



League of Women Voters®

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
2007

THE BATAVIA VOTER

Coming Events:		
Monday, July 16 <i>TBA</i>	Terry Allen's home	Board training
Saturday, July 21 <i>6:00pm</i>	Barbara King's home	Summer picnic
Monday, Sept. 17 <i>7:00</i>	Pat's home	Board meeting
Saturday, Sept. 22 <i>10:00-2:00</i>	Batavia Public Library	Volunteer Fair
Monday, Sept. 24 <i>7:00</i>	Batavia Public Library	Membership Kick-off Bring a guest
Monday, Oct. 15 <i>7:00</i>	Pat's home	Board meeting
Monday, Oct. 22 <i>7:00</i>	Batavia Public Library	Batavia Citizens for Energy Conservation presentation
Monday, Nov. 26 <i>7:00</i>	Batavia Public Library	Kane Co. Housing Authority Coalition presentation

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Check out our
website at
www.lwvbatavia.org

President's Message

I have just returned from attending my very first League of Women Voters Illinois conference. It was truly enlightening for me to attend with all of those ladies that know so much about our government and the way the LWV fits in. There were some very interesting topics being discussed and needless to say I was a little overwhelmed.

It was nice to be able to meet with my counterparts from all over the state and realize that the issues we face in Batavia are not so different from those faced by most other leagues.

Membership Recruitment initiatives programs continue to be a big issue on the national front. There are programs available to local leagues to provide assistance to the state and ultimately the local leagues in helping to increase membership.

That being said, our first meeting in September will be an introduction to the Batavia League of Women Voters, which will include information about what the LWV is all about. I encourage you all to invite a friend... or two or three to attend our September meeting.

Another exciting piece of the convention was *Making Democracy Work* with the *Show Us Amendment*. It is a grassroots petition drive to place an amendment to Article IV of the Illinois Constitution on the November 4, 2008 general election ballot. It is designed to return the people and their input back in to the Illinois Legislative process. More info is available at www.showus.org.

I visited with Anita before I went to the conference. She is recuperating and sends all of you her regards. Please give her a call, drop a note, etc before she and Kenneth leave on their western move to Washington State. We will all truly miss her.

– Patti Lackman



State Convention News

National News

Membership Recruitment Initiative

Year one of the Membership Recruitment Initiative was a great success! LWVUS is entering year two of a pilot project specifically designed to reach out to potential new members. We've been "testing" new strategies and techniques with local Leagues in 2006-07. In year two we will be testing some of these strategies in partnership with five pilot state Leagues. As the pilot evolves we are sharing information on lessons learned and providing all Leagues with a new way to look at membership recruitment.

The Batavia LWV can be a part of the initiative and will discuss this further at upcoming board meetings. Approximately nine Illinois leagues are needed to participate. Funds and assistance are provided at the State level and then directed to the interested local leagues. The assistance provided would be with advertising, selecting and marketing to a specific age group to try and increase membership, website suggestions, and providing useful resources.

City of Batavia - Public Works

Electronic Equipment Recycling Program

Effective September 4, 2007 homeowners and small businesses in Batavia will be able to recycle old electronic equipment locally, **FREE OF CHARGE**. The collection point will be at the Batavia Public Works Department located at 200 North Raddant Road. Hours of drop off will be Monday through Friday 8am to 3pm. When arriving at Public Works please enter the main entrance on Raddant Road and advise the receptionist you have equipment to drop off.

Items Accepted for Recycling:

Computers and Peripherals:

Personal Computers, Monitors, Printers, Scanners, Modems, Tape, Disk, CD Drives, Cables, Keyboards, Mice, Plotters (Limit of 25 pieces on Towers/CPU's and Monitors)

Entertainment Equipment:

Televisions, Camcorders, Cameras, Stereo Equipment (no speakers), Game Players, Joysticks

Office Equipment:

Telephones, Cell Phones, Pagers, Answering Machines, Typewriters, Calculators, Adding Machines, Fax Machines, Shredders, Copiers, Postage Meters

Software:

Electronic Media: Floppy Discs, Compact Discs (and cases), Videotapes, Audio Cassettes

Please remove all paper and recycle it with your mixed paper at home.

Books:

We also accept both hardbound and paperback books.

DO NOT BRING Manuals, Packing Material, Air Conditioners or other appliances, and Household Hazardous Wastes.

For additional information please contact the Public Works Facility 630-879-1424.



You are invited to attend our

Summer Picnic

When: July 21, 2007

Time: 6:00pm

Where: Barbara & Jim King's home
1178 Chillem Dr., Batavia

RSVP: Barbara at 879-2263

What should I bring: Pot-luck (please ask Barbara what is needed when you RSVP)

Who: League members, spouses and guests are welcome

Reminder

If you have not already paid your membership dues for 2007-2008, please send a check to Pat Pardee. Dues are \$60 for an individual, \$90 for a couple, and \$25 for students.