

Carol A. Reitan Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	One Box
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NOTES:	<p>Photo Collection – People – Reitan</p> <p>Video Collection: Misc Oral History Tapes (Videotape of WILL 2002 Awards & Cassette tape of Maitland/Reitan debate in 1978)</p> <p>Map Cabinet Oversize: Campaign Poster</p> <p>Blueprints: Architectural prints for individual solar houses built in Bloomington-Normal plus prints for proposed Scandia Subdivision of solar homes.</p>

Brief History

Born and raised in Chicago, Carol Anne Rylander demonstrated an early interest in art, starting classes at Chicago's Art Institute at age nine and continuing this interest through her time at Austin High School. However, she chose to major in Chemistry while becoming a student leader at DePauw University in Greencastle, IN (1948-52). For her M.A. at DePauw (1954), she pursued her growing interest in human behavior by studying sociology and social psychology.

After a summer as a counselor at a camp for youngsters from low income families, she moved to Normal to become a dorm director and teach a course in social psychology at Illinois State Normal University. At a social for new faculty, she met a young historian named Earl Reitan who specialized in eighteenth century British history. The two married in 1956 and reared two children, Julia and Thomas.

Reitan taught sociology part time at Illinois Wesleyan University, Illinois State University, and Lincoln College at various times over the next two decades. Over an eight year period (1967-1975) she became a full faculty member at Eureka College's social science department.

In 1964, Reitan plunged into civic life by serving as co-campaign manager for candidates for Normal's mayor and town council. She followed that with a stint on the Town of Normal Planning Commission in 1964-66 and became active in the League of Women Voters starting in 1965. She was appointed to fill a position on the Normal Library Board in 1970 and became Board secretary. She promoted a plan to obtain funding for a new library building from the Normal Town Council.

Reitan ran for mayor of Normal in 1972, edging out a well-known Normal businessman and council member by a slim 48-vote margin. During her four year term, she successfully urged the council to increase meetings to twice a month; hold all meetings open to the press and public; build a city hall by razing old buildings in downtown Normal; establish a new Amtrak station downtown; complete the new Library building; change paving of major streets to concrete rather than asphalt; and establish administrative policies to implement the recently voted city manager type of government. At this time, relatively few women were elected officials, prompting much attention to the "lady mayor."

When she threw her hat into the ring for a state Senate seat in 1975, the local newspaper noted, "Mrs. Reitan enjoys public life and seems to thrive on public debate." She ran against incumbent Republican Senator Harber Hall. After initially considering running as an independent, she opted to run as a Democrat in a traditionally Republican district. Reitan's grassroots campaign involved a multitude of appearances in Bicentennial parades, speaking engagements, coffees and dinners at volunteers' homes, etc. throughout the six-county 44th District. A last-minute newspaper advertising campaign by her

opponent's colleague falsely attacked Reitan for nearly bankrupting Normal during her mayorship. *The Pantagraph* refused to publish the advertisement but it appeared in weekly papers throughout the district. This created a flurry of responses from Reitan and the Town of Normal. Reitan carried McLean County but lost narrowly in the overall vote.

From 1977-79, Reitan partnered with five other local women (Luellen Laurenti, Kay Stults, Sandy Rives, Betsy Carr, and Harriett O'Daffer) in a "consulting and marketing company" called CAMCO. The firm's partners had been Reitan campaign workers together in 1975. They developed logos, planned special events for clients, etc.

In 1978, Reitan again pursued the 44th District Illinois Senate seat. This time Republicans fielded farmer and Farm Bureau president John Maitland as their candidate. After an active campaign on both sides, Maitland won convincingly.

From 1979-82, Reitan designed five solar homes in McLean County, working with contractors to complete them. She partnered with local developer Vernon Prenzler on plans for "Scandia Subdivision" of passive solar homes in Normal. Although approved by the Normal Council, the subdivision plans were scrapped when the housing market collapsed in 1980-81.

Reitan became executive director/CEO of Mid Central Community Action, Inc., serving from 1981-95. During this time, the agency took over the local countering domestic violence program and restored a large Victorian house to use as a new shelter for abused women and their children (known as the Neville House). The agency pursued a variety of services for lower income residents focusing on emergency assistance, self-sufficiency, affordable housing, energy assistance and weatherizing homes, recycling and more. Ecology Action Center developed as an offshoot.

Before leaving Community Action, Reitan co-founded Collaborative Solutions Institute with Cheryl Gaines, Kathy Tornquist, and Deborah Sudduth. Reitan served as president/CEO from 1993-2004 continuing as a mediator and a Board member. This not-for-profit professional practice provides counseling and mediation for at-risk youth and adults with a variety of personal challenges.

Along with these major pursuits, Reitan engaged in a series of other community activities. She was a founding member of the Heartland Theatre Company, First Night (a community New Year's Eve celebration), Habitat for Humanity of McLean County, Community Foundation of McLean County, and several other organizations. She served on the McLean County Regional Planning Commission (1979-80 and 1993-96); chaired the Town of Normal 2015 Twenty-five Year Planning Committee (1989-90); co-chaired the Alternatives to Jail Committee (2000 onward), and many other committees. And, Reitan continued her love affair with campaigning as she worked on the campaigns of Sherrie Auth for McLean County Treasurer (2002); Tari Renner for 11th District Congressman (2004); David Gill for 15th District Congressman (2010) and others.

Scope Note

This collection includes a selection of materials donated by Carol A. Reitan largely involving her civic life as mayor and her two senatorial campaigns plus service at Community Action. Materials include campaign literature, letters, plans, and volunteer instructions; newspaper articles; public speaking notes; civic awards; etc.

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Box 1 (28 Folders)

General biographical (Folder 1)

Folder 1: General biographical

- 1.1.1 Carol A. Reitan curriculum vitae, 1 Feb 2010, 3 pp.
- 1.1.2 DePauw University Bureau of Placement Services Registration Record for Carol A. Rylander, undated.
- 1.1.3 Text for introducing Carol Reitan to unspecified group, 1976, 2 pp.
- 1.1.4 Biography of Carol Reitan, probably prepared for the 1976 senatorial campaign.
- 1.1.5 "Reitan, Normal's first female mayor and community leader, dies," *Pantagraph*, May 13, 2014.

Mayor of Normal (Folders 2-3)

See also Folder 26 Notes for Speeches.

Folder 2: Campaign for Mayor of Normal

- 1.2.1 "Carol Reitan for Mayor," bumper stickers, undated, 2 copies.
- 1.2.2 "Mrs. Reitan edges Riss in mayoral cliff-hanger," and "Cheer rings out on Marian," and "Student impact light in record turnout," David Haake in *Pantagraph*, 7 Mar 1972, 2 pp.
- 1.2.3 "Council may act to fill Riss term," *Pantagraph*, 7 Mar 1972.
- 1.2.4 "Mrs. Carol Reitan," captioned photo showing Reitan teaching at Eureka College the day after election, *Journal Star* (Peoria), 10 Mar 1972.
- 1.2.5 Audiotape of interview with Reitan on running for mayor.

