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Upcoming Events at SVARW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ♦ September 9th —New Member Tea
- ♦ September 13th —Tea Party to Protest Obamacare
- ♦ September 16th —SVARW Meeting The importance of technology in future political races and how the party will utilize it.
- ♦ October 3rd—SVARW Political Party
- ♦ October 21st —SVARW Meeting

SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada
Country Club

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
14595 Clearview Drive
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Cost: \$13 includes
Continental Breakfast



September 16, 2009 —SVARW Meeting

How will Social Networking help elect Republicans in 2010?

Party Building in the Digital Age—How Can Republican's become the technology leader in the South Bay? Or what is Twitter, Facebook, etc. and how can these help the Republican's?

In this primer for everyone from beginners to everyday users, David Kralik, Director of Internet Strategies for Newt Gingrich's American Solutions will be talking to our group on how to use the newest technologies to organize and communicate. This is a great opportunity to learn about Twitter, Facebook and other applications and how they are changing the future of the Republican Party.

facebook

twitter

You Tube

Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends! Bring your spouses!

LOCATION

La Rinconada Country Club

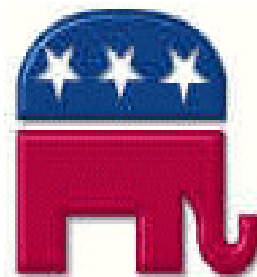
Check In —9:00 AM —Continental Breakfast

9:30 AM —Meeting called to order

11:00 AM —Meeting

Adjourned

14595 Clearview Drive -Los Gatos, CA 95032



Join SVARW's "Political Party"

October 3rd —7:30 PM

It's that time again to get together with fellow Republicans and enjoy an evening of cocktails and conversation! You won't want to miss this party!

Let's face it...as Republicans we often feel isolated in Silicon Valley! Join the SVARW party and ENJOY a casual evening where it is "OK" to be a Republican!!!

Office holders and candidates for office are invited as our guest!

Cost: \$10

Home of Cathy & Mark Davis — 1238 Hillcrest Dr. —San Jose, 95120

RVSP to: Cathy at 408-323-8685 or champdavis5@att.net or

Go to: www.svarw.com and purchase your tickets online using your credit card.



Officers for 2009

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Cathy Davis

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Linda Chavez

Recording Secretary
Betty Kunz

Corresponding Secretary
Gail DeSmet

Treasurer
Helen Gaetano

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, September
30th
10:00 AM



Endorsed Candidates for 2010

Per the SVARW Bylaws, the Board of Directors may endorse candidates for office. The endorsement by the Board is a recommendation to our members. Members always have the option to vote as they choose. Our endorsements are often repeated on other websites. To be endorsed, a written recommendation must be submitted to the SVARW Board and the candidate must have spoken at a SVARW meeting. The Board has the authority to wave the requirement for speaking in front of our organization.

As of the August 26th SVARW Board meeting, the following candidates have been endorsed for the June 2010 primary:

FEDERAL



Chuck DeVore for U.S. Senate
<http://www.chuckdevore.com/>

Tom McClintock for U.S. Congress —District 4
<http://www.tommccclintock.com/>

STATE

Barbara Alby for State Board of Equalization



LOCAL



Pete Constant for San Jose City Council District 1

Chuck Reed for Mayor of San Jose

GAIL NEEDS TO KNOW IF...

a member is ill or has lost a loved one. We care about our members and would like to send them card. Contact Gail DeSmet at desmetgail@hotmail.com or (408) 997-2482

SVARW Statement on Proposed Government Healthcare Plans

The members of the board of Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women object to the current health proposals in the Senate and House of Representatives for the following reasons:

1. COST is determined by the non partisan Congressional Budget Office to be 1.3 trillion dollars. We don't know how this bill will be paid for without large tax increases and rationing of health services. Congress hasn't provided estimates so far.
2. A huge new BUREAUCRACY would result from a public option or single payer plan. There will be centralized decision making in Washington, and it will be harder to affect changes and decisions.
3. TORT REFORM is not addressed in current plans. Changing the current cost of malpractice insurance, and costly lawsuits, aren't a part of any plan we have seen. Tort reform is still needed so that potential lawsuits do not continue to cause doctors to order unnecessary tests.
4. The 49,000,000 UNINSURED NUMBER is OVERSTATED. It includes people in the country illegally, those who make over \$80,000, and others. The remaining uninsured could be covered in existing programs without a costly revamping of the entire healthcare system.
5. ILLEGAL ALIENS will be covered, despite denials by supporters of current bills. If one member of the family is eligible, the whole family would be eligible for a public option. Congress rejected an amendment that would require secure ID.
6. Cutting MEDICARE by 40 percent, in order to help finance a national healthcare plan, would affect care for seniors. It is becoming harder in our area to find doctors who will accept Medicare patients.
7. EMPLOYER MANDATES would perhaps be another potentially costly factor in putting Americans back to work and sending more jobs abroad.
8. Abortion and sex change operations would be included in H.R. 3200.

