



# Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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## Upcoming Events at SVARW

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- February 20—SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada.
- February 23—Trip to the California Republican Party Convention.
- March 8th—Walk for Dean Andal
- March 19th — SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada
- April 16th — SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada. Candidate Forum
- May 21st — SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada.
- June 18th — SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada. Traditional Red, White and Blue Meeting
- August —Stars and Stripes

### SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS La Rinconada Country Club

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

Cost: \$12 includes  
Continental Breakfast



### February 20th SVARW Meeting Guest Speaker Sally C. Pipes

#### What are the Solutions for our Health Care Crisis? Hilary Care? Obama Care?

Our Speaker, Sally C. Pipes served as health care advisor to the Rudy Giuliani Presidential Committee. She is President and CEO of the Pacific Research Institute, a San Francisco based think tank founded in 1979. She is the author of *Miracle Cure. How to Solve America's Crisis and Why Canada Isn't the Answer.*



Ms. Pipes addresses national and international audiences on health care, women's issues, civil rights, and the economy. She has been interviewed on NBC's "Nightly News with Brian Williams"; CNN; "20/20," "The O'Reilly Factor," Fox News, "Your World With Neil Cavuto", "The Today Show," "Dateline," "Politically Incorrect," "The Dennis Miller Show," and other prominent programs.

Ms. Pipes writes, speaks, and gives invited testimony at the national and state levels on key health-care issues facing America. Topics include the false promise of a single-payer system as exists in Canada, pharmaceutical pricing, solving the problem of the uninsured, and strategies for consumer-driven health care. She appears in Michael Moore's movie "Sicko" and has participated in prominent debates and public forums, testified before five talk radio shows nationwide, and had 45 opeds published on health care issues in 2006.

This is a great meeting to invite your friends to and bring your spouse! February 20, 2008, at La Rinconada Country Club. Check in begins at 9:00 a.m. and our meeting is called to order at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the meeting is \$12 and includes a continental

## Legislation

### Update on Pornography Filters in Public Libraries

We continue to work with San Jose City Council to install internet pornography filters on the computers in all San Jose public libraries. Pete Constant has brought this situation to the attention of the City Council. At the last meeting, Larry Pegram with VAC emphasized that internet pornography filters do not keep people from doing research on subjects such as breast cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, testicular cancer, clinical oncology, pregnancy, etc., but do keep pornographic and obscene *images*, not text, from being downloaded for adults and children to see. This issue continues to be considered, but very, very, slowly!



## NEWS

### SVARW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2008

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#### Legislation Continued:

### Marriage Protection Act

Petition forms for the **California Marriage Protection Act** which will amend our State Constitution to place the definition of marriage as between a man and a woman, were distributed at our last meeting. This Constitutional Amendment will prevent our liberal courts and legislature from tampering with the definition of marriage in the future. Proposition 22 was passed in 2000 by over 61.4% of the voters. Thus, we **MUST** collect **1,000,000 signatures** between now and the first week of April. We need all of our members to sign up and collect signatures. Please pass on our petitions to your friends, neighbors, and at your church. Here are a few guidelines and tips to help you in your effort to amend the California Marriage Protection Act:

- ASK YOUR PASTOR OR WHO EVER IS IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES AT YOUR CHURCH, IF YOU CAN SET UP A TABLE AT CHURCH, FOR THE COLLECTION OF SIGNATURES.
- IN ADDITION, HAVE THE INFORMATION PUT IN THE BULLETIN AND ANOUNCED FROM THE PULPIT.
- IT WILL ALSO HELP IF YOU MAKE ATTENTION GRABBING SIGNS TO PLACE ON YOUR TABLE SO EVERYONE WILL KNOW WHY YOU ARE THERE.
- PLEASE REMEMBER, I HAVE PETITIONS AND INFORMATION ON PROP 22 THAT I WILL ONCE AGAIN PASS OUT AT OUR NEXT MEETING.
- MOST IMPORTANTLY, REMEMBER TO TALK TO YOUR MINISTER BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING SO YOU ARE ABLE TO BEGIN RIGHT AWAY.

