



League of Women Voters Eden Area

# VOTER

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## LWVEA OPEN HOUSE

Join us for a celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters!

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Place: Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546

The event will feature speakers on league history, voting history, a celebration of our members, information for those thinking of becoming members, entertainment, food, games, and prizes!



## International Women's Day – Friday, March 13

Join us for the annual International Women's Day event, which is cosponsored by LWVEA. This is our second year participating with this inspiring celebration:

Date: Friday, March 13, 2020

Time: TBA (evening)

Place: Hayward City Hall,  
777 B St., Hayward

Three or four speakers are scheduled, including LWVC President Helen Hutchinson, who will speak on political issues in our state.

## Redistricting Study Group Being Formed

Are you interested in REDISTRICTING in Alameda County!

We are interested in starting a new study group that will research the topic of REDISTRICTING in Alameda County. With the upcoming 2020 Census the county will have to redistrict and we want to be ready!

This group will research and study issues surrounding REDISTRICTING and make recommendations to our League. Since there's strength in numbers, the study group will also look to collaborate with other Leagues in Alameda County.

If this is a topic that interest you, please contact Joe Grcar at [jfgrcar@gmail.com](mailto:jfgrcar@gmail.com) or Richard Maurer at [pmaurer3130@att.net](mailto:pmaurer3130@att.net). Let's make democracy work!

## HIGH SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION NEWS

Marian Handa, our high school voter registration coordinator, was recently informed that our league will be receiving a \$500 grant for our Youth Voter Registration project. Congratulations to Marian for her successful grant-writing efforts, so we can continue visiting high schools to register young voters.

## President's Report



*Penny Peck - Photo courtesy of Lynda Foster*

Congratulations to our recent volunteer award recipient Marian Handa! Marian was named our Volunteer for the Year at the Hayward Volunteer Dinner in October. This is a well-deserved honor!



*Barbara Halliday, Marian Handa, Richard Valle*

Marian serves as our board Secretary and coordinates our high school voter registration efforts. Like many of our members, she performs more than one task for the league.

Last year, our Volunteer of the Year was Richard Maurer, who coordinates our voter registration outreach efforts, does our voter registration book-keeping to report to the Registrar of Voters, keeps track of our league materials in storage, and contributes climate change articles to the VOTER.

Coming up this Spring and Autumn, our league will be facilitating several candidate forums, reaching out to register voters, and offering programs that celebrate the League of Women Voters' 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All of these efforts are done by volunteers.

Are you interested in volunteering? Please contact me at [Ppeck@slzused.org](mailto:Ppeck@slzused.org) and let us know your interest, and I will pass along your email to our board member who coordinates that team. Many of us resolve to do more community volunteering in the new year, and the league welcomes your efforts!

*Photos courtesy of Aiwa Zelinsky and Richard Maurer*

*Penny Peck, LWVEA President*

## **LWVEA HOLIDAY PARTY KICKS OFF OUR CENTENNIAL**



*Jo Loss, Bill Quirk, Rita Duncan*

The League of Women Voters Eden Area held its annual holiday celebration and fundraiser on December 8, 2019 at the San Leandro Senior Center, coordinated by Jo Loss and Rita Duncan.

Thanks to the many members and guests that joined us for the annual holiday party celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the League of Women Voters and the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The event was highlighted by a grand prize drawing of 100 Susan B. Anthony

dollars, won by Assembly Member Bill Quirk. He graciously donated the prize back to the League!

The auction items were varied and represented a large pool of donors.



The 100 Table marked our anniversary with dozens of creative ways to celebrate 100, including lollipops, jellybeans, household repairs items and marbles.

Suffragette sashes were worn and there were photos and biographies of prominent suffragettes around the room.

Thank you to our generous donors and to the members who helped set up and clean up. Our net proceeds of \$1445 will be used to fund our future projects.

*Rita Duncan and Jo Loss*





*Photos courtesy of Lynda Foster and Jo Loss*



*League booth at the San Leandro Farmers Market*

## RECENT VOTER REGISTRATION EVENTS

Special thanks to all our league members who volunteer at our Voter Registration Events! Here are photos provided by Richard Maurer, our Voter Registration coordinator, of events held in Autumn 2019:



*Cherryland neighborhood community meeting*



*Lake Chabot Peace Walk*



*Rita Duncan and Jo Loss at the Castro Valley Fall Festival*



Renè Besold, Aiwa Zelinsky, and Janice Friesen at the Castro Valley Fall Festival

