

Upcoming Events at SVARW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ◆ **June 17th** — Red, White and Blue Meeting — Topic: Immigration.
- ◆ **August 22nd** — Stars and Stripes Gala
- ◆ **September 16th** — The importance of technology in future political races and how the party will utilize it.

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

June 17, 2009 —SVARW Meeting

Annual Red, White and Blue Meeting

COMPREHENSIVE (UNOFFICIAL) AMNESTY

What is happening about AMNESTY, the border and enforcing our immigration laws. Guest Speaker: Rick Oltman.

Rick is National Media Director for Californians for Population Stabilization. He formerly was Western Field Director for Federation of Americans for Immigration Reform, and has often traveled to our southern border as an observer. He served as Northern California's Proposition 187 chair.

Californians for Population Stabilization works to form and move policies and programs to stabilize California's population at a number which will preserve a decent quality of life for all Californians. It was founded in 1986. Since most all of California's population increases are from immigration, it focuses on this issue. It sponsors public and media awareness campaigns, works with local, state, and federal lawmakers on population policy matters, conducts research, has an alert system to notify members of pressing legislation and much more.

**LOCATION**

La Rinconada Country Club

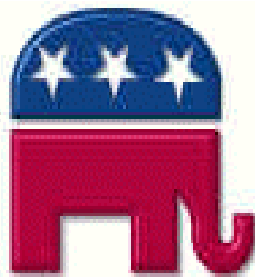
Check In – 9:00 AM –
Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM – Meeting called to
order
11:00 AM – Meeting
Adjourned
14595 Clearview Drive -
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Don't forget to wear Red, White and Blue!

How will Social Networking help elect Republicans in 2010?



Don't miss our September 16th monthly meeting where David Kralick will speak on the importance of technology in future political races and how the Republican Party will utilize it.

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Tickets Now on Sale for Annual SVARW Stars and Stripes Gala

★ This is an event you will not want to miss! Enjoy a wonderful buffet dinner, wine and dancing under the
★ stars to music by our favorite Doobie Brother, Danny Hull. The Stars and Stripes Gala always attracts
★ office holders and candidates. San Jose City Councilmember Pete Constant has already put it on his
★ calendar!

See Page 3 and 7 for details and get in on the early-bird ticket price!



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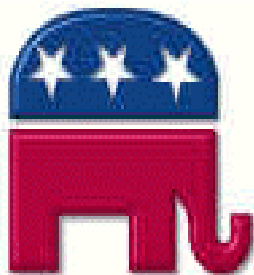
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Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, August
26th
10:00 AM



Endorsed Candidates for 2010

Per the SVARW Bylaws, the Board of Directors may endorse candidates for office. The endorsement by the Board is a recommendation to our members. Members always have the option to vote as they choose. Our endorsements are often repeated on other websites. To be endorsed, a written recommendation must be submitted to the SVARW Board and the candidate must have spoken at a SVARW meeting. The Board has the authority to wave the requirement for speaking in front of our organization.

Barbara Alby

State Board of Equalization



Barbara Wales with Assemblyman DeVore

Honor Truth and Justice Breakfast

Our May 20th meeting with Assemblyman Chuck DeVore was fantastic! Members were delighted hear from such a dynamic candidate for U.S. Senate. Thanks to all members who contributed to the Dump Barbara Boxer campaign. Assemblyman DeVore was elated by the response! Plus, we surprised the Assemblyman by presenting him with a cake and singing happy birthday to celebrate his day!

Special thanks to Barbara Wales who organized our Honor Truth and Justice Breakfast!!!

SVARW CORRESPONDENCE

SVARW wrote to Santa Clara County GOP Central Committee regarding their newsletter to 45,000 which supported 1A. We felt that the county should have:

1. Shown the State Republican Party position which opposed 1A, or
2. Given both sides of the issue or
3. Refrained from publishing an opinion.

President Carol Joyal received a phone call from County Chairman, Steve Mullen asking why we had written the letter.

SVARW is writing to Los Gatos Mayor Mike Wasserman to thank him for the Town of Los Gatos maintaining an emergency fund which is being used to meet current budget demands and for keeping the Town without a deficit for the whole time he has been in office.

Congratulations to Mayor Wasserman and Town Council of Los Gatos!