This spring it is anticipated that the California Supreme Court will rule on a 4 to 3 Vote, that Proposition 22 is unconstitutional. The result of Proposition 22 was that it created an "initiative status", which keeps the legislature from changing the definition of marriage, although; it is still open to judicial interpretation and constitutional review. However, a Constitutional Amendment removes jurisdiction and keeps both the legislature and the judiciary from thwarting the will of a majority of Californians by attempting to redefine marriage. **This Constitutional Amendment would not change California Law regarding "domestic partnerships".** California will continue to recognize the ability of all individual couples to enter into private, enforceable agreements for mutual support and joint ownership of property.

### Illegal Rebate Checks Planned

Right now the House and Senate are debating whether or not there is going to be a rebate issued to people working in our country illegally. If illegal workers file taxes under a taxpayer identification number, instead of a social security number, or if they use a stolen social security number in order to work, then a rebate check will be sent to the address on their employer's lists. What will happen when twenty-five people, or more, file taxes using the same stolen number? We don't know. What we do know, is that Social Security sends thousands of "no-match" letters to people every year. Some are due to typos, but most are due to stolen numbers. So far, the courts have not let the government pursue those that steal our Social Security numbers to obtain jobs. Our senators need to hear from us immediately. Our Message: **NO TAX REBATE TO THOSE WORKING ILLEGALLY IN OUR COUNTRY!** Immediately to the left of your margin is the phone numbers of our Senators, call them and let them know how ridiculous this proposal is!

## Photos from SVARW Dean Andal Fun Raiser



Dean Andal (center of back row) poses with members of SVARW after an evening of fun and food.

Santa Clara County GOP Chairman, Keen Butcher wanted to get into the photo as well!!!

SVARW appreciates the continued support of the Santa Clara County Republican Party



Dean Andal speaks with group that numbered over 100 crowded into Janet Chakraborty's home.



SVARW members who helped make the Fun Raiser a big success (left to right) Gail DeSmet, Jean Glines, Russ Glines and Janet Chakraborty



SVARW members who helped check guests in at the door and sell raffle tickets (left to right) Linda Chaves, Carol Joyal, Maria Fisher and Kyra Hubis.

Visit [www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com) for more photos from the event.

See story on next page.



## Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

The next SVARW Board Meeting will take place on **WEDNESDAY, February 27th**. If you would like an invitation to the Board Meeting, contact Jan Soule at 408-705-2156

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**OR toll free at**  
1-877-762-8762

**PRESIDENT BUSH**  
1-202- 456-1414





## Walk with Dean March 8th Walk

### MORNING WALK

STARTS AT 10:00 A.M.

Enjoy coffee and rolls, a rousing message from Dean, and then we are off to the local neighborhoods.

### AFTERNOON WALK

STARTS AT 1:00 P.M.

Fortify yourself with pizza, a few words from Dean, and then once again we are off to hit the precincts

Don't forget folks, just a few hours of your time can and will make a BIG difference!!

Please Remember to let us know ahead of time if you can make the walk. Call Carol at Republican Headquarters

408-246-6600

OR

Email us directly at [director@svgop.com](mailto:director@svgop.com)

## Fun Raiser for Dean Andal was a Big Success!

### We Raised Over \$4,600

Even pouring rain on January 26th did not dampen the enthusiasm of over 100 Republicans who gathered together from throughout the Silicon Valley to support the election of Dean Andal to the US Congress. The "Fun Raiser" was a grassroots efforts organized by the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women (SVARW) and co-sponsored by Santa Clara County Republican Assembly (CRA), SVGOP and the West Valley Federated Women. **We raised over \$4,600 to help Dean win a seat in the US Congress in November!** It was definitely a FUN event with the 20 piece Sons of Jubal Big Band providing the music as guests enjoyed appetizers, dinner, dessert.....and of course, dancing. The highlight of the evening was the opportunity to meet Dean Andal and cheer his message focused on a strong defense, lower taxes and higher ethical standards for Washington.