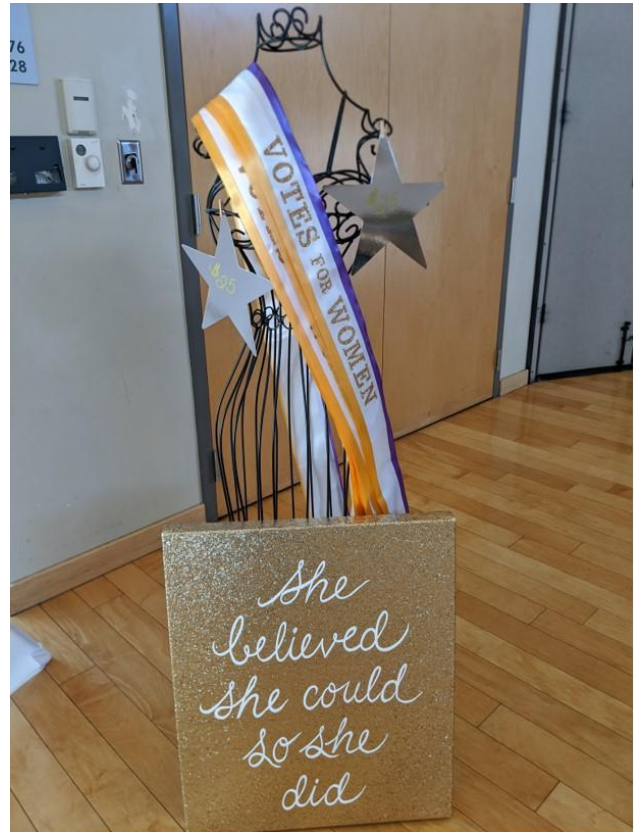
## LWVEA Student Member Chosen for U.S. Senate Youth Program



Arushi Avachat, a student member of our league, was recently chosen for the U.S. Senate Youth Program, a highly competitive honor. She is one of just two students chosen from California for this program.

This Spring, Arushi and her fellow representatives will go to Washington, D.C. for a close-up look at the workings of the federal government, including meeting elected officials and members of the Supreme Court. For more: [www.pleasantonweekly.com/news/2019/12/18/fothill-student-chosen-for-us-senate-youth-program?utm\\_source=express-2019-12-19&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=express](http://www.pleasantonweekly.com/news/2019/12/18/fothill-student-chosen-for-us-senate-youth-program?utm_source=express-2019-12-19&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=express)

## VOTES FOR WOMEN SASHES



Celebrate during 2020 with your own golden suffragette sash. Wear it to vote, to events and celebrations! Email [jolosscev@gmail.com](mailto:jolosscev@gmail.com) for delivery. \$25.00 each.

## CLIMATE CHANGE and GLOBAL WARMING

by Richard Maurer, LWVEA

### Part 1

The League of Women Voters recognizes the critical importance of this issue, and urges leaders (government, industry and citizens) to become informed and to support taking action now to reduce the causes of this phenomenon and to mitigate the unavoidable consequences, which have started and are increasing.

From time to time, the VOTER will include an article on this subject to help clarify the issues involved, and to relate them to the area served by the LWVEA. It takes a little while to flesh out this story and connect the dots, so we ask you to hang in there. You can always verify particular issues we discuss here by Googling them, just be careful you are not relying on climate change deniers. More on this, another time.

Now, to begin. Global climate change (as opposed to day by day weather changes) is today considered by climate scientists to be rapid and serious because climate tends to be naturally very stable over very long time periods. The ice ages were dramatic changes in climate, but they occurred slowly over tens of thousands of years. Why is the climate now changing rapidly and what are the consequences?

Before we go on, we assume that you believe in science, and that you trust that climate scientists are telling us the truth. This is not trivial. Now, back to the story.

Scientists tell us that what changes the climate is a change in the energy which enters or leaves the atmosphere and the ocean. Therefore, when we talk about climate change and global warming we are really talking about energy transfers and, specifically, heat energy. Remember, energy was one of the major subjects we learned about in high school physics class. What's particularly important about energy is how it transforms from one form to another, and how temperature changes are due to heat energy transfers.

The earth gets nearly all of its energy continuously from the sun, in several forms: light, heat, ultraviolet, etc. The total energy received by earth from the sun varies slightly over thousand-year periods. This is what caused the many ice ages. What we are experiencing now is an increase in heat energy occurring over periods of years, not thousands of years; not an increase in energy from the sun, but rather an increase in the heat form of energy captured by the atmosphere.

So, the key to understanding climate change is that heat energy in Earth's global atmosphere is increasing due to 'global warming'. The increase in heat energy causes

the atmosphere to warm up. How much it's warming up we'll get to in a future article. The warmer atmosphere causes the ocean to also warm up. That's how the ocean gets its heat, from the atmosphere. And the ocean can hold a lot more heat than the atmosphere. So, we can think of the ocean as a 'heat reservoir'. We are talking here about slowly and slightly warming up. But the volume of the atmosphere and ocean is huge so, as we'll discuss, 'slowly and slightly' still has dramatic consequences for humans.

Now, why is the atmosphere warming up? In other words, why is it receiving more heat energy than it used to?

We will also get to this next time. In the meantime, you might take note of how many newspaper or magazine articles about global warming you encounter during your normal reading over the next 30 days. Have you noticed that the number is increasing? Many people are curious and concerned.



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.

Sat., January 18, 2020, Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton. Noon-4pm.

Noon: Women's Expo, Kids area, Live music.

1:30pm: Speakers Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (16<sup>th</sup> Assembly District), Aisha Wahab (Hayward City Council), and Mary Puthoff (Livermore American Indian Center).

2:15pm: March begins – 1.5 mile march through downtown Pleasanton. See you there!



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**Dues:** Regular \$70,  
2<sup>nd</sup> member same household  
\$30, Student free



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**For our Calendar of upcoming events, go to:**

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