



Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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Upcoming Events at SVARW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ◆ December 8th —SVARW Annual Christmas Brunch and Installation of 2011 Officers
- ◆ December 11th — SVARW Patriot's Party
- ◆ January 19th —Kick-Off 2011 Monthly Meeting —Why Aren't Things Made in America?
- ◆ January 25th —Letter Writing Workshop
- ◆ February 17th —Social Media Workshop for SVARW Members

SVARW
"Political Party"
December 11th
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SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada
Country Club



December 8, 2010 —SVARW Monthly Meeting

Christmas Celebration!!



Our December meeting is always very special as we celebrate Christmas and the installation of our SVARW officers for 2011. *This meeting is a special brunch requiring reservations/purchase of tickets by December 2nd.* Don't miss out. See page 7 for details.

Keeping with the SVARW tradition, our December meeting features a charity that we encourage our members to consider supporting. Featured this year is "City on a Hill", a week-long summer program that trains conservative teenagers on how the state legislature works. The goal is to encourage young conservatives to consider a roll in government. The funds contributed by our members will be used to fund scholarships for next summer's program. At the brunch we will hear from two former "City on the Hill" participants.

Our program will also feature special choral music to set the holiday mood. Check in for this meeting begins at 9:30 AM with the program beginning at 10:00 AM.



"Why it's So Hard to Make Things in America Today"



Don't miss our January 19th monthly meeting -- it is sure to be a very interesting and informative presentation!

Ron Militello, President and Founder of Redi Shade, Inc. — a California-based manufacturer of window coverings — will give us the low-down on the difficulties of doing business not only in California — but in the rest of the U.S. as well.

Ron will cover the wide range of issues facing U.S. manufacturers today — from healthcare and family leave policies to taxes, workman's comp and NAFTA. He'll also discuss the pros and cons of overseas production, and why more and more businesses are moving production not only out of California — but out of the country as well. He'll also provide his thoughts on the future for U.S. manufacturers.



Invite your friends to our 2011 kickoff meeting on January 19th!

First time guests are free! SVARW will cover the \$13 cost for the meeting.



Officers for 2011

President
Cathy Davis

First Vice President
Martha Snodgrass

Second Vice President
Allison Spiller

Recording Secretary
Jan Nedde

Corresponding Secretary
Lisa Seago

Treasurer
Debra Janssen-Martinez

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 1st
@ 9:00 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 and let her know who needs a special call or card.

408-377-7111

Welcome New Members

By Allison Spiller and Debra Janssen-Martinez

In each issue of our SVARW newsletter, we hope to highlight some of our new members.....

Nancy Boesenburg joined the group to better understand and share in the conservative perspective. Her passions lie in cutting government spending and lowering taxes. She is also concerned about the present administration's persistence in dismantling our country's security and standing internationally. Nancy has been a California resident for 22 years. She taught music and drama in the public schools and loves being a grandmother to three beautiful granddaughters.

Delores Saint joined SVARW because she likes the agenda topics and is very concerned about guiding our country back to the principals of the Constitution. She is anxious to volunteer and gather with other conservatives in a "safe and fun" environment. Her passion is restoring and supporting our constitution, faith in God and all of the things that flow from those core beliefs. She gets a kick out of creating graphic designs on the computer and writing newsletter articles.

Karen Rashkin joined SVARW in order to join forces with like-minded conservatives. Her passion and special interest is healthcare and doing whatever she can to stop our country's march toward socialized medicine. She and her physician husband were born in Canada and came to the US to escape Canada's national health service. They are naturalized US citizens of our country and want to do anything they can to preserve our private medical system.

Julie Constant joined SVARW because, as a newcomer to the political scene, she wanted to meet other like-minded women and have the chance to learn from them. As the mother of five children (two sets of twins plus a single) and recently elected to the Campbell Union School District Board, it is no surprise that Julie is passionate about education! She feels children are our future and we must ensure they are provided with every opportunity to succeed. When not chasing around her own children, Julie likes to relax with her family or a good book. She is also a long-time collector of \$2 bills (since she was four years old!) and adds that she is married to the best politician in California!!!

Dolores Gatherwright became a member of SVARW because she was looking for a way to become active in Republican issues both locally and beyond. She has been a member of the Republican National Committee and the National Republican Congressional Committee for several years, and is passionate about issues pertaining to faith, moral values, the economy and healthcare. She believes these issues are interrelated and complex, and would like to see open and informed dialog in formulating actions. As the sister of a tragic homicide victim, Dolores is also very interested in more fair and effective policing and prosecution of violent crimes. *Many thanks to Dolores for stepping up to handle the drawing for the Patriot Basket at each of our monthly meetings!!*

Please welcome these additional new members who have joined SVARW since September!!

