# The Voter

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#### Empowering Voters Defending Democracy

Do you acknowledge Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples' Day? Do you actually celebrate? or just enjoy the day off (assuming you have that luxury)? Should we consider this a day of honor or reflection? How does it matter to you?

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ® OF CENTRAL KANE COUNTY

### Mark Your Calendar

#### October

- 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
  - 24 Lobby Day Springfield, IL

#### November

- 1 CKC Board Mtg 7 pm, Geneva Library
- 7 Election Day fundraiser at Currito in Geneva
- 9 Civic Awareness Series
- 11 Naturalization Ceremony Voter Registration
- 16 Third Thursday Member Cocktails
- 17 Third Friday Member Coffee,



#### Featured Members -Joan Lencioni

Joan Lencioni, a long-time resident of the Tri-Cities area, currently resides in St Charles. A real estate agent par excellence,

She is a Kansas State University graduate who enjoys time with family, including her children, nine grandchildren and, at present, one great grandchild. This multi-generational family will soon be joined by twin great grandchildren before the end of the year.

An active CKC member for over a decade, Joan is dedicated to registering voters and to assisting with candidate forums. She enjoys the League's social events and is often an integral part of the Hospitality crew charged with organizing them.

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### **Member Events**

#### **Civic Awareness Series**

October 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm. we will examine the Campaign Legal Center's recent report: <u>(Dis) Trust in Elections –</u> <u>Identifying Who Distrusts the Election Process and Why.</u> As a new election cycle dawns, CLC believes now is the time to educate, provide transparency and rebuild Americans' confidence in our elections.

With that goal in mind, CLC commissioned a study by the Ad Council Research Institute (ACRI) to determine Americans' trust in the election process *CL* formed by a dual-phased, mixed-methods research study, ACRI and CLC targeted seven key states: Arizona, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Nevada, North Carolina and Georgia. The resulting (Dis)Trust in Elections report was released in May 2023.



#### **Opportunity for Engagement**

We have opportunities for membership involvement in upcoming events. If you'd like to participate in the planning and/or implementation of a Winterfest Gathering in January or our 2nd Annual Bunco Fundraiser in February. Email: lwvckcil@gmail.com

All levels of involvement are welcome. Decade of Impact Celebration

The League of Women Voters of Roselle-Bloomingdale will host a 10-Year Anniversary celebration dinner and fundraiser, "A Decade of Impact" on Friday, October 27, 2023, from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Bloomingdale Golf Club located at 181N Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomingdale.

Ralph Martire, Professor of Public Policy at Roosevelt University will be the keynote speaker with his presentation "Bipartisanship & Working Across The Aisle'.

The evening includes a full dinner of appetizers, salad, entrees, and dessert, along with one drink ticket, and a small gratitude gift. Early bird tickets for the celebration are available now for \$70, or \$80 after October 13. To purchase tickets:

#### Mis/Dis Information Task Force

Ruth Kuzmanic attended the inaugural meeting of the Mis/Dis Information Task Force. The purpose and scope of the Task Force, approved by the LWVIL Board, was reviewed. The co-chairs of the committee are Barbara Laimins and Anne Sullivan. There were over 15 ideas generated as to how to combat the spread of Mis and Dis Information. Our own CKCLWV already carried out one idea shared: getting an explanation of the ballot process from the county election office. Barb Laimins and Anne Sullivan will develop a survey to help the committee prioritize and determine committee members' interests.

The committee is still seeking interested members. The next meeting is Monday, November 6th @7 pm. Meetings will continue to be on the first Monday of the month. If you are interested in this work, email Barb Laimins at blaimins@gmail.com.



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#### **Training Opportunities**

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#### **Observer Corps Training**

Saturday, Oct 21 at 10 am



The League's trained Observer Corps are a respected part of the community-they work to keep local governments accountable and community members informed.

For this training session, we are pleased to also invite nonmember high school students to attend as a step in becoming engaged with local government and the League.

#### **Encourage Informed Voter Engagement**

Do you know people who have questions about voting? Do you struggle with providing concise, accurate information? We can help. The Illinois League of Women Voters have a Voting Basics page that can help guide you while you educate voters. Visit our page to learn more:



#### Sign-up to be a Pollwatcher

If we've learned nothing in the last few years, we've learned the value of trusted, competent poll watchers. Learn more / sign up to be one today:



#### **Candidate Forums**

Candidate forums will be here before we know it. If you're interested in assisting the Voter Services team at candidate forums, let us know. Most forums are held in the evenings throughout the county.

Watch for upcoming SignUp Links or for more information or to be included on upcoming information email lwvckcil@gmail.com

#### Voter Education Week

Last week was Voter Education Week - Are you and those you care most about prepared to vote? Take a moment to educate yourself and your loved ones by:

> check registration status

**Register to Vote** 

<u>IllinoisVoterGuide.org</u> will once again cover all the candidates on your ballot-<u>sign up to be notified</u> when candidate information is available.

## **TALK TO US**

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We can't hear you if you don't contact us. Let us know what you'd like to see or do.

Communication



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