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Empowering Voters Defending Democracy Legislative Interviews are underway. What is a legislative interview? This is our opportunity to meet with our local state legislators to touch base, review their priorities and our own.

If you're unfamiliar with our advocacy, please take a moment to review the issues and advocacy on the National LWV site (LWV.org), as well as the State League site (www.lwvil.org/positions).

Mark Your Calendar-

May

- 1 CKC Board Mtg 7 pm, Geneva Library
- 9 **Volunteer Fair** 2-7 pm Batavia Public Library
- 16 **ANNUAL DINNER**, time TBD Geneva Golf Club
- 17 Third Friday Member Coffee, location tbd

June

- 5 **CKC Board Mtg** 7 pm, Geneva Library
- 19 Migrant Presentation,Geneva Public Library (details soon)
- 20 **Third Thursday Member Cocktails,** location tbd
- 21 **Third Friday Member Coffee,** location tbd

July

- 2 CKC Board Mtg 7 pm, Geneva Library
- 18 **Third Thursday Member Cocktails,** location tbd
- 19 Third Friday Member Coffee, location tbd

In & Around Central Kane Co.

Annual Meeting and Dinner
May 16, 2024, at the Geneva Golf Club

Tickets are \$50 per person
Dinner provided by Enticing Cuisine
Cash Bar - drink ticket purchase required

Guest Speaker: Joe Zeman, Social Studies teacher at West Chicago High School currently teaching American History, Criminal Justice, and Sociology.



 $\label{eq:main_constraint} \mbox{Mr. Zeman received a B.A. in History from Elmhurst College and recently earned an M.A. in History from Roosevelt University.}$

Mr. Zeman's presentation explores how the societal changes in the United States during the early twentieth-century influenced the origins of The League of Women Voters. By analyzing shifting ideologies regarding gender and citizenship, this lecture explains the nature of the organization's non-partisanship.

The history presented encourages us to reconsider the ways the League of Women Voters is relevant today as well as rethink its role as a conduit for suffragist political thought in American society.





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During our January Program Planning event, we established a Migrant Committee who will host immigration attorney, Sarah Dady, for a presentation on Migrants. Details forthcoming.

In collaboration with World Relief, the committee is asking for local league participation in assembling "welcome kits". Each of the kits would have 4 gift cards of \$50 each from Aldi, Target, Walmart and a gas station. A complete list of Welcome Kit items can be found here.

The We Are All Immigrants rally on the State St/Rte 38 bridge in Geneva met with positive response from motorists with many honks and thumbs up.

There were roughly 40 enthusiastic folks from Kane County who assembled for an hour and a half with signs and flags. The rally was organized by the Social Justice team at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva.

We Are All Immigrants Rally





Recent Immigration from Central and South America

Dianha Orgeta-Ereth, director of the Centro de Imigración in Elgin presented a program on how this center coordinates with agencies who can assist newly-arrived immigrants address their needs.

Of a variety of facts she presented she said that of the 7 million residents of Venezuela who have fled the violence and repressive regime, the vast majority have not tried to make the arduous, expensive, often violent journey north but have relocated elsewhere.





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