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UPCOMING EVENTS AT SVARW

Mark Your Calendar!

- ♦ **Jan. 16**—SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada.
- ♦ **January 26**—Fun-Raiser for Dean Andal
- ♦ **February 20**—SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada.
- ♦ **February 23**—Trip to the California Republican Party Convention.
- ♦ **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

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



Taking the Mystery out of Upcoming Ballot Propositions January 16th with Gloria Hom

When you open your ballot for the February 5th Presidential Primary election, you will also be asked to vote on Propositions: **91, 92 and 93.**

Do you have any idea what these propositions are about?

And that's not all....currently there are 45 initiatives being circulated to gather qualifying signatures plus another 24 in the California Attorney General's office for signature verification. Those that qualify will be voted on in either our Primary Election on June 3rd or our General Election on November 4th.

Our January 16th guest speaker, Gloria Hom will help us sort through these propositions. Gloria Hom, a fourth generation Californian, is an economist, professor, lecturer, business-woman, community leader and administrator. She was named "outstanding educator of America" and appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1990 as a member of the advisory Committee of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

Mark your calendar for this meeting! Bring your questions! Cost: \$12 Includes continental breakfast. Check in and social time begins at 9:00 AM. Meeting begins at 9:30 AM. Location: La Rinconada Country Club, 14595 Clearview Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032. For more information contact or Vice President, Lisa Marshik at 408-358-0828.

See related article on Proposition 93 on page 5.

Dining and Dancing with Dean

Republican organizations from across Silicon Valley are joining with SVARW on January 26th for a "Fun Raiser" to support the election of Dean Andal to Congress. "Dining and Dancing with Dean" features:

- Dinner and full wine, beer and martini bar for only \$25**
- Big Band sounds of the 26 member Sons of Jubal band.
- Fun with like-minded Republicans!

**Advanced tickets must be purchased by Jan 16th. See page 7 for order form. After Jan 16th, cost to attend is \$35.

Electing Dean Andal to Congress will give Silicon Valley a fiscally conservative Republican Congressman who stands for:

- Beefing up national security and intelligence
- Economic growth enhanced by lower taxes and less regulation.
- Higher ethical standards.

To learn more about Dean, visit his website at <http://www.deanandal.com/>.





NEWS

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The next SVARW Board Meeting will take place on THURSDAY, January 31st. If you would like an invitation to the Board Meeting, contact Jan Soule at 408-705-2156

Photos from SVARW Christmas Luncheon

Officers for 2008 Take Oath of Office



Los Gatos Vice Mayor, Mike Wasserman, administers oath of office to 2008 Officers



2007 Board of Directors and Central Committee Representative, Peter Soule

Pictured left to right: Jan Soule, Peter Soule, Barbara Wales, Maria Fischer, Helen Gaetano, Pam Bonhomme, Kyra Hubis, Gail Desmet, Lisa Marshik, Laurette Blasig, Janet Chakraborty, Claudette Averill, Carol Joyal and Marian Cosgrove.



Members of the San Jose Youth Symphony conducted by Yair Samet performed. Contributions to the San Jose Youth Symphony were collected.



Anne Gadd and Joey also entertained. Many thanks also to Carolyn Wimpee who graciously sang for us.

Photos courtesy of Robert Wales

Attention Los Gatos Voters

I've joined the Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, Fairness and Safety in the campaign against Measure D because it requires the use of a \$1,000,000 piece of Los Gatos land AND \$1,000,000 in cash for improvements AND \$50,000 per year (for maintenance) FOREVER for a deluxe skateboard facility.

I believe public money should be used for the public good – like public roads, public libraries and public safety. Special interest groups should fund themselves as does soccer, Little League, Pop Warner, etc – not try and force the use of taxpayer money by an Initiative.

The Los Gatos soccer (LGUSL) and baseball (LGLL) communities have joined me in opposing this expenditure of public funds and we encourage everyone to visit our website at www.DownOnMeasureD.org and Vote No on Measure D in the upcoming election.

Mike Wasserman
Vice Mayor
Town of Los Gatos

PS Anyone wishing to contribute to this campaign may send a check to: Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, P.O. Box 73, Los Gatos, CA 95031. We are also looking for lawn sign locations in the Town of LG. Thanks!

Save Our Kids!!! Referendum on SB777

SB777 signed by Governor Schwarzenegger bans any teaching or activities in schools that "promote a discriminatory bias" against homosexuals, transgenders, bisexuals, and those with gender (perceived or actual issues). References to "mom and dad" will be banned. Gender specific bathrooms will be banned.

A volunteer-only referendum campaign has never qualified for the ballot. The historic SB 777 referendum would be the first to accomplish this feat!

If you have petitions, please make sure they are returned to the address found on the bottom of the petitions by January 4th.

For questions on this Referendum, contact our Legislation Chairman, Claudette Averill at (408) 268-5534.