Folder 3: Mayor of Normal

- 1.3.1 Business card for Mayor Reitan, 2 copies.
- 1.3.2 Blanket letter from Sandra Rives, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, undated, regarding Mayor Reitan's availability to speak for organizations.
- 1.3.3 Correspondence from Clifford E. Horton, Illinois State University Professor Emeritus of Health and Physical Education, to Mrs. Reitan, 23 Aug 72, congratulating her on how well she conducted the recent Normal Council meeting.
- 1.3.4 "A Little Bird Called Her Your Honor," *Eureka Illustrated* (Eureka College), undated, 2 pp.
- 1.3.5 Correspondence from Reitan to Jack Porter, Director of Community for Social Action, 17 Dec 1973, concerning Council actions which address their concerns.
- 1.3.6 Blanket letter from Steve Knapp of Community for Social Action, Dec 1973, inviting involvement in the organization. 3 pp including survey and recap of 1973's actions.
- 1.3.7 "Unused resources," *Pantagraph*, 8 Feb 1974, concerning Reitan's talent

- bank proposal.
- 1.3.8 "Woman at Work: Carol Reitan . . . putting ideas into action," *Pantagraph*, 2 Jun 1974, paid ad from Roland's Department Store as part of a series on outstanding working women, 2 pp.
- 1.3.9 "Proposal for Talent Bank Program," to Normal Town Council, et al, to recruit/coordinate part-time volunteer and paid help for community programs, date stamped 15 Jul 1974, 8 pp.
- 1.3.10 "Pen Women Hear About Women In Politics," *Pekin Times*, 18 Nov 1975.
- 1.3.11 "Govt. Needs Stressed," *Lincoln Courier*, 29 Oct 1975.
- 1.3.12 "Mayor claims independence," unspecified paper, 8 Jun 1975.
- 1.3.13 Correspondence from Joe Kupferschmid, Chair of Scholarship Selection, to Reitan, 8 Dec 1975, concerning being a selector for the 1976 Twin City Data Processing Management Association scholarship winner, 2 pp.
- 1.3.14 "The Metromangement Caper," Rita Kohn in unidentified publication, undated, 2 pp.
- 1.3.15 Untitled, unidentified newspaper, undated, photo of David Anderson, City Manager of Normal during Reitan's mayorship.
- 1.3.16 Correspondence from Margaret Esposito, Adviser for Cooperative Extension Service, 6 Nov 1975, concerning newsletter covering a class on "Land Use in the Context of Women's Interests," conducted by Reitan and a partner, 4 sheets including the extension's *Community Issues* newsletter.
- 1.3.17 Photocopies of press releases from Home Extension to *LeRoy Journal*, *Heyworth Star*, *Carlock Chronicle*, *Gridley News*, *Columbia Review*(*Minier*) and *Normalite* covering the class "Land Use in the Context of Women's Interests," conducted by Reitan and a partner, 6 pp.
- 1.3.18 "Normalite Mystery Photo," *Normalite*, 12 Jan 2012. Photo of Mayor Reitan and 6 councilpersons.
- 1.3.19 Metro Management, Reitan's responses to questions on the topic, January 2014. 2 pp.
- 1.3.20 Town Council recollections, Reitan's comments, Decmber 2013.

1976 Illinois Senate Campaign (Folders 4-14)

See also Folder 26 Notes for Speeches.

Folder 4: 1976 Campaign General & Miscellaneous

- 1.4.1 "Mayor Carol A. Reitan" curriculum vitae, 3 different versions, undated, 4 pp; use unknown.
- 1.4.2 "Reitan Campaign Staff List," 2 versions including Door-to-Door Blitz Schedule, undated, 3 sheets.
- 1.4.3 "44th District" simple map plus list of towns & their population.
- 1.4.4 Maps of 44th District, one on letterhead and including population of each county and largest cities, undated, 2 pp.
- 1.4.5 Volunteer campaign staff card for campaign office use, blank, ½ page.
- 1.4.6 "Press Conference Ideas," handwritten by the candidate, including schedule for July 15-17, 6 pp.

- 1.4.7 Letter on Reitan campaign letterhead to opponent Harber Hall requesting debates, 14 Sep 1976.
- 1.4.8 Letter from Sandra Rives, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, reminding groups of Reitan's willingness to speak on non-political topics and citing groups for whom she's already spoken.
- 1.4.9 "State taxes and spending: Who gains, who loses?" by Douglas Kane in *Illinois Issues*, June 1975 p 183-185.
- 1.4.10 Correspondence from James C. Clark of United Transportation Union, 8 March 1976, concerning annual dinner dance.
- 1.4.11 Correspondence from Hawthorne Lodge, Inc. administrator Marilyn Brown, 17 March 1976, concerning Reitan's recent visit and state Medicare payments, 3pp.
- 1.4.12 Specimen ballot for City of Bloomington General Election on 2 Nov 1976.

Folder 5: 1976 Campaign Issue Positions

- 1.5.1 "Why I am a Candidate for the State Senate," with red edits from the candidate's spouse, 4 pp.
- 1.5.2 "Carol Reitan—Where She Stands," 2 pp each; 2 copies.
- 1.5.3 "Statement on Agriculture," originally prepared and presented to the McLean County Farm Bureau in Aug 1976, 2 copies.

Folder 6: 1976 Campaign Press Releases & Reitan's Letters to Editors

- 1.6.1 Statement announcing candidacy for State Senate, 8 Sep 1975, 2 pp, 2 copies.
- 1.6.2 "Carol Reitan Tells Plan for Reversing Voter Negativism," undated.
- 1.6.3 Letter to Editor from Reitan concerning her "conservatism," 8 Sep 1976, carbon copy.
- 1.6.4 Release announcing a news conference on Sep 15 from Public information Co-ordinator Robert Sasser, 12 Sep 1976.
- 1.6.5 Release announcing that Reitan has challenged her opponent to a series of public debates, 15 Sep 1976.
- 1.6.6 Release concerning Walk-ins/Talk-ins in Bloomington & Normal neighborhoods, 15 Sep, 2 copies.
- 1.6.7 Release regarding personal income information and campaign contributions, 20 Oct 1976, 2 pp each, 2 copies.
- 1.6.8 Release concerning Normal's Fiscal Health, undated, 2 copies.
- 1.6.9 Release from Town of Normal by Mayor Richard Godfrey concerning current financial situation, 20 Oct 1976, 2 copies.
- 1.6.8 Release concerning Rep Deavers public announcement "A Part-time Mayor has Nearly Bankrupted Normal," 29 Oct 1976, 3 pp, 2 copies.
- 1.6.9 Release concerning Bernard Wall filing info about Rep Deavers' actions with US Attorney, May 1976, 2pp each, 2 copies.
- 1.6.10 Carbon copy of letter to editor of *Daily Pantagraph* regarding single-issue voters. Incomplete.

