



Upcoming Events at SVARW

April 18, 2012 —SVARW Monthly Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ♦ **April 12** –An evening with Leslie Reynolds
- ♦ **April 18**—Candidate Forum—Local Candidates
- ♦ **May 12**—Liberty Celebration with Arizona Sheriff Richard Mack
- ♦ **May 16**—Monthly Meeting with Lance Izumi
- ♦ **June 20**—Red, White & Blue Monthly Meeting with David Bundesen
- ♦ **August 25**—Stars and Stripes!

SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada
Country Club

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



Local and National Candidate Forum —Who's Running and Why

Join us on April 18 to meet local, state and national candidates in person!

Candidates such as **Leslie Reynolds**, who is



Elizabeth Emken



David Chapman



Arlyne Diamond

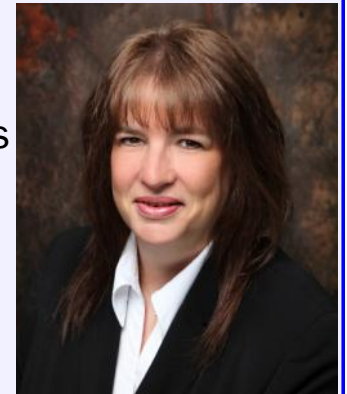
running for San Jose City Council District 10, and U.S.Senate Candidate **Elizabeth Emken** who is trying to defeat Senator Dianne Feinstein will be

there plus **David Chapman** who is running in CA-District 14 against Anna Eshoo, **Chad Walsh** running in newly created California State Assembly District 28 along with

Arlyne Diamond, running for Assembly in a newly-created California District 25. Each candidate

will briefly present why they are run-

ning for office and then take questions from the floor. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the candidates and have your questions answered.



Leslie Reynolds



Chad Walsh

Time: Monthly meetings start at 9:30 with check-in at 9:00 a.m.

Location: La Rinconada Country Club

14595 Clearview Drive, Los Gatos

Cost: \$15.00 includes continental breakfast

We hope to see YOU there!

May 12, 2012 - Liberty Celebration!

We are thrilled to have **Sheriff Richard Mack** as our speaker. The title of his talk is “**Local Solutions for National Problems.**”

Richard Mack is a powerful and experienced speaker, and a strong advocate of states' rights and individual freedoms. He has been a tireless crusader for the Bill of Rights, working for various groups including Gun Owners of America, the Libertarian Party, the Second Amendment Foundation, presidential candidates Pat Buchanan and Ron Paul, and many others to further individual rights. He has been the guest speaker at numerous events nationally and has worked hard for the rights of Americans everywhere. Sheriff Mack is a self-described “constitutional conservative” with a long history of supporting causes such as states' rights, individual rights, and Second Amendment rights.



In addition, Sheriff Mack has recently announced he is running for Congress in Texas, attempting to unseat longtime (since 1987!) Congressman Lamar Smith. Smith, as head of the House committee charged with writing copyright law, is responsible for authoring and pushing the SOPA bill (Stop Online Piracy Act) and another online surveillance measure. Both of these measures represent an unprecedented invasion into our privacy and freedoms.

Don't miss this fantastic event! To register, go to www.svarw.com or fill out the form on page 4 of this newsletter and send it in with your check.

May 16, 2012—SVARW Monthly Meeting

How Obama and the Left are Hijacking Education in America



Our speaker will be **Lance Izumi**, a Koret Senior Fellow and senior director of education studies at the Pacific Research Institute. He is the co-author of the groundbreaking book *Not as Good as You Think: Why the Middle Class Needs School Choice* and is co-executive producer of the award-winning 2009 PBS-broadcast film documentary *Not as Good As You Think: The Myth of the Middle Class School*. His latest book is *Obama's Education Takeover*. Lance also appears in the Academy Award-winning documentary *Waiting for Superman*. Lance will discuss the dismal state of education in America today – the many reasons, the situation as it currently stands and what can be done.

June 20, 2012 —SVARW Red, White & Blue Monthly Meeting

Preventing the Erosion of our Freedom

Our speaker will be **David Bundesen**, Advancement Officer, National Rifle Association. David will be speaking about preventing the erosion of our individual freedoms. Specific talking points will include:



- The anti-gun movement is well-funded and led by the likes of George Soros, Dianne Feinstein and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. This movement is dedicating enormous resources to erode the values of individual freedoms as designed by our founding fathers.
- We have a national media that exhibits a clear bias against guns and gun ownership
- NRA has established the NRA Voice of Freedom programs to promote initiatives that champion individual freedoms and responsibilities

Time: Monthly meetings start at 9:30 with check-in at 9:00 a.m.