Contact
Senators Boxer and
Feinstein and tell
them what part of
the proposed
health care plan
you object to!!

Call their local of-
fices!!

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Legislation

Legislation, Barbara Wales Chairman

This summer has been dramatic in the legislative area. Congratulations to everyone who participated by calling, writing, emailing, attending Town Hall Meetings, and making your thoughts known! Thank you also to those who have contributed stamps and money to cover our letter writing costs.

Health Care Bill(s)-Socialized Medicine

There is lots of information on this so we'll save the space here. However, it is important to know that a scaled back version—in whatever form it takes—will open the door to ALL of the other provisions being added piecemeal in separate bills or attached to other bills. *Please let your representatives know how you feel and keep the pressure on.*

Health Care – Forcing Support by Intimidation

Congressman Waxman (D-CA) has requested the travel expense records from the top executives of the seven largest insurance companies for the last 7 years. This is clearly pressure on these companies to support the democrat socialized medicine proposal. Beyond this one issue is the concept that Congress can pressure support by threats. We need to let our representatives that we object to this type of action. *Please write your representatives in Washington and object to this action.*

Prop 8 Attack

[SB 54](#), authored by homosexual activist and Democrat state senator Mark Leno, would violate the clear reading of the Constitution by recognizing pre-Prop. 8 homosexual "marriages" from other states and nations -- Massachusetts, Belgium, Canada, Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, Spain and Sweden -- as fully-valid "marriages" in California. Please contact your state senator by email and phone. The implications of this action go far beyond just this constitutional amendment—the Legislature is clearly acting contrary to the vote of the people.

Update on action against Prop 8: On January 11, the court will hear arguments about whether Proposition 8 was based on discrimination against homosexuals. Several homosexual organizations had sought to intervene in the case, but all were denied participations except for the City of San Francisco, which argued a direct impact on their citizens resulting from Proposition 8's passage. Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker also scheduled a hearing for October 14 to consider some pre-trial issues such as what constitutes discrimination under the Constitution.

Second Amendment Rights (contributed by J.P. Puette)

Senate Bill SB-2099 will require us to put on our 2009 1040 federal tax form all guns that you have or own. It may require fingerprints and a tax of \$50 per gun. This bill was introduced on Feb. 24. This bill will become public knowledge 30 days after it is voted into law. This is an amendment to the Internal Revenue Act of 1986. This means that the Finance Committee can pass this without the Senate voting on it at all.

The full text of the proposed amendment is on the U.S. Senate homepage, <http://www.senate.gov>/You can find the bill by doing a search by the bill number, SB-2099.

Harvey Milk Gay Day

SB572 is making its way through the legislature and is likely to land on the governor's desk. The bill has our school children, as young as kindergarten, participating in activities to honor the gay lifestyle. Please write the governor—even if you have written before -- and tell him to veto it. Or, call the Governor at (916) 445-2841

Legislation Continued....

California Legislative Resolutions

The legislature has also introduced three resolutions that assault family values. Although resolutions are not binding, they express the intent or opinions of the legislature, and therefore the represented opinion of California's citizens. However, these three resolutions do not represent the will of voters who have repeatedly rejected the aggressive homosexual agenda.

AJR 13 "encourages" the President and the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services to repeal the current FDA ban on homosexual blood donors. This is a dangerous appeal that could result in health risks for innocent blood transfusions.

AJR 15 "encourages" Congress to pass and the President to sign the Uniting American Families Act, which will allow United States residents to sponsor their same-sex partners for legal immigration. However, the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) specifically defines marriage as being between one man and one woman. For family members to immigrate to America, they must be family by blood, marriage, or adoption. The Uniting American Families Act seeks to make an exception to this rule and undermine the important DOMA policy of protecting marriage.

AJR 19 calls upon Congress and the President of the United States to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act. Like California, federal law recognizes only traditional, heterosexual marriage. Last November millions of Californians, for the second time, voted to protect the traditional definition of marriage being between one man and one woman. Yet the California Legislature has repeatedly attempted to thwart the people's decision. AJR 19 does not express the beliefs of the majority of Californians, who support traditional marriage protection in our state and our federal government.

Call your Assembly member and Senator and tell them to vote NO on AJR 13, 15 and 19.