Elizabeth Johnson
Stephanie Shoquist
Joanne Rodgers

Terri Gorman
Cathy Ridder
Leslie Reynolds
Pat Ruch



Helen Gaetano Steps Down as SVARW Officer after MANY Years of Service!!

Longtime member Helen Gaetano has been an officer almost from the day she joined our predecessor group, Los Gatos Republican Women. In 2011 she has decided to take a break from being an officer. (Will she stop working—not Helen—she is remaining on the Board.) *The following is written by longtime member Mary Johnson and describes Helen's service:*

"I met Helen at the Los Gatos Republican Headquarters on Santa Cruz Avenue in 1980 when Ronald Reagan was running for President.

Helen was in charge of Operations and explained what the Los Gatos Republican Women (LGRW) group does and the kind of speakers invited to their Monthly Meetings. She invited me to come to their next meeting at the Los Gatos History Club as her guest.



Albert and Helen Gaetano

Helen was President of LGRW at that time as well as a number of times over the years (8 times to be exact) and served as an officer as we became the Association of Republican Women and now the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women. She also held other positions over the years, including Treasurer. She was always willing to help, in whatever capacity, and has been a valued asset to our Organization.

We had enjoyable and memorable times over the years attending Conferences at the State Capitol, meeting Republican Legislators and sitting in on legislative committee hearings. Also, doing voter Registrations at the County Fairgrounds Republican Booth and shopping centers.

We have seen many changes since our meeting in 1980 and have remained dear friends ever since." All of us in SVARW appreciate Helen's wonderful service to our Association.

Other interesting facts about Helen....

- Weekly you will find Helen volunteering at Los Gatos Hospital
- SVARW has had the privilege of meeting at La Rinconada Country Club for all these years thanks to Albert and Helen Gaetano
- If Helen should miss a meeting...you can get they she and Albert are off having fun!
- For the many years that Helen served as treasurer, she typed the copies of the treasurer's report on a manual typewriter using carbon paper (which is a little hard to come by these days!).

Deadline to purchase tickets for the December 8th SVARW Christmas Celebration is December 2nd. See Page 7.



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S. Joseph Simitian
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Legislation

Immigration Report

By Carol Joyal

AMNESTY BILL IN THE LAME DUCK SESSION

Senator Harry Reid and Rep. Nancy Pelosi are planning to have a "lame duck" session of Congress in mid November. Sen. Robert Menendez introduced S. 3932, Comprehensive Immigration Act of 2010, a massive amnesty bill, hoping it would pass during this time. This is an 874 page bill that pre-empts all state and local laws affecting immigration and permits people to bring in same-sex partners. The bill also requires free legal services for illegal aliens for civil proceedings, and creates yet another executive agency to decide how many foreign workers to admit each year.

The bill includes the "Dream Act" amnesty, the Ag JOBS for illegal farm workers, and a general amnesty. There would be almost no illegal alien left out of this amnesty if Sen. Menendez gets his way. Guess which party these new potential citizens would vote for?

ACTION

Call our senators and your House member. (202-224-3841)

UPDATE ON ARIZONA'S IMMIGRATION LAW

Federal Judge Susan Bolton tossed much of Arizona's landmark bill 1070, however some important parts went into effect. The ban on sanctuary cities, the right of residents to sue officials that adopt policies to prevent enforcement, and making it a crime to block traffic while stopping to pick up illegal alien dayworkers all survived. Governor Brewer has vowed to appeal Judge Bolton's ruling on the other issues.

Governor Brewer also appealed Mexico's filing of a friend of the court in the Obama administration's suit against Arizona. This attempt failed and Mexico has been allowed again to meddle in our country's business.



The 2012 Election Starts Now!!

2010 was a very active year for SVARW! We:

- Held fundraiser for candidates and helped them raise close to \$30,000!
- Hosted nationally known conservative columnist, Star Parker, at our Liberty Brunch
- Held the largest Stars and Stripes Gala ever and raised money to fund candidate fundraisers.
- Helped candidates with a massive letter writing effort
- Make phone calls for candidates including Carly Fiorini (see page 6)
- Walked precincts knocking on doors to get out the vote.
- Helped elect SVARW members to the 2011-2012 Central Committee of the Santa Clara County Republican Party.

