



Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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DON'T MISS THESE SVARW MEETINGS!

Mark Your Calendar!

- ♦ March 26—Annual Day at the Capitol. To participate, email Karen England: kengland@Capitolresource.org
- ♦ April 18—Guest speaker Barbara Alby
- ♦ May 16—Republican Integrity Brunch, Speaker Karen England, Capitol Resource Institute
- ♦ June 20—Red, White and Blue Meeting with Staff Sergeant Weichert

SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada Country Club

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

Cost: \$12 for Continental
Breakfast

For more information,
contact:
Jan Soule'
408-705-2156



We have exciting speakers and events planned for Spring! Please mark your calendars and arrive by 9am.

April 18: The Honorable Barbara Alby

Barbara Alby is truly an American success story. At onetime, she was a welfare mom and domestic violence victim. Today, she is a successful businesswoman, former Legislator and Leader.



That same tenacity and inner strength that helped her at critical moments in her early life served her well in 1993 when she was elected to the California Legislature, representing the Sacramento area. Foremost among Barbara's legislative accomplishments are laws to protect women and children from sexual predators. She is the author of Megan's Law in California. Barbara's leadership established the Child Molester Hotline. She fought to protect our children from criminals on school campuses after a young woman was murdered, just before graduation, on a high school campus in her district. The legislation is known as the "Michelle Montoya Law."

Today Barbara serves as Chief Deputy to Board of Equalization Member Bill Leonard. The California Board of Equalization is the only voter elected Tax Board in the U.S.

Nationally she represents California on the Republican National Committee. In the 2000 election cycle, she served as a surrogate speaker to women voters for Bush/Cheney. Former Radio and Television Talk Show host, Barbara knows the importance of effective communication to persuade voters to our side.

Barbara has joined Sherry Leonard to form Pacific Events. As business partners their commitment is to use their talents to make a difference for Republican values. Their Leadership Conferences that focus on training candidates and bringing in new leaders to the GOP, is part of that commitment.

May 16: Republican Integrity Brunch Speaker: Karen England, Capitol Resource Institute

Come and hear outstanding speaker Karen England of Capitol Resource Institute speak about Sacramento, legislation and City on the Hill. It will be a morning to remember!. Guests and husbands are welcome!

June 20: Annual Red White and Blue Meeting featuring National Guard Staff Sergeant Ken Weichert.

Sgt Weichert was on the detail that pulled Saddam Hussein from his hiding place.



NEWS

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SVARW Dues are Due!

ARW dues are now due! Regular membership is \$20 and with supporting member, it is \$25 for the year. Please make your checks payable to **SVARW**. Keep your membership up to date by mailing your check today to:

Kyra Hubis
1459 Corte De Rosa
San Jose, CA 95120

BY-LAWS & PARLIAMENTARY CORNER

BY DIANE OWEN

An organizational meeting of SVARW was held on Monday, February 5th to begin drafting the bylaws of the Association.

The next meeting will be held on March 12th. A professional registered parliamentarian will meet with us to guide in drafting an appropriate document for the Association. Once completed, the proposed bylaws will be presented to the membership for adoption.

Hopefully, the information in this column will help clarify questions you may have regarding parliamentary procedure.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The answers given here to the questions presented are based upon the rules contained in Robert's rules of Order Newly Revised. These rules are in effect, default rules; that is to say, they govern only if there are no contrary provisions in the Associations bylaws, or in any special rules of order that the Association may have adopted.

Question: How can I get an item on the agenda for a meeting?

Answer: For a proposed agenda to become the official agenda for a meeting, it must be adopted by the assembly at the outset of the meeting. At the time that an agenda is presented for adoption, it is in order for any member to move to amend the proposed agenda by adding any item which the member desires to add, or by proposing any other change.

Question: Isn't it necessary to summarize matters discussed at a meeting in the minutes of that meeting in order for the minutes to be complete?

Answer: Not only is it **not** necessary to summarize matters discussed at a meeting, it is improper to do so. Minutes are a record of what was done, not a record of what was said.

You are encouraged to submit questions regarding parliamentary procedure for consideration in future editions of the newsletter.

Congratulations to Santa Clara County Republican Party Chairman, Keen Butcher

Through Keen Butcher's leadership, the Santa Clara County Republican Party has completely turned around. In recognition of Keen's tremendous efforts in our county, he was elected by his fellow county chairmen as President of the California Republican Chairmen's Association. This is a leadership position in the California Republican Party.



Help Us Build the Next Generation of Republicans!

It sometimes takes courage to be a proud Republican on a college campus. And, that's what our California College Republican Clubs represent – proud Republicans.

