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Upcoming Events at SVARW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ◆ December 9th —SVARW Christmas Luncheon and Installation of Officers for 2010
- ◆ December 12th —Political Party, 5:00 PM at the home of Larry and Maria Fisher
- ◆ January 20th —SVARW Monthly Meeting— Central Valley Water Crisis
- ◆ January 30th —Fun Raiser! For Pete Constant
- ◆ February 17th —SVARW Monthly Meeting Santa Clara County Jail System
- ◆ May 22nd —Special SVARW Event with Starr Parker

SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada
Country Club

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

Cost: \$13 includes



December 9, 2009 —SVARW Monthly Meeting

Christmas Luncheon and Installation of 2010 Officers

Our Christmas Luncheon is always a special event! We will be installing our new officers for 2010. Santa Clara County District Attorney, Delores Carr will administer the oath of office. Delores Carr is the first woman to hold the office of District Attorney.

Each year SVARW features a charity at our Christmas Luncheon. This year, Teen Challenge will be with us. Teen Challenge, with a documented success rate of 86%, is regarded as one of the most successful drug rehabilitation programs in the world. Participants from the program will share their stories and sing.

As in years past, we encourage our members to consider making a donation to our featured charity. We'll have a basket for your contributions.

Our program begins at 10:30 AM. If you have not yet make a reservation, contact Cathy Davis at 408-323-8685, to see if there is space available.

Merry Christmas
Happy Hanukkah



Delores Carr
Santa Clara County DA

LOCATION
La Rinconada Country Club

Check In —10:30 AM
Reservations Required

See Page 7
Tickets can be purchased
online at :
www.svarw.com

14595 Clearview Drive -
Los Gatos, CA 95032

OUR JANUARY 20TH PROGRAM FEATURES THE PACIFIC LEGAL FOUNDATION and THE CENTRAL VALLEY WATER CRISIS

PLF is involved in a legal battle challenging the water cutbacks to the Central Valley and Southern California. The Foundation, established in 1973, fights for limited government, property rights, individual rights and a balanced approach to environmental protection. For more information on PLF. visit their website at www.pacificlegal.org



Sean Hannity covering Pacific Legal Foundations fight to turn on the water in the Central Valley



Officers for 2010

President
Cathy Davis

First Vice President
Martha Snodgrass

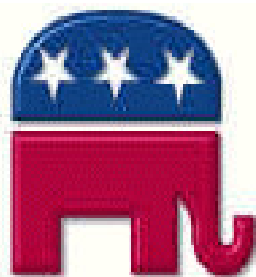
Second Vice President
Carol Joyal

Recording Secretary
Jan Nedde

Corresponding Secretary
Lisa Seago

Treasurer
Helen Gaetano

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, January
27th
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 October 28th 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.tommclintock.com/>

STATE

Barbara Alby for State Board of Equalization
Craig DeLuz for Assembly District 5
<http://craigforassembly.com/>



LOCAL



Pete Constant for San Jose City Council District 1

Chuck Reed for Mayor of San Jose

Mike Wasserman, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
<http://www.mikewasserman.com/>



Help Re-Elect Pete Constant to the San Jose City Council!

Dining & Dancing with Pete!

Saturday, January 30, 2010

6:00—9:00 PM —Elks Lodge, 105 Newell—Los Gatos, CA 95032

Hosts: *Peter and Jan Soule*

Co-Hosts:

Join us

- A blast

for..

with fellow Re-



Pete Constant

San Jose City Council
District 1

Save the Date!

Watch for an
announcement on
December 10th!

Why Support Pete Constant

In 2006, SVARW was the first organization to step forward and hold a fundraiser for Pete Constant. That was one of the best decisions we have ever made!

Pete is the ONLY Republican on the San Jose City Council. He has consistently stood for conservative values leading the charge to try and convince the San Jose City Council that children should be protected from pornography in the public libraries.

Even if you do not live in San Jose, the decisions made by the San Jose City Council effect you! All other municipalities in Santa Clara County follow the decisions made by San Jose. Plus, San Jose controls facilities like the airport that are used by people living in other areas.

