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Fremont Branches**



Cordially invites you to our annual  
Fellow Luncheon & Silent Auction

## **Attraction in Asian & White Interracial Marriages**



Presentation by Louise Ly, AAUW  
Fellow, PhD Candidate, UC Berkeley

All proceeds of silent auction go to AAUW Funds.

**February 2, 2019**  
**11:30 am to 2:00 pm**

**Spin-A-Yarn Steakhouse**  
45915 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539

Lunch reservation: \$35 per person

*Three-course meal includes iced tea and hot beverage*

*Entrée choices:*

♥ *Lamb shank* ♥ *Petrale sole* ♥ *Eggplant parmesan*

**Please R.S.V.P by January 25, 2019 to**

Liz Bathgate at [lbathgate@att.net](mailto:lbathgate@att.net) or (510) 581-0461

♥ Make your check payable to AAUW

♥ Indicate your entrée choice

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*President's Message*

**Happy Holidays & New Year AAUW Fremont Branch  
December Update**



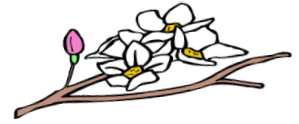
Hope all is well, and you're happy despite the hectic pace of December. For a little break, remember to join our new member Sylvia Ma for Free Tai Chi lessons on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM in the community room at St. James Episcopal Church on Thornton/Cabrillo. It's very relaxing.

I want to thank Jo Szeto and all her many elves for another successful holiday party. If you did not make it to our Winter Wonderland event, you missed out on a lot of fun, so much great food, and awesome music by People Power Band. Janice Longo was the lucky winner of the \$460 gourmet gift basket donated by Marsha Badella. It was a beautiful afternoon of holiday cheer, and thanks to the generosity of our guests, we raised \$5,411.37 for our Fremont Branch Local Scholarship Foundation! Thanks to all our donors, our 2019 scholarships are now funded! What a way to end the year!

Thank you so much for your enthusiastic support. We're beginning to organize activities and opportunities for the new year. We will be offering a nature walk at Land's End, a walking art tour at Stanford, a group march at the Oakland Women's March, and the Fellows Luncheon to kick off the year.

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Message Continued... Please let me know if you have other ideas. Look for emails confirming dates and please join us to get the most of your AAUW experience

Hope your holidays are wonderful, and you have your best new year yet.

Cheers!

**President's Challenge: What can we do to help you empower your daughters in today's society? Please send suggestions to [aaufremontbranch@gmail.com](mailto:aaufremontbranch@gmail.com).**

*President Kathryn McDonald*

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## Jan 26th League of Women Voters Speaker at Fremont Main Library

### It's All About A Physician's Role in Society



**DR. ROBERT GOULD**, Associate Adjunct Professor at UC San Francisco School of Medicine and President of the San Francisco-Bay Area Chapter of the Physicians for Social Responsibility since 1989, will talk about the work of this non-profit organization both internationally, nationally and locally at the Fremont Library on Saturday, January 26th, 2019. There are some who say that doctors should "stay in their lane" and concentrate on patching people up and fighting disease. Doctors could and should do so much more, say members of PSR. This physician-led organization has worked for 50 years to protect the public from threats to global survival. Some of those threats include nuclear warfare, nuclear proliferation, global warming and toxic degradation of the environment. Doctors in PSR educate the public on these issues, work with government agencies to bring about protective legislation and so much more.

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Date: Saturday, January 26th, 2019 Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Place: Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd. Sponsors: League of Women Voters Fremont-Newark-Union City; Fremont Main Library.

Do you shop at **Amazon**?



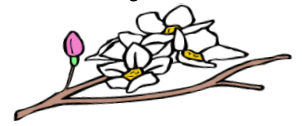
When you sign-on to do your shopping, be sure to access the site using this url link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-3231306> and our Local Scholarships Foundation will earn a percentage.

**Every little bit helps in supporting our mission in supporting education!**

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## AAUW Winter Wonderland Holiday Party

Everyone had a grand time at the AAUW Winter Wonderland Holiday Party which was a fundraiser for the AAUW Fremont Branch Ohlone Scholarship Fund. The People Power Band was the feature entertainment. Congratulations to Janice Longo for winning the gift basket valued at \$460 donated by Marsha Badella.