Help the Santa Clara GOP as we work to encourage our College Clubs to grow and prosper, and take up the Republican cause!

The College Republicans are coming to Silicon Valley. They've elected to come "north" for the very first time to host their state-wide convention.

California College Republicans Convention April 13-17, 2007 at the Santa Clara Marriott

**Featuring workshops and an impressive speaker
line-up:**

**Ben Stein, Ward Connerly, David Horowitz, Dinesh
D'Souza, Bruce McPherson, Senator Abel Maldonado.**

How can you help?

They need our financial support to help fund Convention costs. So, SVgop is collecting contributions to help sponsor the convention.

**SPONSOR A STUDENT FOR \$100
Or Contribute Any Amount!**

Detach and mail to:
Santa Clara County Republican Party, 522 N. Monroe St, San Jose, CA 95128

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Occupation * _____ Employer* _____

____ Yes, I'd like to sponsor ____ student(s) for the annual Convention. (\$100 per student)

____ Yes, I want to help. Here is my contribution of \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: "Santa Clara County Republican Party" - or -

Contribute by Mastercard or

Visa: _____ Expires: _____

* Required to comply with State/Federal laws.



Welcome New Members!

Marilyn Bowers came to membership at June Paoli's invitation. She has "always been a Republican." Marilyn was born and raised in Missouri and came to California to complete her education. She loves all sorts of music, even Classical. Right now she's immersed in the remodeling and painting of her Condo and putting up with all sorts of noises and interruptions. Glad to have you on board, Marilyn!

Rosemary Supan became a member on the invitation of Dorothea Keener. She too has always been a Republican. Rosemary was born in Modesto and raised in Red Bluff. Her interests include genealogy and reading. She regularly visits a Nursing Home in Santa Clara where some dear souls never get visited except by Rosemary.

Jenny Howe came to membership because her daughter Julie Howe was invited to speak to Association of Republican Women last year. Julie spoke to our group about "Operation Completion." Jenny has always been a Republican. Her mother was involved in politics in Idaho where Jenny was born and raised. She came to California to attend Pomona College in southern California. Jenny home schools her four children, three still at home. Her Home Schooling speaks volumes.

Welcome all new members to SVARW.



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LEGISLATION UPDATE

BY CLAUDETTE AVERILL

NATION

HR 3 Embryonic Stem Cell Research provides for research on humane embryos. Last year President Bush vetoed a bill to pour taxpayer dollars into destroying human embryos for research. Congress did not have enough votes to override the veto. On January 11 the new leadership in Congress brought the bill up again. The November elections potentially changed the number of override votes. Passed the House 253 – 174 and sent to the Senate. This is not enough votes to override a Veto.

S.1 Lobbying Transparency and Accountability Act This bill contained dangerous “grassroots lobbying” provision (Section 220) for groups like CWA. Section 220 places onerous reporting and disclosure requirements on all grassroots groups who communicate to and mobilize their citizen activists to lobby. Senator Bennett (R-Utah) introduced an amendment to S.1 to strip the harmful provisions out of the bill. Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell joined Senator Bennett as a cosponsor of this amendment.

The amendment passed 55-43 so we MAY continue to be informed of legislation harmful to our beliefs and our freedoms!

HR 254 David Ray Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007 (S Jackson Lee D-Tex) (known as David's law) states because of actual or perceived religion, gender, sexual orientation... Rep. Lee was one member who [called for the closure of Guantanamo Bay prison facilities](#) because they were not pleasant enough for terrorists. Any crime against a homosexual, overt or thought, will carry a more severe punishment than a terrorist. HR 254 is in the Committee on the Judiciary phone 202-225-3951.

STATE

AB 14 – Sexual Orientation, Nondiscrimination (Laird D-Santa Cruz) adds “sexual orientation” and, in some cases, medical condition, to the list of nondiscrimination criteria in areas of business and association codes. This removes existing immunities for uncompensated officers of nonprofit corporations if those organizations restrict membership, services or benefits on the basis of “sexual orientation.”

AB 16 – Schools – HPV Vaccine (Lieber D-Mt View) requires that all incoming sixth grade girls receive the vaccine for human papillomavirus (a sexually transmitted disease). HPV is a primary cause of cervical and other cancers of the female reproductive system. The problem with AB 16 is it removes control from the parents to the state. Fax to 916-319-2197 indicating you oppose this bill.

The hearing dates for AB 14 and AB 16 are going to be March 16 and 14. We NEED TO FAX OR WRITE and let them know that we oppose these two bills within the week.

