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Upcoming Events at SVARW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ♦ **March 11th** — Lobby Day in Sacramento — See Page 7
- ♦ **March 18th** — Homeland Security, the roll of Ham Radio Operators
- ♦ **April 4th** — The SVARW "Political Party"
- ♦ **April 15th** — Taxation without Representation

SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada Country Club

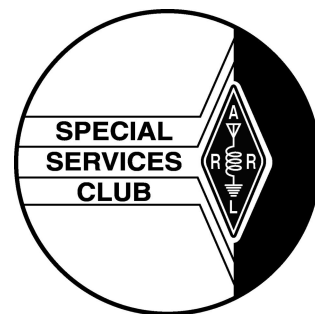
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
14595 Clearview Drive
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Cost: \$13 includes
Continental Breakfast

March 18th, 2009 —SVARW Meeting

Emergency Preparedness in Santa Clara County and the Roll of Ham Operators

Living in California, we always face the threat of a major earthquake. Now with Barak Obama in the Whitehouse and GITMO is to close. the threat of a terrorist attack on our shores goes way up!! We in Santa Clara County need to be prepared for disasters we hope never happen. Don't miss our March 18th meeting where we'll learn about the role of Ham Operators in times of local disaster.



Guest Speaker: William Dale, local ARRL Section Manager & Section Emergency Communications Coordinator.

Lobby Day in Sacramento

March 11th

If you are interested in attending, contact Jan Soule
at 408-705-2156

LOCATION

La Rinconada Country Club

Check In — 9:00 AM —
Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM — Meeting called
to order
11:00 AM — Meeting
Adjourned

April 15th — SVARW Meeting

Taxation!!!

Think your taxes are bad now....just wait!!!

The 1 % rise in the sales tax voted on by the California Legislature goes into effect on April 1st. If Santa Clara County and the individual cities have their way, you'll be paying a 25-cent tax on every single use paper and plastic bag. Where does it all end?

Don't miss our meeting on April 15th!!!



Join SVARW's "Political Party" — See Page 3



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Identity Theft Lessons from Our February Meeting

Two detectives from the Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Police Department presented a very timely and informative presentation at our February General Meeting. Some of their advice included:

- Sign your checks with a gel pen only.
- Outgoing mail should be deposited at the post office only.
- Pick up mail from your mailbox right away.
- Use a shredder for papers with financial information.
- Only give out Social Security Number when absolutely required.
- Don't carry anything with your SSN or pin number in your wallet.
- Don't carry more credit cards with you than need.
- Photocopy credit cards, DMV license, etc. and keep this information in a safe place in case you have to report a theft.
- Lock file cabinets with personal and financial information.
- Order copies of your credit report. (You are entitled to one free one each year. Go to www.ftc.gov to learn more about this.)
- If you are a victim, notify the police, credit card companies and banks.

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Report from the CRP Convention

By Jan Soule

The California Republican Party (CRP) Convention is held twice a year. In February the convention is held in Northern California and in September it is held in Southern California. Any registered Republican can sign up and pay to attend as a guest. Several members of SVARW have attended as Associate Members. Delegates who are tasked with voting are named by the County Central Committee.

The February 20-22, 2009, convention was held in Sacramento. Highlights of interest to SVARW members include:

- A resolution was passed at the general session stating that any Republican who had voted for tax increases would not receive financial support from the CRP. In other words....NO FUNDS TO ABEL MALDONDO in his bid to become California State Controller.
- Barbara Alby, former California Assemblywomen and honorary member of SVARW, is running for the State Board of Equalization.
- Recognizing that Obama and the Democrats made much better use of internet technology during the 2008 elections, the CRP has formed a task force to improve the use of technology in California to elect Republicans. What you are likely to see is a push to implement more social networking technologies through the local parties. If you are unfamiliar with the term "social networking" it refers to sites like MySpace, Facebook and Twitter where people connect with other people of like interests.
- Chuck DeVore has launched his campaign to challenge Barbara Boxer for US Senate. Chuck is a terrific candidate! A real conservative. If you are own FACEBOOK, you should join his group.

SVARW ROSTERS

Pick up your copy of the 2009 SVARW Roster at our next meeting. The roster includes the contact information for each member of SVARW as well as a copy of the SVARW Bylaws. The purpose of the roster is to make it easy for members to communicate with each other. Please keep these guidelines in mind:

- Roster is for SVARW members only
- Roster is only to be used for authorized SVARW projects and events.
- Use of this directory for any other purpose must be approved by the Executive Committee.
- Do not add member e-mail addresses to your group mailing lists without prior permission from the individual member.

Join SVARW's "Political Party"

**April 4th
7:00 PM**

Come for wine, lappetizers, and the opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow Republicans.

Let's face it...as Republicans we often feel isolated in Silicon Valley! Join the SVARW party and ENJOY a casual evening where it is "OK" to be a Republican!!!

Cost: \$10

Home of
Cathy & Mark Davis
1238 Hillcrest Dr.
San Jose, 95120

RVSP
(408) 323-8685



**Phone Numbers
Local Assemblyman**

Ira Ruskin
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Jim Beall
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Local State Senators
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(408) 277-9461

Liz Figueroa
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S. Joseph Simitian
(650) 688-6384

Elaine Alquist
(408) 286-8318

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www.govmail.ca.gov

Legislation

Legislation, Barbara Wales Chairman

312 letters have been sent by SVARW this year!!! Thank you to everyone!