GAIL NEEDS TO KNOW IF...

a member is ill or has lost a loved one. We care about our members and would like to send them card. Contact Gail DeSmet at desmetgail@hotmail.com or (408) 997-2482

Last Chance to Purchase Tickets Before Price Increase

Tickets for the August 22nd 2009 Stars and Stripes Gala are now on sale!

June 17th is the last day to purchase tickets for our 2009 Stars and Stripes Gala before the price goes up! We have many confirmed guests including San Jose City Councilman, Pete Constant. In addition to Republicans eager to meet other Republicans, guests in past years have included San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed, Los Gatos Mayor Mike Wasserman, President and CEO of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, Pat Dando, former US Congressman, Ernie Konnyu, Alum Rock School Board President, Frank Chavez and many others.

If you know anyone who is planning to run for office next year, 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 and to purchase tickets online using your credit card, visit our website: <http://www.svarw.com/starsandstripes2009.html>

Or go to page 7 of this newsletter to complete the form and mail in your check.

Remember...ticket prices go up after June 17th!

The evening includes a fantastic dinner with appetizers catered by Pat Smith Extravaganza (a great Republican!!) Dinner includes wine and other beverages. We are beginning the party at 5:00 PM this year so we will have more time to dance under the stars to music by our favorite Republican Doobie Brother, Danny Hull along with Kurt Anderson, the singing architect.



Among our Guests
San Jose City Councilman,
Pete Constant

Donations for Stars and Stripes Raffle

We Need Your Help!

Each year SVARW raises money at our Stars and Stripes Gala through our raffle. That money is 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 2008, the "Fun Raiser" for Congressional Candidate Dean Andal brought in over \$4,600 to Dean's campaign and our April 2008 event raised \$4,800 for Frank Chavez in his campaign for County Supervisor of District 2. We have significant local races coming up next year including RE-ELECTING Pete Constant to office!

For our Summer Stars and Stripes Social we are once again collecting items for the raffle. Donations may be brought to the June meeting or make arrangements with Lisa Marshik for the items to be dropped off. Among the donations we could use are, baskets, and **NEW items** including wine, gift certificates, Americana 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!



Phone Numbers
Local Assemblyman

Ira Ruskin
(650) 691-2121

Jim Beall
(408) 282-8920

Local State Senators
Abel Maldonado
(408) 277-9461

Liz Figueroa
(510) 413-5960

S. Joseph Simitian
(650) 688-6384

Elaine Alquist
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Legislation

Legislation, Barbara Wales Chairman

The major focus of our efforts this month has been on the May 19 Election. Thank you to everyone who voted and who encouraged others to vote! This was a tremendously expensive election which could have been avoided if State lawmakers had been doing their jobs. No wonder we have a budget crisis!

Harvey Milk Day

SB 572 which designates May 22 as Harvey Milk Day as a day on which "Exercises remembering the life of Harvey Milk and recognizing his accomplishments as well as the contributions he made to the state" should be conducted and specifically, "all public schools and educational institutions are encouraged to observe...and ...conduct suitable commemorative exercises." A statewide poll by Survey USA in early March found that 69% of the people in the State oppose this. Only 19% supported it. A majority of Democrats, Independents, Republicans, liberals, moderates and conservatives all said "no." So why is the Legislature trying to force this on California?

Action: Please call Governor Schwarzenegger at 916-445-2841 and say "I want the Governor to announce he will veto SB572, Harvey Milk Gay Day in schools, like he did last year. Parents don't want this non-academic promotion of alternative sexual lifestyles to children as young as kindergarten. Most Californians are opposed to this being pushed on children! Veto SB572!"

The Bag Tax

We need to let the San Jose City Council know that we oppose it because 1) cloth bags can be unsanitary and actually cause disease, 2) cleaning canvas bags after every use uses so much water and detergent that it is worse for the environment than plastic bags, 3) plastic bag recycling has been very successful and is growing, 4) studies have shown that when people don't have plastic bags from groceries that they buy considerably more plastic bags and this hurts the environment, and 5) in Oakland, a judge struck down a plastic bag ban as there was no evidence it helped the environment.

ACTION

Please call or email San Jose City Council Members and the Mayor. Even if you don't live in San Jose, if San Jose votes for it, it is likely smaller cities will follow suit.

