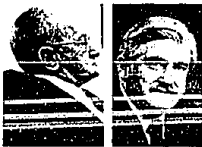


How Oakland pols use officeholder funds

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Nichols Dohany

Order of Police and the Command Officers Association. He gave \$40 to the Democratic Commissioners Committee but far more to Republicans.

2. He used a small amount to attend an assessors association program.

3. Over the years, his favorite good deed has been the Boy Scouts, but he also gave to the Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, Pontiac-Oakland Symphony and Pontiac Urban League. He attended G. Mennen Williams' funeral. He has season tickets to Pistons games. Many donors are property developers.

4. He seems to have bought tickets to the fund-raiser of every county commissioner who approached him, even one Democrat, perhaps because he works with commissioners so closely.

5. He gave to the Navy League. He contributed to the unsuccessful cam-

paigns of Bob Huber for Senate and Judge Richard Kuhn for Court of Appeals.

6. Some of his major expenses were at the Fairmount Hotel in New Orleans, where he reserved several rooms and tossed a party for the Michigan Republican National Convention delegates. He also reimbursed the county for political telephone calls.

THE ANSWERS

1. Sheriff John Nichols. Altogether he spent \$15,280 in 1988 and took it all from his campaign fund.

2. Who else would deal closely with tax assessors but the man who collects taxes, Treasurer Hugh Dohany. He spent about \$4,300 and took \$5,500 from his campaign funds.

3. County Executive Dan Murphy, whose life interests seem to be economic development and scouting. He spent \$23,500 during the year.

4. Clerk Lynn Allen, who keeps the minutes of the Board of Commissioners, among other duties. His reelection committee picked in \$4,500, and his OEF spent \$4,800.

5. Drain Commissioner Kuhn, a state Senate associate of Huber in

the '80s and brother of the judge. His campaign committee provided \$4,500, and his OEF spent \$3,400.

6. Prosecutor Brooks Patterson, who chaired the state GOP delegation, of course. His OEF spent more than \$43,000, and only \$18 was left when he handed it down upon leaving office Dec. 31.

Source: OEF records, Oakland County elections office.

THE CHOICES

County Executive Dan Murphy. Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson. Sheriff John Nichols. Clerk-registrar of deeds Lynn D. Allen. Treasurer C. Hugh Dohany. Drain Commissioner George Kuhn.

THE QUESTIONS

1. He spent \$141 at Michigan Ammo Co. of Ecorse for one revolver and \$202 at Clark Guns & Supplies in Highland for another revolver. Donations went to the Custer Battlefield Preservation Committee, Vietnam Veterans of America, Fraternal

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