



MARION STEWART TWENTY-THIRD PRESIDENT OF NLW

Marion Stewart is a native of Racine, Wisconsin. After attending elementary and high school in Racine she enrolled at Beloit College, where she was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority. Upon graduation she became a legal secretary for Roy Stewart, three years later they were married. Marion and Roy are the parents of twins, Sandy and Scott, now twenty-three years old.

Marion's volunteer work encompassed fourteen years for the Junior League of Racine. She is currently a member of Junior League Sustainers, DAR, LW of Racine County, National Lawyers Wives, Lawyers Wives of Wisconsin, Delta Gamma Alumni, Beloit College Alumni Association, PEO, and Racine Woman's Club. Marion is a charter member and past president of Racine Lawyers Wives and Racine County and State Chairman for "You and the Law" during the year that the program received the National Award for the third time from NLW. She was a nominee for Woman of the Year Award in 1980. Her involvement with the lawyers wives groups spans twenty-five years. She was instrumental in starting court tours in Racine County and in-depth law related educational projects in her county within the school system and adult education.

"The Laws Are Yours" is a booklet which will provide information about the law and the legal profession for the adults.

The project, undertaken by the Lawyers' Wives of Wisconsin following a workshop in Madison, took a year and half to complete.

Information for the book was contributed by judges, including Wisconsin Supreme Court Judge William G. Callow and Judge Dennis Flynn, lawyers, and lawyers' wives.

Coordinator of the book was Mrs. Roy D. Stewart of Racine, second vice-president of National Lawyers Wives and past president of the Wisconsin and Racine County Lawyers' Wives.

In the introduction, the authors state: "The law affects everyone, of us from the time we are born until the day we die and then even after in probate. It affects us from the time we get up in the morning until we retire at night. When we get up in the morning, think how we conform to the rules of society -the fact that we get dressed is conformity to a law. When we get into our cars and drive down the street, we conform to laws."

Specific questions about the law were not answered since facts, situations, circumstances and persons differ and the application of the law to such cases may also vary.

What the booklet does do is explain what the law is in civil and criminal law, the court system access to justice, the federal, state, juvenile, and adult criminal courts as well as how decisions are reached in court.

It also discusses civil law, estates, marriage, divorce and adoption, the lawyer's role, and when a person needs an attorney.



MRS. ROY STEWART

The book has been approved by the Wisconsin Bar Foundation. On the inside back cover there is a list of Foundation programs available in the state.

The booklet will be distributed on a state wide basis as a public service to interested persons, libraries, and other agencies where it can provide useful information to those who need it. Local residents interested in a copy of "The Laws Are Yours" may contact Mrs. Stewart, 4001 Haven Ave., Racine, 53405.

Mrs. David J. Hughes, Milwaukee, did the illustrations in the booklet.

The sponsoring group has 24 county charter groups with 1,400 members in the state. Two other Racine women who participating in preparing the booklet were Mrs. Wayne Marik, county president, and Mrs. Art Nathan, county chairman for the project.

Lawyers' Wives also sponsor Law Day observances, receptions for newly naturalized citizens, scholarships for law students, and educational programs in the schools.