Email: Chuck Reed	mayormail@sanjoseca.gov –Fax: 408-292-6422
Pete Constant	district 1@sanjoseca.gov – Fax: 408-292-6448
Ash Kaira	ash.kaire@sanjoseca.gov – Fax: 408-292-6451
Sam Liccardo	district3@sanjoseca.gov – Fax: 408-292-6456
Kasen Chu	district4@sanjoseca.gov – Fax: 408-292-6459
Nora Campos	district5@sanjoseca.gov – Fax: 408-292-6462
Pierluigi Oliverio	district6@sanjoseca.gov – Fax: 408-292-6465
Madison Nguyen	district7@sanjoseca.gov – Fax: 408-292-6468
Rose Herrera	district8@sanjoseca.gov – Fax: 408-292-6469
Judy Chirco	district9@sanjoseca.gov – Fax: 408-292-6471
Nancy Pyle	district10@sanjoseca.gov – Fax: 408-292-6478

Proposition 8 Upheld by Court

Prop 8 was upheld; although 18,000 "marriages" which were performed before the Nov. 4 vote were deemed to be legal. ***Thank you to Claudette Averill who has worked so hard on this!***

Proposition 8 by Claudette Averill

Marriage Upheld in California

The California Supreme Court upheld Proposition 8, the state marriage-protection amendment approved by voters last November. This is wonderful news and, ironically, the court that affirmed the amendment is the very one that originally legalized same-sex marriage last year. Perhaps these judges are finally realizing that it's their job to interpret law, respect the will of the people and not create law. The judges stated that this was not their personal wishes. Eighteen thousand homosexuals will remain married which would not have occurred if these same judges had not over stepped their rights and legalized their married last May. Evidently our governor does not understand the will of the people and Prop 22 as he wrote a letter to the judges asking them to over turn the Prop 22 statute which they did. The governor has also told the homosexuals not to give up, which they are not. Those whom oppose Prop 8 are going into parts of CA. that voted strongly for Prop 8 and are working to change their minds. The next step will be to do what we did and get a million signatures to put it on the ballot again. Each time we vote there are less people voting for a man, woman marriage.

Across the Nation

Iowa, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut now recognize same-gender marriage, that right likely will be challenged in Iowa and Maine. In the last decade, in 30 of the 30 states where marriage has been on the ballot, the people have protected marriage as only between a man and a woman.

Californians will need to remain vigilant to protect marriage, their parental rights, and their religious freedoms. Ron Prentice, chairman of the protectmarriage.com coalition said, "We will turn our attention to public education and outreach so that citizens come to better understand and appreciate the many benefits that traditional marriage provides for society and our families."

I was very proud of not only SVARW but all religions that came together in the Santa Clara County to fight for marriage.

Marriage Praised at the UN

I'm also excited to share with you about a lunch briefing Focus on the Family hosted earlier this week at the UN Headquarters in New York. About 60 ambassadors and diplomats gathered to hear from experts who explained that kids thrive best when raised by their married mom and dad. This was a significant message for the ambassadors to hear, as they are being asked to protect homosexuality as a basic human right. The speakers included Mr. Lee Wee Min, regional director for Focus on the Family Asia, as well as Philippine Ambassador Hilario Davide, who spoke passionately about God's design for marriage as the union of a man and a woman.



NEWS BITS

Gallup Poll indicates that 51% of Americans consider themselves Pro-Life as opposed to 42% who consider themselves Pro-Choice. This is the first time the majority of Americans have answered they are Pro-Life. However, the President is pushing to reverse the ban on late term abortions and there is pressure in the Republican Party to have the party drop any stand on abortion.



City on the Hill

City on the Hill will be July 21-26 and is a model legislature for youths 14+ conducted at William Jessup University in Rocklin. This is sponsored by Capitol Resource Institute. For information and applications, please see the CRI web site. www.CRI.org

Hate Crime Legislation

HR1913 passed in the House and is expected to be considered by the Senate after Memorial Day. It gives special protections to individuals based on their "perceived" sexual identity or gender identity. It passed by 249 to 175 along party lines.

Two major issues with this bill are 1) it provides UNEQUAL protection under the law – the US system of justice is based on EQUAL penalties for the same crimes) and 2) this could impact freedom of speech – consider a pastor in a religion which believes marriage is between a man and a woman.

