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Upcoming Events at SVARW

December 14, 2011 —SVARW Monthly Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ◆ **December 7—LAST DAY** to sign up for the annual Christmas Luncheon!
- ◆ **December 10—Last** Patriot Party of the Year!
- ◆ **December 14—Annual** Christmas Luncheon & installation of officers.
- ◆ **January 18—SVARW** Town Hall with Mike Wasserman

SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada
Country Club

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



SVARW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON!

We hope you will join us for one of our best events of the year – the SVARW Christmas Luncheon. In addition to a delicious lunch and the opportunity to meet and mingle with like-minded local Republicans, the agenda will include:

- ✳ **Installation of Officers for 2012.** We are pleased that Leslie Reynolds, San Jose Unified School District Trustee and candidate to represent Almaden Valley (District 10) for the San Jose City Council – will administer the oath.
- ✳ **SVARW's Featured Charity** – Real Options – will be honored. Since 1981, Real Options has provided information, compassion and practical help for women and men facing unplanned pregnancies. Valerie Hill, Executive Director of Real Options, will speak and we hope people will be inspired to consider contributing to this excellent and deserving organization.
- ✳ **Christmas Music** will be provided by a wonderful quartet of students from Leigh High School.
- ✳ **Honoring a Local Soldier** – we will be honoring Anthony Gadd, son of SVARW member Anne Gadd. Anthony just returned from active duty in Iraq.

***DECEMBER 7TH IS THE FINAL
DAY TO SIGN UP FOR THIS
EVENT!***

Meeting Information: La Rinconada Country Club,
14595 Clearview Dr. Los Gatos, CA 95032
Check in: 10:00 AM – Program Begins: 10:30 AM
Cost: \$35—Delicious Three Course Lunch!

Luncheon Reservations — to join SVARW at our Christmas Luncheon, please see **page 2** in the newsletter for details for making a reservation or contact *Lisa Marshik* at: 408 358-0828

TOWN HALL WITH MIKE WASSERMAN



Don't miss our next *SVARW Town Hall* on Wednesday, January 18 featuring Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman. Mike represents District 1, and he will be on hand to discuss current issues facing his district as well as the county as a whole. Elected in November 2010, Mike currently serves on the following Board Policy Committees:

- Chair of Housing, Land Use, Environment & Trans Committee
- Vice Chair of the Public Safety and Justice Committee
- Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee

In addition, Mike serves as a member or delegate on various boards and commissions including Association of Bay Area Governments, the County Library District Joint Powers Authority, the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission and the Valley Transportation Authority Policy Advisory Committee.

As with the November 16 Town Hall with California State Senator Sam Blakeslee, the bulk of the meeting will be devoted to addressing questions and concerns from attendees.

SVARW Celebration!

*Celebrating Christmas!
Celebrating SVARW's New Officers!*

Wednesday, December 14th

Check in Starts: 10:00 AM — Program Begins: 10:30 AM

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

- Installation of SVARW Officers for 2012 by Leslie Reynolds, Trustee for San Jose Unified School District and Candidate for San Jose City Council
- Featured Charity: Real Options
- Speaker: Valerie Hill, Executive Director of Real Options
- Holiday Entertainment
- Delicious Three-Course Lunch

Cost: \$35

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

Husbands and Guests welcome!

Questions? Contact Lisa Marshik at (408) 358-0828 or
via email at: lmashik@comcast.net

Christmas Meeting Reservation

Make check payable to SVARW—\$35 per person

Mail to: Lisa Marshik, 319 Blossom Valley Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032

Or, go to **WWW.SVARW.COM** and purchase tickets online using your credit card

Member Name:

Circle One

Grilled	Butternut
Salmon	Squash
	Ravioli

Guest/Supporting Member Name:

Grilled	Butternut
Salmon	Squash
	Ravioli

ABOUT REAL OPTIONS

Formerly known as Community Pregnancy Centers, Real Options has existed since 1981 to provide information, compassion and practical support for women and men facing unplanned pregnancies or dealing with pregnancy issues.

Find more information at:
<http://www.mycpc.org/>

Please bring your checkbooks to contribute to this wonderful charity (tax deductible.)

3-Course Lunch Includes

Choice of Entrée:

Grilled Salmon
Or

Butternut Squash Ravioli
(Vegetarian)

Arugula and Manchego
Salad with Candied Pe-
cans, Apples, Dried Cher-
ries, Pistachio Vina-
grette

Assorted Rolls

Raspberry and Chocolate
Mousse Cake with Fresh
Raspberries

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea,
Lemonade

**DEADLINE FOR
RESERVATIONS:
December 7th**

SVARW members are encouraged to consider making a donation to Real Options at our December meeting.



