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THE BATAVIA VOTER

President's Message

Thanks to all of you who helped to make the 7th Annual Volunteer Fair a huge success! I believe that it was the best ever. Special kudos to Barbara King who undertakes this huge task every year. All participants look forward to attending it annually. It takes an awful lot of hard work, determination and organization to bring such a big event together. And, again this year it went off without a hitch. I heard nothing but rave reviews from not only those participating as exhibitors but also those coming to look for something to fill that void. We have a great bunch here in the Fox Valley and we should be proud. We also had the opportunity to have the LWV Batavia make a splash with new voters and potential members. Great job to all!

I recently attended another session of "Train the Trainer on the e slate Voting Machine" with a number of people from the Geneva/St. Charles league as well as the Tri-Cities AAUW. We are once again taking the show on the road and training the elderly to use the e slate machines. It is truly a beneficial way for us to use our resources to help those who may not otherwise feel comfortable using these machines. I have enclosed the list of training sites that have already been set up by MaryAnn Naas from the Geneva/St. Charles league. Please contact Mary Ann directly if you would like to help at any of these sessions. We are setting up dates to conduct these sessions at the Holmstad and Riverain sometime during October. I will let you know the dates in the future. We can always use the help and I feel it is truly a rewarding use of time.

The Batavia LWV and Batavia Public Library are co-sponsoring "Is this anyway to elect a president?" at the Batavia Public Library on Tuesday, Sept 30 at 7pm. The guest speaker is Matthew Streb, asst professor of political science at NIU. It should be a very enlightening evening.

The Batavia LWV fall kick-off meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27th at the Batavia Public Library. Susan Russo will facilitate a community discussion about the proposed Illinois Constitutional Convention. While the LWV has taken a position on this issue, many citizens do not understand the issues involved. Please bring a friend and learn more about this important proposal.

We are in the planning stages of a Holiday Fundraiser. Please contact me should you be interested in being in on the planning committee.

Patti

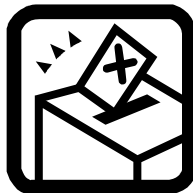
Coming Events:

Oct. 5, 2008 3:00-5:00pm	14 th Congressional District Candidate Forum	Norris Center, St. Charles
Oct. 7, 2008	Last day to register to vote	
Oct. 8, 2008	Grace period registration begins	
Oct. 13, 2008	Early Voting begins	
Oct. 14, 2008	Mental Health council to attend the Kane County board meeting	Kane County Gov't Center 719 S. Batavia Ave. Geneva, IL
Oct. 15, 2008 7:00-9:00pm	State Legislature/County Board Chair Candidate Forum	Batavia City Hall
Oct. 21, 2008	Grace period registration ends	
Oct. 27, 2008 7:00-9:00pm	Batavia LWV Fall meeting Illinois Con-Con community discussion	Batavia Public Library
Oct. 30, 2008	Early Voting ends	
Nov. 3, 2008	Absentee Voting ends	
Nov. 4, 2008	Election day!	

Voter Services Has Been Busy!

Election year is always a busy time for voter services. This season we are doing E-Slate training at senior centers, voter registration at the Batavia Public Library, and hosting two candidate forums with the Geneva/St. Charles league. If you would like to learn more or lend a hand, please contact Patti Lackman.

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NOVEMBER 4TH

Some Websites You May Find Useful -- Revised & Expanded

The LWVUS urges us all to be cautious when surfing the internet. Rather than mention those with unreliable information, the focus on some of the good guys. Here is a short list of 'reliable' sites.

www.VOTE411.org

The LWV nonpartisan resource for election and voting information. Find your polling place. Download a mail-in voter registration form.

www.lwv.org

League of Women Voters US home page.

www.lwvil.org

League of Women Voters of Illinois home page.

www.elections.il.gov

State of Illinois Election web site

www.opensecrets.org

A nonpartisan site focusing on money in U.S. elections sponsored by The Center for Responsive Politics

www.c-span.org

Click on "American politics' Road to the White House."

www.factcheck.org

Nonpartisan site that checks the accuracy of political ads and allegations.

www.fec.gov

Official site of the US government agency that regulates campaign finances.

www.ap.grolier.com

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- **\$60 one-year Individual Membership**
- **\$90 one-year Household Membership** for two members who share address
- **\$25 one-year Student Membership**

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