Folder 7: 1976 Campaign Solicitations and Volunteer Communications

- 1.7.1 Form letter asking Democratic Party judges to collect petition signatures for Reitan's candidacy, undated.
- 1.7.2 Signed blanket letter from Reitan declaring that her petitions were filed and soliciting volunteers for the campaign, undated.
- 1.7.3 Signed letter from Reitan to members (unspecified) of the Citizen Advisory Committee with agenda, etc. for the organizational meeting on July 7, undated.
- 1.7.4 Blanket letter from selected members of Citizens for Carol requesting financial contributions and volunteer efforts, undated.
- 1.7.5 Blanket letter from selected members of Citizens for Carol apparently to Illinois Wesleyan University faculty/staff soliciting financial contributions and volunteer time.
- 1.7.6 Letter from Timothy R. Ives (on Ives' personal stationery) to Arthur Colvin of Camera Craft requesting a financial contribution, 19 July 1976, with handwritten response about donating additional services.
- 1.7.7 Blanket letter from Bernard E. Wall, Chair of Citizens for Carol, requesting volunteer time and financial contributions, undated.
- 1.7.8 Blanket letter from Bernard E. Wall, Chair of Citizens for Carol, to recently registered voters requesting volunteer time and financial contributions, undated. 2 copies.
- 1.7.9 Blanket letter from Reitan responding to a request for literature, undated.
- 1.7.10 Blanket letter from selected Citizens for Carol to Illinois State University contacts requesting their vote and financial support, 15 October 1976. 2 copies.
- 1.7.11 Blanket letter from selected Citizens for Carol to Illinois State University contacts requesting their vote and financial support in envelope addressed to Martha Miller of Normal, 15 October 1976. Inserts include small campaign brochure and ticket to "Carol Reitan's Old Time Political Jamboree & Stomp."
- 1.7.12 Blanket letter from Reitan requesting financial support, undated.
- 1.7.13 Blanket letter from Reitan requesting financial support, undated, in campaign envelope requesting financial donation. Plus extra envelope, 3 items.
- 1.7.14 Form letter from Citizens for Carol requesting recipient's personal and financial help, undated, with enclosed reply envelope.
- 1.7.15 Letter from Reitan requesting help from those she met at Jeanne Wankel's coffee probably in Menard County, on May 15.
- 1.7.16 Letter from Reitan requesting help from those who did not appear at Jeanne Wankel's coffee probably in Menard County, on May 15.
- 1.7.17 Blanket letter to Democrats from Reitan requesting financial contribution, undated.
- 1.7.18 Blanket letter from Reitan requesting recipient's vote near end of campaign, undated.
- 1.7.19 Form letter from Reitan acknowledging campaign contribution, undated.

- 1.7.20 Form letter from Reitan acknowledging campaign contribution, undated. 2 copies.
- 1.7.21 Form letter from Reitan acknowledging campaign contribution and losing campaign, undated. 2 copies.
- 1.7.22 "You can Help!" volunteer sign up cards for the campaign, 3 different cards.
- 1.7.23 Layouts for "You Can Help" cards for College Democrats, including schedule of events in Sep-Oct, undated.

Folder 8: 1976 Campaign Volunteer Instructions

- 1.8.1 Form letter thanking recipient for agreeing to host a campaign coffee and providing specific guidelines and materials, undated. 2 copies.
- 1.8.2 Host/Hostess Work Sheet to collect attendees contact info, undated. 2 copies.
- 1.8.3 Memo to Mail Day Volunteer describing the volunteer's role, undated, 2 copies including one from Mail Day Chairman Anne Nadakavukaren.
- 1.8.4 "Instructions to Pollwatchers at the Polls," undated, 2 copies including one for Normal Precinct 2 with handwritten schedule of individual pollwatchers.
- 1.8.5 Photocopies of "Sample Format for Telephone calls up to Oct 5th," 2 copies.
- 1.8.6 Instructions on telephoning phase of campaign to identify those who support Reitan.
- 1.8.7 Instructions for phone survey signed by Campaign Manager Sandy Rives, undated but for survey work expected Oct 17-24.
- 1.8.8 Suggested conversations for telephone survey, undated.
- 1.8.9 Mimeograph copy of "Precinct 2 Visitors for Carol Reitan," instructions on visiting homes to distribute literature, identify voter concerns and undecided voters, by Mary Sewell, undated.

Folder 9: 1976 Campaign Literature

- 1.9.1 "Carol Reitan for State Senator," bumper stickers, 2.
- 1.9.2 "Where to Vote!" card for Illinois State University polls, undated.
- 1.9.3 Campaign card, undated.
- 1.9.4 Campaign handout touting "full-time senate service," undated, 2 copies.
- 1.9.5 Campaign brochure, undated, 2 copies; one with a "sorry we missed you" message attached.
- 1.9.6 Campaign brochure, undated, 2 copies.
- 1.9.7 Ticket for "Carol Reitan's Old Time Political Jamboree & Stomp," for 24 Oct 1976 event.
- 1.9.8 Blank note card with campaign letterhead.
- 1.9.9 Reitan curriculum vitae, undated, 2 copies including a typed version and a typeset version with campaign chair/treasurer identified.
- 1.9.10 Carol A. Reitan Newsletters for June 1976 and October 1976, 2 copies each.

- 1.9.11 "Facts concerning Normal before and during Carol Reitan's term as Mayor of the Town of Normal," undated, 2 copies.
- 1.9.12 Discussion of Town's financial condition and impact of Reitan's term as mayor on campaign letterhead, undated, 2 pp, 2 copies.
- 1.9.13 Handout for Reitan using editorial from Oct 29 editorial from *Pantagraph* criticizing Deaver's actions, undated, partial sheet, 2 copies.
- 1.9.14 "You Can Judge the candidate by the Campaign," criticizing opponent Hall's negative campaign tactics, undated, 2 copies.

Folder 10: 1976 Campaign Radio Ads & Speeches

- 1.10.1 Text for ten-second radio spots with handwritten changes, 2 copies with different handwritten changes, 6 pp each.
- 1.10.2 "Carol Reitan Speaks on Government and Open Space," text for WJBC Forum, 23 March 1977. 2pp. Concerning planning open spaces in Bloomington-Normal such as preserving Ewing Park.
- 1.10.3 Untitled, text for WJBC forum, undated, 2 pp. Concerning remuneration increases for legislators and governor in face of Illinois' austerity budget.
- 1.10.4 "Carol Reitan Speaks on McLean County Farmers," text for WJBC Forum, 13 July 1977, 3 pp. Concerning local cloud-seeding project by Rain-gain Inc.
- 1.10.5 "Carol Reitan Speaks on the Lost Art of Talking Things Over," text for WJBC Forum, 10 Aug 1977, 3 pp,

Folder 11: 1976 Campaign Newspaper Advertisements

- 1.11.1 "Carol's Coming," *Petersburg Observer*, 15 July 1976.
- 1.11.2 "Carol's Coming," *Atlanta Argus and the Armington Helper*, 12 August 1976.
- 1.11.3 "Carol's Coming," *Lexington Unit Journal*, 2 Sept 1976.
- 1.11.4 "Carol's Coming," *Chenoa Clipper Times*, 9 Sept 1976.
- 1.11.5 "Join the Carol Crowd," *Vidette*, 7 Oct 1976.
- 1.11.6 Untitled, *Pantagraph*, 28 Oct 1976.
- 1.11.7 "Now It's Up to You," *Farmer City Journal*, 28 Oct 1976.
- 1.11.8 "Now It's Up to You," *Journal-Republican*, undated.
- 1.11.9 "Public Notice: A part-time mayor has nearly bankrupted Normal," ad by Gil Deavers in *Farmer City Journal*, 28 Oct 1976.
- 1.11.10 "Clergy Concerned for Honesty in our Political Process," letter endorsed by 18 local clergy concerning recent "dirty tricks" in the 44th District, 2pp. (See *Pantagraph* article by D. Haake 1 Nov 1976.)
- 1.11.11 "Because we need a fighter!" ad for Harber H. Hall, *Pantagraph*, undated.
- 1.11.12 "Senator Harber Hall," insert in *Pantagraph*, 29 Oct 1976, 4 pp.

Folder 12: 1976 Campaign Editorials and Endorsements

- 1.12.1 "A political decision," *Pantagraph* editorial, 11 Sep 1975.
- 1.12.2 "Reitan foes attack bumper tag," *Pantagraph*, letter to the editor by Carol Mignerey, June 1976.