President Kathy McDonald & her father-in-law Bill pose at the photo booth



Randy Fewel, Local Scholarship Fund Committee member, poses at the photo booth.



Janice Longo-gift basket winner



Vice President Jo Szeto and her Grand-daughter



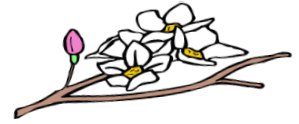
People Power Band Members — Leader: Gene Wang (Jo Szeto's son)



People Power Band Members and Party Attendees

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## Welcome Our Newest Member



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## Honorary Membership

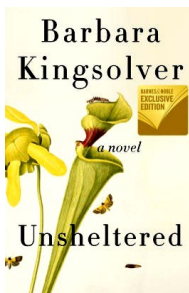
The honorary life membership is for those who have been members in AAUW for 50 years or more. By filling out an application, available online, you will receive recognition and become exempt from any further membership dues upon approval.

We have 8 current members who have achieved this status and several more who may be eligible. For more information contact Membership Treasurer Marylouise Bailey, [m Bailey151@aol.com](mailto:m Bailey151@aol.com).

Congratulations to Miriam Keller, our newest Honorary Member.

Other Honorary Members: Judy Colby, Frances Dressler, Caroline Johnston, Margaret Kingery, Lulu Levy, Janice Longo, Joyce Ruiz, Robin Worthington.

## One Book, One Community Read



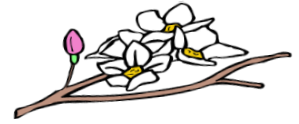
"One Book, One Community Read has always been an attempt to get people thinking and talking, but this year's selection may be our most controversial book yet; Barbara Kingsolver always takes on provocative topics," says Marge Leonard, OBOCR co-chair. *Unsheltered*, Kingsolver's most recent novel and the Fremont Branch 2018-19 focal work, raises issues such as "How is it possible that in these times a college-educated couple cannot afford standard housing?" "Has a repressed Cuban society found solutions involving universal education, shared transportation and recycled goods?" And "Who is Mary Treat, and why doesn't she get the attention she deserves?"

In *Unsheltered*, the New Jersey setting links the 19th century to the present. The book's title comes from the underlying premise: To be *unsheltered* allows one "to stand in the clear light of day."

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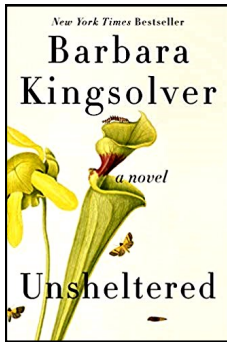
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## *Book Discussion Groups & Sections*

**Evening Book Talk** next meeting will be on **Monday, January 7th @ 7:00 P.M.** at the home of Becky Denevan. Jo Szeto will lead the discussion for *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver which is the One Book, One Community Read Program selection for 2018-2019.

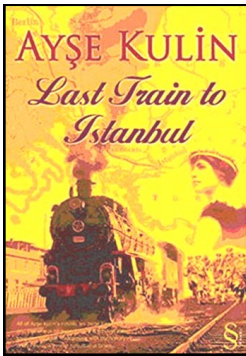


*Our group is growing in popularity and attendance! The Evening Book Talkers now number 16. The only requirement to join is to be an AAUW member who enjoys reading and discussing current fiction.*

Contact: Marge Leonard, 510-792-9344 or [margeryleonard@comcast.net](mailto:margeryleonard@comcast.net).



**Afternoon Lit** meets the third **Tuesday** of the month. The next meeting will be on **Jan. 15th @ 2:00 P.M.** and meet at the home of Cora Assali, and she will also lead the discussion for *Last Train to Istanbul* by Ayes Kulin



Contact: Joyce Ruiz,  
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510-659-9396

**Book Exchange** Attention all readers! Book Exchange is seeking more participants for this no stress section! No meetings just reading. Each participant selects a book; fiction/non-fiction, hard-back/paperback, classic/bestseller. Books are rotated among participants monthly until all books have been exchanged. We currently have 7 members and 5 more would give us a year's worth of reading.

