



NEWS

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

Last Chance to Purchase Tickets Before Price Increase

Tickets for the 2008 Stars and Stripes Gala are now on sale!

June 18th is the last day to purchase tickets for our 2008 Stars and Stripes Gala before the price goes up! We have many confirmed guests including San Jose City Councilman, Pete Constant, Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce CEO and former SJ City Councilwoman, Pat Dando, RNC National Committee Woman, Barbara Alby, San Jose City Council Candidate Ram Singh, Alum Rock School District President, County Supervisor Candidate, Frank Chavez, and the list goes on!!

If you know anyone who is planning to run for office in November, invite them! Our Stars and Stripes Gala is a great way for anyone thinking of running for office to meet potential supporters.

For complete details on the upcoming event, visit our website: <http://www.svarw.com/starsandstripes2008.html>

You can even find a copy of the dinner menu and photos from last years event.

Remember...ticket prices go up after June 18th!



Among our Guests
San Jose City Councilman,
Pete Constant

Donations for Stars and Stripes Raffle

Last year SVARW raised over \$1700 at our Stars and Stripes Gala through our raffle. That money is being used to put on candidate Fun Raisers. By paying for "Fun Raiser" expenses from our funds, 100% of the ticket sales at the Fun Raisers go to the candidates. In January, the "Fun Raiser" for Congressional Candidate Dean Andal brought in over \$4,600 to Dean's campaign! Most recently, on April 5th, we brought in \$4,800 for Frank Chavez in his campaign for County Supervisor of District 2.

For our Summer Stars and Stripes Social we are once again collecting items for the raffle. Donations may be brought to the April, May and June meetings and given to Lisa Marshik. Among the donations we could use are, baskets, and **NEW items** including wine, gift certificates, Americanism items, theater tickets, new jewelry, non-perishable food and anything else you think you would like to receive in a basket. This is the perfect opportunity to promote your business or a friend's business. Examples would be: Gift Certificates for consultation on interior design, tax preparation, restaurants, hotels or even a basket prepared that we can credit the business for donating. This is an inexpensive way to market your business!

Lisa Marshik has prepared a fundraiser letter that you can use to solicit donations for our raffle. The letter includes our TAX ID number so that the business can write off the donation as a marketing expense. Contact Lisa at (408) 358-0828 or by emailing her at lmashik@comcast.net for a copy of the letter.

Do you have a hidden talent? Maybe you do scrap booking or can make sushi. Get creative and offer a gift certificate for your services. Do you have a vacation home you would be willing to offer? Are you crafty—knit an Americana scarf, quilt or jewelry. Last year the popular raffle items included: a Greek dinner for eight, a Hungarian dinner for eight, all day sailing trip on San Francisco Bay, a shooting lesson at JP Puette's ranch, three days in Maui...and much more.

Proceeds from raffle will support local candidate development projects!



The Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women Presents
Stars and Stripes Celebration
Dinner and Dancing Under the Stars

Saturday, August 23, 2008 — 6:00 - 10:00 P.M.

At the beautiful home of Larry and Maria Fischer at 105 Kathy Court, Los Gatos

Live Music by former Doobie Brother Danny Hull

Spectacular Gourmet Dinner Catered by Pat Smith Extravaganza — Wine Included

Fantastic Raffle Prizes!!!!

Dress is Casual Elegant

This event is always a sell out and reservations are on a first come first served basis.

All reservations must be accompanied by payment



Danny Hull

Former Doobie Brother will provide entertainment along with Kurt Andersen, "The Singing Architect"

Category	Checks received by June 18th	Checks received after June 18th
SVARW Member including Husband supporting member	\$60	\$67
Non-Member**	\$70	\$75

**Non-members may join SVARW today and pay the member rate. Dues are \$20 with this form only and will apply to the remainder of 2008 & 2009. Husband Supporting Members are \$5

Invited Guests include:
 San Jose Mayor
 Chuck Reed
 San Jose City Councilman
 Pete Constant*
 GOP County Chairman,
 Keen Butcher*
 Honorable Barbara Alby*
 *Confirmed

STARS & STRIPES GALA — TICKET ORDER

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SVARW AND MAIL TO: LISA MARSHIK, 319 BLOSSOM VALLEY DR., LOS GATOS, CA 95032. **QUESTIONS? CALL LISA@408-358-0828 OR MARIA@408-395-0335**

Reserve Tickets For: Name	Member/Supporting Member _____ \$60**	Non-Member # _____ \$70**
Reserve Tickets For: Name	_____ \$60**	_____ \$70**

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

New Member?

New Supporting Member-Spouse?

#Non-members may join SVARW today and pay the member rate. Dues are \$20 with this form only and will apply to the remainder of 2008 & 2009. Husband Supporting Member dues are \$5. Members: If your husband/date is not a member, he pays the non-member price.

