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*Get Ready to Vote in the California Primary  
on Tuesday, 3 March 2020.*



Point iPhone camera at image to visit our voter info webpage at [shorturl.at/biO36](https://shorturl.at/biO36).

**Vote in-person anytime from 7:00am to 8:00pm.  
Find your polling place & more at [VotersEdge.org](https://VotersEdge.org).**

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit [LWVAlameda.org/calendar.html](http://LWVAlameda.org/calendar.html) for more information

### **Election Day: California Primary 2020**

**Tue Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00am - 8:00pm**

[Your Polling Place](#)

### **First Friday Social**

**Fri Mar 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm - 7:00pm**

Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant, 1148 Ballena Blvd, Alameda, Enjoy good food and conversation with LWVA members/guests. Please RSVP: call 510-407-0175 or email [anne@youreastbayagent.com](mailto:anne@youreastbayagent.com).

### **LWVA Board Meeting**

**Thu Mar 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

Alameda Hospital, Conference Room A (2nd floor), 2070 Clinton Ave, Alameda. All LWVA members are welcome to attend. Find the agenda on our calendar three days before the meeting.

### **Iron Jawed Angels**

**Sun Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:00pm - 4:30pm**

Alameda Main Library, 1550 Oak Street, Alameda. Attend our film screening of "Iron Jawed Angels." Co-sponsors: Alameda Library, AAUW-Alameda, and LWV of Alameda.

### **Monthly Book Club**

**Mon Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:00pm - 4:30pm**

Applebee's, 2263 S Shore Center, Alameda. We will discuss "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

### **First Friday Social**

**Fri Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 – 7:00pm**

Location TBD. Enjoy good food and conversation with LWVA members and guests. Please RSVP: call 510-407-0175 or email [anne@youreastbayagent.com](mailto:anne@youreastbayagent.com).

### **LWVA Board Meeting**

**Thu Apr 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

Alameda Hospital, Conference Room A (2nd floor), 2070 Clinton Ave, Alameda. All LWVA members are welcome to attend. Find the agenda on our calendar three days before the meeting.

### **Electrification of Buildings & Transport**

**Thu Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm - 8:30pm**

Phoenix Alameda, 2315 Lincoln Ave, Alameda. Co-sponsors: LWV of Alameda and CASA.

### **Democracy Matters High School Civics Scholarship Speech Tournament**

**Fri Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

College of Alameda, Building F, 555 Ralph Appezato Memorial Pkwy, Alameda, CA.

### **Monthly Book Club**

**Mon Apr 27<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm - 4:30pm**

Applebee's, 2263 S Shore Center, Alameda, CA. We will discuss "The Browns of California: The Family Dynasty That Transformed a State and Shaped a Nation" by Miriam Pawel.

## Preparing for the 3 March 2020 California Primary Election

What can you find on our website at [lwvalameda.org](http://lwvalameda.org) that will help you vote? You can find the below information and more.

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) & Answers

- Find your polling place.
- Check your vote by mail or provisional ballot status.
- Not registered to vote? Conditionally register on Election Day.
- Know your California voter rights.
- Learn what you can and should bring to the polls.

### Pros & Cons

- Alameda Unified School District Parcel Tax – Measure A
- Alameda County Children’s Health & Child Care – Measure C
- Bonds for Schools & Colleges – Statewide Proposition 13

### “Vote with the League” Recommendations

- Alameda Unified School District Parcel Tax – Yes on Measure A
- Bonds for Schools & Colleges – Yes on Statewide Proposition 13

**CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL  
OF WOMEN’S RIGHT TO VOTE  
1920 -2020**

## IRON JAWED ANGELS

A film starring Hilary Swank, Frances O’Connor,  
Julia Ormond & Anjelica Huston



**Sunday MARCH 22, 2:00-4:30 PM**

Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak Street

**Everyone in the community is welcome!**



## League Centennial Events – Sheila Durkin

### Day of Action

Thank you to everyone who participated in our birthday celebration on Friday, 14 February. We had a great turnout! See a group photo on the last page.

### Film Showing

We will screen the film “Iron Jawed Angels” at the Alameda Library on Sunday, 22 March from 2:00pm to 4:30pm. Our event co-sponsors are the Alameda Library and the American Assn. of University Women (AAUW)-Alameda Branch.

