



Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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Upcoming Events at SVARW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ◆ **December 10th**—note..this is the second Wednesday of the month!)—Christmas Brunch and Installation of 2009 SVARW Officers
- ◆ **January 14th** (note..this is the second Wednesday of the month!)—Dr. History Returns! The Republican Resurgence Begins Now". **FREE for first time guests...bring your friends.**
- ◆ **February 18th** — Avoid Identity Theft: Deter, Detect and Defend

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



SVARW Christmas Party

December 10, 2008

Annual Christmas Brunch and Installation of Officers

10:00 AM to Noon

Deadline to Sign up—December 5th



The annual SVARW Christmas Brunch is taking place on December 10th. The event features:

- Installation of our officers for 2009. The swearing in ceremony will be conducted by Pat Dando, former San Jose City Councilwoman, Vice Mayor and current CEO of the Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- A delicious brunch with your choice of Pumpkin Ravioli or Stuffed Chicken. **SEE PAGE 6 for DETAILS.**
- Music by a string quartet from the San Jose Youth Symphony.
- Presentations by our featured charities: Community Pregnancy Centers and the Emergency Housing Coalition.

As in past years, members will have an opportunity to contribute to one or both of these charities.

Reservations are required!! Your check is your reservation. Reservation deadline is December 5th.

La Rinconada Country Club

Check In — 10:00 AM
14595 Clearview Drive -Los Gatos, CA 95032

Cost: \$30 includes
YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATIONS
Call Lisa Marshik regarding reservations —
408) 358-0828



Pat Dando
CEO, Silicon Valley Chamber
of Commerce

Pat Dando will conduct the swearing in of our officers for 2009.

Pat Dando, a 30-year resident of San Jose, became President and CEO of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce in September 2005.

Pat has a long and distinguished record of public service, which includes having served as Director of Local Government Affairs for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Vice Mayor of San Jose and San Jose City Councilmember for a decade.





Officers for 2009

The following officers were unanimously elected on November 19, 2008 and will be installed on December 10, 2008

President
Carol Joyal

First Vice President
Cathy Davis

Second Vice President
Linda Chavez

Recording Secretary
Betty Kunz

Corresponding Secretary
Gail DeSmet

Treasurer
Helen Gaetano



Save the Date!

January 14th, 2009
SVARW Meeting

First SVARW meeting for 2009 features Dr. History!!
Bring your friends!! First Time Guests are FREE*
(*SVARW will pay the \$13 fee for first time guests)

"The Republican Resurgence Begins Now"

Dr. Charlie Self will inspire and instruct on the future of the Republican Party - and, indeed, our Republic itself. The current confusion open the door to our core message - a clarion call to personal responsibility, family values, fiscal sanity, citizenship that matters and moral and military strength in the War on Terror.

Charlie Self
Dr. History



Dr. Charlie Self, "Messenger to the Thoughtful", is a leader with a unique gift of clarity. He offers "insights for impact" that encourage and empower all people to dream and do above and beyond the norm. Charlie's speaking and writing offers an unusual blend of depth and simplicity. Hearers and readers are invited to live with passion and principle, avoiding the traps of self-destruction and self-promotion. Charlie is a coach, a communicator, a minister and a professor, with over two decades of experience in business, education and service in Europe and the USA. Charlie is a regular guest on the Brian Sussman talk-radio show on KSFO 560 AM. (www.ksfo.com). He is 'Dr. History', providing humorous and insightful facts to guide the perplexed toward sanity.

See Page 7 for info on our February Meeting

Have some good ideas on how SVARW can be improved??

Great! Get involved!! SVARW is an all volunteer organization. Our incoming president, Carol Joyal, will be happy to put you to work. Decisions regarding our organization are made at our board meetings. As outlined in the SVARW Bylaws all board members have a vote. All board members have responsibilities—no free rides!!

Our next SVARW Board meeting is Wednesday, Dec 3rd.

It's Time to Renew Your SVARW Membership for 2009

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.

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.

Please provide the following information regarding your SVARW Membership to ensure that our roster is correct and you are receiving information from us in the manner you prefer.

Name: _____

Spouse:

Mailing Address: _____

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

Please sign to acknowledge. I am a registered Republican and agree to abide by SVARW Bylaws and proper use of the SVARW Roster. I understand that membership in SVARW is subject to approval.

