

# The Voter

Sept.11

2023



**Empowering  
Voters  
Defending  
Democracy**

Did you see us at the Batavia Farmer's Market this last Saturday? Llona, Patti and Tammy visited with the community and talked about who we are and what we do. Many people mentioned how much they appreciate our candidate forums!



## Mark Your Calendar

### September

- 15 **Third Friday Member Coffee**, Acedium Coffeehouse, 60 Indiana St in St. Charles
- 21 **Civic Awareness Series**
- 21 **Batavia Peace Day Event**
- 25 **No Time To Fail** Documentary screening, 7 pm at the Batavia Public Library

### October

- 4 **CKC Board Mtg** 7 pm, Geneva Library
- 11 & 14 **What Does the Constitution Mean to Me?** Fundraising Event
- 12 **Civic Awareness Series**
- 19 **Third Thursday Member Cocktails**
- 20 **Third Friday Member Coffee**,

### November

- 1 **CKC Board Mtg** 7 pm, Geneva Library
- 9 **Civic Awareness Series**
- 11 **Naturalization Ceremony - Voter Registration**
- 16 **Third Thursday Member Cocktails**
- 17 **Third Friday Member Coffee**,

## Featured Member - Tess Bondavalli



Tess Bondavalli, a CKC member since 2021—yes, she joined the League during the dark days of the Covid pandemic—is from the Chicago suburbs, has been living in St Charles since 2011 and loves the Fox Valley. She and her spouse own two eating establishments on Third Street in Geneva--Preservation and Atlas Chicken--as well a second Atlas Chicken a short distance away. She spends much time doing the music, marketing, and administration for these restaurants.

An active member from the beginning, she is attracted to voter education and registration as well as to League events.

## Member Events

**CIVIC AWARENESS SERIES**

**Racial and Economic Justice**  
Audra Wilson, President and CEO of the Shriver Center on Poverty Law

Thursday, Sept. 21th 7:00pm

Hybrid—both in-person and on Zoom

**LWV CANTIGNY PARK**

Cantigny Park and the League of Women Voters of Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, Central Kane County, Naperville, and Roselle/Bloomington continue their Civic Awareness Series on **Thursday, Sept. 21, at 7 pm. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**



How do you chart freedom? How can you package liberty? Who's included and who's deliberately discarded? How can you create your own future when it's never certain to begin with? Playwright Heidi Schreck's Pulitzer Prize-nominated play dives into who the



U.S Constitution is really for, using her past teenage self, winning college money by debating the Constitution in American Legion halls across the country. Hilarious, heartbreaking and insightful, What the Constitution Means to Me shows the fight for freedom and equality is never done, but passed on from generation to generation. But perhaps Schreck's most incendiary question is the most obvious: should we abolish the Constitution and start over? Show Dates: Wednesday Oct 11th at 1:30 pm or Saturday Oct 14th at 2:00 pm **Tickets \$55 PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**



Sept. 25th @ 7pm

### Batavia Public Library

Election administrators were once invisible to the general public. Despite the unbelievable challenges and desperate attempts to disrupt and upend the 2020 election, they pulled off the most secure election in our history; and they did it amidst a global pandemic.

Rather than receiving a hero's welcome, they have become the focus of an ongoing coordinated campaign of disinformation.

No Time To Fail gives voice to the experiences of this largely invisible, yet completely indispensable workforce, at this critical time in our country's relationship with election management.

## Volunteers NEEDED

Participants needed at Batavia Peace

\* Day Event - contact Patti  
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## Invest in Kids

-Becky Simon, LWVIL President

Your taxpayer dollars, \$56 million last year, were used to support private schools, most of which are religious, through a tax credit program *misleadingly* called "Invest in Kids" (IIK). The League of Women Voters of Illinois, a long-time advocate for public education, was relieved that the legislature did not extend the IIK voucher program in the spring session. But we worry that an extension will be attempted in the veto session in September in Springfield.

...Our opposition to extending "Invest in Kids" state tax credits is wholly consistent with our positions on racial equity, civil rights, sound fiscal policy, and full funding for public education.

Contact your state legislators and let them know that we oppose any extension of the "Invest in Kids" legislation.



### Stay Connected & Informed

<https://my.lwv.org/illinois/central-kane-county>



## Training Opportunities Registration Required

Preference, Tradition, or Requirement?

Thursday, October 5

12:30 and 5:30 pm

12:30 pm

5:30 pm

"But we've always done it that way!" Use the Preference, Tradition or Requirement (PTR) evaluation tool to focus on what really matters, and how to best accomplish your goals.

This is the second in a series of Leadership Development Trainings hosted by LWVIL, with presenters from the LWVUS Organizing Team.

## Special Voter Registration Opportunity

On November 13, 2023, Cantigny will host a Naturalization Ceremony for new citizens.

What could be more invigorating than registering new citizens to be voters? Interested parties should complete the Sign-up Genius form here.



Membership Dues



Communication Request Form



## What's New?

**What do you listen to? Where do you get your news? Is your source better or worse than mine? Is social media the downfall of us all, or can it actually be harnessed for the greater good?**

Finding reliable news sources is one of the major issues we face. Join us at the Thursday member cocktail or Friday morning coffee and share your resources.

## TALK TO US

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The Good. The Bad. The Ugly. We want to hear from you!



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