SVARW 2012 OFFICERS!

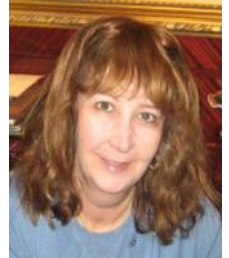


I was an operating room nurse for many years and did everything--transplants, open hearts, neurological procedures, among others, but my favorite was orthopedic surgery, where I met my husband Norm, an orthopedic surgeon. I also have a degree in history because I toyed with the idea of attending law school. I am the mother of Alex, a senior at Creighton University who will be graduating in May, 2012 with a double major in economics and history. I like to read, hike, golf, cook and throw parties! I feel honored to be elected president of SVARW, and look forward to helping guide the organization through this next year--a watershed election cycle in this country.

President—Jan Nedde

I am very excited about serving as 1st Vice President in 2012. My career has been spent in marketing for high technology companies, first as a marketing communications director for various firms, and for the past 13 years as a self-employed marketing consultant. I like to write, cook, wine taste and follow the stock market. My husband John and I have a 19 year old daughter Taryn who is a sophomore studying business administration at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. I am really looking forward to 2012 – the year we will FINALLY have the chance to change the direction of the country for the better.

First Vice President—Allison Spiller

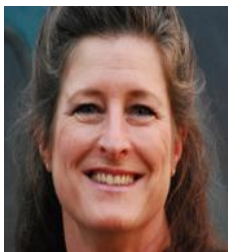


In January I will become the Second Vice-President and the Immediate Past President of SVARW. As President, I was honored to help SVARW grow into the largest active Republican women's organization in the Bay Area. As Second Vice-President I look forward to working with the new board and developing the Grassroots Committee of SVARW which will hopefully serve as a benchmark for political volunteerism in Santa Clara County. We can have a significant influence on elections in Santa Clara County by working to elect qualified Conservatives to local offices such as a council, board or commission. I hope to see you all at the monthly meetings as well as at the other fun and educational events we have planned for 2012!

Second Vice President—Cathy Davis

A fifth generation Republican, I grew up in California, graduating from the University of the Pacific in Pre-Law/Economics. I studied Marketing at the Graduate School of Business, Cal State Univ., Sacramento. After college I worked in marketing at Texas Instruments, Apple, Fairchild Semiconductor, ICOT and as a newspaper editor and writer for the Times Media Group. I was a volunteer College and Career Counselor at Westmont High School and a member of the School Site Council, Board of Directors of the Saratoga YMCA and Saratoga Troop 585 Boy Scouts of America. Married to Carlos Martinez, we have two college-aged sons, Ethan and Morgan. I love to talk political issues, write letters to newspapers and generally challenge the status quo liberal agenda.

Recording Secretary—Debra Janssen-Martinez



I was born in San Antonio Texas to an air force family. I lived in Germany, France and six states in the US. I graduated from Chico State University where I met my husband, Steve. We have been married for twenty-one years. We have two children and live in San Jose, CA. My family has always been conservative, but the events of 9/11 woke me up and brought my attention to the political world. I look forward to serving the SVARW to the best of my abilities and hope by this time next year our country will have elected someone who understands true American exceptionalism.

Corresponding Secretary—Kirsten Williams

I have been a member of the SVARW for almost four years. I joined to be more active in politics and become more educated in what is going on in our country especially after the election of Barack Obama as President. I have been married for more than 34 years to my college sweetheart, Randall Seago and we have four children. I assist my husband with his orthopedic practice taking care of the finances, etc. I am also very active in a book club, Bunco group and faith sharing through my church. I have been Corresponding Secretary for the past two years and look forward to becoming the Treasurer to help out SVARW in a new and different way.

Treasurer—Lisa Seago





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Legislation

By Claudette Averill

THE RESPECT FOR MARRIAGE ACT

The Respect for Marriage Act (RFMA) is a proposed bill in Congress that would repeal the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and allow the U.S. federal government to provide benefits to couples in a same sex marriage. It has gained two new co-sponsors in the House, bringing the total number of cosponsors to a record-breaking 122! Today, Congressmen Jim Langevin of [Rhode Island](#) and Tim Walz of [Minnesota](#) announced their support of the bill that will overturn the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) which was signed into law by then president, Bill Clinton to save marriage. Congressman Jerry Nadler, the lead sponsor of the Respect for Marriage Act in the House stated, "The coalition working for LGBT rights in the Congress and the nation as a whole is larger than ever before, and, just this year, [New York State](#) enacted marriage equality. Dumping DOMA is simply not a question of if but when."