Location: La Rinconada Country Club 14595 Clearview Drive, Los Gatos

Cost: \$15.00 includes continental breakfast

Memo from Our President Janet Nedde

This is an important election year, and as such, SVARW has been busy raising money to elect candidates, spread the SVARW brand, and bring quality speakers to our monthly meetings. Unfortunately, rising costs are impacting our monthly meetings. In some months, the breakfast revenues do not cover the costs of the breakfasts due to additional costs related to the speakers. Because of this, at the March 28th board meeting, the SVARW Board voted to increase the cost of the breakfast at La Rinconada from \$13 to \$15. SVARW is committed to continuing to present high quality and informative speakers at our monthly meetings. We hope you understand our decision to raise the meeting cost and look forward to seeing you at future monthly meetings.

SVARW Member Book Exchange by Janet Nedde

Greetings SVARW Members!

My husband and I were talking about how many great books there are on the market for conservative readers, some of which you want to add to your library, and others not so much. Often we want to read a book, but do not want to purchase it. Unfortunately, our library here in Los Gatos does not tend to purchase the current conservative So, Norm suggested that SVARW set up a book loan program, and I think that it book to loan could bring it to the general card indicating your name, the name of to sign their name and provide a phone you would know who has your book, and Don't forget to put your name and contact nate a table at La Rinconada for this something wonderful to read this month!



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See you at the next meeting, our Candidate Forum.

Santa Clara County Government 101: ACADEMY by Lisa Marshik

The county has started a new education class and I was selected to attend. The purpose of the class is to:

- Raise public awareness of county roles and services
- Promote engagement and understanding of the county
- Encourage participation in advisory boards and commissions and volunteer opportunities, and
- Contribute to creating a more informed public

This is a 10-week course. Each week we meet at a different location. Our first session was at the County Headquarters and an overview of the county was given.

Some interesting County Statistics:

- Santa Clara County consists of 1.8 Million
- Each supervisor serves approximately 370,000 people
- 100,000 people live in the un-incorporated areas of Santa Clara County.
- Santa Clara is the 6th largest county in the State and the 14th largest in the US
- Santa Clara County is the largest employer – 15,000 people

20 to 25% of county funds come from the federal government

If you have any questions about what transpired during the course, please feel free to forward them to me,

Lisa at membership@svarw.com.



Annual Liberty Celebration

Featuring... **Arizona's**

Sheriff Richard Mack

Sheriff Richard Mack along with seven other county sheriffs sued the Clinton Administration over the constitutionality of the **Brady Gun Control Bill**. Their victory in *Printz/Mack vs USA* was a victory for States' Rights and the 10th Amendment.



Sheriff Richard Mack

Plus...Honoring the American Gold Star Mothers of Northern California

Saturday, May 12th

Doors Open: 9:00 AM

Social & Refreshments: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

Los Gatos Elks, 105 Newell Ave., Los Gatos

Purchase tickets online at www.svarw.com

or complete this form

Tickets are only \$25

Reservations – First Come, First Served

Name_____

Address:_____

City_____ Zip_____

Number of tickets @ \$25 per ticket = \$_____

If you are purchasing more than one ticket on this form, please provide the name of the additional guests:

Please make your check payable to **SVARW** and mail to Lisa Marshik, 319 Blossom Valley Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032.

Sheriff Richard Mack will have signed copies of his books for sale

Our speaker for the Liberty Celebration is Sheriff Richard Mack, the Arizona Sheriff who dared to bring a suit against the Clinton Administration.

During his tenure as Sheriff for Graham County Arizona, federal officers informed the sheriffs of the state that they would be required to enforce the so-called "Brady Bill" and run background checks at their expense under the law. In 1994, Mack and six other sheriffs from across the country challenged the constitutionality of the Brady Bill, and ultimately fought it all the way to the United States Supreme Court where they won a monumental decision for freedom.

On June 27, 1997, the Supreme Court ruled in *Printz/Mack vs. USA* that the Brady Bill was unconstitutional, thus restoring the 10th Amendment:

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution...are reserved to the States respectively or to the people."

Today, Sheriff Mack is a tireless crusader for the Bill of Rights.

Once again the San Jose Tea Party hosted by the *Tea Party Patriots of Silicon Valley* will be out in force to let Silicon Valley know that we are TAXED ENOUGH ALREADY!

The event begins at 1:30 PM on Sunday afternoon, April 15th, at Ceasar Chavez Plaza in downtown San Jose. This is the park in front of the Fairmont Hotel. You can park in one of the downtown lots or it is an easy walk from the light rail.

The afternoon will be packed with music, speakers including award-winning morning drive and radio hosts *Armstrong and Getty*, and KSFO radio talk show host *Brian Sussman*. Don't forget to bring your signs!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

New this year will be tables hosted by various participating organizations. SVARW will have a table to promote our organization, The Liberty Celebration, The Conservative Calendar and our SVARW Voter Guide. Volunteers are needed to help man the table and pass out material.

