

# The Voter

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2023



**Empowering  
Voters  
Defending  
Democracy**

Our ability to participate in government, to elect our leaders and to improve our lives is contingent upon our ability to access the ballot. We know in our heart of hearts that voting is a sacred right - the fount from which all other rights flow.

- Stacey Abrahams

## Mark Your Calendar-

*you won't want to miss these*

### DECEMBER

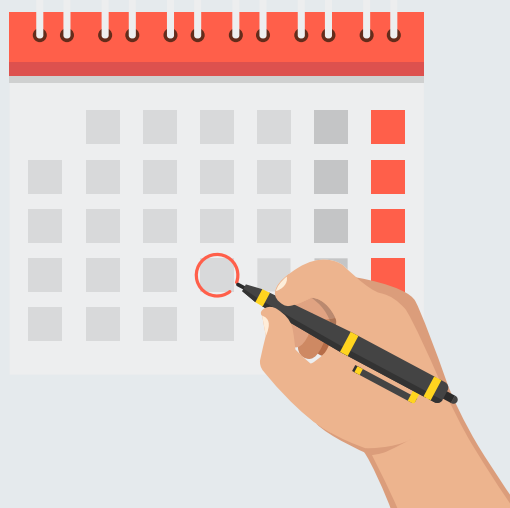
- 13 **Batavia Chamber - Networking It** 4:30-6:30 pm  
@ K. Hollis 2030 W. Main St., Batavia
- 15 **Third Friday Member Coffee, 9am**  
Graham's 318 Coffeehouse, 318 S. Third Street
- 21 **Third Thursday Member Cocktails 6:30 pm,**  
Third Street Station, 300 Crescent Place

### JANUARY 2024

- 3 **CKC Board Mtg** 7 pm, Geneva Library
- 18 **Third Friday Member Coffee**
- 19 **Third Thursday Member Cocktails**
- 23 **Voter Registration** - St. Charles North HS
- 25 **Candidate Forum**
- 31 **Voter Registration** - Geneva HS

### FEBRUARY

- 1 **Candidate Forum**
- 6 **Voter Registration** Oswego High School
- 7 **CKC Board Mtg** 7 pm, Geneva Library
- 8 Winter
- 15 **Candidate Forum**
- 16 **Third Friday Member Cocktails**
- 22 **Candidate Forum**
- 24 **2ND Annual Bunco Fundraiser**



## COMMITTEE REPORTS - Voter Services

Voter Services is one of our most actively engaged committees and the most volunteer dependent. Thanks to those LWVCKC members who took the time to attend the Voter Service meeting and training done by Kane County elections on December 5th

In November, four CKC League members of participated in a Naturalization Ceremony at Cantigny. You can't begin to describe the feeling of being part of an event like that - you have to experience it for yourself.



Trained registrars will soon be in our local high schools registering young voters to participate in our Democracy. Remember, 17 year olds in Illinois can register *and* vote in the March primary if they will be 18 by the November 5th General Election. If you're a registrar and would like to join the Voter Services Team, watch for available dates and times on our Sign-up Genius form to sign up.



Finally, the Voter Services team has been hard at work lining up candidate forums. Save the dates listed in the "Mark Your Calendar" section above for forums at the Batavia City Hall and watch for details.

Candidate forums need volunteers to greet members of the community; to gathering questions from audience members and review questions for appropriateness. No experience is necessary to volunteer - so don't hesitate to volunteer. Candidate forums is a true all hands on deck event.

## Voter Services Legislative Update

Illinois bill SB2123, signed into law August 4, allows 16-year-olds to pre-register to vote, with their registration held in abeyance until they reach voting age—the minimum registration age was previously 17. This change goes into effect January 1, 2024, helping the League to pre-register more voters at our registration drives.



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Kane County Elections will host public demonstrations of voting machines. Mark your **December** calendar!

**12/16 10 a.m. to noon** at Dundee Township - *Randall Oaks Library*, 500 Randall Road, West Dundee

**12/16 12:30 to 4 p.m.** at Dundee Township - *Fox River Valley Library*, 555 Barrington Ave., W. Dundee



**Jan 10, 2024 7-8 pm** at **VFW Post 6791**, 431 N Neltnor Blvd West Chicago, IL 60185

- Join a Veterans Community Advisory Committee
- Local Resources for Veterans
- State & Federal Program Assistance & Support



Representative Hirschauer invites local veterans to share their thoughts on legislation and how it affects military veterans, their families, and communities. Learn about local resources for veterans and their families and how to get assistance & support with State & Federal Programs.

## COCKTAILS &/OR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

We all know how fast the month of December flies by so mark your calendar now and plan on visiting with other members at the ThIrd Friday Coffee on December 15th and/or the Third Thursday Cocktails on December 21st.



It isn't always "League" talk....sometimes we share who we saw at our first live concert. Any way you cut it - there's usually food (we go "dutch"), there's always good company and we can't leave out the opportunity to connect with one another in an authentic way.

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