

Free program:

AAUW Sponsors Public Zoom “We Demand the Right to Vote” – 100 years since the 19th Amendment.

1:30 p.m., Sunday, August 30

The Benicia-Vallejo branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a free, public Zoom program “*We Demand the Right to Vote*” – 100 years since the 19th Amendment.

Participants may sign in starting at 1:30 pm; the program starts at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020.

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Individuals may join the Zoom meeting by using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87595612490>. The Meeting ID is 875 9561 2490

Cultivating a celebration spirit, attendees are also encouraged to dress in the colors of the Suffrage movement, white, purple and gold, and wear period costumes. A salutatory toast will be made; attendees may join in as they please. Cynthia Seguin, moderator, will share a video interview with Meneese Wall discussing the author’s path to write and illustrate her book, “We Demand the Right to Vote.” To buy the book, go to <https://meneesewall.square.site/> or contact the author at meneesewall@meneesewall.com

Juanita Martin, member and former poet laureate of Fairfield, will speak about Ida B Wells, an African-American investigative journalist and leader of the suffragist and civil rights movements. Martin noted the importance to give credit to this woman and others for paving the way, for being outspoken, and willingly and knowingly putting their lives in danger.

Various AAUW members will describe other suffragist moments. These include stories of women who each acted to claim their social and political power to change their circumstances.

Geri Kahn, member and lawyer, will bring the topic to present day. She will address the need to continue to demand social justice. She will speak about recent activities to suppress voters. Several resources will be shared for individuals to increase voter registration in the upcoming Nov. 3 national elections.

AAUW puts its mission – to support equity and education for all women and girls – into action. To learn more about joining the American Association of University Women, please contact <https://beniciavallejo-ca.aauw.net/> or call branch membership chair, Carolyn Fallon at 707-746-6070.

Tax-deductible donations to support Benicia-Vallejo AAUW efforts can be payable to Special Program Fund at CA – AAUW SPF and sent to: AAUW, P.O. Box 1876, Benicia, CA 94510.