Langevin and Walz's support of the Respect for Marriage Act comes weeks after Freedom to Marry partnered with statewide LGBT organizations in Rhode Island and Minnesota to get these members on board. As part of their aggressive federal program, Freedom to Marry's field and new media teams worked with [Marriage Equality Rhode Island](#) and [OutFront Minnesota](#) to reach out to Congressional offices and generate hundreds of constituent contacts in support of repealing DOMA.

This development in the House, coupled with [Senator Barbara Mikulski's announcement last week](#) that she would become the 30th co-sponsor of the Respect for Marriage Act in the Senate, makes it clear that the momentum to end federal marriage discrimination is at an all-time high and that their strategy is working! Their staff is continuing to work with local, state, and national partners to secure more co-sponsors, and with the help of Freedom to Marry members across the country, they feel certain that more elected officials will take a stand against DOMA.

I personally thought that the Supreme Court of [CA](#) would up-hold Prop 8 because they do not usually go against the will of the people. Now, I am afraid that if the above occurs, we will lose our fight to save marriage between a man and a woman.

Please ask your members of Congress to oppose the Respect for Marriage Act. Please also call your senators today at [202-224-3121](#) and ask them to oppose the repeal of DOMA.

Here are some "Talking points" for calling or writing to our Congress and Senate:

- Despite its deliberately deceptive name, the "Respect for Marriage Act" insidiously seeks to destroy the historical, traditional definition of marriage.
- The Respect for Marriage Act runs contrary to the will of the majority of Americans who support marriage as the union between one man and one woman. The most scientific national survey to date, completed by Public Opinion Strategies (May 16-19, 2011), reveals that 62% of Americans believe "marriage should be defined only as a union between one man and one woman." 53% strongly agreed.
- The RFMA forces states to recognize any kind of marriage that another state decides to sanction. It is by no means limited to same-sex "marriages."
- DOMA does not prohibit states from recognizing same-sex "marriages."
- DOMA defines marriage as we have always known it, the union between one man and one woman, for federal purposes. It also protects states from being forced to recognize same-sex "marriages" from other states, if a state chooses to do so.

Thanks for working to save marriage.



Officers for 2011

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Lisa Seago

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Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, Dec 28th
@ 9:30 AM

Sonshine

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

DREAM ACT PETITIONS DUE SOON

Please have your Dream Act petitions mailed by the end of the year. The only way to stop this gift of our taxpayer money to students here illegally, is to get this on the ballot. Over 500,000 signatures are needed. If you haven't signed a petition yet, please call or e-mail **Carol Joyal a.s.a.p.** at irnsv@comcast.net or 267-2423.

Did You Know...?

If you are having difficulty downloading the SVARW Newsletter, you may want to go to:

<http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

Once there, you can download the latest version of Adobe® Reader for your system. If you are on a dial-up internet connection, then please allow about two minutes for the file to load into your browser.

If you only wish to receive an electronic version of this newsletter, please send *Lisa Marshik* an email at:

membership@svarw.com

SVARW Town Hall with Senator Blakeslee a Rousing Success!

On Wednesday, November 16 SVARW held a "Town Hall" event with State Senator Sam Blakeslee (R-San Luis Obispo.) The senator spoke on a variety of issues and took many questions from attendees. Specific topics included the current water issue, the impact of redistricting, drilling off the coast of Santa Barbara, ADA laws and frivolous lawsuits, and how we can help prevent the state from sinking into an ever deeper hole. He was a very engaging speaker and the only downside was that we did not have more time to get in all the questions. Thanks to all the attendees who put forth questions.

In addition to Senator Blakeslee's talk, Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman was on hand to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and also comment on why it is important to support local Republican candidates, even if they would not represent your own district.

Speaking of which, at the meeting we were very excited that both Senator Blakeslee and Supervisor Wasserman announced their endorsement of SVARW-endorsed San Jose City Council candidate *Leslie Reynolds*. A two-term trustee for the San Jose Unified School District, Leslie is running to represent Almaden Valley (District 10).

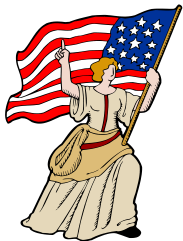


PATRIOT PARTY!

