

# Silicon Valley

# Association of Republican Women

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# Upcoming Events at SVARW

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- June 8th —Pete Constant's Election Night Party.
- June 12th—SVARW
   Political Party—Just for
- ◆ June 16th —SVARW Annual Red, White and Blue Meeting—Illegal Immigration and the new Arizona Law. Ira Mehlman, Media Director for Federation for American Immigration Reform
- August 21st —SVARW Annual Stars and Stripes Event

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 16, 2010 — SVARW Monthly Meeting

Annual Red, White and Blue Meeting Arizona's New Immigration Law and the Battle of Amnesty

Our guest speaker will be Ira Mehlman, media director for FAIR. Ira joined FAIR in 1986 with experience as a journalist, professor of journalism, special assistant to Gov. Richard Lamm (Colorado), and press secretary of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. His columns have appeared in *National Review, LA Times, NY Times, Washington Post, Newsweek*,, and more. He is an experienced TV and radio commentator.

Mr. Mehlman will be speaking on two timely and critical immigration issues:

ARIZONA'S NEW IMMIGRATION LAW - SB 1070

This law mirrors existing federal immigration laws which have not been enforced. Yet it is somehow very controversial.

#### The BATTLE OVER AMNESTY 2010

Congress and the White House are leading the way to a massive amnesty program this year for 13,000 to 20,000 illegal aliens. Mr. Mehlman will discuss the impending legislation and what we can do to oppose it.



LOCATION
La Rinconada Country Club
Cost: \$13 —Includes Continental Breakfast
Check In —9:00 AM
14595 Clearview Drive -Los
Gatos, CA 95032

# Don't forget to wear your RED, WHITE and BLUE!

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Longrightarrow}$  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\square}$ Tickets Now on Sale for Annual SVARW Stars and Stripes Gala  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\square}$  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\boxtimes}$ This is an event you will not want to miss! Enjoy a wonderful buffet dinner, wine and dancing  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\square}$  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\boxtimes}$ to the music of The Casuals. The Stars and Stripes Gala always attracts office holders and  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\square}$  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\square}$ candidates. ☆  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ See Page 6 and 7 for details and get in on the early-bird ticket price!  $\frac{1}{2}$ Political Party Pete Constant's June 12th **Election Night Party** See Page 8 for Details See Page 5

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#### Officers for 2010

President Cathy Davis

First Vice President Martha Snodgrass

Second Vice President Carol Joyal

Recording Secretary

Jan Nedde

Corresponding Secretary
Lisa Seago

Treasurer Helen Gaetano

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, May 26th @ 10:00 AM

#### Sunshine

Norine needs to know if a member is ill or has lost a loved one. We care about our members and would like to follow up with a call and a card. Please call Norine Bacon and let her know who needs a special call or card.

408-377-7111

## **Endorsed Candidates for 2010**

Visit our website www.SVARW.com for more election information

#### **FEDERAL**



Chuck DeVore for U.S. Senate —California

Tom McClintock for U.S. Congress — California District 4

Elizabeth Emken for U.S. Congress —California District 11

Ronny Santana for U.S. Congress —California District 14

Dan Shahagun for U.S. Congress (Write In) —California District 16

Star Parker for U.S. Congress —California District 37

Michele Bachmann for U.S. Congress —Minnesota District 6

## **STATE**

Sam Aanestad for California Lt. Governor Barbara Alby for State Board of Equalization Craig DeLuz for Assembly District 5



#### LOCAL



Pete Constant for San Jose City Council District 1

Larry Pegram for San Jose City Council District 9

Chuck Reed for Mayor of San Jose

Mike Wasserman, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Delores Carr, Santa Clara County District Attorney

Debbie Giordano, Mayor Milpitas (Nov 2010)

# Santa Clara County Republican Central Committee



Cathy Davis —Supervisorial District 1

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Norm Nedde —Supervisorial District 1

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Peter Soule —Supervisorial District 4

Jayne Ham —Supervisorial District 5

# Star Parker Hits it Out of the Park at Liberty Celebration 2010

By Allison Spiller

Saturday, May 22 in Los Gatos was a milestone event for SVARW and supporting organizations. We were extremely honored to have Star Parker, founder of CURE (Center for Urban Renewal and Education) and candidate for U.S. Congress in California's District 37, as the





Keynote Speaker at this popular annual event. Ms. Parker is also a frequent commentator for Fox News, CNN, CNBC, and the BBC, and has a weekly syndicated column that appears in over 400 newspapers nationwide.

Parker delivered a rousing and inspirational address on how the liberal Democratic establishment's social entitlement programs dating from the 1960's have caused the poor to remain mired in poverty and dependent on government programs.