- 1.12.3 "No need for full-time 'expert,'" *Pantagraph*, letter to the editor by David Davis Jr., undated.
- 1.12.4 "Reitan dissolves party lines," *Pantagraph*, letter to the editor by H.A. Ohms, Jr., undated.
- 1.12.5 "Hall, Reitan Senate race on without usual yawns," *Pantagraph* editorial, 23 Oct 1976.
- 1.12.6 "Reitan best choice for senate seat," *Vidette* editorial, 26 Oct 1976.
- 1.12.7 "Deaver's action abuse of office," *Pantagraph* editorial, 29 Oct 1976.
- 1.12.8 "Low Deavers profile," *Pantagraph* editorial, 3 Nov 1976.
- 1.12.9 "Two winners in Senate race," *Pantagraph* editorial, 4 Nov 1976.
- 1.12.10 Ad endorsing Reitan by Machinists Lodge 1000 and Senior Citizens Club in Monticello newspaper, undated.
- 1.12.11 Letter from Illinois Women's Political Caucus to Reitan endorsing her candidacy and enclosing a \$75 donation, 7 Oct 1976.
- 1.12.12 "Legislative Recommendations," in *Illinois State AFL-CIO Weekly News Letter*, 18 Sep 1976, 4 pp. Includes recommendation for Reitan on p 3.

Folder 13: 1976 Campaign Newspaper Articles

- 1.13.1 "Legislative race for Mayor Reitan?" Scott Herhold in *Pantagraph*, 6 Jun 1975.
- 1.13.2 "Hall coming up 'Tails' in House," Scott Herhold in *Pantagraph*, 14 Jun 1975.
- 1.13.3 "Reitan enters petition for Senate candidacy," unidentified newspaper (*Vidette?*), undated.
- 1.13.4 Reitan to seek Senate seat; Godfrey in mayoral race," Bill Wills in *Pantagraph*, 8 Sep 1975.
- 1.13.5 "Carol Reitan would be a full-time legislator," Earl Merkel in *The Courier* (Campaign-Urbana, IL), undated.
- 1.13.6 "Reitan submits senate bid' Godfrey to run for mayor," Brian Adair in *Vidette*, 9 Sep 1975.
- 1.13.7 "Woman announces for Senate," unidentified newspaper, 9 Sep 1975.
- 1.13.8 "Mayor Reitan of Normal will seek State Senate Post," *Saybrook Gazette & Arrowsmith News*, 11 Sep 1975.
- 1.13.9 "Mayor of Normal Will Seek State Senate Post," *Piatt County Journal-Republican*, 18 Sep 1975.
- 1.13.10 "Personal approach used by Senate hopeful Reitan," Dave Haake in *Pantagraph*, 7 Feb 1976.
- 1.13.11 "Carol Reitan Sorority Speaker," *Clinton Observer*, March 1976.
- 1.13.12 "Carol Reitan Guest Speaker for Sorority," *Clinton Daily Journal*, March 1976.
- 1.13.13 "Future Voter," *Pantagraph*, 25 Mar 1976.
- 1.13.14 "Public accepts women in power, says Reitan," Kim Perkes in *Vidette*, undated 1976.
- 1.13.15 "Normal Mayor to Speak at Retired Teachers Meeting," *Lincoln Courier*, 19 Apr 1976.

- 1.13.16 "Flower Power," *Pantagraph*, 22 Apr 1976..
- 1.13.17 "Lasagne in Race," Lolita Driver in *Pantagraph*, 12 May 1976, 2 pp.
- 1.13.18 "Mrs. Reitan Speaks to Two Groups," *Dewitt County Observer*, 27 May 1976.
- 1.13.19 Letter from Ralph Dring, Treasurer Local 699, in *McLean County Union News*, 3 Jun 1976.
- 1.13.20 "Mrs. Reitan Visits with County Board," Tom Bonine in unidentified Logan County newspaper, 1976.
- 1.13.21 "Citizens for Carol Group Organized," *Clinton Daily Journal*, 22 Jun 1976.
- 1.13.22 "Wall named to head 'Citizens for Carol,'" *Pantagraph*, 19 Jun 1976.
- 1.13.23 "' Reitan slept here' signs may rise during campaign," *Pantagraph*, 12 Jul 1976.
- 1.13.24 "Reitan announces live-ins as Phase II of campaign,'" *Vidette*, 13 Jul 1976.
- 1.13.25 "Carol Reitan's 'Live Ins' Will Begin Soon," *Dewitt County Observer*, 15 Jul 1976.
- 1.13.26 "Carol Reitan set schedule for visit here," *The Petersburg Observer*, 15 Jul 1976.
- 1.13.27 "Reitan Stumps for State Senate Position, Expounds on Issues," *Farmer City Journal*, 29 Jul 1976, 2pp. Same in *Dewitt County Observer* of same date.
- 1.13.28 "Plans "Live In" in Piatt County," *Piatt County Journal*, 5 Aug 1976.
- 1.13.29 "Carol Reitan in Area, *Atlanta Argus & The Armington Helper*, 12 Aug 1976.
- 1.13.30 "Carol Reitan Visits in Logan County Set," *Lincoln Courier*, summer 1976.
- 1.13.31 "Reitan Visits with Citizens," *Lincoln Courier*, summer 1976.
- 1.13.32 "Carol Reitan," captioned photo, *Lincoln Courier*, summer 1976.
- 1.13.33 Untitled story/photos on Logan County Fair Political Day, *Lincoln Shopper*, 18 Aug 1976.
- 1.13.34 "Carol Reitan Will "Live In" DeWitt County," *Clinton Daily Journal*, 24 or 25 Aug 1976.
- 1.13.35 "Reitan says honesty, integrity, money, issues," David Bill in *Vidette*, 1 Sep 1976.
- 1.13.36 "Mrs. Reitan to begin county tours," *Pantagraph*, 2 Sep 1976.
- 1.13.37 "Mrs. Reitan visits, campaigns in county," Dave Haake in *Pantagraph*, 4 Sep 1976, 2pp.
- 1.13.38 "Former Mayor runs in senate race," Curt Hendricks in *Vidette*, undated within 1976.
- 1.13.39 "Carol Reitan to visit three area counties," *Pantagraph*, 10 Sep 1976.
- 1.13.40 "Hall, Reitan dispute role of legislator," Dave Haake in *Pantagraph*, 29 Sep 1976.
- 1.13.41 "Hall, Reitan on TV tonight," *Pantagraph*, undated within 1976.
- 1.13.42 "Reitan releases income, campaign contributions," *Vidette*, 2 Oct 1976.