If you have attended our Patriot Parties you know it is a great way to have fun with like-minded conservatives. Our last Patriot Party of the year will be very special. SVARW is paying for hearty appetizers, wine, etc. and giving you the opportunity to donate the cost of admission to your favorite candidate.

Our Patriot Party begins at 5:00 PM, on Saturday, December 10th. Come and have a great time and if you need to leave for another event we'll understand. If you have more time...we'll be there to celebrate with you!

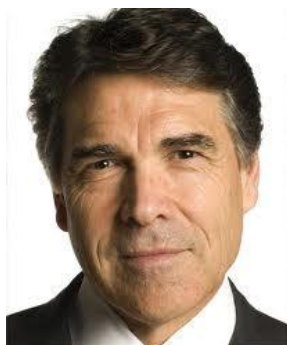
The price of admission is \$25 per person...but instead of writing a check to SVARW you'll have the opportunity of writing your check of \$25 or more to the candidate's campaign committee of your choice:



Leslie Reynolds,
SVARW's endorsed candidate of San Jose City Council—
Leslie Reynolds
for Council 2012



Herman Cain—Friends of Herman Cain, Inc.



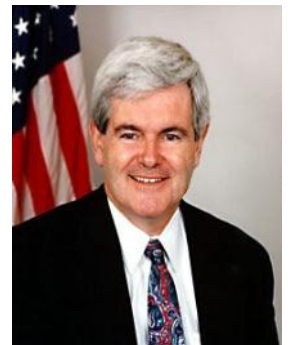
Rick Perry—Rick Perry.org, Inc.



Mitt Romney—Romney for President, Inc.



Michele Bachmann — Bachmann for President



Newt Gingrich—Newt 2012

If you can't find a candidate on the list then write your check to:
the **Santa Clara County Republican Party –SVGOP**



Don't waste time standing in line to check in...Sign up today using the form on page 7.

Christmas PATRIOT PARTY!

December 10, 2011

5:00—7:00 PM

Home of Maria and Larry Fischer
105 Kathy Court, Los Gatos

Join fellow conservatives for an evening of cocktails and appetizers as we look forward to REAL CHANGE in 2012!!

Your admission to this event is a \$25 or more* donation per person to the candidate of your choice!

To comply with campaign finance law, we ask for your cooperation in following these five steps. Your name badge will be waiting for you when you arrive at the party.

Step 1 Date your check "**December 10, 2011**". This is the date that the donation will actually be made.

Step 2 Write your check for \$25 or more* per person to one of these **campaign committees**.

- Leslie Reynolds for Council 2012
- Friends of Herman Cain, Inc.
- Rick Perry.org, Inc.
- Romney for President, Inc.
- Bachmann for President
- Newt 2012
- SVGOP (Santa Clara County Republican Party)

Step 3

Confirm eligibility to donate:

___ I am a US Citizen or lawful resident and the contribution will not be reimbursed by another person. I am making this contribution from my own funds and not the general treasury funds of a corporation, labor organization or national bank. I am at least 18 years of age.

Signature: _____

Step 4

Occupation:	Employer:	
First Name	Last Name	
Street Address:		
City	State:	Zip:

Name of additional guest if applicable:

Step 5

Send this completed form and your check to:
Jan Soule
3415 Todd Way. San Jose, CA 95124

Questions? jansoule@svarw.com
Cell: 408-691-2111

(*)Contribution limits apply. \$250 per person for San Jose City Council. \$2,500 per person for president. Any person donating \$250 to Leslie Reynolds will be admitted free to future fundraisers for the primary election cycle.
(**) "Self Employed" is not acceptable, if you are "Retired" write "Retired".



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2012 SVARW Membership Dues are Due!

Dues are \$25 for members and an additional \$5 to add a supporting member/spouse. As you know, our organization is only as good as the members who volunteer! Many opportunities require very little time and can be done at home on your own time. Consider: Legislation, Voter Registration or Community Outreach, and lots more—whatever interests you!

Two ways to pay: online at www.SVARW.com or by check payable to **SVARW** and mail to: *Lisa Marshik, 319 Blossom Valley Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032*

Please include: Name of supporting member/spouse, address, home & cell phone number & email address. A newsletter will be sent to you in the mail, unless you indicate email only. *If you joined SVARW at the Stars and Stripes Gala, your 2012 dues have already been paid.*

~Deadline for Payment is December 31st, 2011~