



# Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SVARW

### Mark Your Calendar!

- ◆ December 12th—SVARW Meeting. Annual Christmas Brunch and installation of officers for 2008
- ◆ Jan. 16—SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada.
- ◆ January 26—Fun-Raiser for Dean Andal
- ◆ February 20—SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada. Learn how to effect local government policy. With Pete Constant.
- ◆ February 23—Trip to the California Republican Party Convention.

### SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada  
Country Club

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

Cost: \$12 for Continental  
Breakfast



## Dec. 12: Christmas Brunch

SVARW annual Christmas Brunch and installation of officers for 2008 takes place on Wednesday, December 12th at La Rinconada Country Club in Los Gatos. Check in begins at 9:30 AM. Husbands are always welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Special guests include, Councilman Mike Wasserman of Los Gatos who will conduct the swearing in of our 2008 SVARW Board Members. Mike's wife Kim is a member of SVARW.

SVARW will honor the San Jose Youth Symphony and we will be privileged to hear from Yair Samet, the conductor members of the orchestra.



Yair Samet

## February 20th SVARW Meeting Special Guest: Pete Constant



Pete Constant will celebrate his first year in office by coming to speak with SVARW about how to effect policy at the local government level.

As Pete explains, "Showing up at a city council meeting and getting 2 minutes to speak is simply not enough to make a difference.

Coming and here how to make things happen from someone on the inside of local government.

February 20, 2008, check in begins at 9:00 AM

## Dining and Dancing with Dean

SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS

Fun-Raiser: Enjoy, appetizers, dinner, dessert full martini, wine and beer bar for only **\$25!!!**





## NEWS

### SVARW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2008

**Jan Soule**  
President

**Lisa Marshik**  
Vice President

**Laurette Blasig**  
Recording Secretary

**Gail DeSmet**  
Corresponding Secretary

**Helen Gaetano**  
Treasurer

**Diane Owen**  
Parliamentarian

## It's Been Quite a Year!!

### President's Message for 2007

This has been an exciting year for Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women! Most of our members do not realize that we are the largest Republican Women's Organization in Santa Clara County. Republican women are attracted to our organization because we not only talk about electing Republicans to office...we do something about it! For example....

On January 26, 2008, SVARW is sponsoring a Fun-Raiser, "Dining and Dancing with Dean", to support Dean Andal's bid to represent Silicon Valley in Congress. Check out the details in this issue. We got behind Pete Constant with a similar event in 2006...and now we have a hard working Republican on the San Jose City Council.

#### Highlights of 2007:

**January.** Dr. History from KSFO's Brian Sussman Show.

**February.** Lance Izumi from Pacific Research Institute who provided a report card on education in California.

**March.** Trip to Lawrence Livermore Labs for a behind the scenes look.

**April,** Barbara Alby, whose life story took her from welfare mom to the California Legislature.

**May.** Update on the anti-family legislation going through Sacramento from Capitol Resource Institute's Executive Director, Karen England, confirmed our worst fears.

**June.** Red, White and Blue meeting featuring National Guard Staff Sgt. Kenneth Weischert relating about his participation in the capture of Saddam Hussein.

**August:** Stars and Stripes Gala with special guests San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed and City Councilman Pete Constant.

**September.** Dr. Lydia Ortega spoke on Exploitation of Trade

**October.** Melanie Morgan drew a giant crowd!

**November.** GOP Presidential Candidate Representatives

#### *We had a big year...and it wasn't even an election year!*

Next year, look forward to:

- Pete Constant's guidance on how to effect local policy
- SVARW trip to attend the California Republican Convention.
- Candidate forums as we learn about candidates running for office in Santa Clara County
- Education on the upcoming propositions and initiatives.

And more.

**Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!**

*Jan Soule*

## Congratulations to Our Officers for 2008

President — Jan Soule

Vice President — Lisa Marshik

Recording Secretary—Laurette Mayo-Blasig

Corresponding Secretary — Gail DeSmet

Treasurer – Helen Gaetano

## Help Wanted!!

We have a great organization because many members give of their time to make things happen. If you would like to be involved in some way please contact Jan Soule: [jsoule@campaignsuperstore.com](mailto:jsoule@campaignsuperstore.com)

Right now we need a Newsletter Editor. We appreciate the job that Judy Cziprian has done all year! She is no longer able to help in this area. Can you help??

