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Upcoming Events at SVARW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ♦ **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

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.

About Dr. History

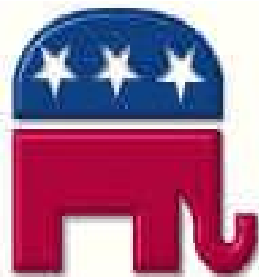
Dr. Charlie Self, "Messenger to the Thoughtful", is a leader with a unique gift of clarity. He offers "insights for impact" that encourage and empower all people to dream and do above and beyond the norm. Charlie's speaking and writing offers an unusual blend of depth and simplicity. Hearers and readers 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.



Charlie Self
Dr. History

La Rinconada Country Club
Check In — 9:00 AM —
Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM — Meeting called
to order
11:00 AM — Meeting
Adjourned
14595 Clearview Drive -Los
Gatos, CA 95032



February 18th, 2009 —SVARW Meeting

Could you be a potential victim of Identity Theft??

Don't miss our February Meeting.

See Page 7 for Details



Officers for 2009

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Linda Chavez

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PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

We are looking for a person who would join us on the SVARW Board and spend a few hours each month sending meeting notices to local papers. We need to let the community know we are here for them. We will help you get started, so don't worry if you haven't done this before. Please contact Carol Joyal for more information, 408-267-2423 or irnsv@comcast.net.

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

Great! Get involved!! SVARW is an all volunteer organization. Our 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 board meeting is January 28th. Please contact Carol Joyal for more information, 408-267-2423 or irnsv@comcast.net.

Board of Directors for 2009

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Member at Large	To be Named
Member at Large	Maria Fisher

Have You Renew ed Your SVARW Membership for 2009?

Our membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. Membership renewals are now due. 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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Legislation

Legislation, Barbara Wales Chairman

Coordinator: Barbara Wales (408) 379-0727

First, we would like to thank Claudette Averill who has worked so hard as our Legislation Chairman for the last two years!

For 2009 we face some special challenges. Republicans do not have a strong voice through our elected officials. To make sure our voices are heard, for 2009 we are going to have a Legislation Committee with various people reporting on various topics. This way we will be able to cover as many issues as possible. We would welcome anyone who would like to join and take a specific issue. Reporting is not required every month but only when there is something to report or act on.

So far, the following people have volunteered to work with the following issues:

Claudette Averill-Marriage (Claudette has agreed to continue her excellent coverage of this issue)

Jan Soule- Local Issues (issues in our cities and counties)

Jean Glines and Associate Member Russ Glines-Financial - what are the causes of /solutions to the financial crisis in our Nation)

J.P. Puette - Second Amendment

Ann Collins - Life (not just abortion, but stem cell issues, women's health issues, protection of the right of women to have/keep/put up for adoption their babies, government funding, adult consent)

J.P. Puette-Monetary System

Mary Johnson-Prop. 13 & Howard Jarvis

Pat Rigler and Associate Member Tom Rigler - United Nations

Carol Joyal - Immigration

Can you help? Would you be willing to help on one of the following issues -or do you have one of your own which you would like to suggest?

Taxes

Environment/Global Warming

Education and/or Youth

"Obama" Watch

Tort Reform

Terror/Security

Freedom of Speech

Freedom of Religion

State Issues

Voter Fraud/Protection

Unions

Senior Issues (Medicare, Social Security, others)

Armed Services (troops, veterans)

Law Enforcement (police, 3 strikes, etc.)

Trade

Hate Crimes

Middle East

China/Asia

Europe

Health Care/Nationalized Medicine

Judges/Judicial Appointments

What else would you suggest???

Please contact Barbara Wales rdwales@earthlink.net or (408) 379-0727. Thank you!

Legislation Continued.....

TAXES

The California Budget negotiations are changing daily. The current plan by the Democrats is an effort to avoid the 2/3 vote for taxes by a number of legal maneuvers. This will mean higher gasoline prices, higher sales taxes and a variety of extra "fees." Even more critical is that if the Democrats are able to accomplish this, it will set a precedent for future tax increases. Please call, email, FAX or write your state legislator and the governor and say the solution should NOT be to "avoid" the 2/3 vote.