Visit: <http://www.saveourkids.net/>



Visit our website

www.SVARW.com

**CDs on Sale at
Next SVARW
Meeting.**

If you attended our June 2007 Red, White and Blue meeting, you were thrilled as National Guardsman Ken Weichert told us about his tour of duty in Iraq where he was on the detail that pulled Saddam Hussain out of his hole!

Linda Schultz's brother recorded the meeting and will make copies available for a \$5 donation to SVARW.

Bring your \$5 to our January 16th meeting if you want a copy.

Down with D ~ Don't be Duped



Measure D is NOT asking IF the Town of Los Gatos should build a deluxe skateboard facility

...it's FORCING you to pay for it.

**\$2 Million and \$50,000/yr.
of your money is NOT FAIR!**

Vote NO on Measure D

Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, Fairness and Safety www.DownOnMeasureD.org

**Phone Numbers****Local Assemblyman**

Ira Ruskin

(650) 691-2121

Jim Beall

(408) 282-8920

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(408) 277-9461

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(510) 413-5960

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**FAX is most
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SVARW Membership Renewal Form

Three Steps to Renewing Your Membership in SVARW:

Step 1— Complete the following information to ensure that everything in next year's SVARW Roster is correct and that we have your preferences for contact.

Members Name: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Will you be signing up your spouse as a supporting member? Yes* No
[Supporting member must be a Republican!]

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

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

Step 2— Sign below acknowledging your compliance with SVARW Bylaws and Standing Rules.

I agree to abide by SVARW Bylaws and Standing Rules _____
(signature)

Step 3— Mail in your dues. Make your check payable to **SVARW** (\$20 for members, \$5 for supporting member-spouse) and mail to:

Kyra Hubis
1459 Corte De Rosa
San Jose, CA 95120

Not sure you paid your 2008 dues? Ask Kyra!

Phone: 408-268-9507

Email: puz@sbcglobal.net

Don't Be Tricked by Prop 93

It's Bad for California

Perhaps even more important than voting for a presidential candidate on February 5th, is casting a "No" vote on Proposition 93. Prop 93 masquerades as a term limits initiative, when, in fact, it is the opposite. It will loosen California's term limits law for incumbent legislators, enabling them to serve 12 years in either the Senate or Assembly. In effect, the maximum Assembly term will be increased from 6 years to 12 years and the maximum Senate term from 8 years to 12 years. Does that sound like stricter term limits to you?

The reality is that Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez and Senate President Don Perata rail-roaded this onto the February 5th ballot for their own self interest. If Prop 93 were to pass on February 5th, both Nunez and Perata would be able to run for re-election in June. Otherwise, they will be termed out this year and they will be out of a job. And they aren't the only incumbents that stand to benefit from Prop 93. Consider this: 40 other incumbents will be able to extend their terms under this sham of legislation. 60% of the Senate would be able to serve up to 18 years! This is not what California voters had in mind when we passed term limits legislation in 1990.

But wait, there's more. Did you think that the reason for California taxpayers to pay for a third election in 2008 (the February primary) was so that we could have more impact on the presidential race? No, not at all. The real reason was so that Prop 93 could slither onto the February ballot and then, if passed, Perata, Nunez and company would be able to extend their terms by running in the already scheduled June 2008 primary. Slick, no?

If you are tired of the shenanigans that pass for government in Sacramento, vote No on Prop 93 on February 5th. California's term limits laws must be upheld to bring new legislators and new ideas to Sacramento.

Learn more about Proposition 93 visit: www.stopprop93.com

California Presidential Primary

What You Need to Know

The upcoming presidential primary may take many Californians' by surprise because:

It's early! We will have two primaries this year...a presidential primary on February 5th and a primary on June 3rd for local, state and federal offices.

It's closed. Only registered Republicans can vote for the Republican candidates. If you know someone who votes Republican but is not registered as a Republican, let them know that they must re-register by January 22nd to vote for Republicans in the primary.

It's not winner take all. Delegates to the September GOP Presidential Convention will be chosen by congressional district. It is highly likely that several of the presidential hopefuls will have California delegates pledged to them.

It's more than just about the presidency. You'll be voting on Prop 93. Don't let the democrats get away with their trickery. Vote no.

If you are still undecided about who to support for president, check out www.glassbooth.org. The website enables you to weight the issues most important to you and then respond to statements relating to those issues. When you click through to the final page, you'll know which presidential candidate is the closest match to your views. You may be very surprised!



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(916) 445-4633
www.govmail.ca.gov
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governor.ca.gov

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CONGRESS:
1-202-224-3121

OR toll free at
1-877-762-8762

PRESIDENT BUSH
1-202- 456-1414



Welcome our New Newsletter Editor!!

Linda Chavez attended her first SVARW meeting on December 12th and volunteered to be our SVARW Newsletter editor.