- 1.13.43 "Hall, Reitan debate tuition, X-films," *Vidette*, week of 3 Oct 1976, 2pp.
- 1.13.44 "Hall, Reitan trade barbs on how to be a legislator," Dave Haake in *Pantagraph*, undated fall 1976.
- 1.13.45 "Candidates differ on MEG," and "Hopefuls agree on 'gay' issue," Jim Flannery in *Pantagraph*, 6 Oct 1976.
- 1.13.46 "Debate on senator's role goes on," Dave Haake in *Pantagraph*, 8 Oct 1976.
- 1.13.47 "Demos to appear on ISU campus," *Pantagraph*, 12 Oct 1976.
- 1.13.48 "Election may swell ranks of 'Crazy 8' Democrats," Ed McManus in *Chicago Tribune*, 13 Oct 1976.
- 1.13.49 "Women have long way to go in state politics," Ed McManus in *Chicago Tribune*, 14 Oct 1976.
- 1.13.50 "Senate Candidate," unidentified newspaper, 1976.
- 1.13.51 "Mrs. Reitan predicts victory," Dave Haake in *Pantagraph*, 14 Oct 1976.
- 1.13.52 "Reitan hints at tuition increase," *Vidette*, week of Oct 17, 2 pp.
- 1.13.53 "Senate race close, polls show," Jaime Levonian in *Pantagraph*, 28 Oct 1976.
- 1.13.54 "Both Hall and Reitan agree—no more taxes," Dave Haake in *Pantagraph*, 29 Oct 1976, 2pp.
- 1.13.55 Untitled captioned photo," *Vidette*, undated in 1976.
- 1.13.56 "Spirited 44th Senate race informs voters," Dave Haake in *Pantagraph*, undated in 1976.
- 1.13.57 "Reitan, Deavers tangle," Jim Flannery in *Pantagraph*, undated in 1976.
- 1.13.58 "Deavers' action abuse of office," *Pantagraph*, 29 Oct 1976.
- 1.13.59 "Intimidation Complaint Being Filed by Reitan," *Lincoln Courier*, 29 Oct 1976.
- 1.13.60 "Intimidation report draws Reitan fury," Dave Haake in *Pantagraph*, 30 Oct 1976.
- 1.13.61 "Hall, Deavers: We won't argue," *Pantagraph*, undated 1976.
- 1.13.62 "Hall denies link to Deavers's ads," Eric Meyer in *Pantagraph*, 31 Oct 1976.
- 1.13.63 "Another ad brings squabble," *Pantagraph*, 31 Oct 1976.
- 1.13.64 "Hall, council argue Normal's finances," Dave Haake in *Pantagraph*, 1 Nov 1976.
- 1.13.65 "Reitan will not be a candidate," Jan Burkholder in *Farmer City Journal*, 19 May 1977.

Folder 14: 1976 Campaign Financials

- 1.14.1 "Simplified 1976 Expenditures," totaling \$ 19,900, summary in candidate's own hand.
- 1.14.2 "1976 Total Expenditures – By Category," totaling \$ 19,866.45, 5 pp in candidate's own hand.
- 1.14.3 "1976 Expenditures – Thru June 30, 1976," 3 sheets of ledger paper.
- 1.14.4 1976 expenditures by month, categorized, on 4 sheets of 13-column ledger paper, in candidate's own hand.

- 1.14.5 "Bill charges from Arcola," for programming and related, in candidate's own hand.
- 1.14.6 List of expenditures, 2pp.

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See also Folder 26 Notes for Speeches.

Folder 15: 1978 Campaign General & Miscellaneous

- 1.15.1 Curricula vitae, undated, 2 pp.
- 1.15.2 Curricula vitae on letterhead, undated, 1 pp, copies.
- 1.15.3 Notes for oral statement to press announcing candidacy, 30 Nov 1977, 3 pp.
- 1.15.4 "Target Precincts," analysis and identification of target precincts throughout the district, 2 pp.
- 1.15.5 44th District map, 2 copies."
- 1.15.6 "Precinct Polling Places," in Bloomington, with Democratic candidates identified; from McLean County Democratic Central Committee, undated.
- 1.15.7 Circular for Dixon/Reitan appearance at Senior Citizen's coffee at Normal Public Library on 13 Oct, 1978.
- 1.15.8 General Electric newsletter *Daily Reporter*, includes article "Carol Reitan Sets Visit," 6 Nov 1978.
- 1.15.9 Correspondence from Donn C. Pierce, Governmental Affairs Manager for General Telephone Company of Illinois to Reitan, concerning invitation to visit with GTE employees, 13 Feb 1978.
- 1.15.10 Correspondence from Stanley L. Johnson, President of Illinois State Federation of Labor, to Reitan concerning questionnaire for legislative candidates, 6 Jan 1978, 2 pp including questionnaire.
- 1.15.11 Correspondence from Ace Extrom, Executive Director of Illinois Wildlife Federation, to candidates concerning position questionnaire, undated, 2 pp including questionnaire.

Folder 16: 1978 Campaign Press Releases

- 1.16.1 "Notice of Press Conference Mon, Dec 5, 1977," list of media contacted/attending, handwritten by candidate.
- 1.16.2 "News Release sent Dec 5 to," list of media sent the news release, handwritten by candidate.
- 1.16.3 Announcement of candidacy, 5 Dec 1977, 2 pp with 2 copies plus 1 copy of attached curricula vitae.
- 1.16.4 "Dixon Appoints IWU Faculty Member to Merit Personnel Board," about Reitan's appointment, 26 Feb 1978, 2 copies with notes.
- 1.16.5 Release on Reitan's recent speech before the Central Illinois Municipal Officials Association in Monticello, undated.
- 1.16.6 Upcoming speech before DeWitt County Realtors on impact of Proposition 13 and taxpayer revolt potential, special to *DeWitt County*

- Observer*, 19 Jun 1978.
- 1.16.7 Upcoming presentation before Piatt County Democratic Women's dinner, special to *Monticello Journal-Republican*, 19 Jun 1978.
 - 1.16.8 Position against Bloomington civic center bill, 22 Jun 1978, 2 pp, 2 copies.
 - 1.16.9 Announcing Live-Ins in Logan County and appearances with Lieutenant Governor candidate Dick Durbin, 7 Aug 1978, 2 pp, 2 copies.
 - 1.16.10 Announcing official opening of campaign, 2 different releases, undated, 3 pp and 2 pp.
 - 1.16.11 "Reitan Opposes State Funding of civic centers in Illinois," undated, 3 pp.
 - 1.16.12 Proposes cost control constitutional amendment, 20 Sep 1978, 2 copies.
 - 1.16.13 "Reitan Does Face-to-Face Survey, Visits More than 60 Cities," undated, 2 pp.
 - 1.16.14 "10 Minutes Statement for Channel 19," endorsement interview, undated, 6 pp.
 - 1.16.15 Announcing endorsement from central Illinois television station Channel 19 WRAU, 13 Oct 1978.
 - 1.16.16 Announcing tax return info and challenging opponent to do same, 26 Oct 1978.
 - 1.16.17 "Reitan Urges candidates to Disclose Sources of Income, Financial Interests," undated, 3 pp including *Pantagraph* news article.
 - 1.16.18 "Statement of Agriculture," originally presented to McLean County Farm Bureau in Aug 1976 with candidate's handwritten note re-endorsing the position.

Folder 17: 1978 Campaign: Reitan's Letters to Editors

- 1.17.1 To *Gridley News* concerning recent library ground breaking, 27 Feb 1978.
- 1.17.2 To *Monticello Journal*, concerning recent Piatt County Farm Bureau visit, 27 Feb 1978.
- 1.17.3 To *Vidette*, concerning dispute between Normal and firefighters and impact on Illinois State University, 26 Apr 1978, 2 copies.
- 1.17.4 To *Pantagraph*, concerning Schoenburg's article on Harber Hall's poll, 30 May 1978, 2 pp.
- 1.17.5 To *Lincoln Courier*, concerning recent recognition of Emil Stalnut, administrator of Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, 4 Jun 1978.
- 1.17.6 To *Atlanta Argus*, concerning recent Atlanta parade, 14 July 1978.
- 1.17.7 To *Cerro Gordo News*, concerning recent visit to 4-H Fair, 14 July 1978.
- 1.17.8 Blanket letter to editors thanking them for cooperation and cancelling subscription, 1 Dec 1978.

