

The Voter

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Empowering Voters Defending Democracy

As the next election cycle approaches, how information literate are you? Do you know how to spot dis or misinformation? Do you know how *not* to contribute to the growth of content? The League of Women Voters of Illinois has a quick information guide for you!



Mark Your Calendar

September

- 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**, 7 pm, location TBD
- 20 **Third Friday Member Coffee**, 9 am location TBD

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 - Alexa Schwab



Alexa Schwab studied journalism at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and received a master's in public affairs reporting from the University of Illinois Springfield. She was a reporter for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Chicago Tribune, covering everything from education to feature stories to local government. In 2015 she became a Realtor and now works for @ properties. She has three children: Sarah, Gabriel and Audrey. A Geneva resident, she's a member of the Geneva Public Library Foundation and a past member of the city's strategic planning advisory committee. Alexa joined the League because it has become increasingly important for "regular" citizens to be informed, civil and a bulwark protecting our country's civic and democratic norms. As the newly appointed secretary, Alexa is a vital member of the CKC Board.

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

LAST CHANCE!!!
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 Encouraged

Join us for Batavia Peace Day 2023

Thursday, September 21, 2023 - 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Batavia Peace Bridge @ Batavia Riverwalk, N. Pease

Schedule of Events

- 4:00 - 4:45 Peaceful Yoga & Sound Healing - led by Jenny Berglund, Light of the World Yoga
- 5:00 - 7:30 Activity Stations Open (South Plaza)
- 5:00 - 7:00 Live Entertainment (South Plaza)
- 7:00 - 7:15 PEACE ON GARTH AWARD Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony (Eng-Lang, South Plaza)
- Luminaria across Peace Bridge

<http://bataviaparks.org/batavia-parks-foundation>

Statewide Community Court Watching

The League of Women Voters has partnered with the Illinois Network for Pretrial Justice for another round of community court watching! As courts across the state begin implementation of the Pretrial Fairness Act, League members will be watching pretrial hearings.



Interested participants will undergo specific training on how to record observations from these pretrial hearings. Watch for upcoming training information.



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<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?

Nine year old Sean Peterson celebrated his ninth birthday at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. That nine year old is the son of our very own Lark Cowart.

Read how Sean refuses to be a bystander and how even a 9 year old boy can make a difference.

[READ MORE](#)

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



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