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# The Shareline

## President's Message

Hello Branch Members. Welcome to 2020! This year, all over the country, people will celebrate the centennial of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution which reads: ***"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."***

Women first organized and fought for suffrage at the national level in July of 1848. Suffragists such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott convened a meeting of over 300 people in Seneca Falls, New York. In the following decades, many women marched, protested, lobbied, and even went to jail. By the 1870s, women pressured Congress to vote on an amendment that would recognize their suffrage rights. After decades of arguments for and against women's suffrage, Congress finally voted in favor of the 19th Amendment in 1919. At least 36 states were needed to vote in favor of it for it to become law. Check out these excellent articles from the National Park Services about the history of women's suffrage: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/womenshistory/19th-amendment.htm>

On June 10, 1919, Wisconsin became the first states to vote in favor, followed closely by Illinois and Michigan. By August 26, 1920, 36 states had ratified the amendment. Though passage of the 19th Amendment was a huge milestone for white women, the fight for women's suffrage was complex and interwoven with issues of civil and political rights for all Americans. Most women of color continued to be denied the vote for years and even generations. In fact, it was not until June 1924 that the US Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act finally recognizing Native Americans as US citizens.

Today, most US citizens enjoy voting rights, but issues like voter purging and absentee ballot disqualification continue. In 2019 voter purging, due to out-of-date voter information, became contentious in Wisconsin where upwards of 200,000 voters would be purged from the rolls. Opponents argue this is unnecessary and a victory for conservatives since many of the voters being purged are registered Democrats. Proponents confirm letters were sent to voters giving them enough time to update their information and reinstate their voting eligibility. In addition, we've all read about the 2018 North Dakota law disallowing Voter IDs to have PO Box numbers, particularly disenfranchising Native Americans living on reservations from absentee voting.

These issues stress the ongoing need of informing the public of their rights and responsibilities to retain their inalienable right to vote, and to fight for fair and equitable legislation to allow all US Citizens equal access to voting. We've come along way from 1919, but the road to fair and equitable voting still has some bumps and ruts to be fixed. Be sure to encourage all your family, friends and neighbors to get out to vote this year. The California Primary will be held March 3, 2020. There's still time to register or update your registration at the CA Secretary of State website:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/presidential-primary-election-march-3-2020/>

In commemoration of all that has been achieved for voting rights so far, representatives from the Susan B. Anthony museum and house in Rochester, NY walked behind the Suffrage Float in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena on January 1<sup>st</sup> to begin the year-long celebrations.



Linda Slater

Administrative Officer  
AAUW, Hayward-Castro Valley  
Branch

# Upcoming events



## Book Club

**When: Monday, January 20, 2-4 pm**

**Where: Barbara Jones' home**

Monday afternoon, January 20, 2-4, will be the first book group meeting of 2020. We'll meet at the home of Barbara Jones, 3595 Oakes Drive, Hayward. This is our second group read of the year, Susan Orlean's compelling history and study of the Los Angeles Central Library, *The Library Book*. Ms. Orlean introduces the reader to an array of amazing characters who have lead that library through its long, fascinating history. She leads us through the tragic fire of 1986 that destroyed much history of the building and the region, and the mystery surrounding that fire.

Barbara Jones will facilitate the discussion. Refreshments will be served.

If you are new to the group, are a member who is bringing a guest or cannot attend, please call Barbara at 510-538-0516 or email her at [bb\\_jones@pacbell.net](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net). Your courtesy helps the hostess plan refreshments and seating.

All members of the branch are welcome to join this afternoon of good friends, conversations, and special books.



## Drama Reading

**When: January 16, 1:00pm**

**Where: Liz Bathgate's home**

The play for January is *The Lady's Not For Burning* by Christopher Fry.

It is a romantic comedy set in the 1400's. It reflects the world's exhaustion and despair following WWII, with a war-weary soldier who wants to die, and an accused witch who wants to live. It resembles Shakespeare's pastoral comedies.

*Dessert will be served.*



**When: February 20, 1:00pm**

**Where: Liz Bathgate's home**

The play we will be reading this month is It Happened at Harrod's by John Chapman.

Helen, Lady de Langley, is at her wits end. She has given her husband only daughters, and he wants a son to carry on the family name. She decides to try and seduce an old beau who has since had eight sons. She gets so drunk during the seduction scene that she passes out. The old beau, ever the gentleman, leads her to believe that he has made love to her. So, when her husband comes home, she must get him to make love to her even though he is intending to file for divorce the next day so he can remarry and have his son.

*Come join us to find out what happens???*



## Dining Out

**Where: Cafe Platano, 2042 University Avenue, Berkeley**

**When: Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

**Time: 12:30 p.m., meet at restaurant**

**Cost: Reasonable. As always, please bring cash.**

**Website: <https://www.cafeplatano.com/>**

The holiday celebrations are behind us, and a member has suggested just the right idea for our January lunch get together. Cafe Platano, in Berkeley, is an informal, welcoming place, serving the hearty flavors of El Salvador. The friendly staff will guide you thru the many choices on the menu, and food is very reasonable.