**For orders received after JUNE 18, 2008, Tickets are \$67 for members, \$75 for non-members—NO EXCEPTIONS!



**Phone Numbers
Local Assemblyman**

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Jim Beall
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Local State Senators
Abel Maldonado
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Legislation

By Claudette Averill Legislation Chairman

Legislation Needs You!

The board feels that because the Legislation is such an important part of our organization, we would like to make it easier for our people to support and oppose the bills. In order to do this, it has been suggested that the Legislation Chair have a committee. If anyone is interested in participating or learning more about our government, please call or e-mail Jan Soule or Claudette Averill. Thank you.

Opposition to the California Supreme Court's Homosexual "Marriages"

I would like to thank Jan for e-mailing everyone in regards to this important issue. Here is an update. **We all need to say that we would like a "stay" in regards to homosexual marriages, until the people of California are able to voice their opinion in the November election.** We also need to tell Justice George that we are disappointed that the judges took it upon themselves to take over the Legislator's job of making the laws.

**Chief Justice Ronald M. George
Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister Street
P.S. He likes hand written postcards.**

I called **Governor Schwarzenegger** during off hours with no problem, however, I am being told that one may only call during the day now. The sequence has also been changed, so we must all pay close attention to the new menu. However, for the moment it is, **1 (for English) 2 (register a position) and 3 (to speak to someone)**. Remember, we need to tell them not to change the marriage license form until the Legislature changes the marriage statutes in the Family Code. The Governor needs to ask the Supreme Court to "stay" its ruling in deference to the vote of the people in November. **1-916-445-2841.**

We're encouraging **the clerks** to abide by the express will of the written California Constitution and the man-woman marriage statutes. We are also asking that they abide by the democratic process and not issue marriage licenses to anyone but a man and woman, until the will of the people be decided. *So far, several clerks in various counties have agreed not to issue and homosexual "marriage" licenses!* They are taking this principled position despite the Schwarzenegger Administrations will, to alter the state mandated marriage application form which currently reads as "bride" and "groom" to "**Party A**" and "**Party B**". We need to make sure that the **Santa Clara County Clerks** are taking this same position. The Supreme Court has no constitutional authority to impose new laws. **Only the Legislature and voters can make new laws with statewide application.** We need to pray that these clerks will make the right decisions. **These locally elected clerks are the final decision makers on the issuance of homosexual "marriage" licenses.** By the end of the week the Liberty Counsel will file a comprehensive motion to "stay" (delay) the Supreme Court's decision pending the vote of the people in November on the California Marriage Amendment. The homosexual marriages are scheduled to begin June 17. Action: We need to call the Santa Clara County Clerks Office and make our voices heard!

Santa Clara County
Regina Alcomendras
County Clerk Recorder
408-299-2481

Legislation Continued.....

The Normalization of Homosexuality, Bi-sexuality, Trans-sexuality, and Trans-genderism

Bill **AB 537** passed in 2000 which protects "all persons in public schools." It prohibits discrimination based on actual and perceived sexual orientation which makes SB 777 unnecessary. In addition, Bill **AB 394**, which passed in 2007, requires the State Department of Education to "monitor adherence" to AB 537. SB 777 only adds ridiculous demands to these already passed bills. SB 777 demands that tax payers now pay for new text books and other curriculum to include two ladies and two men as parents. This bill also demands that we pay for neutral gender restrooms. Ultimately, SB 777 takes away parental and local control and discretion over how to address these issues. Furthermore, SB 777 also includes charter schools in these new mandates. Please fill out the bottom of the petitions that you took home at the last meeting and mail them to the address on the bottom of the page. Thank you for all your generous donations to "Save Our Kids."

Keeping Good Parents From Being Labeled Criminals!

Bill AB 2943, which criminalizes parents who occasionally discipline their children by spanking them when they are disobedient was defeated late last week. The bill was defeated when it failed to pass the California Assembly Appropriations Committee. I would bet that all of our readers are as relieved as I am in regards to the fact that Sally Lieber, the author of the anti-spanking bills of the last two years, is termed out of the California Assembly after this year.

Another Anti-Family Bill Defeated, But For How Long?

Another bad bill that is dead is SB 1066, which would have functionally abolished marriage by awarding all the rights and benefits of marriage to a man and a woman who live together and refuse to get married. This extreme anti-family bill by lesbian Carole Migden of San Francisco was shelved in the California Senate Appropriations Committee because of its high cost in the midst of our state's 15-20 BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET DEFICIT. Although this is a win for our side, it is not a win based on morals or ethics, but money, so how long will the California Senate Appropriations Committee hold out?