California Bills

September 11 is the last day for bills to pass the legislature and go to the governor. That means the next two weeks will be a busy time for the legislature.

There are several bills that attack the initiative process, which has proven a valuable tool for voters. Please call your legislators and urge them to vote NO on these attacks on the initiative process:

SB 34-Restricting Paid Petition Gathering (Corbett)

This bill would create a new crime, by making it a misdemeanor for anyone to pay or receive anything of value, based on the number of signatures obtained on an initiative, referendum, or recall petition. In Assembly; will be voted on at any time.

AB 6 - Requiring Initiative Circulators to Register with Government (Saldana)

This bill would require any professional petition firm, which pays people to circulate and collect signatures for petitions to place initiatives on the ballot, to register with the Secretary of State. In Senate; will be voted on at any time.

AB 436-Making Initiative Ballot Qualification More Expensive (Saldana)

This bill would increase the initiative fee to \$2,000, making it very expensive for organizations or citizens to file their initiative. In Senate; will be voted on at any time.

AB 1068-Prohibiting Paid Petition Gathering (Saldana)

AB 1068 would prohibit contracts for circulating petitions and gathering signatures for those measures that make payment contingent upon the measure qualifying for the ballot. In Senate; will be voted on at any time.



Banning Plastic Bags Fee for Paper Bags

The San Jose City Council committee on this has recommended that the Council pass it. It is tentatively scheduled for November.

Contact you Council Member to oppose

Once this passes in San Jose...look for every city in Santa Clara County to adopt this!



Santa Clara County Tea Party

Join with other local conservatives to let Washington know that you are opposed to Obamacare, Cap and Trade and all of the rest of the impending Socialist legislation.

LOCATION

Corner of Winchester
and Stevens Creek

DATE

Sunday, September
13th

TIME

1:00—3:00 PM

Bring your signs!!

Upcoming Events

New Member Tea —You Are Invited!!!

There will be a new member tea on Wednesday, September 9th from 2-3:30pm. It will be at the home of 1st Vice-President, Cathy Davis (1238 Hillcrest Drive, San Jose, 95120).

This is a great opportunity to meet other members and hear from the board of directors about our wonderful organization.

If you also know of someone who you think would like SVARW, please bring them along. RSVP to Cathy at 408-323-8685 or champdavis5@att.net.

If you joined SVARW within the last year and have not attended a new member tea, you are encouraged to attend!!



SVARW October Meeting — October 21, 2009

The children are our future : How is education molding that future?



Come hear Craig DeLuz, one of the most dynamic speakers on this subject at our October meeting

“Next to family, one of the most powerful shapers of our children’s lives is our public school system. It’s the place where our children spend countless hours during their formative years. But In California especially, schools are dominated by the collectivist influence of public employee unions.” ~Craig DeLuz website.

Craig DeLuz, candidate for district 5 Assembly, will be addressing the issue of education and California.

Craig is a widely recognized voice for conservative values. As Founder of Uncommon Sense Media Group, Craig has served as Editor for Red County-Sacramento, the publisher of the VOICE of North Sacramento and Editor-N-Chief for Man2Man Magazine. He is also a featured commentator with the American Urban Radio Network and MAD Moments on Sacramento’s 1380 AM KTKZ. Additionally, hosts his own blog at the Home of Uncommon Sense. Craig has also appeared as a public speaker, radio talk show personality and frequent guest of political, faith and community television shows.

Stars and Stripes Highlights!

Our 2009 Stars and Stripes was a big success! We saw the largest crowd ever.

Office holders and candidates that attended the event included:

- Senator Jeff Denham, candidate for Lt. Governor
- Santa Clara District Attorney, Dolores Carr
- **Councilman Pete Constant, San Jose District 1
- Councilman Pierluigi Oliverio, San Jose District 6
- Tim Hennessey, Candidate for San Jose City Council District 3
- **Mayor Mike Wasserman, Los Gatos
- Councilman Steve Rice, Los Gatos
- **Councilman David Whittum, Sunnyvale
- **Penny Kelly, Candidate for Sunnyvale City Council
- Mark Flores, Candidate for Sunnyvale City Council
- **Councilmember Marilyn Librers, Morgan Hill



Senator Jeff Denham



Mayor Mike Wasserman, our hostess Maria Fisher, and Councilman Steve Rice



Sunnyvale Councilman David Whittum (center) with candidates for Sunnyvale City Council, Mark Flores and Penny Kelly



San Jose City Councilman, Pierluigi Oliveri with Los Gatos Town Councilman, Steve Rice



SVARW President, Carol Joyal with husband, Arnold and Norine Bacon



Members Jan Pollestad and Norma Coe enjoy appetizers

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