### Upcoming Potential Events

Among the possibilities for future events to celebrate 100 years of the League, we are considering an entry into the Alameda 4th of July Parade, a poster contest, and participating in this year’s Alameda Legacy Home Tour.

## Youth Outreach – Laura Kinley

### Annual Democracy Matters Speech Tournament

Friday, 24 April from 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
College of Alameda (CoA), Building F  
555 Ralph Appezato Memorial Pkwy, Alameda

Come out to hear high school students deliver speeches on "Fighting Fake News: How Can We Promote News Literacy and Create More Informed Communities?"



We have accepted three students to participate and compete. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and the runners-up will each get \$500. All students will receive a college credit from the CoA Communications Department for their participation.

The applicants submitted a five-minute introductory speech, which will form the basis of their next two months of refining a forensic approach to classic speech preparations. Their speeches were extraordinarily moving. Two of the students used recent examples of how fake news about the corona virus affected them.



### **Trial Runs for the High School Civics Challenge**

Our goal for this Challenge (conducted as a game show) is to build skeptical news consumers, who know how to check for verification of source, author and facts from both the news media and social media news. This is a new LWV of Alameda Youth Outreach program we have been testing over the past few months.

During our second trial run at Palo Alto High School, we engaged with two classes with a total of 50 students. While doing so, we learned that the citizenship questions were not an automatically known quantity for the juniors

and seniors, which was in keeping with the poll results from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. However, they had no problem doing Internet research using our three sources: snopes.com, politifact.com, and factcheck.org (instead of just using Google) as part of news literacy training.

At our third trial run at Berkeley City College, we engaged with an English 1A Composition class of 16 older students. Many of these students had friends who were studying for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Test, and they were vitally interested in that part of our game. We found that these students had trouble identifying why an article was false.

Our next steps include refinement of our rules, and interviews with those who teach cyber security and how to recognize false news. We have trial runs scheduled at Encinal and Alameda high schools, and possibly at Merritt College before the end of the school year.

### **Spring 2020 Community Forums – William Smith**

We are planning an event with Community Action for Sustainable Alameda (CASA) called “Electrification of Buildings and Transport” on Thursday, 23 April 23 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Phoenix Alameda, 2315 Lincoln Avenue, Alameda. In May, we are considering an event to be called “Gun Safety in the East Bay,” more details to come.

### **Membership Report – Doris Gee**

As of 17 February, we officially have 92 members for the League in 2020. This includes our newest members, Red Lustig and Alex McEachern. If you are a LWV of Alameda member and have not yet renewed this year, please do so at [lwvalameda.org/membership.html](http://lwvalameda.org/membership.html).

The next Membership Committee meeting is Wednesday, 25 March at 10am. Please call Doris Gee at (510) 521-2117 to RSVP.





## **Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities – Cynthia Silva**

Members, are you interested in joining the League of Women Voters of Alameda's Board of Directors? We have four open positions: Secretary, Budget Chair, Action Committee Co-Chair, and Communications Committee Co-Chair.

We also need someone who will help us post information for Alameda voters to VotersEdge.org.

At [lwvalameda.org/volunteer.html](http://lwvalameda.org/volunteer.html), you can find Board position information. You may also email us at [info@lwvalameda.org](mailto:info@lwvalameda.org) for more information or to apply for any of the open positions.

## **Voter Registration Ahead of the 2020 General Election – Ken Werner**

Calling all volunteers! We need you on our Voter Registration team. Our goal is to get as many people as possible registered to vote ahead of the 2020 General Election. So if you have helped us with voter registration in the past, please consider volunteering again. If you've never volunteered for voter registration, it's fun and very satisfying.

To get involved, just send an email to [voterservice@lwvalameda.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvalameda.org) and include your name, email, and phone number, and we'll be in touch soon.

For those who volunteer, we plan to hold refresher training on the newly revised voter registration affidavit. Several things have changed on the form, so even if you've gone through it before, please consider attending the training again. In order to effectively register voters, it is imperative that we all are properly trained.

Note that we are also planning on trying new and innovative ways of registering voters; anywhere from working with local Alameda organizations to partnering with realtors on registration to new tenants and homeowners. At our first meeting, we ask that you come with your creative ideas!

If you have any questions, please email me at [voterservice@lwvalameda.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvalameda.org).



**100 Years Old & Still Going Strong;  
Empowering Voters & Defending Democracy**