We need to retain Pete's conservative voice in San Jose!

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Local State Senators
Abel Maldonado
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Elaine Alquist
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Legislation

Legislation, Barbara Wales Chairman

Legislation

If Legislation has shown us one overwhelming reality this year, it's that we need to have candidates in office who at the very least will hear us and not simply dismiss our opinions as "nuts" or worse. Please take a moment to consider those candidates running in 2010 and support the candidates in any way you can. The person running in your district does not represent your views? Please consider supporting one in another district who does –perhaps one of those on the SVARW endorsed list! Also, support SVARW's candidate support projects including our January 30 "Fun"-Raiser for Pete Constant. Thank you!

Thank you to all who have participated in Legislation this year –everyone who has made a call or signed a letter, FAX or email. A special thank you to the Committee: Jan Soule, Carol Joyal, J.P. Puette, Gloria Gunther, Kathy Herrington, Pat and Tom Rigler, and Lisa Marshik.

AARP

The AARP can out in favor of the most recent House Health Care Legislation. This legislation would cut Medicare benefits. How can this organization claim to be representing seniors and supporting legislation which is not in their best interests? If you are an AARP member, please let your organization know how you feel – thousands have cut up their membership cards and sent them back to AARP.

Thank You Letters

At the last meeting we sent thank you letters to members of the House who voted against the Health Care Legislation. We also sent a thank you to Applebee's for honoring the men and women who have defended our freedom –Active duty military and Veteran's by giving them a free meal on Veteran's Day.

At the Board Meeting members sent Christmas cards to recovering American soldiers in Walter Reed Medical Hospital. If you would like to send a Christmas card to one, please send it to: A Recovering American Soldier, c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20307-5001. Thank you!



Legislation Continued....

SVARW Candidate Endorsement

Since it's an election year, your Board thought it might be beneficial to reiterate SVARW's Candidate and Issue Endorsement Policy. Unlike many other Republican organizations, SVARW is able to endorse candidates in the primary, is able to endorse a non-Republican, and does not automatically endorse a candidate in the general election just because it says "Republican" after the name.

The major reasons for endorsing are 1) the candidate stands for those positions on most issues which most of our members support, 2) the candidate will benefit from our endorsement, 3) SVARW will take actions to support the candidate. Lack of endorsement does not mean that most SVARW members will not vote for a Republican candidate, but rather that they do not meet our criteria for outstanding candidates to work with (see #4 below also).

Any member may recommend endorsing a candidate or issue. The recommendation must be in writing and submitted to The Legislation Chairman or Officer for presentation at the Board Meetings (usually held the last Wednesday of each month). The recommendation should include:

Candidate's name and office and the candidates who are running against them. A statement as to why this candidate is the one who should be endorsed by SVARW (his/her stands on issues, voting record, etc.) If it's an issue, indicate both sides of the issue.

Has the person spoken at SVARW so members had a chance to ask about the candidate's positions and qualifications? (This requirement can be waived if the candidate and the candidate's positions are well known.) For an issue, has someone spoken on it at SVARW?

What benefit would it be to the candidate (or issue) to receive an SVARW endorsement? What are you personally willing to do to support the candidate (or issue)? (Chair an SVARW fundraiser for the candidate, run a voter registration drive in the candidate's area, work on having a series of neighborhood coffees for the candidate, etc.) This is especially important because a major consideration for the Board is that SVARW be ready to actively support our endorsed candidates.

SVARW will review, for endorsement, all Honorary Members, General Members and Supporting Members who are running for office as early as possible.

The Board will vote on the endorsements which are scheduled on the Board Agenda at the Board Meetings. Candidates received letters of endorsement when endorsed. Endorsements appear in the Newsletter.

If you have any questions, please see the Candidate Development Chairman, Legislation Chairman, Parliamentarian or one of the Officers.



**RUN FOR
CENTRAL
COMMITTEE!!!**

Our local Republican Party is run by the Central Committee of the Santa Clara County Republican Party. SVARW is encouraging its members to consider running for a seat on the Central Committee.