Folder 18: 1978 Campaign Solicitations

- 1.18.1 "Personal Calls," list handwritten by candidate of persons called about time of announcing her candidacy, undated.
- 1.18.2 Blanket solicitation to prior supporters from Reitan, undated, 2 pp including half page "Citizens for Carol Information" input form to

- highlight issues of concern, volunteer opportunities, etc.
- 1.18.3 "Citizens for Carol Information" input form handed out at Gridley Community Club candidates night, 3 Jan 1978.
 - 1.18.4 Blanket solicitation letter to educators from campaign finance chair William Allison, undated, includes ticket to "Party for Educators" on 28 Jun 1978.
 - 1.18.5 Blanket solicitation letter to Wesleyan colleagues from selected members of Citizens for Carol, undated.
 - 1.18.6 Blanket solicitation letter to Illinois State University faculty colleagues from selected members of Citizens for Carol, undated, 2 copies.
 - 1.18.7 Blanket letter from campaign finance chair Bill Allison and campaign manager Fred Roberts soliciting funding, 5 Apr 1978.
 - 1.18.8 Blanket letter to organizational leaders from campaign manager Fred Roberts, soliciting opportunities for Reitan to speak, Aug 1978.
 - 1.18.9 Blanket solicitation letter to Democrats from finance chair William Allison, 27 Aug 1978.
 - 1.18.10 Blanket letter from Reitan soliciting funding and announcing kickoff party, undated, 1 page plus 2 pledge cards.
 - 1.18.11 Blanket letter to lobbyists from campaign finance chair Bill Allison about kickoff party fundraiser, 1 page plus 1 kickoff party ticket.
 - 1.18.12 Blanket letter to nurses from Reitan soliciting votes, undated.
 - 1.18.13 Blanket letter to "those concerned about Illinois State (University) and higher ducation in Illinois from Reitan," soliciting their votes, Oct 1978.
 - 1.18.14 Blanket letter to school officials from Reitan soliciting their votes, Oct 1978.
 - 1.18.15 Blanket letter to local dentists from Reitan soliciting their votes, Oct 1978.
 - 1.18.16 Blanket letter to "Wesleyan supporters" from Reitan soliciting their votes, Oct 1978.
 - 1.18.17 Blanket letter to local government leaders from Reitan soliciting their votes, Oct 1978.
 - 1.18.18 Blanket letter to educators from Reitan soliciting their votes, Oct 1978.
 - 1.18.19 Blanket letter to supporters from Reitan with latest news and urging them to contact friends to vote, Oct 1978.
 - 1.18.20 Blanket letter to community leaders from Reitan soliciting their votes, 15 Oct 1978.
 - 1.18.21 "Citizens for Carol Information" forms, ½ page, 2 copies.
 - 1.18.22 Invitations to "Crepes for Carol" parties, 2 copies.
 - 1.18.23 Handwritten blanket thank you from Reitan for contributions, undated.
 - 1.18.24 "Newsletter from the Headquarters of Carol Reitan for State Senator," approximately 25 Jun 1978, 2 copies.
 - 1.18.25 "Newsletter from the Headquarters of Carol Reitan for State Senator," late summer/early fall 1978

Folder 19: 1978 Campaign Guidelines for Volunteers

- 1.19.1 Instructions to local Citizens for Carol Reitan coordinators, from

- campaign field staff coordinator Anne Nadakavukaren, including memo on general guidance, coordinator's timetable checklist, sample press release, memo to postcard chairmen, memo to phone canvass chairmen, instructions for phone canvassers, phone canvass form, undated, 8 pp.
- 1.19.2 Phone canvassing form, undated, differs from above form.
- 1.19.3 Recommended responses to anticipated questions for phone canvassers, "only used in Petersburg and Athens," undated.
- 1.19.4 Form letter to coffee for Carol hosts, includes Host/hostess work sheet and handwritten guidance, undated, 3 pp.

Folder 20: 1978 Campaign Literature

- 1.20.1 "Carol Speaks Out," articles and photos including a constituent survey, undated, 4 pp, 2 copies.
- 1.20.2 "Carol Reitan for State Senator," bumpersticker.
- 1.20.3 "Carol Reitan for State Senator" notecard, blank.
- 1.20.4 "Carol Reitan for State Senator" door hanger, 2 copies.
- 1.20.5 Folded handout on cardstock.
- 1.20.6 Abbreviated curricula vitae on cardstock, 2 copies.
- 1.20.7 Blank campaign letterhead and envelopes.
- 1.20.8 Printer's proof of campaign brochure, 2 sheets.
- 1.20.9 Plastic *Penny Saver* door hanger bag with Reitan ad on one side.
- 1.20.10 "Carol Reitan for State Senator" matchbook.

Folder 21: 1978 Constituent Surveys

Completed constituent surveys, presumably a limited portion of the total actually returned, 26 items.

Folder 22: 1978 Campaign Advertisements

- 1.22.1 Text for radio ads, undated, 2 pp.
- 1.22.2 Ad in *Heyworth Star*, 21 Sep 1978, by Heyworth Citizens for Carol.
- 1.22.3 Correspondence to newspaper advertising managers from campaign publicity chair Vicki Hopper regarding an ad on "State Must Stop Dictating to School Board and Town," 7 Oct 1978, 3 pp.
- 1.22.4 Ad: "Wanted: Why Settle for less Than the Best?" undated.

Folder 23: Newspaper Articles and Editorials

- 1.23.1 "Hall says politics at issue in Reitan's investigation," *Pantagraph*, 14 May 1977.
- 1.23.2 "Stormy rebuttals follow flurry of changes," Kathy McKinney and Dvae Haake in *Pantagraph*, 1 Dec 1977.
- 1.23.3 "Carol Reitan will seek House or Senate seat," Stephan Gleason in *Pantagraph*, 1 Dec 1977.
- 1.23.4 "District 44 seat sought by Reitan," *Vidette*, 2 Dec 1977.
- 1.23.5 "Local Democratic barking awakens Republican cat," *Pantagraph* editorial, 3 Dec 1977.

