

# The Voter

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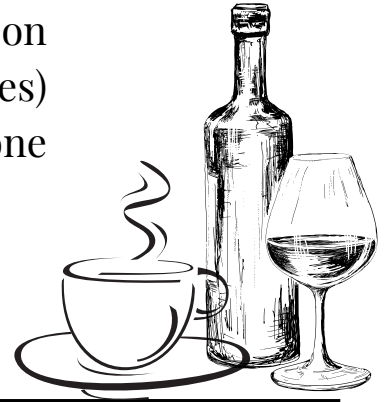
2023



**Empowering  
Voters  
Defending  
Democracy**

This week we meet! Member Cocktails on Thursday evening at McNally's ( St. Charles) and Coffee on Friday morning at Limestone (Batavia).

Come out and visit! It's always a good time.



## Mark Your Calendar

### October

- 19 **Third Thursday Member Cocktails**, 7 pm, location McNally's in St. Charles
- 20 **Third Friday Member Coffee**, 9 am location Limestone Cafe in Batavia
- 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**,

### December

- 6 **CKC Board Mtg** 7 pm, Geneva Library
- 15 **Third Friday Member Coffee**,

## Featured Members - Susan Russo



Susan Russo has been a member of the League for almost 20 years. She served as President of the Batavia League as it merged with the Geneva and St. Charles League and

then served as the first President of the Central Kane County League.

Susan worked as an attorney in the Fox Valley for 37 years before retiring in January of 2022. Since her retirement, Susan has devoted her time and energy to climate change issues. She is advocating for awareness about the Tri-Cities' dependence on coal-generated electricity and for greater accountability and transparency concerning decisions made by the Batavia, Geneva and St. Charles public utilities.

She invites all League members to join her in the effort to secure a clean, socially just, and sustainable future for all current and future generations!

**Special Note:** On October 11 and 14 various League members participated in a fundraiser "What the Constitution Means to Me" followed by drinks and conversation at Tavern on Broadway. It's highly recommended you see the play as it speaks to many issues we have faced in the past and some we still encounter.

### Mis/Dis Information Task Force

Are you interested in learning how to combat the spread of Mis and Dis Information. There's a multi-league committee formed you may be interested in. This committee is 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](mailto:blaimins@gmail.com).

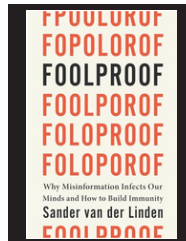
Looking for more information on how democracy survives disinformation? The LWV-Sonoma County is hosting a Zoom only event on Monday, October 23, 2023, 1:30 pm CST / Free but Registration is required.

Guest speaker is Nina Jankowicz, an internationally acclaimed expert on disinformation, will take us into the world of disinformation campaigns revealing how they work and, more importantly, how to counter them.

For more information, please visit the LWV Sonoma County website.



Recommended reading on the latest research - *Foolproof: Why Misinformation Infects Our Minds and How to Build Immunity* by Sandervander Linden



*Special thanks to member, Ruth Kuzmanic for proving the mid/dis Information details*

### Opportunity for Engagement

We have opportunities for membership involvement in upcoming events.

- Candidate Forums
- Winter Gathering
- Bunco Fundraiser
- And more!



All levels of involvement are welcomed and encouraged. Email: [lwvckcil@gmail.com](mailto:lwvckcil@gmail.com)

### Meet Bill Foster

Batavia Chamber of Commerce is participating in a multi-chamber Zoom presentation with U.S. Representative Bill Foster on Monday, November 6, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

This 30 minute presentation will be followed by a brief Q&A session.

Registration is required.

### Meeting with BPS Superintendent, Tom Kim

On Friday, October 13th, Patti, Llona and Tammy met with the new Batavia Public Schools Superintendent, Tom Kim and Communications Director, Holly Deitchman.

Mr. Kim seemed eager to hear from us and to learn about our goals to help the schools educate and prepare young voters to be voting members of our society, Mr. Kim even noted that our democracy is one of the oldest, continuous democracies around. We agreed that the mission to empower and educate voters aligns well with the BPS motto "always learning; always growing".



Patti, Llona and Tammy are hopeful that CKC will develop deep and lasting relationships with Batavia Public School District.



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