To put on this event, the SVARW Board of Directors voted to contribute \$500 to purchase food for the event and Janet Chakraborty provided the beverages and her home. SVARW raised the \$500 through raffles at our August 2007 Stars and Stripes Gala. One-hundred percent (100%) of the money raised went to Dean Andal! The \$4,600 was a combination of ticket purchases for the event, donations received prior to the event from the SVARW members and donations from raffle tickets. The raffle prizes donated by SVARW members were fantastic! Barbara Wales donated a Sake Tasting Basket and a basket with Trump Vodka and Caviar. Maria Fischer donated a Greek Dinner for eight. Ken Geiser provided an all day sailing trip on the San Francisco Bay and Linda and Frank Chavez donated a beautiful piece of jewelry.

In addition to all the efforts that Janet Chakraborty put in, her daughter Sangit was our bartender. Russ and Jean Glines worked tirelessly in the kitchen along with Gail DeSemet. Carol Joyal, Kyra Hubis and Linda Chavez took care of checking guests in. Maria Fischer and Dottie Stewart sold raffle tickets. Lisa Marshik and Jan Soule helped with the set up and clean up. On behalf of all the women at SVARW I would like to give a special thanks to Jan Soule, who was a tremendous help in almost every aspect of this event.

## Volunteer to Help Elect Dean Andal—March 8th Walk

The 11th Congressional District is definitely a winnable seat with more registered Republicans than Democrats, a terrific Republican candidate...and the determination of Silicon Valley Republicans to ensure that Dean carries Morgan Hill. There are four swing areas in the 11th congressional district that Dean must win... and Morgan Hill with 36,000 residents is one. In 2006, Republicans from all over the country descended on San Jose's District 1 with 90,000 residents to support Pete Constant's campaign for San Jose City Council and he won with 60% of the vote! We can do the same in Morgan Hill for Dean!

To get the ball rolling, County Chairman Keen Butcher and Morgan Hill City Team Leader, Denise McElhiney are sponsoring a "Walk with Dean" on Saturday, March 8th. Come join Dean and fellow Republicans! We'll walk the neighborhoods, registering Republicans and spreading the word.

If you can make the Walk with Dean on March 8 please contact Carol at Republican HQ at 408-246-6600 or email us at [director@svgop.com](mailto:director@svgop.com) with the number of your party, and which session (am or pm) you will be attending.



**Frank Chavez:**  
Vietnam Veteran

Former Three Term  
President,  
Secretary and  
Secretary Treasurer  
of the Story Road  
Business  
Association

Co-Founder of The  
Tropicana Merchant  
Association

Commander of the  
East Valley Chapter of  
the American GI Fo-  
rum

President of the Alum  
Rock  
Elementary Union  
School District  
Governing Board

Current Member of  
The 680/East and  
King/Ocala  
Strong Neighborhood  
Initiative

Member of the  
Chuck Reed  
Mayoral Transition  
Team on Education

Current Member of  
The  
Mayoral General Plan  
Task Force

## Frank Chavez for County Supervisor

### A New Candidate Emerges

#### A Message from Frank to the devoted women of the SVARW

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for your support and your endorsement. I would like to think that I have earned your vote based not only on the fact that we are fellow Republicans, but based on the fact that you feel, that you and I, stand for, and are in pursuit of, the same ideologies.

Now for those of you who do not personally know me very well, I would like to take the time to familiarize you with myself, in a brief summary of who I am. I have lived within the boundaries of District 2, and more specifically, in the Alum Rock area, since 1967. It has been here, in our county, where I have married, raised my children, and founded my family-run business.