- 1.23.6 “Reitan, Lauer to seek seat in Illinois Senate,” Dave Haake in *Pantagraph*, 5 Dec 1977.
- 1.23.7 “Reitan announces Senate candidacy,” *Lincoln Courier*, 5 Dec 1977.
- 1.23.8 “To run for State Senate,” *Petersburg Observer*, 8 Dec 1977.
- 1.23.9 “Reitan will run for state senate,” *State Journal-Register*, 8 Dec 1977.
- 1.23.10 “Lauer to run for Senate,” and “Stanley White is candidate for Representative,” *Petersburg Observer*, 8 Dec 1977.
- 1.23.11 “Carol Reitan Will Seek Democratic Nomination,” *McLean Lens*, 8 Dec 1977.
- 1.23.12 “Information About Carol Reitan,” *McLean Lens*, 8 Dec 1977.
- 1.23.13 “2 more file petitions for Assembly seats,” *Pantagraph*, 16 Dec 1977.
- 1.23.14 “Ann Maher takes state position,” *State Journal-Register*, 28 Dec 1977. Mentions Reitan’s candidacy.
- 1.23.15 “Dixon appoints patronage critic to personnel board,” Basil Talbott Jr. in *Sun Times (Chicago)*, 15 Jan 1978.
- 1.23.16 “Carol Reitan speaks to Woman’s club,” unidentified newspaper, 16 Feb 1978.
- 1.23.17 “Dixon appoints Reitan,” *Banner*, 1 March 1978.
- 1.23.18 Untitled photo with caption showing Reitan with Secretary of State Alan Dixon, *Farmer City Journal*, 2 Mar 1978.
- 1.23.19 “Reitan for independence,” *Argus*, 17 Mar 1978.
- 1.23.20 Captioned photos showing Reitan at Central Illinois Municipal Official’s Association, *Piatt County Journal-Republican*, 30 Mar 1978, 3 pp.
- 1.23.21 “Atwood Officials Attend Conference,” *Atwood Herald*, 6 Apr 1978
- 1.23.22 Reitan’s letter to the editor, *Vidette*, May 1978. Concerning collective bargaining issues with university and towns.
- 1.23.23 “Carol Reitan to speak at Democratic Women,” *Piatt County Journal-Republican*, 22 Jun 1978.
- 1.23.24 “Reitan addresses Realtors,” *Dewitt County Observer*, 22 Jun 1978.
- 1.23.25 “Retain discusses legislative issues,” Jan Burkholder in *Dewitt County Observer*, 22 Jun 1978.
- 1.23.26 “Mrs. Reitan Opposes Civic Center Bill,” *Clinton Daily Journal*, 23 Jun 1978.
- 1.23.27 “Reitan voices opposition to proposed civic center bill,” *Vidette* 27 Jun 1978.
- 1.23.28 “Reitan to visit LeRoy,” unidentified newspaper, undated.
- 1.23.29 Untitled article with photo, unidentified newspaper, undated, concerning Logan County “live-in.”
- 1.23.30 “French student questions Reitan,” *Lincoln Courier*, 23 Aug 1978.
- 1.23.31 Advertisement for Campaign Kickoff Party with guest Sen. Adlai Stevenson III, *Pantagraph*, undated.
- 1.23.32 “Candidate Reitan restates position on civic center,” *Pantagraph*, 11 Sep 1978.
- 1.23.33 Captioned photo of Reitan with Sen. Adlai Stevenson and Dewitt County Democratic Chair at kickoff party, *Clinton Daily Journal & Public*, 12

- Sep 1978.
- 1.23.34 "Politicians help Reitan open campaign," *Dewitt County Observer*, 14 Sep 1978.
- 1.23.35 Captioned photo with Sen. Stevenson at kickoff party, *Lincoln Courier*, 15 Sep 1978.
- 1.23.36 Captioned photo with Sen. Stevenson at kickoff party, *Farmer City Journal*, 15 Sep 1978.
- 1.23.37 "Bakalis urges involvement," *Pantagraph*, 15 Sep 1978.
- 1.23.38 Captioned photo at local Democrat event, *Lincoln Courier*, 18 Sep 1978.
- 1.23.39 Captioned photo with Sen. Stevenson at kickoff party, *Chenoa Lexington Banner*, 20 Sep 1978.
- 1.23.40 "Workman laws hit," *Pantagraph*, 20 Sep 1978.
- 1.23.41 "Crepes: thin, tender, delicious, fun," and "Crepes for Carol parties," Lolita Driver, *Pantagraph*, 27 Sep 1978.
- 1.23.42 "Reitan discloses finances, Maitland cites privacy rights," *Pantagraph*, 26 Oct 1978.

Folder 24: 1978 Campaign Financials

- 1.24.1 Handwritten early budget including "basic" and "best" versions, undated, 3 pp.
- 1.24.2 "Proposed Basic Budget," totaling \$ 29,410 with comparisons to 1976 campaign, undated, 2 copies.
- 1.24.3 "Proposed Budget – 1978," totaling \$ 48,960, undated, 2 copies.
- 1.24.4 Photocopy of "Carol Reitan for State Senate Expense Report," 15 Jun 1978.

Other (Folders 25-28)

Folder 25: Mid Central Community Action

- 1.25.1 Business cards for Executive Director/CEO Reitan, 2 cards
- 1.25.2 Organizational structure of Community Action as sketched by Reitan, .undated.
- 1.25.3 "Help for Today . . . Hope for Tomorrow," brochure, undated.
- 1.25.4 "Own a Victorian Mansion," soliciting donations for Neville House domestic violence shelter, undated.
- 1.25.5 "Lemonade on the Lawn," fundraiser for Neville House, June 25-26, 19??
- 1.25.6 "Ring in the New Year at First Night Bloomington-Normal," ad in *Pantagraph*, for 31 Dec 1994 event.
- 1.25.7 "Retirement in store for former Normal mayor," *Pantagraph*, 6 Aug 1995.
- 1.25.8 "Community Action names director," Gary Mays in *Pantagraph*, undated.
- 1.25.9 "Action Update," Community Action newsletter Fall 1995, including article on Reitan retirement and solicitation envelope, 4 pp.
- 1.25.10 "The Observer" Community Action newsletter Vol. I, Issue VI, Nov/Dec 1995, including article on transition to new manager, 8 tabloid pages.
- 1.25.11 Reitan retirement invitation and celebratory notes from community

- individuals, 18 items.
- 1.25.12 Notes from thoughts Reitan shared on Community Action experiences, December 2013. 4 pp.

Folder 26: Notes for Speeches

- Handwritten notes for speeches. Lists speech title (if indicated); audience; and date delivered.
- 1.26.1 "The Peter Principle & Politics," American Business Women's Association (Bloomington), 1 July 1969.
- 1.26.2 "Some Idiot Raised the Ante." Normal Lions Club, undated. Concerns conflict of interest in campaign funding, economic accountability, etc. of public servants.
- 1.26.3 "Women as a Political Force: or Some Idiot Raised the Ante," American Association of University Women (AAUW), Spring 1972, 4 cards.
- 1.26.4 "How to Blow Your Mind—Become a Mayor!" Octavia Junior Womens' Club (Colfax, IL), 19 Oct 1972, 2 items. Includes reminder note from the club's Mrs. John (Arlene) Stroud dated 12 Oct 1972.
- 1.26.5 "Being a Mayor & a Woman: or How to Blow Your Mind," Mackinaw Christian Church, 3 Dec 19??, 3 sheets.
- 1.26.6 "A Community Is a Cats Cradle," Presbyterian Church (Normal, IL), 11 Nov 1972, 3pp.
- 1.26.7 "Viva Le Difference," Young Republicans (Illinois State University), 8 Apr 1973. Concerning women in politics.
- 1.26.8 "The Major Measure of Success or Failure," Ecumenical – at Wesley Memorial Center Illinois State University, Nov 1973.
- 1.26.9 Unnamed, Bloomington Council, 22 Jul 1974, regarding disagreement between Normal and Bloomington on Bloomington annexing land, 2 pp.
- 1.26.10 "Challenges of the Woman Mayor," Bloomington Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc., 2 Oct 1974. Includes program and reminder from member Bernadette Drennan 23 Sep 1974, 4 pp.
- 1.26.11 Untitled, National Outstanding Young Farmer Awards Congress-1975, March 1975; notes written on program.
- 1.26.12 "The Challenge of Being a Woman & a Mayor," American Association of University Women (Eureka), 4 Sep 1975.
- 1.26.13 Untitled, Kiwanis (Lincoln), 28 Oct 1975 about community government, 2 cards.
- 1.26.14 "Peter, Peter, the Politician Eater," Corn Belt American Business Women's Association, 6 Nov 1975, 2 cards.
- 1.26.15 Untitled, LeRoy Chamber of Commerce, 10 Nov 1975, concerning public confidence and public input to government.
- 1.26.16 "Expanded Role of Women," Democrat Women's Tea, 16 Nov 1975.
- 1.26.17 Untitled, Penwomen, 16 Nov 1975, concerning women's role in politics.
- 1.26.18 Untitled, Exchange Club of Lincoln (Lincoln, IL) 4 Dec 1975 plus newsletter of the Club recapping Reitan's speech on her mayoral experiences, 2 pp.

