



## Upcoming Events at SVARW

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ♦ June 20—Red, White & Blue Monthly Meeting with David Bundesen
- ♦ August 25—Stars and Stripes!
- ♦ September 19—SVARW Monthly Meeting with Brad Dacus. Erosion of Religious Freedom
- ♦ October 17—Candidate Forum

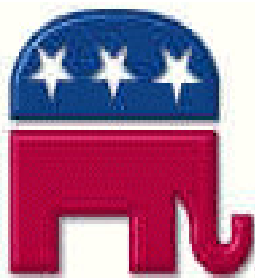
### SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada  
Country Club

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
14595 Clearview Drive  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Tickets for Monthly Meetings  
can be purchased at:

[www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com)



See You There!

### June 20th —Annual Red, White and Blue Meeting

#### The NRA Voice of Freedom Championing Individual Rights and Responsibilities

David Bundesen, Advancement Officer, National Rifle Association, will be speaking about preventing the erosion of our individual freedoms. Specific talking points will include:

- The anti-gun movement is well-funded and led by the likes of George Soros, Dianne Feinstein, and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and is dedicating enormous resources to erode the values of individual freedoms as designed by our founding fathers
- Furthermore, we have a national media that exhibits a clear bias against guns and gun ownership
- NRA has established the NRA Voice of Freedom programs to promote initiatives that champion individual freedoms and responsibilities



David is a great speaker, and given the current administration's anti-liberty, anti-freedom and anti-constitution mindset, this promises to be a very timely, interesting and lively presentation. Don't miss it!

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

Time: Monthly meetings start at 9:30 with check-in at 9:00 a.m.

Location: La Rinconada Country Club

14595 Clearview Drive, Los Gatos

Cost: \$15.00 includes continental breakfast

Purchase tickets online at [www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com)

### June 20th Last Day to Purchase Tickets for Stars and Stripes at Early- Bird Price

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 25th to join us for SVARW's annual Stars and Stripes Gala. Early-bird tickets will be on sale now through June 20th. Tickets for members are \$45 and \$55 for non-members. Non-members who join SVARW and purchase tickets for Stars and Stripes pay the member price PLUS their membership is good for the remainder of 2012 and all of 2013.

See page 7 for ticket information.

See page 8 for more details about Stars and Stripes.





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Next Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August  
29th @ 9:30 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 to let her know.  
408-377-7111

## President's Memo

By SVARW President, Jan Nedde

Summer is here, and the political season is in full swing. The unemployment rate has increased to 8.2%, and there is no "hope" of "change" until the November election. For those of you who think that Mitt Romney is not conservative enough, I strongly urge you to ponder this chart:



Almost anyone would be more conservative than the present occupant of the White House, and I hope that we can all coalesce around the Romney nomination and work for his election. The courts at all levels have become increasingly politicized, and have encroached upon all of our lives, and adjudicated against many of our conservative principles—as they did in California, ruling in opposition to the peoples' vote against gay marriage. The Supreme Court nominations are among the most profound and irreversible decisions a president can make. I believe that Mitt Romney will nominate conservative individuals as he promised, and that is the most important reason to vote for him in my opinion, although there are many others. I do have "hope" based on reason, that he will lead us out of the morass in which we currently find ourselves economically, and that will help us as regards energy policy, national security and our influence on a global level.

On to another topic—the SVARW Board is in the process of examining our goals as an organization. That stated purpose is: *To educate and motivate our members and to help elect qualified Republicans to office.* The Board will be having a meeting to ponder the current local political situation and the most judicious way to allocate our resources. To that end, we will be sending out a survey to the members. If you have anything to contribute for our discussion, please contact me with your comments before August 1<sup>st</sup>. You are all members of SVARW because you are concerned conservatives, and the Board wants to properly reflect your needs and desires for the future success of SVARW and conservatism.

Best Regards,  
Janet Nedde, President  
Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

## SVARW Activity Round Up

### May 12, 2012 Liberty Celebration with Sheriff Richard Mack



Sheriff Richard Mack

SVARW held its annual Liberty Celebration at the Elk's Lodge in Los Gatos May 12 with Sheriff Richard Mack as the keynote speaker. Also speaking was Karen Meredith, President of the Northern California chapter of American Gold Star Mothers (AGSM.)

Sheriff Mack spoke on "Local Solutions for National Problems." In a very interesting presentation, he described how he and six other sheriffs challenged the constitutionality of the controversial Brady Bill and won in a 5-4 US Supreme Court decision.

Sheriff Mack is a self-described "constitutional conservative" with a long history of supporting causes such as states' rights, individual rights, and Second Amendment rights. His is an ongoing quest for defending and restoring liberty.