Building upon several themes from her books, White Ghetto, Uncle Sam's Plantation and Pimps, Whores and Welfare Brats, as well as the important work she

does with CURE, Parker described her inspiring journey out of welfare dependency to become a prominent national social policy consultant focused on issues of race and poverty. She related how it was individual responsibility, faith and freedom that put her on the path out of poverty – not liberal entitlement programs.



Parker explained that market-based approaches are the best way to fight poverty, and emphasized how the government manipulates and devastates the lives of the poor by destroying personal dignity. She also touched upon the subjects of abortion, the breakdown of the family and other negative influences that naturally resulted from the dependency culture fostered by over 50 years of liberal government entitlement programs.

At the conclusion of her address, Parker received a standing ovation. She then graciously remained afterwards to sign books and chat individually with attendees.



Star Parker with Barbara and Robert Wales at "Intimate Dinner: with Star Parker

We were truly honored to have had Star Parker as our featured speaker. On the Friday evening prior the event, SVARW hosted an *Intimate Dinner with Star Parker* to help raise money for Star's congressional campaign. Our "intimate" event attracted over 70 attendees. Star Parker was overwhelmed by the response!

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# Legislation

#### June 2010 Local Measures

- · Measure A, Mountain View-Los Altos School Improvement Measure. no
- Measure B, Milpitas Unified School District education and local control measure. no
- Measure C, Oak Grove School Disrict Gann Appropriations limit increase.
   no
- · Measure E, Los Gatos Union School District bond measure. no
- · Measure G, Campbell Union School District bond measure. no
- · Measure H, Mount Pleasant School District parcel tax. no
- · Measure I, Alum Rock School District parcel tax. no
- · Measure J, City of Santa Clara Football Stadium. No position
- · Measure K, City of San Jose Cardroom Measure. No position
- · Measure L, North County Library Authority tax continuation. no

#### Special Election Primary: June 22nd

The Special Election to replace Abel Maldonado in the state senate will take place. This is a Bay Area race as the district includes part of Santa Clara County. Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee is the only Republican candidate.

# Miles for Mike

The last few days of the election are critical for any campaign and this holds true for

Mike Wasserman's campaign for County Supervisor. So SVARW has, as usual, set up a fun activity to show our support for Mike. We are going to drive around San Jose City Council Districts 10, 2 & 8 with the "Wasserman for Supervisor" magnets on our car. We will drive around areas of San Jose City Council Districts destination - Oakridge Mall! We hope to get a few caravan's going and even if you don't drive you can ride shotgun! This will be an easy drive and a ton of fun! So here are the details:

When: Wednesday, June 2nd

Friday, June 4th Monday, June 7th

Meet: Cathy Davis' House 1238 Hillcrest Drive, SJ 95120

champdavis5@att.net

Time: TBI

Mike will supply the car magnets and the driving map. All we need to do is drive around town and let everyone see Mike's name! So contact me and let me know if



# June 8, 2010 Primary Election Ballot Propositions

SVARW has taken a position on only one proposition, Proposition 14. The remainder are the recommendations of the California Republican Party.

<u>Proposition 13: Limits on Property Tax Assessment Seismic Retrofitting of Existing Buildings.</u> Legislative Constitutional Amendment

#### **California Republican Committee Recommendation:**

<u>SUPPORT:</u> Prohibits tax assessors from re-evaluating new construction for property tax purposes when the point of the new construction is to seismically retrofit an existing building. Sets a statewide standard for seismic retrofit improvements that qualify.

<u>Propostition 14: Elections. Increases Right to Participate in Primary Elections State of California.</u>

#### **SVARW** recommendation: Oppose

#### California Republican Party Recommendation:

OPPOSE WARNING! DECEPTIVE LANGUAGE! Sets up a "top two" primary that sends only the top two vote getters into the general election. Under this scheme, you may have NO Republican candidates to choose from in November in your part of the state. Vote NO on this scheme to rig California elections.

#### Proposition 15: California Fair Elections Act

#### California Republican Party Recommendation:

OPPPOSE Allows for public funding of candidates for the office of Secretary of State, given the candidates collect signatures and \$5 from 7,500 registered voters. The donations would be deposited into the Fair Elections Fund.

<u>Proposition 16: Imposes a new two-thirds voter approval requirement for public electricity providers.</u> Initiative constitutional amendment.

#### California Republican Party Recommendation:

SUPPORT Require a 2/3 vote from the electorate before a public agency could enter the retail power business. Local government cannot establish a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program, use public funding to implement a plan to become a CCA provider or expand electric service to a new territory without the electorate's 2/3 approval.

# Candidate Development

SCCSBA's Candidates' Workshop
For prospective school board members
Saturday, June 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Milpitas Room, 2nd floor North,
Santa Clara County Office of Education

Current school board members will talk about roles and responsibilities of school board service. A representative from the Registrar of Voters will speak about campaign filing.

