



League of Women Voters®

Summer 2008

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THE BATAVIA VOTER

President's Message

Thanks to all who attended the annual meeting in April. In case you were unable to attend, we were all glad that Nancy Cone was in attendance. As you are probably aware, she passed away in early June. The memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 29, 2009 at 2 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Second Street in Geneva. I hope as many of you as are able will attend the service. The LWV- Batavia Board decided to make a donation to the Education fund in memory of Nancy.

Additionally at the meeting a vote was taken after a lengthy and informative discussion about the possibility of merging with the Geneva- St Charles league. The consensus was made to continue with the plan to merge with the Geneva- St Charles league. This will not be a swift process. The Batavia Board met with the Geneva-St Charles Board on Wednesday, June 18 to discuss the possible merger. It was a very successful meeting and enlightening to all in attendance. As was stated in the previous Voter, they too are experiencing many of the pains that we in Batavia have experienced in the last few years. The next step in the process is for the Geneva- St Charles Board to meet and decide if they want to pursue the merger and then to put it out for a vote for their membership. These steps would take the rest of the summer and if they decide to go ahead with the merger, it will probably take the remainder of this league year. It sounds positive at this point, but we will have to wait and see...

The Kane County League Presidents met again in May. There was a great deal of discussion about the feasibility of jointly putting on a State of the County program in February or March with the other Kane County leagues. It would be patterned after the LWVIL's State of the State program. It sounds like an exciting opportunity for the Leagues. We met with a representative from the Naperville league on June 20th at the Batavia Library to learn about Naperville's State of the City program. They have used this as a fundraiser for 19 years and are very organized. We learned a lot. The next meeting of this group will be in July at the Gail Borden Library in Elgin. The tentative date is July 11, with the back-up date of July 18. I strongly encourage anyone who is interested to attend. The group committees that Naperville has used make it very possible for members to get involved without giving up all of their free time. It is very encouraging. Please give me a call if you are interested in participating.

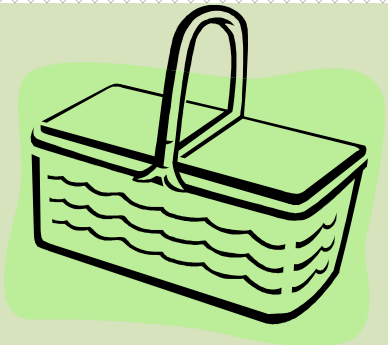
Hope to see you at the annual summer picnic at Barbara King's on August 1st.

Have a great summer.

Patti

Coming Events:

June 29, 2008	Nancy Cone memorial Service	UU church in Geneva
July 11, 2008	State of the County planning meeting	Gail Borden Library, Elgin
August 1, 2008	Annual Summer Potluck	Barbara King's home
Sept. 20, 2008	Volunteer Fair	Batavia Public Library
Oct. 7, 2008	Last day to register to vote	
Oct. 8-21, 2008	Grace period registration	
Sept. 25-Nov. 3, 2008	Absentee Voting	
Oct. 13-30, 2008	Early Voting period	
Nov. 4, 2008	Election day!	



ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Batavia League members and their spouses/guests are invited to a relaxing evening of fun, food, and fellowship:

WHEN: Friday, August 1, at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Barbara King's Home
1178 Chillem Drive, Batavia

WHAT TO DO: Bring a dish to pass, come and enjoy!

R.S.V.P. to Barbara at 630-879-2263 and let her know what you will bring.

The League will provide the main dish, beverages, and tableware.

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Dues are Due!

Dues for the 2008-2009 year are due by June 1st.

- **\$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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