Most of us will take B.A.R.T. The restaurant is a block and one-half walk from the Downtown Berkeley BART Station. Please plan to join us for our first Dine-out of 2020. *Please confirm you are coming by sending an email to: [patmacsata@gmail.com](mailto:patmacsata@gmail.com)*

### MOROCCO SAHARA ODYSSEY



Morocco travel enthralls even the most experienced adventurer. Tradition infuses its labyrinthine *medinas*, overflowing with centuries-old customs and the colorful bounty of the Earth. Village oases seem to rise from the desert, mirage-like. And the mighty Sahara, a timeless sea of sand, stretches to infinity.

Join Judy Harrison for an unforgettable trip to this fascinating part of the world without the hassle of airports, customs, and interminable flights. Sit back and enjoy this trip in the comfort of the Baywood Court Lounge on January 23 at 7:00 P.M.



Everyone is invited to the Tri-Valley Women’s March, featuring a women’s expo, rally, and march through downtown Pleasanton to connect with local activists and marchers around the world.

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 18, 2020, Noon – 4 PM

**WHERE:** Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton.

**AGENDA:**

**Noon:** Women’s Expo, Kids area, Live music.

**1:30pm:** Speakers

Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (16th Assembly District),  
Aisha Wahab (Hayward City Council), and  
Mary Puthoff (Livermore American Indian Center).

**2:15pm:** March begins – 1.5 mile, easy walking, march through downtown Pleasanton.

*See you there!*

# Meet EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY



East Bay Community Energy and the American Association of University Women invite you to a FREE informational session in your neighborhood!

Meet the new local electricity supplier in Alameda County. East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) aims to provide cleaner, greener energy at lower rates. EBCE will reinvest earnings back into the community to create local green energy jobs, local programs, and clean power projects. This presentation will cover information about your service options, billing, and other ways to get involved.

## WHEN:

Tuesday, Jan 28, 2020  
5:45 to 7:45 pm

## WHERE:

Castro Valley Library  
3600 Norbridge Ave

## RSVP TO:

[pmacsata@gmail.com](mailto:pmacsata@gmail.com)

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The library is wheelchair accessible. An ASL interpreter will be provided for this program if requested at least 7 days in advance. Please contact your local branch or [accessibility@aclibrary.org](mailto:accessibility@aclibrary.org)





## AAUW FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

HAYWARD- CASTRO VALLEY & FREMONT BRANCH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

Acqua e Farina Restaurant

22622 Main Street, Hayward

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Cost \$45

Menu Selections:

- ◆ Fettuccine Pesto with Chicken
  - ◆ Lasagna di Carne
  - ◆ Eggplant Parmigiana



Meal comes with a mixed green salad and Tiramisu for dessert.

RSVP By: Friday, January 31

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Mail to: Liz Bathgate 22112 Queen St., Castro Valley, CA 94546

Memo Line of Check: Entrée Selection

**Speaker: Liz Bathgate's Fellow, Saalem Adera**

She will talk on her thesis which is on Hydrology. She is studying how deforestation affects rainfall patterns in the Brazilian Amazon. She is also working with a CA water utility to develop a hydrologic model for a watershed managed for both water supply and aquatic habitat.

**Donations welcomed to AAUW FUNDS— Tax deductible**

*Shape the Future Membership Campaign*

New Members get a discounted rate when they join AAUW on the spot at an event open to the public!

Must sign name and contact information on form and membership application.

See Membership Treasurers: Fremont or Hayward/Castro Valley Branch





*Let's start a Stitch and Bitch!*

**What?** A knitting and crochet club  
**Where?** Volunteers host in their home  
**When?** Every month or two (Ex: second Friday every month)  
**Why?** Motivation to start or finish projects; different skill levels mean we learn from each other; share ideas and inspirations; could bring wine and snacks; and it's just more fun as a group!

**Interested?** email Linda Slater [slaterl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slaterl@sbcglobal.net)  
 What days available? Would you be willing to host?  
 Hopefully we will have enough to start in the new year!



## Member News



**As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, our Branch has 100 members.**

Our newest member is Elisa Marquez. She is a graduate of Cal State Hayward with a Masters in Public Administration. She is currently serving on the Hayward City Council and doing great things for the city. She can be reached at 510-910-3833 and at [elisaforHayward@gmail.com](mailto:elisaforHayward@gmail.com).

If you have a friend who would like to join the branch and has at least an AA degree, please let me know. The dues for the new year have gone down and at the end of March anyone who joins will be entered as a member throughout the following year.

*Liz Bathgate*

If you have news about a member who needs to be congratulated on a special occasion or accomplishment, who needs to be encouraged during illness or difficult time, or to be reminded we are here for him/her, please contact your corresponding secretary Barbara Jones at 538.0516 or by email at [bb\\_jones@pacbell.net](mailto:bb_jones@pacbell.net). *Let's let our friends know we care.*