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Jan Soule at jansoule@svarw.com or call 408-691-2111.

TWO WAYS to HELP at the POLLS on JUNE 5th



In Santa Clara County:

Go to www.sccvote.org, click on "Volunteer at the Polls", and fill out the Election Officer Application Form. Election Officers are expected to be at the polling site from 6:00am to 9:00pm on Election Day, help set up the day before the election, and attend a training class. Inspector stipends are \$150 - \$180; Clerk stipends are \$95 - \$125.

The Election Integrity Project:

Contact Joel Fine at:

joel@electionintegrityproject.com

or Nina Myers at:

maximart@comcast.net

Ask to be invited to their upcoming Meeting to Welcome Volunteers. Volunteers are needed to man polling precincts and observe. This opportunity is for people who are available for only a few hours, as well as those who are willing to give more of their time.

Please visit their website at:

www.electionintegrityproject.com

for information about the project.

Voter Guide

June 5, 2012

More recommendations at SVARW.com

Non-Partisan

SC County Superior Court Judge * Steven R. Pogue

San Jose City Council District 10 * Leslie Reynolds

San Jose Measure B * Yes

Partisan

U.S. Senate * Elizabeth Emken

County Central Committee-Republican

1st Supervisorial District--Rep

Norm Nedde * Kerri Dunlay * Gail DeSmet

Fred Vela * Debra Janssen-Martinez * Lisa Marshik

3rd Supervisorial District--Rep * Ty Greaves

4th Supervisorial District--Rep

Paria Amini * Kirsten Williams * Peter Soule

Chris Mays * Pete Constant

5th Supervisorial District--Rep * Deborah Kerwin-Peck

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Local and California Legislation

Union Loses Court Battle to Force San Diego Into Bankruptcy

Unions have tried to keep San Jose from reforming its pension system. If successful, San Jose, which has already fired one third of its cops, will be forced into bankruptcy. They tried to stop San Diego from saving itself. ...

Stephen Franks

"The state Public Employment Relations Board will not be able to take action against an initiative to reform the city of San Diego's pension system until after it has been voted on, the City Attorney's Office announced today."

... the voters will be allowed to determine if they want to reform the pension system, to save the city budget and basic government services. This is on the ballot due to 116,000 citizens' [signatures on] the initiative ... the extortionist unions tried to stop.

Time for a ballot box revolt in San Diego and the rest of California.

<http://capoliticalnews.com/2012/03/28/union-loses-court-battle-to-force-san-diego-into-bankruptcy-due-to-sweetheart-pension-system/>

Katy Grimes: Democrats/Brown Decide Climate Change Can Wait

At an informational hearing about how to spend the proceeds of the sale of carbon permits, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) announced that the first carbon permit auction will be moved from August to after the November election.

Stephen Franks

CARB has been claiming the sales will raise \$4 billion. But this is not new revenue coming into the state; it will come from taxpayers, homeowners, business owners, and utility users, in addition to the high taxes and utility costs we already pay. Why?

"Just-in-case anyone in the media decides to report on what cap and trade will actually cost California businesses or utility rate payers start screaming about increasing utility bills or carbon trading scams become public or more California solar companies file bankruptcy"

<http://capoliticalnews.com/2012/03/28/grimes-democratsbrown-decide-climate-change-can-wait-for-nov-election/>

California's Endangered Charter Schools [AB 1172]

State's powerful teachers' unions want to regulate charters into submission.

Try as the California Teachers Association* might, the powerful union cannot realistically organize all of California's charter schools, only about 15 percent of which are currently unionized. Instead, the union is taking an indirect approach, sponsoring legislation that, if enacted, could over time greatly diminish the number of charters ... and reduce what little school choice Californians have.

Larry Sand

Unable to unionize charters in sufficient numbers, the CTA* has focused on changing the way these schools are authorized and re-authorized. Last year, the union sponsored two anti-charter bills, AB 269 and AB 1262, both of which failed in the legislature the California Federation of Teachers last year sponsored AB 401. That bill, too, never saw the light of day.

But in late January, the state assembly voted 45 to 28 to approve AB 1172, which adds language that would allow local school boards to block creation of a new charter school if it would have a "negative fiscal impact" on the school district. California's charter law already provides several clearly defined reasons why new petitions may be denied.

AB 1172 doesn't merely threaten to kill new charter school districts; it could broadly construe "negative fiscal impact" as an excuse not to renew existing charter schools after the statutory five-year period. Thus, if AB 1172 passed, the number of charter schools in California could plummet within a few years.