The Night Before Christmas in Sacramento

*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the state,
We knew the Democrats were lurking, just lying in wait.*

*The stockings were still hung by the chimney with care,
But the gifts were hidden, for liberals' new taxes might soon be there*

*Those Democrats were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of new levies danced in their heads.*

*Bass and Steinberg, Brown and Garamendi,
All knew their big year soon would be ending.*

*When out on the Capitol lawn there arose such a clatter,
They sprang from their offices to see what was the matter.*

*Away to the windows they flew like a gang,
Of union guys when the 5 PM bell rang.*

*When, what their ears heard coming like thunder,
Was a band of taxpayers so big, it forced them to wonder,*

*Many were stunned and began to fall ill,
To see Republicans come forth, led by Villines and Cogdill.*

*So many were there, and boy were they ticked,
Some were there only in spirit, like Reagan and Jarvis,*

*The Democrats emerged, all somewhat in shock,
That the Republicans were here, as if taking stock.*

*"What are YOU doing here? We have many taxes to boost!"
The liberals proclaimed, as they still ruled the roost.*

*"Taxing iTunes, movies, and fun doesn't matter,
For those who don't like it, we don't care, move to Nevada."*

*"Enjoy Christmas this year!" the Republicans said,
While privately knowing, Dem terms would soon end.*

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The Night Before Christmas in Sacramento

Reprinted from message sent by...

Ron Nehring
CHAIRMAN, California
Republican Party





Don't Live in San Jose?

Why should you care?

San Jose is the 10th largest city in the US and the driving force in Santa Clara County.

If the San Jose City Council votes to block pornographic images at public libraries then there is precedent for the remainder of the 15 cities and towns in Santa Clara County to do likewise.

If it fails in San Jose, it will be much harder to get a similar measure past in the rest of the county.

PLEASE NOTE...You do not have to be a resident of San Jose to address the San Jose City Council!!!!

You do not have to be a resident of SJ to write a letter to the editor in support of this issue!!

Pornography Filters for San Jose Public Library Computers

Prepared by Jan Soule

Would you believe that Claudette Averill first reported on this issue in November 2007?

The wheels of government due run slow! Councilman Pete Constant first introduced a recommendation to put pornography filters on the computers in San Jose public libraries at a rally head on the steps of the Martin Luther King Library on October 24, 2007. The current expectation is that the decision of whether or not to block pornographic images at San Jose Public Libraries will come to a vote of the city council in January or February.

At issue is the need to protect children who fill the libraries after school. Public libraries have become the after school "baby sitter" for children of working parents.

Values Advocacy Council, headed by Larry Pegram, has been a leader in this effort. VAC reports on the major issues:

Are the filters effective? Contrary to what you may read in the newspapers, two tests referenced by the Librarian, in her report to the City Council, conducted and published in 2008, found pornographic and obscene IMAGES were effectively blocked 93.1% and 97% of the time. The internet pornography landscape is changing daily, making it virtually impossible to develop a filter system that is 100% effective. The internet filter software providers are always chasing the pornographers as the pornographers try their latest to get around the filters.

Do filters block legitimate research? WebSense, a filter provider and vendor to the Phoenix Library System, is very concerned about the possible blocking of legitimate research, medical, and sexual information sites. A test of a "Phoenix configured" computer did not find that any of the sites cited by the library in their "135 test questions and scenarios" were blocked and unavailable to library patrons. Blocking software has come a long way in protecting those that wish to conduct legitimate research. Our proposal to the City Council is that only IMAGES, not text, be blocked.