## Update on Library Computer Filters

On November 14<sup>th</sup> the San Jose Rules Committee met and determined that there was a need for more research and referred the policy to the SJ Youth Commission and the SJ Library Commission for their input. There is not currently a date scheduled for the policy to be reviewed by the Rules Committee. Since this is the next step before it can go to the Council for a vote, I will be keeping an eye on this and let you know when a date is scheduled.

It appears that the council vote will likely be in 2008. This gives us additional time to share the news with others and have them join our grassroots effort. Values Advocacy Council has a web site which will give you information that you may share with friends and family. Go to <http://www.vac.org/> and click on Pornography Filters on Public Library Computers. This will assist us in extending the number of people involved in *Make Our Libraries Safe Again for Our Children*.

### Save Our Kids!!! Referendum on SB777

SB777 signed by Governor Schwarzenegger bans any teaching or activities in schools that “promote a discriminatory bias” against homosexuals, transgenders, bisexuals, and those with gender (perceived or actual issues. References to “mom and dad” will be banned. Gender specific bathrooms will be banned.

Petitions are being circulated that call for a Referendum on this law that is going into effect January 1, 2008. If you picked up a petition at our last meeting to circulate, please bring it on December 12th and give it to Claudette Averill. They must be completed by Dec. 17 (new date) and she will take care of mailing for you.

If you want more information on this bill, go to [kengland@capitolresource.org](mailto:kengland@capitolresource.org) and request an update on Save Our Kids. She has all the information on obtaining signatures at different locations plus explanation of the bill.

For questions on this Referendum, contact our Legislation Chairman, Claudette Averill at (408) 268-5534.

Visit: <http://www.saveourkids.net/>



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## SVARW Membership Renewal Form

Three Steps to Renewing Your Membership in SVARW:

**Step 1**— Complete the following information to ensure that everything in next year's SVARW Roster is correct and that we have your preferences for contact.

Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be signing up your spouse as a supporting member? Yes\* No  
[Supporting member must be a Republican!]

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you wish to receive your newsletter? Please circle one: Email  
Regular Mail

Do you wish to receive email updates? Yes No

**Step 2**— Sign below acknowledging your compliance with SVARW Bylaws and Standing Rules.

I agree to abide by SVARW Bylaws and Standing Rules \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

**Step 3**— Mail in your dues. Make your check payable to **SVARW** (\$20 for members, \$5 for supporting member-spouse) and mail to:

Kyra Hubis  
1459 Corte De Rosa  
San Jose, CA 95120

**Not sure you paid your 2008 dues? Ask Kyra!**

Phone: 408-268-9507

Email: [puz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:puz@sbcglobal.net)

## Editorial from The San Diego Union-Tribune courtesy of the California Republican Party

# No on Proposition 93

*It's a self-serving power play, not reform*

This editorial page has long viewed term limits as a populist stunt. The claim that term limits would reduce the clout of special interests and bring fresh blood and fresh thinking into politics has not been borne out over the past two decades.

Nevertheless, we strongly oppose Proposition 93, the highest-profile measure on the February presidential primary ballot. It would loosen California's term-limits law by allowing lawmakers to serve 12 years total in either the Assembly or the Senate. They now are allowed to serve a maximum of six years in the Assembly and eight in the Senate.

This change is not an inherently bad idea. But everything else about the initiative stinks of expedience.

Consider Proposition 93's origins. Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez and Senate President Don Perata built early support for the measure by vowing to pair it with a redistricting initiative that would end the severe gerrymandering that makes it all but impossible to defeat a legislative incumbent, however shady or ineffective.

Instead, Núñez and Perata once again went back on promises to back redistricting reform and worked to put the term-limits measure on the ballot by itself.

Consider the base motives driving the initiative. Núñez, Perata and 40 other lawmakers will be termed out and lose their jobs in a year unless it passes.

The Legislature ostensibly added a third 2008 statewide election on Feb. 5 so Californians could have extra influence on the presidential race. Don't believe it. The real reason was so that Proposition 93 could pass and thus allow these 42 lucky incumbents to run again in the June 3 legislative primaries.

Consider the dishonest way the initiative is being marketed. Its ballot title is misleading in the extreme - "Limits on Legislators' Terms in Office." So is the ballot description, which offers no context to help voters understand how the measure benefits a select club of 42 career politicians. (Thanks a lot, Attorney General Jerry Brown, who approved the wording.)

The deception continues with Proposition 93's Internet campaign, which declares it would immediately improve the Legislature - even though its sole immediate effect is to keep the same bickering, ineffective pols on the job.