Also, as part of the program, SVARW honored American Gold Star Mothers, a national group of mothers whose sons and daughters died while serving our country. Karen Meredith accepted the award on behalf of American Gold Star Mothers and shared with us her own personal story as well as an overview of AGSM.

To learn more about Sheriff Mack please see [www.sheriffmack.com](http://www.sheriffmack.com). To learn more about American Gold Star Mothers please go to [www.goldstarmoms.com](http://www.goldstarmoms.com)

If you missed Sheriff Mack at the Liberty Celebration or just want to hear his inspiring talk again, you'll find the link to the YouTube presentation on our website:

<http://www.svarw.com/SheriffRichardMack.html>

#### May 30th

#### San Jose City Council Rules Committee Meeting

The LGBT community is trying to strong arm San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed into signing a resolution saying that he supports same-sex marriage. On very short notice, SVARW was able to rally at least 10 people to attend a Rules Committee meeting where there was to be a vote on putting this resolution before the San Jose City Council on June 5th. SVARW members spoke up for traditional marriage and emphasized that the mayor should not be forced to sign such a resolution. We obtained a small victory in that there was agreement not to place this resolution on the June 5th agenda for the City Council. The mayor agreed to meet with the LGBT leaders after the June 5th election.



SVARW Member Rev. John Avery Palmer addresses Rules Committee

#### May 16th

#### SVARW Rally for Leslie Reynolds

During the afternoon commute traffic returning home to Almaden Valley, twenty-five SVARW members took up stations at the intersection of Almaden Expressway and Blossom Hill Road. The energetic group waved "Leslie Reynolds for City Council" banners to create awareness for the June 5th Primary Election. Afterward the group enjoyed pizza and beer.







Phone Numbers  
Local Assemblymen

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Sam Blakeslee  
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## Legislation—California

Deborah Kerwin-Peck, Legislation Chairman

### CA: 45th WORST State for Entrepreneurs

Stephen Franks 04/23/12 Teresa Novellino 04/20/12

California is in a depression .... We have AB 32 [cap and trade] and SB 375 [greenhouse gas reduction] adding billions to the cost of California businesses.

"... the 15 tax systems best for small business are: 1. South Dakota, 2. Texas, 3. Nevada, 4. Wyoming, 5. Washington, 6. Florida, 7. Alaska, 8. Alabama, 9. Ohio, 10. Colorado, 11. Mississippi, 12. Michigan, 13. South Carolina, 14. Tennessee, and 15. Missouri.

... 15 worst state tax systems are: 37. Nebraska, 38. North Carolina, 39. Illinois, 40. Oregon, 41. Rhode Island, 42. Connecticut, 43. Hawaii, 44. Vermont, 45. California, 46. Maine, 47. Iowa, 48. New York, 49. New Jersey, 50. Minnesota, and 51. District of Columbia.

The ranking looks at 18 different tax measures, and combines those into one tax ... included are income, capital gains, property, death/inheritance, unemployment, and various consumption-based taxes, including state gas and diesel levies."

We have 11% unemployment, with real unemployment ~20%. Ready to call yourself a Texan?!

<http://capoliticalnews.com/2012/04/23/ca-45th-worst-state-for-entrepreneurs/>

<http://www.portfolio.com/views/blogs/daily-brief/2012/04/20/best-and-worst-business-tax-states-for-entrepreneurs#ixzz1t4mIDTVZ>

### CA Debt Much Larger Than Reported

Stephen Franks 05/29/12 Katy Grimes 05/29/12

Reports of California's debt usually just include the \$17 billion budget deficit. But California also owes the federal government \$14 billion and public schools \$10 billion.

"While California sputters under the massive debt, legislators continue to take up ridiculous bills and resolutions, and ignore bills which would begin necessary reforms. ... the Assembly voted ... September 2012 as National Coupon Month [to] "... acknowledge the value of coupons in achieving significant savings for CA consumers." [Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes, D-Sylmar]

While this trivial resolution sailed through, many ... Republican bills sit stuck in the Rules Committee or are unceremoniously killed [in] the Appropriations Committee, led by Fuentes.

Assemblyman Brian Nestande, R-Palm Desert, has re-introduced [ACA 13](#), a constitutional amendment to give the State Controller the authority to approve the budget. [ACA 13](#) would prohibit the Legislature from sending to the Governor a Budget Bill in which General Fund appropriations exceeded General Fund revenues as determined by the Controller."

<http://capoliticalnews.com/2012/05/29/grimes-ca-debt-much-larger-than-reported/>

<http://www.calwatchdog.com/2012/05/29/ca-debt-much-larger-than-reported/>

## Legislation — Federal

### **Green Corruption: Department of Energy “Junk Loans” and Cronyism, Part One**

Christine Lakatos 04/29/12

Gene Koprowski 03/31/12

... Gene Koprowski of *The Daily Caller* unleashed the most outrageous part of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform investigation: "Obama energy officials funded solar firms despite 'junk bond' ratings from S&P and Fitch." Koprowski detailed the DOE's lack of caution in backing hundreds of millions of dollars in loans for "tainted solar power projects."