Beginning now, we start working on electing Republicans in 2012 by training our members to write letters to the editor that get published and how to use FACEBOOK and other social media to impact elections. Our social media training class will be lead by Kristen Cheng. Save February 17th at 7:00 PM for this training opportunity.

Jude Fletcher has arranged with master letter writing, Keith DeFillipis to hold a workshop on how to get published. Keith's presentation is fairly short and sweet. It is geared to people who have tried to write but have not been able to get their letters published. Keith talks about why you should write, who you should write to and some simple rules about writing. He also cover do's and don'ts and handouts that can be marked up. Keith will take questions during and after the presentation.

Join us for a Letter Writing Workshop!

Presenter: Keith De Filippis

**Where: Sonoma Chicken Coop - Orchard Room
200 E. Campbell Ave
Campbell, CA 95008**

When: Tuesday, January 25th 2011 - 6:30pm

**RSVP: Jude Fletcher
408-806-1712 (cell)
Jude_Fletcher@comcast.net**

The Sonoma Chick Coop has wonderful food!
Order you dinner downstairs and come upstairs to the Orchard Room to participate in this workshop!

Join SVARW's Patriot's Party

December 11th — 5:00-7:00 PM

It's time to get together again with like-minded fellow Republicans! Enjoy wine and appetizers. We'll take this occasion to thank the candidates who ran for office.

Cost: \$10

Home of Martha and Tom Snodgrass: 203 Montclair Road, Los Gatos

RSVP to Martha or purchase tickets online at www.SVARW.com

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Karen England Speaks On Parent-Friendly School Policies at November Meeting

Karen England, Executive Director of the Capitol Resource Institute, gave a very interesting presentation at the November 17th monthly meeting on how to enact parent-friendly policies in the California public school system. She detailed numerous examples of how she and her organization were able to prevail in reversing various school board policies that directly conflicted with the rights of parents. Some of these policies included minors being able to sign themselves out of school to seek confidential medical treatment without parental knowledge, mandatory instruction for K-5 levels in bigotry, homophobia and gay families, and the ever-increasing incidence of Islam as part of the curriculum. Ms. England gave many useful pointers to the group on how to successfully deal with school boards when issues such as these arise.

At the end of Karen's presentation, Larry Pegram of the Values Advocacy Council announced he and the VAC were forging a partnership with Karen and her organization to further the cause of enacting parent-friendly policies at the school board level.



SVARW Members Made Calls for Carly Fiorini in October



SVARW Celebration!

Celebrating Christmas!
Celebrating Republican Election Victories!
Celebrating SVARW's New Officers!

Wednesday, December 8th

Check in Starts: 9:30 AM —Program Begins: 10:00 AM

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

- Installation of SVARW Officers for 2011 by Eight-Time President, Helen Gaetano
- Featured Charity: City on The Hill —Two 2010 City on The Hill Students will speak: Emily Henkel and Annabelle Rutledge.
- Choral Entertainment
- Delicious Brunch

Cost: \$30

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

Questions? Contact Barbara Wales at (408) 379-0727

Christmas Meeting Reservation

Make check payable to SVARW—\$30 per person

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

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

ABOUT CITY ON THE HILL

City on the Hill is a model legislature program sponsored by Capitol Resource Institute for high school students.

It is this year's SVARW Christmas Charity.

Please bring your check-books to contribute to this wonderful charity (tax deductible.)

Brunch Includes

Variety of Fresh
Breakfast Breads

Tri-Plate: Egg Benedict,
Special Salad, Lox Slider
[Vegetarian choice
also available]

Orange Fantasy
Dessert

**DEADLINE FOR
RESERVATIONS:
December 2nd**

Member Name:

Circle One

Brunch Vegetarian
As Described Alternative

Guest/Supporting Member Name:

Brunch As Vegetarian
Described Alternative

SVARW members are encouraged to consider making a donation to City on the Hill at our December meeting.



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If you have not
paid dues for 2011,
this is your last issue!

Time to Renew Your Membership!

Your 2011 SVARW Membership dues are due!! Deadline for payment of dues is December 31, 2010.

If you joined SVARW as a result of our recent Stars and Stripes Gala, your 2011 dues have already been paid!!

Dues are \$25 for members and an additional \$5 if you would like to add your spouse.

You can pay online by going to www.SVARW.com

Or, make your check payable to: SVARW

And mail to Lisa Marshik at 319 Blossom Valley Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032. Please include: Name of spouse, address, phone number, email address and indicate whether you would like to receive your newsletter via EMAIL or SNAIL MAIL.



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