Contact: Janice Longo,  
[emalongo@comcast.net](mailto:emalongo@comcast.net) or at 510-770-0809.

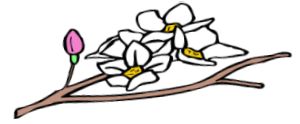
**Great Decisions** meets the first **Wednesday** of the month at **7:30 P.M.** The next meeting will be **February 6th** at the home of Anne MacLeod and the topic will be **The Middle East: Regional Disorder**. Foreign Policy Association publishes a Great Decisions briefing book at the beginning of the year. This book presents eight of the most important foreign policy issues facing the USA. Reference and resource material is included to help prepare you for discussion. **Cost for reference book is \$32.50. Books will be ordered in December.**



Contact: Anne MacLeod, 510-651-7938 or [acmacleod@comcast.net](mailto:acmacleod@comcast.net)

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## International Update —

### Changes in Botswana

*Written by Wanda Homen*



It was just two years ago that the small country of Botswana celebrated its fiftieth anniversary of independence from Great Britain. It has been highly praised as the greatest success story of Africa. As one can see by looking at the map, this nation is landlocked and on a main trade route. This, of course, puts the country at risk of invasion by its neighbors. At first, its chances for success as an independent country seemed quite slim, but more than fifteen years before Botswana was liberated, an event had transpired that was destined to change its future. It was before the nation of Botswana even existed that this event occurred. What happened was the marriage of a black man to a white woman. Most Africans

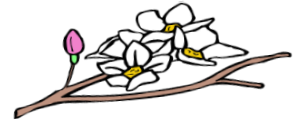
were highly prejudiced in those days. The bride and the groom were not unknowns. The man was a royal African prince, Seretse Khama. He married Ruth Williams, a white British woman.

The apartheid regime was especially outraged at Seretse for his interracial marriage. Since the British owned lucrative mining interests in South Africa, they were easily susceptible to political pressure by a powerful apartheid to force Seretse into exile from 1950 to 1956. Returning to his country and later on to politics, Seretse became the first prime minister in Botswana and served from 1966 to 1980. Under his leadership, the nation won its independence from Great Britain in 1966. Seretse seemed to do the impossible. He insisted that all individuals should have political freedoms and security without racial discrimination. The successes of that royal African prince made Botswana into a country that was like a dream come true.

However, things have changed since his passing. As of late, domestic violence has led to increased violence of all types to this once highly admired country. Research conducted in 2012 revealed that 67% of the women in Botswana had experienced some form of gender violence in their lifetimes. Women there claim that in the six years intervening, the situation has only worsened. Violence of all kinds has increased. The dual legal system existing in this country has not helped. Having both common law and customary law in force has proven to be not only confusing but also impractical. It is customary law (the less humane of the two) that makes the decisions in 80% of the cases. It would seem that the beloved Botswana of the famous author, Alexander McCall Smith, is slowly slipping away.

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### Save the Dates for 2019

**Theme: "Promoting Pay Equity for All"**

**Tuesday, January 15**— Board Meeting at Artist Walk @ 10 A.M. — 11:30 A.M

**Saturday, January 19-** Women's March in Oakland with IBC

**Saturday, January 26**— League of Women Voters speaker Dr. Robert Gould @ 10:30 A.M.— 12 noon at the Fremont Main Library (See Pg. 3)

**Saturday, February 2**— AAUW FUNDS Luncheon at Spin-A-Yarn Restaurant 45915 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont @ 11:30 A.M.— 2 P.M. \$35 RSVP by Friday, Jan. 25 (See Pg. 1)

**Saturday, February 23**— STEM Discovery Day for 3rd & 4th Grade Girls @ Hopkins Jr. High from 8:30 A.M. — 12:30 P.M.

**Saturday, March 9** — Women's History Tea "AAUW's Got Talent" at the Fremont Adult School @ 11:30 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

**ATTENTION: Clear All calendar events through Becky Denevan**  
beckydenevan@gmail.com, 510-566-6633.

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