

# Women Are Victorious!

## In California and the Country, Women win the Vote!

In 1911 after a long struggle, women organized to win the franchise to vote in California and the San Ramon Valley. After a large Danville Grange meeting which debated the pros and cons and supported women's suffrage, the Danville Equal Suffrage Club which spoke for the San Ramon Valley was organized. The officers were Lillian Close, Libbie Wood, Nina McPherson Williams, and Ada Cornwall. On October 10, 1911 women's suffrage won at the polls in California. Campaigns to win the vote nationally from 1915 to 1920 were lively culminating with the final ratification by the State of Tennessee in 1920. The new 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the US Constitution created 26 million potential voters.

On Thursday, March 19, 2020 local historian, Beverly Lane will help the San Ramon Valley Historical Society celebrate the centennial of this historic step by our American society. Both women and forward-thinking men had voted in favor of the amendment. Interestingly different parts of the San Ramon Valley parted ways in their expression on this momentous issue. Beverly Lane will help us understand how our various communities voted and share the results of her extensive research. The impacts of that action are still unfolding to this day in American life. Be sure you come and celebrate with us.



Join the San Ramon Valley Historical Society on Thursday, March 19th at 7 pm to hear the story of women's suffrage in the valley. We will meet in the party room of the Black Bear Diner. We will gather at 6:30 PM, begin dinner at 7 PM, and then enjoy our speaker.

The Black Bear Dinner is located adjacent to the Best Western Motel in Danville at I-680 and Camino Ramon (Use the Sycamore Valley Road exit from I-680). The dinner cost is \$23.00 per person. Dessert is extra on your tab.