Are the costs prohibitive? The Librarian, in her report, quoted a cost of approximately \$400,000 to install and operate an internet pornography filtering system in the San Jose Public Library in the first year of implementation. This budget estimate is entirely over inflated. In working with members of the City Council, we believe that the program would cost between \$100,000 to \$130,000 to install and operate in the first year. The Library, because it currently has no filtering software in place, has foregone e-Rate funds and CIPA funds. The cost will almost be offset by the additional revenues available to the Library.

Are our First Amendment Rights protected? The City Attorney has opined that the City can install internet pornography filters without running afoul of the U.S Supreme Court ruling, US vs. American Library Association, Inc. The First Amendment accommodations required by the ruling are met in the proposed policy. The proposed policy is a mirror policy of the Phoenix Internet Policy currently in effect in the Phoenix Public Library system. In fact, the ACLU acknowledged that the Phoenix Internet Policy met the provisions of US v American Library Association, Inc. in its Spring 2005 ACLU-AZ newsletter.

You will be notified when the matter has been placed on a City Council agenda. At that time, we will begin calling, faxing, and emailing our Council Members letting them know of our desire to protect our children and grandchildren from pornography in our Public Library.

To contact the San Jose City Council go to: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/council.asp>

Save the Date!

February 18th, 2009
SVARW Meeting

One of the items you will learn at the February meeting is to correct your credit report information. A police officer from the Los Gatos Police Department joining us, SVARW, to provide first hand knowledge of identify theft concerns. Do not miss this meeting. Here is a sample of the resources that will be provided:



Correcting Fraudulent Information in Credit Reports

The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) establishes procedures for correcting fraudulent information on your credit report and requires that your report be made available only for certain legitimate business needs.

Under the FCRA, both the consumer reporting company and the information provider; the business that sent the information to the consumer reporting company, such as a bank or credit card company, are responsible for correcting fraudulent information in your report. To protect your rights under the law, contact both the consumer reporting company and the information provider.

We will provide the more information on February 18, 2009 See you there!

The Night Before Christmas in Sacramento (continued from page 5)

*"The campaign for the taxpayers is making big gains,
And Californians know your ideas are quite...lame."*

*"We came to give you one piece of advice,
One we all believe and think will suffice."*

*"LEASE, don't buy, for when we come back,
It will be to clean out your office, and help you to pack."*

*For the voters, we know, are already tired,
Of even more taxes and spending and will soon say, "You're fired!"*

*The volunteers were ready, as were the donors,
To give the state back to its rightful owners.*

*Throughout California, Christmas was celebrated,
Family and friends, most were elated,*

*That by when it is time for Christmas in '10 to appear,
Democrats will have been thrown out on their rears.*

*And so we know the state will have been set right,
When Santa says then, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"*

My very, very best to you today and into the New Year!



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SVARW Dues for 2009 are Due Now!

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Update on Prop 8.

By Claudette Averill

Disappointed in Attorney General Jerry Brown

We had hoped that Jerry Brown would keep his word. He had originally pledged to defend Prop. 8 in accordance with his constitutional duty. However, his 111 page brief which he filed December 19th, asks the court to strike down the measure for reasons not even suggested by gay activists who filed suit. Brown argues that the state constitution's general guarantee of "the inalienable right of liberty" supersedes all other aspects of the state constitution, including Prop. 8.

Brown's brief states, "While Respondent (the Att. Gen.) does not suggest that the Framers contemplated that liberty interests included a right to marry that extended to same-sex couples, the scope of liberty interests evolves over time as determined by the Supreme Court." At the same time, Brown agreed with Prop. 8 supporters that the arguments actually made by the plaintiffs (that Prop. 8 is a "revision" of the state constitution and violates the "separation of powers" doctrine) have no basis in case law.

Brad Dacus, president of Pacific Justice Institute states that Brown's brief actually calls those who voted for Prop. 8, the 'tyranny of the majority.' With the state's chief law enforcement officer becoming a law unto himself, Dacus believes we have a constitutional crisis in our state.

PJI was one of the first to file briefs opposing efforts to stop enforcement of Prop. 8, and PJI is currently drafting an amicus brief on the merits of the case which will be filed with the court in mid-January.