In fact, the report released last month by the committee, led by Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) "painted a startling picture of mismanagement at DOE." ... of the 27 loan guarantees under the 1705 Program, ... "23 ... were 'junk grade' due to their poor credit quality, while the other four were rated BBB, ...the lowest ... investment ... grade." [Twenty-three of 27 loan guarantees is 85%!]

According to Issa's Team, the DOE's 1705 loan portfolio overall average was BB-. "Now, I'm no financial guru, but I wouldn't want that grade on my report card." Political buddies indeed - 21 energy firms are behind the 27 projects found in the House oversight investigation; 18 ... are politically connected to President Obama (15 alone) and the Democratic Party, [also] over 85%!

<http://www.intellectualconservative.com/2012/04/29/green-corruption-department-of-energy-junk-loans-and-cronyism-part-one/>

<http://dailycaller.com/2012/03/31/obama-energy-officials-funded-solar-firms-despite-junk-bond-ratings-from-sp-fitch/2/>

### **Senate Republicans Bristle at Vote on Sea Treaty During Lame Duck**

Julian Pecquet 05/23/12

Republicans reacted with outrage Wednesday at news that Democrats will wait until after the presidential election to bring the controversial Law of the Sea Treaty [LOST] to a vote. [Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) said some lawmakers "on and off the committee" have candidly told him they'd "be more comfortable" if they could avoid ... controversial vote during campaign season.]

Senate Foreign Relations Chairman John Kerry (D-Mass.) announced the decision during a high-level hearing with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey

"I think it's a bad idea," said Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.). "I don't like to do something in the lame-duck session, particularly something that is as dangerous to our sovereignty as this is."

<http://thehill.com/blogs/global-affairs/un-treaties/229157-republicans-bristle-at-taking-maritime-treaty-vote-during-lame-duck-session->

<http://thehill.com/blogs/global-affairs/un-treaties/229077-kerry-announces-he-wont-bring-law-of-the-sea-treaty-up-for-a-vote-before-november-election>

### **Exposed: More Obama/Reid Friends Get No Bid Contracts—How D.C. Corruption Works**

Stephen Franks 05/29/12

CJ Ciaramella 05/29/12

"Seven solar companies received fast-tracked lease approvals in a no-bid process ... [and] loan guarantees worth billions from the Department of Energy under its renewable energy loan program, as well as renewable energy grants from the Treasury Department.

As previously reported by the Free Beacon, there were [extensive political ties](#) among the solar companies, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D., Nev.), DOE, DOI, and Commerce Dept."

<http://capoliticalnews.com/2012/05/29/exposed-more-obamareid-friends-get-no-bid-contracts-how-d-c-corruption-works/>

## Why the CLASS Act Initiative is needed to Repeal SB 48



### How it became law

SB 48 made its way through the legislature and was signed into law by Governor Brown in July 2011. SB 48 mandates implementation of this bill on January 1, 2012.

### What it does

SB 48 uses all social science curriculum, including history books and other instructional materials, to teach children as young as five not only to accept but also to endorse transgenderism, bisexuality, and homosexuality. SB 48 has been misrepresented to the public and passed as a bill aimed to end bullying. SB 48 went into effect January 2012. Under SB 48, public schools will begin supplementing current instruction with pro-transgender, bisexual and homosexual materials before textbooks are revised. If schools do not comply with this they are in violation of the law.

Fortunately, there is another way to get rid of this overreaching and inaccurate teaching of history. Sign the petition, pass the CLASS Act.

### What you can do

Our public schools are academic institutions, not a place for politicians to force their radical agenda on children. SB 48 does absolutely nothing to reduce bullying, improve the state of our education system, ensure students graduate, or prepare them for global competitiveness. Instead it diverts precious classroom time and resources away from science, math, reading, and writing to promote the political agenda of a few.

Stop SB 48 supporters are rallying together to repeal this law through the initiative process. An Initiative called the CLASS (children learning accurate social science) Act has been filed. This initiative demands the accurate teaching of history. With this initiative in place no person will be left out because of his or her sexual preference, but rather their contribution to history will be the focus not their sexual preference. *We must gather 700,000 signatures to qualify this initiative for the ballot. You can get involved by signing the petition.*

To sign the petition, go to <http://classact2012.com/>  
Click to SIGN THE PETITION. You can download a petition and instructions.  
Signed petitions must be received by CLASS ACT prior to July 11, 2012  
OR...Attend the SVARW June 20th meeting and sign the petition there.