My business opened its doors in 1982, and I am proud to say, that we still operate here in our city. If you are to remember anything from this article, I hope that it is this message. I am not an individual who is seeking to make a career of politics, in reality, I do not need to be the County Supervisor of District 2. However, perhaps like you, I have come to realize that there are a lot of problems within our county and within the county to city relationship, that are just plain terrible. It is for this very reason that I have entered the world of politics. I do not seek my own glory, nor do I look to enforce my own personal agenda, but I do look to ensure that this great county of ours, remains a great county. Not only for my children, and my future grandchildren, but for every member of your families as well.

In addition, we must also remember, that it has just about become a common practice for our society to shove the senior citizens of our community aside and forget about them. So if we don't help the youngsters of today, and educate them properly, how can we expect any different, for ourselves later? Furthermore, I would also like to be elected County Supervisor of District 2 so that I can repay those who helped elect me. Please don't misunderstand, I am not speaking of special interest groups who donate money, I am speaking of the voters themselves.

Too often, the politicians we elect forget about who it is, that gave them their office. Instead of repaying the voters by enforcing the promises they made in their campaign, they honor the promises they make to campaign contributors. This is perhaps the most common flaw amongst almost every politician in office. They forget that in the end, it is not the campaign, nor the financial backing that they receive, that wins them their office.

**We the people, are the ones who elect all officers!** This is an all important truth that I have not forgotten, nor will I ever forget! On the left side of this page, I have put together a list of several different organizations which I belong to, and have belonged to, which all in their own way, have helped prepare me for the position of County Supervisor. So please help me to help you, and

**[Elect Frank Chavez for County Supervisor of District 2.](#)**



### Frank Chavez for County Supervisor of District 2

On January 31, 2008

The Silicon Valley  
Association of

Republican Women  
unanimously voted to  
endorse candidate

Frank Chavez, in his  
upcoming campaign for  
the position of County  
Supervisor of District 2.

If any of you would like  
to make a financial  
contribution, would  
like to become a  
volunteer, or would  
just like to know more  
about me and my  
campaign, feel free to  
visit my website at:

**[www.electfrankchavez.org](http://www.electfrankchavez.org)**

OR

You can reach me at,  
408-373-4335 or you  
can call my wife Linda,  
at 408-254-3827





**Working to  
Preserve, Protect  
and Defend the  
Constitution of  
the United States**

#### **Frank's Top 2 Beliefs:**

**I believe in honesty  
and accountability.**

**I swear to defend the  
Constitution of the  
United States of Amer-  
ica against all of its ene-  
mies, both foreign and  
domestic.**

**Bottom line is, no one  
should be allowed to  
ignore, bend, or side  
step the law.**

**Too often in our soci-  
ety, politicians are doing  
just this very thing to  
either prolong their stay  
in office, or to enforce  
their own personal  
agenda!**



