

# The Voter

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**Empowering  
Voters  
Defending  
Democracy**

2024 Election season is much like flu season. But with concerted efforts, preparation, rest and plenty of self-care we can do this together.



Know the candidates, learn about the issues, stay hydrated, get plenty of sleep, and take deep breaths (sometimes *many* deep breaths) we will all make it to the other side healthy.

## Mark Your Calendar

### November

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

## Featured Members - Eleanor Hamilton



Eleanor Hamilton is originally from Pennsylvania, but has lived in Geneva for many years, enjoying the great quality of life locally, and in Chicago, and in Illinois generally.

She and her husband raised their three children here, and all of them and their families also live in the Chicago area. Her career as a clinical psychologist spanned many interesting settings.

In retirement, she has served on several Boards and in several community organizations. She has been a member of LWVCKC for about 10 years, and especially enjoys registering voters and working at the question table at candidates' forums.

Did you miss the "No Time to Fail" screenings and community discussion at the Batavia Public Library? Not to worry - PBS World is premiering a nationwide screening on October 26. Check WTTW for specific information.



### 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.

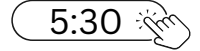
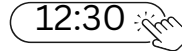
Registration is required.



### Preference, Tradition, or Requirement?

Thursday, November 9

12:30 and 5:30 pm



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



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

Residents of St. Charles, Geneva, and Batavia: Do you know where your electricity comes from? Each of these cities purchases electricity through membership in a municipal power agency that holds an ownership interest in and directs the operation of the Prairie State Energy Campus, a coal mine and coal-burning power plant located in southern Illinois. Long-term contracts for Prairie State electricity hinder each city's ability to provide renewable energy to its residents and businesses.

St. Charles is a member of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA), and Geneva and Batavia are members of Northern Illinois Municipal Power Agency (NIMPA). Although passage of the Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) in 2021 has created opportunities in Illinois to access renewable energy, IMEA and NIMPA are taking actions to keep doing business as usual and prolong the burning of coal.

Residents of the Tri-Cities and their elected representatives need an understanding of what IMEA and NIMPA are planning and need the opportunity to express their opinions.

On November 6, The Weekly Voter will focus on IMEA and St. Charles, and on November 13, The Weekly Voter will focus on NIMPA and Geneva and Batavia. In the meantime, please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Community Meeting at the Baker Community Center on **November 15 at 7 p.m.** Learn about the Tri-Cities' Coal Problem: What We Can Do About It.



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