- Responsiveness to assist where needed
- Public relations with the community.

This year’s recipient of the Faye Lyksett Award joined the LWVSP in 2005. She was a national league member for years before she joined the St. Paul League. She is a regular participant of the M&M and Smart Chick meetings, citizenship ceremonies and has hosted a past annual meeting. In addition to her involvement with the LWVSP, she is an election judge, member of the Eastern Star, delivers blood plasma and volunteers at Como Zoo.

In her personal life, she is a widow of a police officer, mother of two daughters and grandmother of five grandchildren. When she is not volunteering or participating in league activities, she is using her NWA retiree benefits to travel or spending time at her cabin in Nisswa.

It is in recognition of all these accomplishments that the previous recipients of the Faye Lyksett Award have decided to give the award this year to Bonnie Benson.