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An Interview with Ann Lewis

Part of the Dixon Historic Center's
Ronald Reagan Oral History project

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Ann Lewis is the President of the Reagan Home Foundation Board and the chair of the Dixon Reagan Centennial Commission. She was interviewed on the dates listed below as part of the Dixon Historic Center's *Ronald Reagan* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Ann Lewis of Dixon, Illinois, born July 1947 in Bartow, Florida, served as the vice chair of the Illinois Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission and was also a Reagan Home Foundation Board member. February 6, 2011 was the former president's 100th birthday. Ann actively worked to create activities for the centennial celebration. Ideas that were developed for the celebration included: Poetry for the President; Reagan and His Ranch Art Competition, which was done worldwide; Reagan Day at Wrigley Field; and many other events. Dr. David Holsinger also composed a piece that was in honor of President Reagan, entitled "Reagan of Illinois." The music premiered at the Dixon Historic Theatre and received a nomination in the first level of the Grammy's. Another event that Lewis helped organize was a time capsule that was buried by the Dixon High School in 2011. The time capsule is to be unearthed in 2061 during the class of 2011 50th class reunion. Lewis also discusses how Fulton, Illinois is now part of the Reagan Trail. This is significant since many of the Reagans called Fulton home at one point in time. The committee also formed a scholarship for students called the Reagan Transfer Scholarship. It allows for students from Sauk Valley Community College to receive two year fully funded scholarships at Eureka College where Reagan attended college. Ann Lewis and the Centennial Committee put together an array of events and memorials that were very well received by the general public.

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