AB 43 – Gender-Neutral Marriage (Leno D-San Francisco) is Same-sex Marriage again. This changes marriage from a civil contract between a man and a woman to a contract between two persons. AB 43 claims that Prop 22's language only relates to out-of-state marriages. **Action:** *The rights of the voters must be upheld. Homosexual activists will be placing extreme pressure on our legislators and the governor. We must stand up for traditional marriage.*

ACA 2 – Eminent Domain (Walters R-Laguna Niguel) provides that private property may be taken or damaged under eminent domain only for a state public use. Also provides that redevelopment or other community agencies may not acquire property under eminent domain if ownership will be transferred to a private party other than a public utility.

SB 11 – Domestic Partnerships (Migden D-San Rafael) extends California's domestic partnerships, which give full marriage rights to same-sex couples, to any two persons over 18 who are in an “intimate and committed relationship of mutual caring” and share a common residence. SB 11 is in the Judiciary Committee. **ACTION:** Pray for the defeat of this bill and call the committee to oppose SB 11. Judiciary Committee phone number 916 651-4113

SB 37 – Electoral College-Interstate Compact (Migden) ratifies the interstate compact to change the Electoral College system so that all presidential electors in the states would be determined by the national popular vote. SB 37 is in the Committee on Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments. **ACTION:** To opposes this bill, the phone number for the Committee E, R, & CA is 916 651-4106.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

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SCA 1 – Eminent Domain (McClintock R-Thousand Oaks) is in both the Judiciary and the E, R, & CA committees. **ACTION:** Call the two committees and tell them you support SCA 1. (This senate version of Eminent Domain also allows the owner to reacquire the property for its fair market value with 10 years if the property ceases to be used for the stated public purpose.

Annual Day at the Capitol will take place on Monday, March 26

This popular program teaches average citizens how to effectively lobby their elected officials. Participants will hear presentations from members of the legislature, their staff and other government officials on the legislative process.

CRI encourages adults and students to attend. Cost is \$25 for adults and there is no charge for students under 18. "It was completely worth taking the day to attend this amazing program," explained one past participant. "I learned more in this one program than in my entire high school civics class!" exclaimed another student. "I now feel that I have an understanding of the legislative process; the mystery of the legislature is gone and I feel confident about advocating for my beliefs in the public square," stated another past participant.

To participate in the 2007 Day at the Capitol, e-mail Karen England today!

kengland@capitolresource.org

City on the Hill, July 10-15, 2007

Do you know a young person who would like the opportunity to be part of a mock legislature, tour the state Capitol building, meet with legislators and have a great time while staying at William Jessup University (near Sacramento)? Included are workshops on the government of California, grassroots community organizing, the influence of the news media, career guidance and our Christian heritage. There will be recreation and entertainment in the evenings and a special banquet and Sunday morning worship service.

SVARW is sponsoring a scholarship contest for youths to the City on the Hill Youth Leadership Conference July 10-15, 2007 put on by Capitol Resource Institute. Students must be at least 14 and no older than 18 years old and enrolled in public or private high school or currently being home schooled at the high school level.

If you would like to learn more, contribute, obtain an application, etc., please contact Barbara Wales at (408) 379-0727 or rdwales@earthlink.net

Raffle Donations

SVARW will raffle baskets at the May Brunch to benefit our City on the Hill for Youth Project. We can use baskets, any (new) items for the baskets, paper to wrap the baskets, etc. Please bring items to the April General Meeting. Thank you.



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California's Financial Condition is Fantastic!

According to Gov. Schwarzenegger, California's financial condition is "fantastic." Spending has been brought under control, the budget has been balanced and our debt is being paid down. But as Churchill once said, "It is not possible to state the opposite of the truth with greater precision."

To the governor's credit, he has proposed some long-overdue spending reforms, most notably conforming state welfare eligibility standards to federal law.

But there's very little else to praise about the Governor's handling of the state's finances. In fact, spending is growing faster than it did under Gray Davis, the state is now running the biggest deficit in its history, and the only way it can pay its bills is because of massive borrowing carried over from 2004, contributing to a doubling of the state's debt burden in just three years.

When Gov. Schwarzenegger claims the budget is balanced, he ignores his Finance Department's own figures that report a \$7.6 billion shortfall in the 2006 budget (\$1 billion worse than Davis' worst year in 2000). His proposed 2007 budget adds \$1.9 billion more to the state's ocean of red ink.