Date _____



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Local Assemblyman

Ira Ruskin
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Legislation

By Claudette Averill Legislation Chairman

Proposition 8

The Court denied requests to stay enforcement of Prop. 8, meaning that the voters' rejection of gay marriage will stand—at least for a few months. The Court has now requested briefing on three issues: whether Prop. 8 is a "revision" of the state constitution which cannot be achieved through the initiative process; whether Prop. 8 violates the "separation of powers;" and what effect Prop. 8 would have, if it is upheld, on the gay weddings performed before its adoption. The Court has asked for briefing from Attorney General Jerry Brown and the official proponents of Prop. 8 by December 19, with amicus briefs due on January 15. The Court will hear oral arguments sometime in early 2009.

We fought for Prop 8 and won, but now we have to fight again. Ask your public officials to uphold the will of the people.

And demand that same-sex "marriage" backers stop their terrorist tactics.

Action: Please contact Gov. Schwarzenegger, your state assembly member and state senator. Ask them to encourage the California Supreme Court to uphold the state Constitution and the amendment passed by a majority of the California people. As you can, please contact as many other California legislators as possible. Mail as the Gov. claims he reads all non formed letters. Also call, fax or e-mail (information below).

The California Supreme Court has overturned the votes of 4.6 million California voters once. We voted again and now many of our own leaders are encouraging the Court to overrule more than 6.4 million Californians! They are also giving tacit encouragement to the mobs of demonstrators who are wreaking havoc in our streets, often with intimidation and sometimes with violence. On CNN, last Sunday, **Gov. Schwarzenegger, who twice vetoed legislation to institute gay marriage, urged the opponents of Prop 8 to continue their fight. "They should never give up, he said in the interview. "They should be on it and on it until they get it done."**

Your Message

Please be firm but polite - our opponents have not always been. Your message can be something like this, only in your own words plus as much information as you can come up with. What the Gov. is doing is not what the majority of the people of California want.

I voted to support Prop 8 and restore the definition of marriage as between a man and a woman. This amended our state Constitution. More than 6.4 million Californians voted similarly. You have taken an oath to support and defend our Constitution, and you represent me. Please support the will of the people and ask the Court to uphold our decision. Further, please ask the opponents of Prop 8 to cease the campaign of intimidation and violence that has characterized too much of their "civil disobedience." They need to respect the democratic process.

Also tell the Gov. that you voted for him and that you were glad when he made statements that he would not go against the people who voted for Prop 22. Ask him why he changed his mind. Tell him about the problems they have with the children in countries where they have allowed homosexual marriage.

Legislation Continued.....

E-mail the governor through the e-mail tab at <http://gov.ca.gov/interact#contact> If sending an e-mail, please have a clear subject line like: Please support Prop 8.

Legal Challenges

Proponents of Prop 8 have asked the Court to allow them to intervene and provide representation for the amendment. Attorney General Jerry Brown will represent voters in the cases, but he can hardly be expected to mount a strong defense when he changed the ballot language midstream to biased wording that was nothing short of sabotage. Similarly, the governor continues to urge same-sex "marriage" proponents to "never give up." "The whole point of the initiative process is for the people to be able to pass laws despite opposition from government leaders. It just makes no sense that we should have to rely solely on hostile government leaders to defend the will of the people when they opposed the measure in the first place."

PROPOSITION 4

Prop 4's attempt to pass parental notification prior to a minor's abortion fell just short of voter approval for the third time. Sponsors have indicated that they will try again. Opponents push the fact that parents might beat the girl for getting pregnant, but there is no registered proof of that. Plus this time the bill stated that the girl could tell any member of her family, it did not have to be her parents.

A FEW THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE FUTURE

We now have the most pro-abortion president in history. Obama has said that he will rescind Pre. Bush's ban on partial birth abortion and he voted 4 times to let a baby die on a table if an abortion was botched and the baby is born alive. This is the Infant Protection Act. He has said that he will also rescind Pres. Bush's executive orders that prevent federal funding (our tax money) for international abortions. Obama will also allow the use of embryonic stem cells for scientific research even though they have had success with adult stem cells.

Obama has placed Henry Rivera a radical leftist as the new FCC commissioner. He strongly supports the "**Fairness Doctrine**" which will rid us of conservative and Christian radio stations. If you would like to **sign a petition** regarding this issue go to alert@mrcaction.org.

Also look for **the Homosexual-advocacy groups** to promote 4 annual days of action. In the past, they have had the day of silence in April. Now they also want the ally week in Oct., the Transgender Day of Remembrance on next Nov. 20th, and a national day of action in Feb.

The San Jose City Council will again take up the subject of pornography filters at the library in January. As soon as we have the date, we'll let you know so you can show up!!!



