

The Voter

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World Kindness Week about in 1997 when several humanitarian groups came together in 1997. What started as a Day turned into World Kindness Week designed to celebrate kindness and exercise empathy. Even the smallest act of kindness can go a long way, and we should never pass up an opportunity to help those in need.

World Kindness Week is designed to remind us to focus on creating a society where everyone can live a dignified life. How will you honor the week?

Mark Your Calendar

November

- 13 **Naturalization Ceremony - Voter Registration**
- 15 **Tri-Cities' Coal Problem & What We Can Do About It- Community Mtg**
- 16 **Third Thursday Member Cocktails, Windmill Grill - Batavia**
- 17 **Third Friday Member Coffee, Limestone, Batavia**
- 23 **Thanksgiving**

December

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

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- 3 **CKC Board Mtg 7 pm, Geneva Library**

Featured Members - Kathy Ressler



Kathy Ressler has been a resident of North Aurora for 19 years. Originally from New York City she is a graduate of the U of Del with a degree in Engineering and lived in

ennsylvania with her husband Craig, and 2 children before moving to Illinois in 1997. She retired in 2017.

After previously meeting and working with her on a local political campaign, Tammy Caltagirone recruited her to join the CKCLWV and she is very glad she did.

Kathy has become involved with voter registration which she believes is a vital LWV activity in addition to helping out at candidate/issue forums.

Cocktails & Coffee this week in Batavia!

Windmill Grill on Thursday

Limestone on Friday



Kane County Elections will host public demonstrations of voting machines.

Mark your November calendar!

13. Messenger Public Library 10 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
113 Oak St, North Aurora
14. Prisco Center 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
150 W. Illinois Ave., Aurora
15. Sugar Grove Public Library 10:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
125 Municipal Drive, Sugar Grove
15. Gail Borden Library 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin
17. Town & Country Public Library 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
320 E. North St., Elburn
- 20 Vaughan Center, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
2121 W. Indian Trail, Aurora

December dates to come

**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

 REGISTER NOW

Tri-Cities' Coal Problem & What We Can Do About It - November 15th

Geneva and Batavia are members of NIMPA, along with Rochelle, about 40 miles directly west of the Tri-Cities. Geneva residents, through NIMPA, buy approximately 70% of their electricity from the coal-burning Prairie State. Geneva also supplies its residents with electricity from a methane plant at Settlers Hill Landfill and by contract from a company called NextEra.

Through Batavia's contract with NIMPA until 2056, Batavia residents buy over 100% of their electricity from the coal-burning Prairie State. Batavia is contractually bound to purchase 55 megawatts of electricity each year from Prairie State but only uses about 30-35 megawatts each year. The unused electricity is sold on the wholesale market, and Batavia residents pay an extra fee to make up the difference between the retail purchase price and the wholesale sales price.

The Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) requires Prairie State to either reduce its carbon dioxide emissions by 100% or close by 2045. In response to CEJA's requirements, NIMPA and the other agencies are planning to make a decision that will keep Prairie State running—and burning coal—indefinitely. This decision will be made for Geneva and Batavia without public hearings and without input from residents and their elected officials.

Join us Community Meeting at the Baker Community Center on November 15 at 7 p.m.



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