Many thanks to Judy Cziprian who has been our newsletter editor. Judy become our newsletter editor by volunteering at her first meeting.

Prior to Judy, Jan Soule was our newsletter editor volunteering at the first meeting she attended in 2004.

Do you think we have a tradition going or what?



California Republican Convention Join SVARW Trip on February 23rd

The California Republican Party holds two conventions each year, the spring convention in Northern California and the fall convention in Southern California. Mark your calendar...the CRP Convention will take place **February 22-24, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco.**

Unlike the national Republican convention held every four years where attendance is limited to delegates, alternates and invited guests, every registered Republican in California has an opportunity to attend the state convention.

Join SVARW for a day at the California Republican Convention on Saturday February 23rd. **Barbara Alby, National Committee Woman from California to the RNC and KSFO's Melanie Morgan are on the agenda to meet with SVARW members.**

You can become an Associate Delegate for \$16. Although Associate Delegates do not vote at the convention unless carrying a proxy, they still enjoy every other benefit of attendance :

Attend all general sessions.

Meet Republicans from across the entire state of California, including Republican office holders and candidates.

Attend workshops on grassroots organizing, an inside look at polling (who looks best against Hillary!), campaign school, etc. *

Opportunity to purchase banquet tickets to numerous lunch and dinner events headlined by well-known keynote speakers. Last spring, the ticket to the Rudy Giuliani lunch was the hot item!* [Lunch banquet usually runs between \$50-\$60]

Visit vendor booths. Everything "Republican" is for sale! Scarves, ties, bumper stickers, clothes, books, T-shirts, jewelry, etc.

Schmooze at hospitality suites hosted by candidates and organizations.*

(*)Delegates and Associate Delegates must register to attend the convention and pay a registration fee which is about \$60

Indicate your interest by completing this form and sending to Lisa Marshik, 319 Blossom Valley Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032 or call Lisa at 408-358-0828.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

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I would like to:

Take a van to San Francisco for the day (Feb. 23rd)

I could drive a van/car to the Convention for the day (Feb 23rd)

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I will get to San Francisco myself and would like to be a part of SVARW activities at the Convention on Feb 23rd.

I will be staying in San Francisco and would be interested in any SVARW activities that weekend.

Dining and Dancing with Dean

You're Invited to a

*Eat, Have Fun, and Help Elect a
Republican to US Congress*

Where can you:

- Have a blast with like-minded Republicans?
- Listen to the Big Band sounds of the 26 piece Sons of Jubal Band?
- Take a photo with the next US Congressman from Silicon Valley?
- Enjoy, appetizers, dinner, dessert and a full martini, wine and beer bar for only **\$25?**

Right here!

Ticket Information

\$25 in advance

\$35 after January 16th

To sign up complete the form below
making checks payable to

Citizens for Andal

Mail to:

Janet Chakraborty

1124 Valley Quail Cr

San Jose, CA 95120

**Frankly, \$25 is a terrific
deal for:**

- Appetizers, dinner, dessert and a full martini, wine and beer bar.
- Terrific live music.

**We hope you will come and
be prepared to contribute to
Dean Andal's Congressional Campaign.**



Dean Andal

Candidate for Congress
District 11

Why Support Dean Andal

As Republicans living in Santa Clara County we often feel that we have no representation in Congress because...we don't!

All four of the gerrymandered congressional districts that include portions of Santa Clara County are currently held by tax-and-spend liberal Democrats.

Electing Dean Andal to the 11th Congressional District seat will give Santa Clara County a fiscally conservative Republican Congressman who stands for:

- Beefing up national security and intelligence.
- Economic growth enhanced by lower taxes and less

Dining and Dancing with Dean — January 26, 2008

_____ Tickets @ \$25 per person (\$35 after 1/16/08)

Name (1) _____ Name (2) _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Occupation _____ Phone: _____

Business Name: _____

Email: _____

_____ I cannot attend but would like to donate \$ _____.

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We need Volunteers!!!

SVARW is hosting a "Fun-Raiser" for the next US Congressman from Silicon Valley, Dean Andal! We need members to volunteer to help!

Please plan to attend a volunteer meeting on January 3rd at 10:30 AM. We will be meeting **upstairs** at Sonoma Chicken Coop located at 200 East Campbell Ave (downtown Campbell at the corner of 2nd Street and East Campbell Ave.).

This is a real grassroots efforts to impact the make up of the US Congress!! Richard Pombo lost this 11th Congressional District seat in 2006 by only 9,000 votes. This congressional district has more registered Republicans than Democrats. We can make a difference by getting behind Dean Andal!

If you have thought about "doing something" to help the Republican Party in Santa Clara County...helping with Dean Andal's Fun-Raiser is a great place to start!

For more information or if you would like to help and cannot attend the meeting, contact Janet Chakraborty at 408-997-6642 or Jan Soule at 408-705-2156