Carrie Chapman Catt was a smart, capable, organized, and pragmatic woman who worked efficiently to accomplish the goal of suffrage for women. Before becoming active in public affairs, Catt worked as an educator.

So it is entirely fitting that this year’s Carrie Chapman Catt award from the Dane County League of Women Voters is presented to Susan Fulks, who demonstrates those same qualities.

Susan joined the League in the fall of 2013 after retiring from the Cooperative Educational Service Agency. She became a Special Registration Deputy, did voter outreach at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, and worked at the polls.

In January 2015, Susan was appointed to the Dane County League Board of Directors to handle the Publicity portfolio, and she continued on the Board as Publicity Chair through June 2019.

Susan standardized the email list of news media, and promoted LWVDC forums and Candidates’ Answers through flyers, online calendars, press releases, and social media. She also compiled an email list of neighborhood organizations to provide information about Voter ID and election issues. Susan sent out press releases from all over the world, as she traveled to exotic destinations.

In the spring of 2017, Susan organized a new Dane County effort to provide voter registration and voter information for high school students. By 2020, the project was working in partnership with twelve Dane County high schools to assist students in registering to vote and becoming informed voters. The project trained students who organized peer voter information/registration drives in six of the schools.

Susan is richly deserving of being named the 2020 recipient of the Dane County League’s Carrie Chapman Catt award.