The League of Women Voters of Dane County, Inc.
2012 Carrie Chapman Catt Award Recipient

Priscilla Thain

I am very happy to be able to present the Carrie Chapman Catt Award since I have known and respected the honoree for many years, as have many of you in this room. Her list of volunteer activities is long.

She has been a member of the Madison Breakfast Rotary Club for many years serving on the board of directors and as president. She received the Rotarian of the Year Award from this group.

Another Rotary group, The Downtown Rotary Club, recognized her many community volunteer activities with an Award for Outstanding Service to the Community by a Senior Citizen.

She is a member of the University League board, a group that provides scholarships to college students and information to alumni regarding higher education issues.

She delivers Meals on Wheels.

At First Unitarian Society she manages the book table along with her husband, Jerry. She also was secretary for the board of directors and is a tour guide for First Unitarian’s historic building.

As a member of League of Women Voters of Dane County she has served diligently in Voter’s Service and as a member of our board. Although no longer on the board she continues to be active as a moderator for candidate’s forums and as a voter registrar.

She is a graduate of Tufts University in civil engineering and attended MIT where she studied naval engineering. She used her engineering skills as a civilian employee for the US Navy.

Since there is no navy here in Madison, she found employment as an administrative assistant to the lobbyist for the Professional Representation of Faculty at UW. This group, otherwise known as PROFS, is not affiliated with the UW, but serves to lobby on higher education issues for members of the UW community.

Yes, Priscilla Thain has served our community long and well and certainly deserves the recognition we offer her today.