***Elect Frank Chavez***  
**Santa Clara County Supervisor**  
**Seat #2**

#### **Frank's Beliefs:**

- I believe our government should have a lesser role in our lives. The purpose of our government is to assist the people, not to control them.
- I believe that any and all decisions pertaining to our government should be made according to the will of the voters, and not in favor of lobbyists and special interests groups who happen to be huge campaign financial supporters.
- I believe in honoring our current property rights, instead of "discarding" them as what seems to be the popular thing to do at the moment.
- I believe that everyone is responsible for his/her own actions, not society.
- I believe that schools, hospitals, police and fire departments should never be compromised.
- I am a firm believer in fiscal responsibility. I believe that the Balancing of our Budget starts with our local governments that are closest to us, such as our County and City Governments. They should not be sitting around waiting for either the President or our Governor to give us money. The Balancing of "our" Budget starts with cuts and utilization of assets, such as land and empty buildings.
- I believe in supporting all business entities, starting with start-ups, to mom and pops, and then on to multi-national corporations. For you see, businesses are the backbone of every great community. They not only provide jobs, and offer valuable services, but the money they generate for our community through taxes is an underestimated and indispensable asset.
- I believe that County and City Governments should work together in a collaborative partnership for the bettering of our communities. Best learned practices and information should be shared instead of being withheld for the fear of losing power.
- The Justice System should be improved to prevent the over-crowding of jails and juvenile hall in particular.
- We have a "gang crisis" that should be addressed by all stakeholders to control it and eventually get rid of it. If gang leaders are here illegally, they should be deported to their country of origin. These are hard decisions to make, but they are the right decisions, although they are definitely not the most popular ones.
- We are also in the middle of a "Housing Crisis", what with foreclosures and lack of affordable homes. In addition, building high density homes and the lack of land to build them is another problem. Furthermore, we have a large number of homeless people, and even more tragic is the fact that we have a large amount of homeless veterans.
- Transportation is another problem that is not being addressed according to the needs of the commuter. The Transit Rail System that is being built is a system that is going nowhere. Currently, there is not enough rider-ship to cover the cost of one operator. It is a system that has not been, nor will it be, producing any income from taxes. In fact, instead of contributing to incoming taxes, it has been the city's plan to consume funds from our automobile taxes, gasoline taxes, and licensing fees, instead of using that money to improve our roads.

## Join The SVARW Table for the Lincoln Dinner

The Santa Clara County Republican Party will be hosting the traditional Lincoln Dinner on March 14th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Santa Clara. If you would like to sit at the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women table, please let Janet Chakraborty know as soon as you can. Janet can be reached at 408- 997-6642. If you do plan on attending the Lincoln Dinner, please bring your check with you to our February 20th meeting and address it to the,

**Santa Clara County Republican Party .**

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Join SVARW at the California Republican Party Convention

If you have not yet contacted Lisa Marshik but wish to attend the California Republican Party Convention which is being held in San Francisco on the 23rd of February, please do so immediately. You can contact Lisa at 408-358-0828. In addition, Lisa is also setting up carpools for the trip to San Francisco on the 23rd of February. You must sign up for the convention by going to [www.cagop.org](http://www.cagop.org).

Here are a few tips to help you sign in if you need some help:

- On the far right of the page, click on SF Convention and go to pre-registration.
- Please fill out the registration form and then mark that you are an Associate Delegate. The fee is \$60 and you can use your credit card.
- You will also need to pay the \$16 Associate Delegate Dues either before or at the convention.

Lunch arrangements must be taken care of on your own. For those of us who would like to stick together, we will be making reservations at Il Fornaio Italian Restaurant, which is within walking distance. Please let Lisa know if you want to join us.

Feel free to choose whichever workshop you would like to attend, but as a group, we will be attending the AM workshop, "Talk Radio Panel II" and for the afternoon workshop we will be attending the workshop entitled "2008: The changing face of the California electorate". Please let Lisa know what workshops you decide on.

SVARW 2008 Member Rosters will be available for pick up at our February meeting!



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### Presidential Visit Yields Volunteer Rewards

#### SVARW Member, Janet Chakraborty Greets President Bush

Janet Chakraborty, who has volunteered an unaccountable number of hours for the Santa Clara County Republican Party, recounts her delight at having the opportunity to greet President Bush. Standing at the bottom of the stairs as the President stepped out of Air Force One, Janet couldn't help remarking that "it's really him!"



Janet Chakraborty with Alex Hull and Keen Butcher

As Janet put out her hand to shake the President's hand, he took hold of it and held it as he chatted with County Chairman Keen Butcher. When the President turned to speak to Janet, he looked at her with "very kind and sincere eyes". As she shook the President's hand, Janet said "God bless you and thanks for keeping us safe". The President responded with that fact that God has already blessed him.

Mr. Bush then gave Janet a big bear hug and patted her on the back. Emboldened, Janet asked the President if could please stay in office 4 more years. To that, President Bush quipped, "my wife would divorce me!"