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**As part of the "Women & Power Speakers Series"
Kane County Democratic Women Hosts A Panel Discussion on
"Every Vote Counts!
Can Voting and Integrity Still Be Used in the Same Sentence?"**

ST. CHARLES, October 15, 2021 – The Kane County Democratic Women (KCDW) will host a forum on "Voting and Integrity" on Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the Gail Borden Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, IL

What does *integrity* mean in relation to voting? Webster defines integrity as "firm adherence to a code of especially moral ... values: incorruptibility." As citizens of a democracy, we expect our elections to be honest and free of corruption even when the outcome is different than we hoped. To discuss election integrity and public confidence in the election process, KCDW presents two knowledgeable speakers from different backgrounds. Both understand the political process and the importance of transparency and accountability in the election process.

--William "Bill" Muck is Chair of the Political Science Department at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, as well as coordinator for the college's Global Studies and Model United Nations programs. He and a friend host a weekly podcast, "The Politics Lab," which discusses and dissects the political issues facing the U.S. and other countries. You may have seen Professor Muck offering political analyses on WGN Evening News, Fox 32 Chicago, and NBC 5 Chicago.

--Brian Pollock is representing Kane County Clerk Jack Cunningham, who was elected in 2002. From the beginning of his term, Cunningham set out to bring the latest technology upgrades to the office to ensure that Kane County elections were secure. He guided the transition from punch card voting to our present electronic system. Kane County was the first clerk's office in Illinois to use a vote mobile, which provided early voting access to people throughout the county.

The forum is free and open to the public. Preregistration is requested but not required. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.

Questions regarding the Women & Power Speaker Series or the Kane County Democratic Women can be sent to KCDW Chair, Corinne M. Pierog, at kanectydemwomen@gmail.com.

ABOUT THE KANE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN: The mission of the KCDW is to harness the political power of Democratic women to create positive social change through engagement, education, and empowerment. Meetings are open to the public and are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

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