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## **Action! Action! Action!**

Empowering Voters Defending Democracy There is so much going on at the federal level to keep our eyes on, and we should. But there is much to be aware of locally too. Local elections have taken the "tone" of our national races – accusations of voter fraud, increased verbal attacks against colleagues, and refusal by elected officials to meet with League members to discuss concerns of community members breaking with the decorum we used to expect from *our* elected officials.

It is important that we manage our attention and remember that many hands make light work. Maybe you and a friend can divy up your primary attention and share what you've learned with others and us. Stay informed. Stay engaged. Stay connected.

Stay Up-to-Date This area features upcoming CKC events. For detailed info and links to Volunteer, use the graphic to check our website calendar.

#### **APRIL**

- Geneva Public Library (open to all members)
- Seriously, HANDS OFF! Rally Randall Rd & Silver Glen Rd.
- Love Your League 6:30 pm
  in lieu of 3rd Thursday Member Mixer
  Bocaditos, Wilson St., Batavia

#### MAY

- Volunteer Fair Batavia Public Library
  2-6 pm Volunteers needed
- 7 CKC Board Meeting, 7 pm Geneva Public Library (open to all members)
- 15 Member Mixer 6:30 pm Location TBD







#### **Congress Updates**

- The SAVE Act passed the House this week
  - Statement: <u>A Dangerous Step Backward for Our Democracy: League of Women Voters Responds to Passage of the SAVE Act in the US House</u>
  - Thank and Spank: Members should use a <u>NEW action alert</u> to the US House, which allows them to thank those that voted against it and "spank" those that voted in favor.
  - Keep using our <u>action alert</u>, <u>talking points</u>, and <u>letter-to-the-editor template</u> to pressure your senators to vote against this bill.
  - LWVUS blog: The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act is a Trick
  - Op-ed in Teen Vogue: What Is the SAVE Act? The Trump Admin's Attempt to Strip Voting Rights From Women and Young People

#### Next Congressional Recess: April 14 - 25

Use our <u>Turn Up the Heat Congressional Recess Guide</u> for tips, tricks, and resources to encourage your members of Congress to engage with their constituents. Leagues may also share our <u>educational blog</u> with the public.





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#### Capitol Hill Lobby Day: April 30

April 30 will mark the 100-day mark for the Trump administration. LWV is planning a lobby day to continue to urge Congress to protect and defend our democracy. More information and details to come, so please <u>fill out this form</u> to let us know your interest in participating.

### **LWVUS & VOTE411 Bluesky and Threads**

LWVUS and VOTE411 are now on Threads and Bluesky! VOTE411 Threads: https://www.threads.net/@vote411

LWVUS Threads: https://www.threads.net/@leagueofwomenvoters

LWVUS Bluesky: https://bsky.app/profile/lwvus.bsky.social

How-to and best practice guidance for Threads and Bluesky will be on the League Management Site in the coming weeks.

#### **Litigation Updates**

#### League of Women Voters Education Fund v. Trump

On Monday, April 7, LWVUS filed a Motion for a Preliminary Injunction in our challenge to the Elections Executive Order. Read more here at our legal center case here

#### Louisiana v. Department of Commerce

On Thursday, April 10, the League of Women Voters, League of Women Voters of Florida, and League of Women Voters of New York State filed a Motion to Intervene in this case that seeks to eliminate the rule that requires a total population count in the decennial census. LWV is fighting to protect an apportionment based on total population. The critical redistricting case *Louisiana v. Callais* was heard by SCOTUS on March 24. with a decision expected by June, but could be announced at any time. An analysis of the argument by SCOTUS can be found <u>HERE</u>. The LWV amicus brief can be read HERE.

Celina posted about this case from her Bluesky account (@thecelinafactor.bsky.social)

LWVUS Submits <u>Comments</u> Opposing US Department of Health and Human Services' Proposal to Prohibit DACA Recipients from Enrolling in ACA Health Insurance Coverage

<u>LETTER</u>: League joins call for answers on apportionment transparency





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On May 2nd we're participating in Batavia's Volunteer Fair again. We need volunteers to register voters and to staff our "information" table. Shifts available.



Sign-up here.



Members of our League participated in the National

Hands Off! Protest/Rally on April 5, 2025. Read all about the Rally on our website: https://lwvckcil.com/news







The Voter Services Committee hosted a thank you event at Pal Joey's on Friday, April 11, 2025.

Without the support and participation of our members, Candidate Forums and Voter Registration events would not be possible. For those who do the work. Thank You.



Our first Novel Ideas Book Club selection is "Twilight of Democracy" by Anne Applebaum. Fifteen copies of the book will be available for checkout at the Geneva Library from April 16-April 23. Library card holders from surrounding communities can pickup their book from GLPD as members of neighboring libraries using their own library card. If you choose to purchase the book, please consider a small indy bookstore like Harvey's Tales or Townhouse books, or from Bookshop.org . (If you can hyperlink bookshop.org this is the direct link to the book: <a href="https://bookshop.org/p/books/twilight-of-democracy-the-seductive-lure-of-authoritarianism-anne-applebaum/14284535?ean=9781984899507&gad\_source=1&gbraid=oAAAAACfld42GdOJH4FrjeldAX-nwvHPE4">https://bookshop.org/p/books/twilight-of-democracy-the-seductive-lure-of-authoritarianism-anne-applebaum/14284535?ean=9781984899507&gad\_source=1&gbraid=oAAAAACfld42GdOJH4FrjeldAX-nwvHPE4</a>)

Our book club will be held the evening of June 19 as our social event for June. The Signup Genius link is available now.



Have you joined our "LWV Central Kane Co Members Only" Facebook Group? This Group is just another tool to communicate with our members. If you haven't already connected – give it a go!

Members Only - LWV Central Kane Co

Private group - 16 members

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## mark your calendar



Seriously, Hands Off!! is the next rally - Saturday, April 19th, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m
The Rally will take place on the sidewalks at
Randall Road and Silver Glen Road in South Elgin, IL.

Dress for the weather. Bring signs, flags and a friend. Bring your enthusiasm and peaceful attitude.



In lieu of our Third Thursday Member Mixer, CKC is hosting our 3rd annual Love Your League event on **April 24**, **2025**, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Bocaditos Cafe in Batavia.

Love Your League is an opportunity to celebrate our work, meet new and prospective members/friends, and support a local woman-owned business. Be sure to invite a friend, bring your spouse and **RSVP**. We'd LOVE to see you there.



We're headed to Springfield on May 7, 2025!

League of Women Voters members across the state are invited to join us for Lobby Day at the Illinois State Capitol during the 2025 spring legislative session.

You can make a difference! During Lobby Day, you'll meet with your legislators and advocate for the issues you care about. Never lobbied in Springfield before? No worries, LWVIL will provide assistance. Register now.



#### Annual Meeting & Dinner - May 29, 2025 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Our Annual Meeting & Dinner is a compilation of business, pleasure and learning. It's our opportunity to elect our Board for the coming year (2025–2026); review our budget; dine and learn a little something from our guest speaker.

This year's speaker will present on the topic of media literacy.

Watch for your evite soon.





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