<http://www.city-journal.org/2012/cjc0313ls.html>



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Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 25th
@ 9:30 AM

Sunshine

Norine needs to know if a member is ill or has lost a loved one. We care about our members and would like to follow up with a call and a card.

Please call Norine Bacon to let her know.

408-377-7111

California and Federal Legislation

California SB 1221: Renewed Attacks by State Senators Against Hunting

J.P. Puette

Senator Ted Lieu (CA, District 28) at (916) 651-4028 (senator.lieu@sen.ca.gov), and Senator Darrell Steinberg (CA, District 6) (916) 651-4006 (senator.steinberg@senate.ca.gov), introduced Senate Bill 1221, sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States. SB1221 would expressly prohibit the use of dogs in hunting to pursue any bear or bobcat. While SB1221 would not prohibit the use of **dogs in bird hunting**, the bill's provisions would still threaten the future of hunting and its traditions. The Humane Society thinks hounding is "inhumane, unsporting and unfair." (And that we should buy meat from the grocery store where they do not hurt the animals.) God gave us the use, but not the abuse, of animals. Hunting is a natural, intangible, and intrinsic cultural heritage that we must defend. This is just another way liberals try to chip away at our freedoms. The bill is awaiting assignment to a policy-review committee, which is expected to occur within the next few days.

Please contact Senator Lieu and Senator Steinberg. Follow up by contacting your own state senator and assembly member. Contact information:

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>

<http://www.scifirstforhunters.org/advocacy/pressreleases>

U.S. HR 1837: Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act

Sponsor: Rep. Devin Nunes [R-CA21] 02/29/2012: Passed House

National Taxpayers Union "California water policy has always been an extremely complex process involving numerous, often competing, interests. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act would strike an elegant and sensible balance among many concerns, including property rights, environmental sustainability, and economic development, all in a way that benefits citizens as well as governments at many levels."

Deborah Kerwin-Peck

Citizens Against Government Waste "It is reprehensible that the federal government would put the needs of fish before the livelihoods of Americans and the wallets of taxpayers. [We] strongly urge support [for] the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act."

U.S. Chamber of Commerce "Water is the most essential element to life on earth and an economic driver for strengthening our economy and keeping our communities vibrant and healthy. ... HR 1837 would restore water deliveries to communities by codifying the historic, bipartisan "Bay-Delta Accord," a water agreement entered into by the State of California, the Federal government, water agencies, and environmental organizations."

Supima Cotton "We believe HR 1837 offers a solution that would restore water deliveries that have been cut-off due to federal regulations and environmental lawsuits, ensure a reliable water supply for people and fish, protect and secure water rights and save taxpayers money..."

<http://nunes.house.gov/News/DocumentSingle.aspx?DocumentID=282082>

2012 Election Integrity Project: Judicial Watch Announces Legal Campaign to Force Clean Up of Voter Registration Rolls

Deborah Kerwin-Peck

A Judicial Watch investigation based upon publicly available data indicates voter rolls in the following states appear to contain the names of individuals who are ineligible to vote: Mississippi, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Florida, Alabama, California, and Colorado.

Judicial Watch sent its initial warning letters on February 7, 2012 to election officials in Indiana and Ohio, as well as letters of inquiry to Florida and California officials, investigating problematic voting lists in those states. Additional letters are forthcoming.

http://www.judicialwatch.org/press-room/press-releases/2012-election-integrity-project-judicial-watch-announces-legal-campaign-to-force-clean-up-of-voter-registration-rolls/?utm_source=EmailDirect.com&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=March+16th+Campaign

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Support Our Military

Overseas Coupon Program

Send your coupons to soldiers overseas! This program serves military families by assisting us to forward "manufacturer's coupons" to overseas military bases. **To date, we have sent \$31,833.62 in coupons to the U.S. Navy base in Gaeta, Italy.**

These bundles of coupons are placed on tables, at the PX and Commissary, or handed out for use by military members and families on base. This helps a military family save valuable dollars and stretch their budget. Please follow these four easy steps:

1. Clip your "manufacturer's coupons" with expiration dates that are **no more than one month** past their expiration date.
2. Please sort your coupons into "food" and "non-food" bundles and place them into Ziploc baggies.
3. **Tally the dollar total for each bundle and mark on each baggie with a felt tipped pen.**
4. Bring them to the next SVARW meeting and give them to Christina Sand.

Christina will add up all the tallies and send the coupons overseas.

Remember: the magic words are "manufacturer's coupon". Do **not** send restaurant coupons, assistance vouchers, food stamps, or any other assistance items, which generally have a personal name on them or are issued for a specific person to use. Do **not** send store coupons, which are only good at the store named, and cannot be used on a military base overseas.

Any questions? Contact Christina Sand ccsandesq@gmail.com