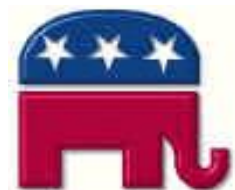
Announcements

PG&E Take sFinancial Hit for Supporting Gay Marriage

Because PG&E gave \$250,000.00 to fight Prop.8; 5,000 customers have visited <http://www.notopge.com/> and downloaded information to switch to a natural gas supplier which supports traditional marriage. After visiting this web site, click on Residential Service Page for instructions to change to Tiger and learn of the cost savings estimates. By switching to Tiger, customers could save up to 10% on their annual natural gas bill. Since 1997, CA. law has permitted people to switch to a different supplier of natural gas.

NOTE

Tiger supplies only natural gas. For electricity we are still captive of PG&E.





Featured Charities

Each year at Christmas, SVARW features a charity at our Christmas Party. Members are encouraged to consider making a contribution to this charity. T

his year we have two great charities for you to consider. Each charity will be providing a speaker who will provide an overview of their activities.

Community Pregnancy Centers

Speaker: Valerie Hill

Community Pregnancy Centers 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/>

Emergency Housing Consortium

Speaker: Ray Bramson

EHC LifeBuilders champions quality of life in our community and stability for people in need by providing housing, hope, and opportunity.

Find more information at:
www.ehclifebuilders.org/

Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 10th
10:00 AM—Noon

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

- Installation of SVARW Officers for 2009
- Two featured charities:
 - Community Pregnancy Centers
 - Emergency Housing Consortium
- Music provided by a string quartet from the San Jose Youth Symphony
- Delicious brunch include salad, your choice of either Pumpkin Ravioli or Stuffed Chicken Breast, and dessert.

Cost: \$30

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

Husbands and Guests welcome!

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

Christmas Party Reservation

Make check payable to SVARW—\$30 per person

Mail to: LISA MARSHIK, 319 Blossom Valley Drive, Los Gatos, 95032

Member Name:

Circle Lunch Choice

Pumpkin Chicken
Ravioli Breast

Guest/Supporting Member Name:

Pumpkin Chicken
Ravioli Breast

Save the Date!

February 18th, 2009
SVARW Meeting

What is identity theft?

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personally identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.

The FTC estimates that as many as 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. In fact, you or someone you know may have experienced some form of identity theft.

The crime takes many forms. Identity thieves may rent an apartment, obtain a credit card, or establish a telephone account in your name. You may not find out about the theft until you review your credit report or a credit card statement and notice charges you didn't make—or until you're contacted by a debt collector.

Identity theft is serious. While some identity theft victims can resolve their problems quickly, others spend hundreds of dollars and many days repairing damage to their good name and credit record. Some consumers victimized by identity theft may lose out on job opportunities, or be denied loans for education, housing or cars because of negative information on their credit reports. In rare cases, they may even be arrested for crimes they did not commit.

Learn to protect yourself at our February meeting. Here are the areas we will explore:

1. How do thieves steal an identity?
2. What thieves do with a stolen identity
3. How can you find out if your identity was stolen?
4. What should you do if your identity is stolen?
5. How long can the effects of identity theft last?

How to order a free credit report?

Hope you will join SVARW and the Los Gatos Police Department to learn how to: **Avoid Theft: Deter, Detect, Defend**

IMMIGRATION REPORT by Carol Joyal

SUPPORT STILL NEEDED FOR E-VERIFY

Our lame-duck Congress authorized renewal of the E-Verify system for only six months. This is an internet-based system, authorized as part of the 1986 amnesty that allows employers to quickly confirm the legal working status of new hires. In March, E-Verify will have to be renewed or this effective system will die.

Some employer groups are fighting renewal because they suspect they have illegal workers and claim they need them. They also allege the system is inaccurate. The process could allow an employee to use stolen identification. If a worker has changed his name, changed his visa status, or inaccurate entries are made, a trip to the Social Security office is required to make corrections. An employer has to allow workers an eight day period to do this.

President Bush signed an executive order that requires all federal agencies and federal contractors to use E-Verify for new hires. We do not know if the new administration will change the rules or will support an extension of the program. At one point, Senator Obama did support extension of E-Verify. Please remind your member of Congress of the urgent need to renew this valuable system.

ACTION: Contact your House and Senate members and urge that E-Verify be renewed for five years. E-Verify reduces the incentive for workers to enter the country illegally or overstay a visa.

Call 1-202-224-3121



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SVARW Dues for 2009 are Due Now!

Disappointed about the outcome
of the election??

Have friends who are equally
disappointed?

**Don't miss the January 14th SVARW
Meeting with Dr. History!!!**

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