Please Call Senator Dianne Feinstein at 202-224-3841 and Senator Barbara Boxer 202-224-2553.

WHAT IS THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION?

Many of our SVARW members have enjoyed this conservative public policy organization. It was established in 1973 as a research and education institute "think tank". It maintains an excellent website at www.heritage.org. The group presents reports to members of Congress and the administration and others. It also has online meetings on important and timely is-

IMMIGRATION REPORT

By Carol Joyal

Rep. Zoe Lofgren Slanders House Witness

April 1, 2009 Rep Lofgren was chairing a House Judiciary sub-committee on an immigration issue. Some committee members tried to keep constitutional lawyer, Kris Kobach, from testifying, using allegations of racism from the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), and based on association with immigration reform groups. Rep. Lofgren read the slanderous letter into the Congressional Record without questioning its content. Mr. Kobach has been very successful in lawsuits supporting immigration enforcement issues, and this was payback time. If you go to www.splc.org, you will find a map of hate groups. One group that has a symbol is marked "Christian identity". Their definition of a hate group is that they "have beliefs or practices that attack or malign an entire group of people". I'm not sure how "Christian identity" fits into this definition, but apparently Ms. Lofgren, an attorney, supports this kind of tactic. You might want to visit the SPLC website and request it stops the slander. Watch the video here:

<http://americanpatrol.com/WMV/LofgrenandKobach040109.wmv>

CALIFORNIA TAX PROTECTION ACT OF 2010

This is a new California initiative measure to address the problem of "birth tourism" sucking up our welfare tax dollars. The United States is the only first world country that allows visitors and illegal entrants to give birth here to citizen babies. It is estimated at least 400,000 instant citizens are born here yearly. Even births in our territories to are citizen births, increasing the financial and population problems. The 14th Amendment, written to give former slaves citizenship, needs to be interpreted by the Supreme Court. This initiative would require alien birth mothers to apply in person for a "Birth to a Foreign Parent" certificate. Mothers would have to supply identity documents and fingerprints. This information would be made available to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). No doubt the Federal Ninth Circuit Court would strike the measure down. This offers an opportunity to appeal all the way to the Supreme Court. Will this Court have the courage rule on this issue? For more information, check out: www.TaxpayersRevolution.org. Petitions

OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY AT STAKE

Professor Samuel Huntington, a well respected author and scholar, wrote *"Who Are We? The Challenges to America's National Identity"* in 2004. This work is still controversial because it dares to question what is happening to our national core values. He summarizes the diverging viewpoints between most Americans and our elite opinion makers in a chapter title "Fault Lines Old and New".

In a variety of ways, the American establishment, governmental and private, has become increasingly divorced from the American people. Politically America remains a democracy because key public officials are selected through free and fair elections. In many respects, however, it has become an unrepresentative democracy because on crucial issues, especially involving national identity, its leaders pass laws and implement policies contrary to the views of the American people. p. 325

We absolutely need to hold our leaders responsible! Have you called an elected official lately?



The Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women Presents

Stars and Stripes Celebration

Dinner and Dancing Under the Stars

Saturday, August 22, 2009 — 5:00 – 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 17th	Checks received after June 17th
SVARW Member including Husband supporting member	\$45	\$52
Non-Member**	\$55	\$60

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 **2009 & 2010. Husband Supporting Members are \$5

STARS & STRIPES GALA — TICKET ORDER

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SVARW AND MAIL TO: CATHY DAVIS, 1238 HILLCREST, SAN JOSE, CA 95120. **QUESTIONS?** CALL CATHY @ 408-323-8685, LISA@408-358-0828 OR MARIA@408-395-0335 — OR, GO TO WWW.SVARW.COM AND PURCHASE TICKETS USING YOUR CREDIT CARD.

Invited Office Holders
include:
 San Jose Mayor
 Chuck Reed
 San Jose City Councilman
 Pete Constant*
 Los Gatos Mayor
 Mike Wasserman
 *Confirmed

Reserve Tickets For: Name	Member/Supporting Member _____ \$45**	Non-Member # _____ \$55**
Reserve Tickets For: Name	_____ \$45**	_____ \$55**

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ 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 **2009 & 2010**. 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 17, 2008, Tickets are \$52 for members, \$60 for non-members—NO EXCEPTIONS!



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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.