## Overseas Coupon Program

Send your coupons to soldiers overseas! This program serves military families by assisting us to forward "manufacturer's coupons" to the U.S. Navy base in Gaeta, Italy.

These bundles of coupons are placed on tables, at the PX and Commissary, or handed out for use by military members and families on base. This helps a military family save valuable dollars and stretch their budget. Please follow these four easy steps:

1. Clip your "manufacturer's coupons" with expiration dates that are no more than one month past their expiration date.
2. Please sort your coupons into "food" and "non-food" bundles and place them into Ziploc baggies.
3. Tally the dollar total for each bundle and mark on each baggie with a felt tipped pen.
4. Bring them to the next SVARW meeting.

Remember: the magic words are "manufacturer's coupon". Do not send restaurant coupons, assistance vouchers, food stamps, or any other assistance items, which generally have a personal name on them or are issued for a specific person to use. Do not send store coupons, which are only good at the store named, and cannot be used on a military base overseas.



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



**Saturday, August 25, 2012 —5:00 – 10:00 P.M.**

Beautiful Saratoga Estate of Suzanna Cody and her husband Ron Hills

Join us for a fabulous champagne welcome, delicious appetizers, live music, and a spectacular gourmet dinner with wine

**Fantastic Raffle Prizes!!!**

Win prizes valued at hundreds of dollars for the price of a single raffle ticket.  
 Raffle tickets are \$10 each or six for \$50

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



| Category                            | Payment received by<br>June 20th | Payment received after<br>June 20th |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| SVARW Members                       | \$45                             | \$55                                |
| [Regular, Associate or Supporting ] |                                  |                                     |
| Non-Members**                       | \$55                             | \$65                                |

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***Come Meet Current  
 Office Holders and  
 Candidates  
 Running for Office  
 in 2012***  
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**\*\*Non-members may join SVARW today and pay the member rate. Dues are \$25 with this form only and will apply to the remainder of 2012 & 2013. Dues for husband (Supporting Members) are an additional \$5.**

**STARS & STRIPES GALA —TICKET ORDER**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SVARW AND MAIL TO: LISA MARSHIK, 319 BLOSSOM VALLEY DRIVE, LOS GATOS, CA 95032. **QUESTIONS?**

LISA MARSHIK @408-358-0828— OR **PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT** [WWW.SVARW.COM](http://WWW.SVARW.COM)  
 PLEASE EMAIL LISA IF YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR SEATING: [LMARSHIK@COMCAST.NET](mailto:LMARSHIK@COMCAST.NET)

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|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Reserve Tickets For: Name | Member<br>_____ \$45** | Non-Member #<br>_____ \$55** |
| Reserve Tickets For: Name | _____ \$45**           | _____ \$55**                 |

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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|--------------------------|----|
| Gala Tickets             | \$ |
| Raffle Tickets \$10 each | \$ |
| Membership Dues \$25     | \$ |
| Membership Spouse \$5    | \$ |
| <b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>    | \$ |

#Non-members may join SVARW today and pay the member rate. Dues are \$25 with this form only and will apply to the remainder of 2012 & 2013. 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 20, 2011, tickets are \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members—NO EXCEPTIONS!**

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## What's so Great About Stars and Stripes?

For those of you who've never experienced SVARW's Stars 'N Stripes Gala before, let us give you a preview of what you can expect. For those who've attended in the past, this year's Stars 'N Stripes will be different and very special...

As you enter the grand Old World Spanish adobe gates leading to the oasis of charm and elegance that is Mission Hills, you'll be welcomed with a chilled glass of champagne. A relaxed "Liberal Free Zone," the gathering begins with a leisurely stroll through the authentically reproduced Spanish villa, where you'll be greeted by fresh faced servers offering an array of appetizers. As you move into the main socializing area, you can stop for another glass of cool wine or craft beer while you mingle with like-minded Republicans bent on friendly discussion and seriously delicious food and entertainment. Or, you can meander through the three acre grounds, where each at each turn, you'll be treated to a new more beautiful, poolside, lawn or flower garden vistas. The house's stunning terra cotta roofed patios, solarium and spacious lawns serve as our mingling and outdoor dining and dance areas. You'll meet candidates running for November Election and current office holders, but there won't be any long speeches.

After you enjoy your beautifully catered dinner and a trip past the truly decadent dessert table, you will want to dance the night away to the eclectic sounds of AzureMoon, an R&B, Classic Rock, dance band. Stars 'N Stripes is a fun, low key way to interact and encourage you to join us for more directly political focused meetings and events. It's a great way to invite a friend, neighbor or work associate who thinks they'd like to become more politically aware and involved. We sincerely hope the evening inspires you to become a more active member, or join us, if it's your first SVARW event. Complete details on page 7.