Members are elected every two years based on Supervisorial District. The election is June 2010.

Nomination papers can be picked up beginning February 16th. Papers must be filed by 5pm on March 12, 2010.



Save the Date !

Saturday, May 22, 2010



STAR PARKER

Conservative columnist, Star Parker, will headline a special SVARW Event on May, 22, 2010.

Save the Date!! More Details coming!



Distributing Fliers

We welcome members to share information with others in our group. Before distributing fliers, our rules require approval by the Executive Board. This can be done easily and quickly if this is a very timely issue. Just contact an Executive Board member and supply them with a copy of the material so they can make sure it meets with the goals of our organization. Executive Board member names and phone numbers are in front of the roster. Most have e-mail addresses listed in the roster too.

SVARW Members Responded!!!

Members of SVARW donated food at our November meeting to help Friends Outside assist with last minute needs at Christmas. Many fragile families have their sole breadwinner incarcerated around Christmas. The family is devastated emotionally and financially. In February we will hear more about our County Jail system.



February 17th SVARW Monthly Meeting

Our Santa Clara County Jail System
Improving Outcomes and Saving Money

Speaker: David Gonzalez

Dave is Executive Director of Friends Outside and a career County Deputy Sheriff in our County Main Jail. He is a Stanford graduate.

It's Time to Renew Your SVARW Membership for 2010

Our membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. Membership renewals must be received by December 31, 2008, to ensure uninterrupted delivery of your SVARW Newsletter.

Dues for 2009 remain the same:

\$20 for members, \$5 for supporting spouse.

Kyra Hubis, our membership chairman, will be handing out individual renewal forms at our next meeting that include the current information we have on file for you. Please make corrections to that information and return to Kyra with your check made out to SVARW.

Alternatively, you can go online to www.svarw.com and pay your dues on line.

Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 9th
10:30 AM—Noon

Reserve your place today for SVARW's annual Christmas Luncheon! Our program includes:

- Installation of SVARW Officers for 2010 by the Honorable Delores Carr
- Featured Charity: Teen Challenge
- Music provided by Teen Challenge
- Delicious Luncheon includes salad, your choice of Chicken Crepes, Salmon or Vegetarian, Bread and Dessert

Cost: \$38

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

Questions? Contact Maria Fischer at (408) 395-0335

Christmas Party Reservation

Make check payable to SVARW—\$38 per person

Mail to: Cathy Davis, 1238 Hillcrest Dr, San Jose, CA 95120

Or purchase tickets online at www.svarw.com

Circle Lunch Choice

Member Name:

Salmon Chicken
Vegetarian Crepes

Vegetarian

Guest/Supporting Member Name:

Salmon Chicken
Vegetarian Crepes

Vegetarian

About Teen Challenge

Teen Challenge, with a documented success rate of 86%, is regarded as one of the most successful drug rehabilitation programs in the world.

Many of the people who come to Teen Challenge with their drug problems and associated troubled lifestyles, often come from a background of being unwanted, left out, and forgotten, they all come with broken lives and desperate hearts.

Pete Constant along with many civic leaders in Santa Clara County are strong supporters of Teen Challenge.

Like the Salvation Army, it is a faith-based organization that gets results...without tax payer dollars! Learn more about Teen Challenge at: www.teenchallenge.net

Luncheon Includes

Salad

Butter Lettuce and Persimmon Salad toasted pumpkin seed, goat cheese croutons with Champagne vinaigrette

Entrée: choice of:

Smoked Chicken, Walnuts, Spinach and Fontina Cheese Crepes,

Pan Roasted Salmon

Vegetarian —Chef's Choice

Bread:

Assorted Rolls and Whipped Butter

Dessert:

Sticky Toffee Pudding Cake

SVARW members are encouraged to consider making a donation to Teen Challenge at our December meeting.



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Join SVARW's "Political Party"

December 12th—5:00 PM

It's that time again to get together with fellow Republicans and enjoy a little Christmas cheer with 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 Maria and Larry Fischer — 105 Kathy Court — Los Gatos, CA 95030

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.