The Governor justifies his claim that the budget is balanced by concocting a new accounting concept he calls the "net operating deficit." Here's how it works: to enable his claim that he is paying down debt when it is actually increasing, the Governor made some pre-payments during the last two years – akin to paying more than the minimum balance on your credit cards. But to hide the deficit he created on the other side of the ledger, he simply doesn't enter those payments in the state's check-book. (Don't try this at home, boys and girls, or you'll be hearing from your banker).

California can get away with such bookkeeping gimmickry for a while because unprecedented borrowing in 2004 and a revenue windfall last year allowed Gov. Schwarzenegger to begin the year with \$10.8 billion in the bank. The state's deficit spending will nearly exhaust that cushion by next year under the Governor's proposal.

Meanwhile, borrowing is now completely out of control. When Gov. Schwarzenegger took office, the percentage of the general fund required for debt service was three percent. Since then, that burden has doubled to six percent and will exceed eight percent next year. Put another way, our minimum credit card payment now consumes more tax money than the budget of the entire University of California. Ironically, the state's debt service ratio never exceeded 2.2 percent throughout the 1960's, when California was at its zenith in public works construction.

The new budget purports fiscal restraint – growing the general fund just one percent (after a staggering 30 percent during the last three years). But this is based on some very shaky assumptions that are very unlikely to materialize.

State revenues in 2006 were projected to grow just 1.2 percent, and actual revenues are now falling behind even his modest goal. The Governor's 2007 budget is predicated on robust 7.1 percent growth next year. If the state's economy merely does not deteriorate any further, it will produce a \$7.5 billion deficit – placing the state on the brink of insolvency within 18 months.

But even assuming that every one of the Governor's calculations is correct, and the Governor's budget is adopted intact, the condition of the state's finances will be this:

- The cumulative four-year general fund deficit under this administration will be \$5.2 billion, compared to \$4.2 billion during the five years under Gray Davis.
- State general fund spending will have increased at an average annual rate of 7.9 percent, compared with 7.1 percent under Davis.

The state's debt service ratio, which Davis reduced from four percent to three percent, will have more than doubled – and by the following year nearly tripled.

The Oxford English Dictionary notes that the original meaning of the word "fantastic" as, "existing only in imagination." Perhaps that's what the Governor means.

Senator Tom McClintock represents the 19th Senate District in the California Legislature. His web-site address is www.sen.ca.gov/mcclintock.

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Championing the End of Affirmative Action

Ward Connerly

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Event begins at 7:00 PM



Event Co-Sponsor

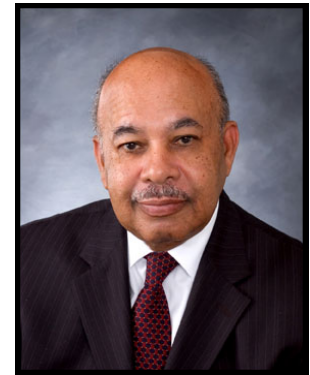
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Ticket Information

Cost: \$20 [\$25 at the door]

Tickets available through SVARW. Make out your check to:

SVARW and send to: Jan Soule
3415 Todd Way
San Jose, CA 95124



About Ward Connerly

Founder and chairman of the American Civil Rights Institute, a national, not-for-profit organization aimed at educating the public about the need to move beyond race and, specifically, racial and gender preferences.

Mr. Connerly has gained national attention and respect as an outspoken advocate of equal opportunity for all Americans, regardless of race, sex, or ethnic background.

In 1995, Mr. Connerly accepted chairmanship of the California Civil Rights Initiative (Proposition 209) campaign. Under his leadership, the campaign successfully obtained more than 1 million signatures and qualified for the November 1996 ballot. California voters passed Proposition 209 by a 55 percent to 45 percent margin.

Please print the name of each guest. Pick up name badge at check-in

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ X \$20 _____

Phone: _____

Make check payable to: SVARW and mail to:
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Be one of first 10 to purchase ticket
for May 18th brunch and get a free
ticket to this event!



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**First 10 reservations receive
FREE ticket to
Ward Connerly Event!**

Republican Integrity Brunch

Wednesday, May 16

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Come and hear outstanding speaker Karen England of Capitol Resource Institute speak about Sacramento, legislation and City on the Hill. It will be a morning to remember!

Also featuring a delicious full brunch. Guests and husbands are welcome!

9:00 AM Check In, 9:30 Brunch Begins

Reservations:

Name _____

Names of Guests _____

Enclosed is a check made out to SVARW for: # of reservations _____

x \$30 per person _____

Total enclosed _____

Deadline: First come first served up to the maximum, deadline May 7, if seats are available.

Questions? Please call Barbara Wales at (408) 379-0727.

Mail this form to:

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