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Empowering Voters Defending Democracy Illinois HB4194 is proposed amendment to the Invest in Kids *private school* voucher program. The League is opposed to Invest in Kids, and supports the more equitable evidence based school funding. The League has testified before the Illinois State Board of Education encouraging adequate funding of the evidence based funding program while denouncing the Invest in Kids program which steers tax dollars to private school.

Learn More & Take Action.

## Mark Your Calendar

#### **November**

- 6 Meet Bill Foster 11:30 am
- 7 Election Day fundraiser at Currito in Geneva
- 9 Civic Awareness Series
- 11 Naturalization Ceremony Voter Registration
- 15 Tri-Cities' Coal Problem & What We Can Do About It- Community Mtg
- 16 Third Thursday Member Cocktails
- 17 Third Friday Member Coffee,
- 23 Thanksgiving

#### December

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

#### **JANUARY 2024**

3 CKC Board Mtg 7 pm, Geneva Library

#### **Currito Restaurant Fundraiser -**

Mention the League of Women Voters when you dine in or order online at we'll get 20% of your total order

#### **Featured Members - Chuck Miles**



Chuck Miles is originally from Wisconsin and has lived in Geneva for 33 years. His wife, Sheri, is a retired Speech Pathologist at Harrison Street School.

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They have 3 children. Chuck is retired from Caterpillar. Chuck is currently on the Board of The Association for Individual Development (AID) and serves as Trustee for the Geneva Public Library District. He is also a member of Batavia Rotary.

Chuck has been an advocate for mental health, developmental disabilities and affordable housing. He appreciates League advocacy for social issues and in the role that the League played in bringing Emma's Landing to Geneva.



Currito Restaurant 1873 S.Randall Rd., Geneva (the old Boston Market)

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Preference, Tradition, or Requirement?
Thursday, November 9

12:30 and 5:30 pm

12:30

5:30 %

"But we've always done it that way!" Use the Preference, Tradition or Requrement (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.



#### **LWV US is hosting:**

Productive Conversations without Confrontation Nov 16, 2023 6:00 PM

With the holidays looming near, it might be worth a moment of your time to learn practical tips for conversations with those members of the family that have fallen victim to the fabricated news, latest viral hoax or conspiracy theory.

Experts from the News Literacy Project, the National Institute for Civil Discourse and the League of Women Voters will talk about how and why misinformation manipulates emotions and exploits biases, provide strategies for civil conversation and resources to help you debunk falsehoods in a productive way and discuss opportunities to help your community find reliable election information.

On-line Event, pre-registration required



#### Tri-Cities' Coal Problem & What We Can Do About It

St. Charles residents, through the City's contract with IMEA, buy approximately 73% of their electricity from two coal-burning power plants, Prairie State in southern Illinois and another plant in Kentucky. St. Charles is contractually bound to purchase its electricity from IMEA until 2035 and can continue this relationship on a year-to-year basis until 2040.

In early 2024, IMEA will be seeking to renew its long-term contracts with its 32 members, including St. Charles. IMEA will be asking St. Charles to renew its contract 6 to 11 years before it has to be renewed. IMEA has hired a public relations firm to ensure that early renewal is guaranteed. Rather than automatically renewing its contract with IMEA early, St. Charles must use the 6-11 years before 2040 to explore alternative energy sources, both with and without IMEA, weigh the costs of those alternatives, and hold public hearings to listen to its residents about what utility plan and sources of electricity will best meet St. Charles' future and long-term needs.

To learn more, attend the Community Meeting at the Baker Community Center on November 15 at 7 p.m.





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