- 1.26.19 Untitled, American Business Women's Association (Mt. Pulaski) Jan 1976 and Beta Sigma Phi (Mu Chi Chapter—Lincoln, IL) Jan 1976, concerning mayoral experiences.
- 1.26.20 "The Government and the Moneytree," Bloomington-Normal Young Men's Club, 20 Jan 19??, 3 cards.
- 1.26.21 Notes Reitan took listening to a presentation: "Interesting Comments," Agricultural Committee Association of Commerce and Industry (ACI), 26 Jan 1976, 2 cards.
- 1.26.22 Notes Reitan took listening to Dr. David Eaton's speech at the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council, 16 Feb 1976.
- 1.26.23 "The Challenges of Being Woman and a Mayor," Beta Sigma Phi, 23 Feb 1976.
- 1.26.24 "The Challenges of Being a Woman and a Mayor," American Business Women's Association (Monticello), 24 Feb 1976.
- 1.26.25 "The Emerging Woman—Political Style," Delta Kappa Gamma (Bloomington, IL), Feb 1976.
- 1.26.26 "Challenges of four years as Mayor," Women's Division-Association of Commerce and Industry, 8 Apr 1976.
- 1.26.27 "The Bicentennial and today's Challenges—Political," American Business Women's Association, 5 Apr 1976, 3 cards.
- 1.26.28 "Women in Politics," Business & Professional Women's Club (Clinton), 24 May 1976.
- 1.26.29 "The Gyroscope & Radar," Bloomington Lions, 3 June 1976.
- 1.26.30 "The Call for Representation," Rotary Club (Clinton), 8 Jun 1976.
- 1.26.31 "Over 65 -- Promise or Threat?" American Association of Retired Persons, Sep 1976, 2 cards.
- 1.26.32 "Is a Woman's Place in the House – or in the Senate or in City Hall or in the County Court House?" American Business Women's Association (Clinton Chautauqua Chapter), 2 Sep 1976.
- 1.26.33 "Politics and Education," Octavia School District Teacher-Administration Workshop, Sep 1976, 4 cards.
- 1.26.34 "Government and the Money Tree," Rotary Club (Lincoln), 8 Sep 1976.
- 1.26.35 "Women in Politics," Towanda Home Extension, 13 Sep 1976, 3 cards.
- 1.26.36 Untitled, Menard County Farm Bureau, 16 Sep 1976, general campaign speech.
- 1.26.37 "Let the Sun Shine In: the Place of the Educated Person in Politics Today," American Association of University Women, 25 Sep 1976, 3 cards.
- 1.26.38 Untitled, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, undated.
- 1.26.39 Untitled, Clinton educators, undated.
- 1.26.40 "Women in Politics: Teaching and Politics: Odd Couple or Ideal Marriage", ISU Women Faculty Association, 23 March 1976.
- 1.26.41 "The Courage to Act: A Bi-Centennial View," no organization or date.
- 1.26.42 "Selling Political Integrity & Public Commitment," Peoria Advertising

- and Selling Club, 14 Feb 1977, 3 pp and 1 card.
- 1.26.43 "The Web of Government Waste and How You Cause It," Unitarian Universalist Women (Allerton Park), Jun 1977, 9 pp.
- 1.26.44 Untitled, Illinois Home Economics Association -- Student Member Section, 24 Sep 1977, 3pp.
- 1.26.45 "Government and Education," Carlock Parents Club, Oct 1977, 5 pp.
- 1.26.46 Untitled, Trades & Labor Council, 1 Feb 1978.
- 1.26.47 "Women Today," unspecified Colfax organization, 16 Feb 1978, 8 pp.
- 1.26.48 Reitan campaign kickoff rally, 10 Sep 1978, 10 pp.
- 1.26.49 Untitled, Illinois Nurses Association, 14 Sep 1978, 2 cards.
- 1.26.50 Untitled, panel with Peggy Blaser – IWY Springfield meeting, 22 Oct 1977, notes on CAMCO note paper.
- 1.26.51 Untitled, Illinois Sociological Association Annual Convention, 26-27 Oct 1979, 12 pp concerning being a political candidate, ERA, etc.
- 1.26.52 "A Women's View of Politics," Business & Professional Women's Club (Clinton), March 1980, 3 pp.
- 1.26.53 Untitled, League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women History Week Meeting, March 1983, 4 pp.
- 1.26.54 "What is Wrong (Right) With Communities?" Fell Lecture at Campus Religious Center, 20 Sep 1996, 4 pp.
- 1.26.55 "The Ghosts and Goals of a Community (and what a Chamber of Commerce can do about it)," Chamber of Commerce, undated, 3 pp.

Folder 27: Miscellaneous

- 1.27.1 Campaign card for town council candidates Spear, Baugh, Poe and Evelsizer designed by Reitan, 1964, with publicity notes on reverse about radio and open house events, 3 cards.
- 1.27.2 "Normal urged to define goals," *Pantagraph*, 26 Feb 1971.
- 1.27.3 Correspondence from Reitan to Paul Welch of McLean County State's Attorney's office, 25 Oct 1971, concerning creating a regional local government legal office.
- 1.27.4 CAMCO Consulting and Management Company cards, 1977. Postcards selling for \$1.50 per packet. Other sketches were also offered.
- 1.27.5 Sketch of Schenk's solar home at 116 Highpoint Drive in Normal by Schenk's son, 1994.
- 1.27.6 Letterheads and logos from Reitan's Technergy business including Technergy letterhead, Scandia Homes letterhead, Technergy and Suntec™ logos plus brief email from Reitan about this business, 6 sheets.
- 1.27.7 "Two Twin City women to receive awards for human relations work," *Pantagraph*, 10 Jan 1987.
- 1.27.8 "Citizen of Year 'taught' community service," Paul Swiech in *Pantagraph*, undated.
- 1.27.9 "Natural History of A Local Leader," 1 pp illustrated sketch of path of her life by Carol A. Reitan, 10 May 1995.
- 1.27.10 "Reitan wins League of Women Voters award," *Twin City Community*

- News*, 29 May 1996.
- 1.27.11 “Communities: Just a little ‘chaos’ could have a big impact,” *Pantagraph*, 25 Sep 1996, guest commentary by Reitan.
- 1.27.12 “Looking Back at the pages of *The Normalite*,” *Normalite*, 12 Mar 2009, recounts 1984 Reitan trip to Presidential Library Conference in Austin, TX.
- 1.27.13 “AVC Model for School Safety Assessment,” by Diana McCauley and Carol A. Reitan, *Illinois School Board Journal*, Nov/Dec 2000.
- 1.27.14 “Hotel to honor former mayor,” *Pantagraph*, 14 Jan 2012. Naming uptown conference for Reitan.
- 1.27.15 “Appropriate honor for former mayor,” *Pantagraph*, editorial 17 Jan 2012.
- 1.27.16 “Mitsubishi ‘I’ Electric Cars Arrive in Bloomington-Normal,” *Ecology Action Center News*, Summer 2012, p. 5.
- 1.27.17 Habitat for Humanity Local Chapter, Reitan’s recollections, December 2013.
- 1.27.18 Solar housing, Reitan’s recollections, February 2014. 2 pp.
- 1.27.19 “Solar housing subdivision delayed by questions,” *Pantagraph*, 18 Sep 1979.
- 1.27.20 “Normal approves solar energy subdivision,” *Pantagraph*, 2 Oct 1979.

Folder 28: Awards

Awards, largely from community organizations, 1972-2007, 22 items.