The only good thing about Proposition 93 is that its brazenness will further bury the myth that Núñez, Perata and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger have ushered in a new and enlightened era. The initiative reflects the same sort of shabby power politics that have long been the Sacramento norm.

Thankfully, voters are lukewarm about the measure. Even before the inevitable TV ad campaign points out 93's self-serving nature, a fall Field Poll showed it had less than majority support.



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## California Republican Convention

### Join SVARW Trip on February 23rd

The California Republican Party holds two conventions each year, the spring convention in Northern California and the fall convention in Southern California. Mark your calendar...the CRP Convention will take place **February 22-24, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco.**

Unlike the national Republican convention held every four years where attendance is limited to delegates, alternates and invited guests, every registered Republican in California has an opportunity to attend the state convention.

Join SVARW for a day at the California Republican Convention on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. ***Barbara Alby, National Committee Woman from California to the RNC and KSFO's Melanie Morgan are on the agenda to meet with SVARW members.***

You can become an Associate Delegate for \$16. Although Associate Delegates do not vote at the convention unless carrying a proxy, they still enjoy every other benefit of attendance :

Attend all general sessions.

Meet Republicans from across the entire state of California, including Republican office holders and candidates.

Attend workshops on grassroots organizing, an inside look at polling (who looks best against Hillary!), campaign school, etc. \*

Opportunity to purchase banquet tickets to numerous lunch and dinner events headlined by well-known keynote speakers. Last spring, the ticket to the Rudy Giuliani lunch was the hot item!\* [Lunch banquet usually runs between \$50-\$60]

Visit vendor booths. Everything "Republican" is for sale! Scarves, ties, bumper stickers, clothes, books, T-shirts, jewelry, etc.

Schmooze at hospitality suites hosted by candidates and organizations.\*

(\*)Delegates and Associate Delegates must register to attend the convention and pay a registration fee which is about \$60

**Indicate your interest by completing this form and sending to Lisa Marshik, 319 Blossom Valley Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032 or call Lisa at 408-358-0828.**

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to:

- ☐ Take a van to San Francisco for the day (Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- ☐ I could drive a van/car to the Convention for the day (Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- ☐ I will get to San Francisco myself and would like to be a part of SVARW activities at the Convention on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ☐ I will be staying in San Francisco and would be interested in any SVARW activities that weekend.

# Dining and Dancing with Dean

You're Invited to a

*Eat, Have Fun, and Help Elect a  
Republican to US Congress*

## Where can you:

- Have a blast with like-minded Republicans?
- Listen to the Big Band sounds of the 26 piece Sons of Jubal Band?
- Take a photo with the next US Congressman from Silicon Valley?
- Enjoy, appetizers, dinner, dessert and a full martini, wine and beer bar for only **\$25?**

## Right here!

**January 26th — 6:00-8:30 PM**

### Ticket Information

**\$25 in advance**

\$35 after January 16th

To sign up complete the form  
below making checks payable  
to

**Citizens for Andal**

Mail to:

Janet Chakraborty  
1124 Valley Quail Cr  
San Jose, CA 95120

***Frankly, \$25 is a terrific  
deal for:***

- Appetizers, dinner, dessert and a full martini, wine and beer bar.
- Terrific live music.

***We hope you will come and  
be prepared to contribute to  
Dean Andal's Congressional Campaign.***



## Dean Andal

Candidate for Congress  
District 11

### Why Support Dean Andal

As Republicans living in Santa Clara County we often feel that we have no representation in Congress because...we don't!

All four of the gerrymandered congressional districts that include portions of Santa Clara County are currently held by tax-and-spend liberal Democrats.

Electing Dean Andal to the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat will give Santa Clara County a fiscally conservative Republican Congressman who stands for:

- Beefing up national security and intelligence.
- Economic growth enhanced by lower taxes and less

### Dining and Dancing with Dean — January 26, 2008

Tickets @ \$25 per person (\$35 after 1/16/08)

Name (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Name (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## This May Be Your Last Newsletter

Our membership year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership renewals must be received by December 31, 2007, to ensure uninterrupted delivery of your SVARW Newsletter. Dues for 2008 remain the same:

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

It is important that upon renewing your membership that we gather updated information for the SVARW Roster and that we have your signature agreeing to abide by the SVARW Bylaws.

A SVARW Membership Renewal Form is included in this issue of the newsletter.

***To renew your membership, complete the renewal form and make out your check to SVARW and send to Kyra Hubis at: 1459 Corte De Rosa, San Jose, CA 95120.***