



PRESS RELEASE
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Area League of Women Voters Receive National League Grant

Leagues Local Work on Government Transparency Supported

Area League of Women Voters in Kane County (LWV) were awarded a grant from the national League of Women Voters Education Fund supporting their work to make local government more transparent. Geneva/St. Charles, Batavia and Elgin Area Leagues are participating in this five-month project.

Of the 850 state and local leagues nationwide, the Leagues in Kane County were among a total of 12 chosen nationally -- and the only group in Illinois.

“The League’s work in the area of government openness and accountability has long been hailed by others as vital to strengthening citizen understanding and involvement with government,” said League spokesperson Darlene Bakk.

“The Leagues in Kane County have consistently had problems obtaining information from government municipalities in the county,” said Bakk. “This grant provides us with additional resources to increase our educational outreach, raise the league’s profile in the community, and bring in new members.”

“The League has written numerous letters to the editor regarding openness in government in the past and monitors municipal meetings throughout the year,” said Bakk. “Since its founding nearly 90 years ago, League volunteers have worked to protect citizens’ right to know. We believe that it is essential to keeping our communities strong, healthy and vibrant--it is the cornerstone of our democracy.”

For ways citizens can get involved in this project or to learn more about the League, visit www.lwvgenstc.org.

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. Join us in making democracy work!