Assisted Suicide Legal

Sadly, last Thursday AB 2747, which is the assisted suicide bill, passed by the Assembly floor by one vote. Of course, Democrats were for it, while Republicans were against it. Action: Call or write your state senator and tell them that you **oppose AB 2747**.

Support Our Right To Home School

Bill ACR 115 supports home schooling. ACR 115 calls on the California Courts to denounce the recent appellate courts opinion to criminalize homeschooling and to acknowledge the right of parents to home school their children. Action: Contact the Assembly Education Committee Member to **pass ACR 115**.



Senator Boxer
(415) 403-0100

Senator Feinstein
(415) 393-0707





Update on Pornography Filters in Libraries

San Jose City Councilman Pete Constant has valiantly led the effort to have pornography filters installed on library computers in San Jose.

Right now any child who uses the library, even walking past a computer in use, can be exposed to pornography.

On Tuesday, June 17th, the San Jose City Council will vote on whether or not to install pornography filters on San Jose Library Computers. There is tremendous opposition!! Even if you don't live in San Jose, San Jose sets the trend for all of Santa Clara County.

Please help by contacting all of the San Jose City Council members NOW! Tell them you want pornography filters. Attend the San Jose City Council meeting...be there at 6:00 PM. Contact Jan Soule if you want to car-pool.

Legislation Continued...

Keeping Rights and Benefits for Those Who Obey the Law

Measures ACA 14 and ABX3 20 require individuals over age 18 to provide proof of legal U.S. Residency to obtain state benefits such as college tuition, food stamps, non-emergency medical care, and welfare. Action: Ask Speaker Bass to **send this bill to committee**. E-mail: Assemblymember.Bass@assembly.ca.gov Phone: (916) 319-2147

Let's Put an End to Government Funding for Planned Parenthood

Bill HR 4133, which was introduced by Republican Representative Mike Pence of Indiana, amends Title X to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortion. Nearly one-third of Planned Parenthood's funding comes from the federal government. Funding which helps provide "services" like Planned Parenthood's Teen Wire Website that advocates the use of pornography a encourages exploration in bi-sexuality. Action: Contact your representative and ask them to **support and become a co-sponsor of HR 4133, The Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act**. Either E-mailing or calling Washington D.C. is the best way to be effective in regards to contacting representatives and senators. The Senate version of this bill, **S 351**, is being sponsored by Republican Senator David Vitter of Louisiana.

The Use of Stem Cells Without the Creation of Human Embryos

The Patients First Act seeks to promote research and human clinical trials using stem cells that are ethically obtained and show evidence of providing near-term clinical benefit for human patients, and to promote the creation of pluripotent stem cell line without the creation of human embryos, or the destruction or discarding of human embryos. (This bill seeks to bridge political divides by focusing on more pragmatic ways of encouraging scientific development in the field of stem cells.) Action: Call or e-mail your Representative and ask him to **co-sponsor The Patients First Act HR 2807**.

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Looking Forward to Remainder of 2008 and 2009

Special Planning Meeting June 18th after the Regular Monthly Meeting All Members are Invited to Attend

We need to hear from our members...especially those that have no participated in any planning meetings in the past. We need new ideas!!! **Everyone** is invited to participate in our next planning meeting where we will cover:

- Stars and Stripes Gala coming up on August 23rd
- Increasing attendance at meetings
- Implementing the Registration Bounty Program
- Making a bigger impact with our legislation efforts.

To make it easy to attend, Helen Gaetano is arranging for us to have lunch at La Rinconada immediately following our June 18th meeting. Cost of lunch including tip runs between \$11-\$15. PLEASE RSVP to Jan Soule and let her know if you can make this meeting. jansoule@svarw.com or 408-705-2156.



Don't Miss Out on Important News Over the Summer!!!

SVARW takes a break over the summer but the rascals in Sacramento and Washington don't!!

During the months of July and August there are no scheduled monthly meetings or newsletters. This is your last newsletter until the first week in September.

To ensure that you receive important updates over the summer, make sure that you have signed up for email updates. If you regularly receive email updates from SVARW, you will continue to receive them over the summer.

If you do not receive email updates, go to our website at www.SVARW.com and enter your email address in the Newsletter signup box in the left-hand column.



Nominations for 2009 SVARW Officers

Many thanks to the nominating committee who have worked diligently to produce a slate of officers willing to stand for election in October. Nominated for 2009 are:

President
Carol Joyal

Co-Vice Presidents
Linda Chavez
Cathy Davis

Recording Secretary
Betty Kunz

Corresponding Secretary
Gail DeSmet

Treasurer
Helen Gaetano

At our June meeting, additional nominations will be taken from the floor.

We appreciate everyone who is willing to stand for election!!!!!!