The event is free, thanks to the sponsorship of PG&E, and open to all prospective candidates or those who may have an interest in board service. An RSVP is appreciated for head count to Rose Filicetti at <a href="mailto:savgmom@aol.com">savgmom@aol.com</a>



## Pete Constant's Election Night Party

Join Pete and his family on election night to celebrate his reelection to the San Jose City Council.
6:00 PM until the election results are in.

Location: 962 Westmont Court, San Jose, CA 95117 (Parking is very limited on Westmont Court, so please park on Williams Road.)

Pete wanted to make sure an invitation was extended to SVARW Members!! He is having a complete Greek Dinner.



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The Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women Presents

# Stars and Stripes Celebration

# Dinner and Dancing



**Saturday, August 21, 2010** — 5:00 – 11:00 P.M.

Elks Club in at 105 Newell, Los Gatos, CA 95032

Live Music by the Casuals

Spectacular Gourmet Dinner — Wine Included

#### Fantastic Raffle Prizes!!!!

Dress is Casual Elegant

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

All reservations must be accompanied by payment

| Category                            | Checks received by | Checks received after |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
|                                     | June 16th          | June 16th             |  |
| SVARW Members                       | \$45               | \$55                  |  |
| [Regular, Associate or Supporting ] |                    |                       |  |
| Non-Members**                       | \$55               | \$65                  |  |

## Meet Candidates and Office Holders!!

2010 is a very important year for elections! Come meet current office holders and candidates running for office in November

#### Past guests include....

San Jose City Councilman
Pete Constant
San Jose Mayor
Chuck Reed
Los Gatos Mayor
Mike Wasserman
District Attorney
Dolores Carr
State Senator
Jeff Denham
Chamber of Commerce
CEO Pat Dando
Former Congressman
Ernie Konnyu

#### STARS & STRIPES GALA — TICKET ORDER

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SVARW AND MAIL TO: LISA MARSHIK, 319 BLOSSOM VALLEY DRIVE, LOS GATOS, CA 95032. QUESTIONS? CALL CATHY @ 408-323-8685, LISA@408-358-0828— OR PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT WWW.SVARW.COM

| Reserve Tickets For: Name |          | Member |                     | Non-Me | ember # |
|---------------------------|----------|--------|---------------------|--------|---------|
|                           |          |        | \$45**              |        | \$55**  |
| Reserve Tickets For: Name |          |        | \$45**              |        | \$55**  |
| Phone:                    | Cell:    |        | T. 1 . 6            |        | Φ.      |
|                           |          |        | Tickets             |        | \$      |
| Address:                  |          |        | Membership Dues \$2 | 25     | \$      |
| City                      | StateZip |        | Membership Spouse   | \$5    | \$      |
| Email:                    |          |        | TOTAL ENCLOSE       | D      | \$      |

#Non-members may join SVARW today and pay the member rate. Dues are \$25 with this form <u>only</u> and will apply to the remainder of 2010 & 2011. Husband Supporting Member dues are \$5. Members: If your husband/date is not a member, he pays the non-member price.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>For orders received after JUNE 16, 2010, Tickets are \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members—NO EXCEPTIONS!

## Last Chance to Purchase Tickets Before Price Increase

Tickets for the August 21st 2010 Stars and Stripes Gala are now on sale!

June 16h is the last day to purchase tickets for our 2010 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 this year, invite them! Our Stars and Stripes Gala is a great way for anyone 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/starsandstripes2010.html

Or go to page 6 of this newsletter to complete the form and mail in your check.

Remember...ticket prices go up after June 16th!

The evening includes a fantastic dinner with appetizers, wine and other beverages. We are beginning the party at 5:00 PM this year and going until 11:00 PM so we will have more time to dance.



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 Raisers" expenses from our funds, 100% of the ticket sales at the Fun Raisers go to the candidates. So far in 2010, SVARW has helped candidates raise over \$20,000!!!

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, 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 <a href="mailto:lmarshik@comcast.net">lmarshik@comcast.net</a> 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, , a shooting lesson at JP Puette's ranch and a week stay in Kaui.

All proceeds from raffle will support local candidate development projects!



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# Join SVARW's "Political Party"

June 12th -6:00 PM

It's that time again to get together with fellow Republicans and enjoy an evening of cocktails and conversation! You won't want to miss this party!

Come and chat about the outcome of the primary election!!

Office holders and candidates for office are invited as our guest!

Cost: \$10

Home of Martha and Tom Snodgrass—203 Montclair Road, Los Gatos, CA 9503

RVSP to: Martha at 408-871-2917 or marthasnod@comcast.net

This is our last newsletter until September! SVARW does not hold regular meetings in July and August. To keep in touch, please go to our website and join our email list.