Now that the Stimulus Act and the California Budget have passed, the national and state legislatures are free to concentrate on numerous bills which the democrat controlled houses want to pass. We need to be vigilant on all fronts and make sure our views are expressed. Please take time this month and make just one phone call, send a FAX or email or write – and come to the March meeting and sign the letters on the tables.

The Bag Tax (Local Issue Where We Can Have Some Impact!)

Information provided by Jan Soule

The plastic/paper bag tax of 25 cents per bag would give 25 cents per page to the cities and 5 cents to the store. To briefly summarize the arguments against it reported previously: 1. Inappropriate when people are struggling. It would hurt our most needy citizens. 2. Violates already existing State Law. 3. Would not help the environment –voluntary recycling is doing quite well. Plus the washing of canvas bags –soap into the water stream, water used, energy for washer/dryer would out way the savings from bags. 4. Health hazard: people who failed to wash their canvas bags and reused them with bits of food left in them could contaminate future groceries.

ACTION: Contact your County Supervisor and/or City Council Member and ask them to vote NO.

To reach the Santa Clara county Board of Supervisors write to 70 W. Hedding, 10th Floor, San Jose 95110 or phone: Don Gage (408) 299-5010, George Shirakawa (408) 299-5020, Dave Cortese (408) 299-5030, Ken Yeager (408) 299-5040, or Liz Kniss (408) 299-5050.

Pornography Filters in Libraries

LOCAL ISSUE WHICH WE CAN INFLUENCE!!!

This is a San Jose issue which influences everyone in the valley. Currently the San Jose City Attorney is writing an option on the proposal. Via email alert, SVARW members will be apprised as when the San Jose City Council is to vote. Once the proposal is scheduled to come before the city council, we will need SVARW members to pack the meeting. In the interim we need to flood the Mayor and City Council with letters, emails and Faxes asking them to support the installation of pornography filters to protect children.

Mail: San Jose City Hall
200 East Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

FAX: (408) 292-6731

Email: Chuck Reed	mayormail@sanjoseca.gov –Fax: 408-292-6422
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Nancy Pyle	district10@sanjoseca.gov – Fax: 408-292-6478

The Coming Ballot Fight

By Carol Joyal

Here is a preview of the budget-centric special election on May 19:

Proposition 1A: Implements a spending cap based on the rate of growth from the last 10 years. If approved, it would extend the length of the taxes approved by the Legislature.

Proposition 1B: Changes the state's education funding law – Proposition 98 – for supplemental education payments to local districts due to recent budget cuts.

Proposition 1C: Borrows from future lottery earnings.

Proposition 1D: Takes money from the First 5 Commissions – aka Proposition 10 funds – to help balance the budget.

Proposition 1E: Takes money from the Mental Health Services Act – aka Proposition 63 funds – to help balance the budget.

Proposition 1F: Prevents state-level elected officials from receiving pay raises in years when the state is running a deficit.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger hosted a fundraiser Monday. The money went to Schwarzenegger's California Dream Team PAC, which is gearing up its fundraising operation for the budget special election.

Spending in California

California state government has grown so much bigger and faster than the population it claims to serve. Between 1990 and 2007, California population grew 22.6% but the state budget grew 182%. This, by itself, is evidence of a bloated state government!

[In 1990, California's population was 29,811,000](#)

[In 1990, California's state budget was \\$51.4 billion](#)

[In 2000, California's population was 33,871,648](#)

[In 2000, California's state budget was \\$99.4 billion](#)

[In 2007, California's population was 36,553,215](#)

[In 2007, California's state budget was \\$145 billion](#)

Much of the state's waste comes from [Health and Human Services](#), which is one third of the state budget, and includes abortions, illegal alien health care, welfare, and much more. Watch for new entitlement bills as the Legislature continues its irresponsible spending. And more on waste in California . . .



**Controller John Chang
is Spending \$3 million
on
New Office Furniture**

California State Controller John Chiang has already spent \$2 million on new office furniture in the past seven months and now he's asking for another \$1 million in this year's budget for more furniture! (*The controller is also the person who is holding up your California Tax Refund.*)

Contact the controller and tell him California has more important things to spend our money on.

Action: Call or write Controller John Chiang, P. O. Box 942850, Sacramento, CA 94250; phone: (916) 445-2636.



DVD Release of Hound-dog

The movie *Hounddog* starring Dakota Fanning which includes a child rape, sexualized the nine year-old Fanning character in numerous scenes. The movie was not well received but the producers hope to make up the money on the DVD sales which began February 17.

ACTION: Please be aware of the content of the movie. If you see it being sold, please ask the retailer to cease the sale as pornography –or at least, keep the DVD away from where children might be exposed to it.

IMMIGRATION OUTRAGES

By Carol Joyal

Though the "stimulus bill" is supposed to provide jobs for Americans, HIS Global Insight predicts it would not help significantly. By 2010 there could be 3.6 million additional jobs, with 3.2 more imported workers to compete for them. There is no requirement for using E-verify to check the legal status of new hires. We need a "no American worker left behind" program! The Senate and House have bills to INCREASE the number of H-2B (low skilled jobs). S.B. 388 and H.R. 1136 are the two bills. Many of the H-2B workers never go home. Call Sen. Boxer, Sen. Feinstein, and your Congressperson.

Janet Napolitano, the President Obama appointed Homeland Security chief, has delayed the implementation of a rule preventing employers from accepting expired ID documents as verification. This will help visa overstays and others remain illegally. Nice job Janet!

President Obama has "graciously" promised an amnesty to those here illegally. Senator Harry Reid already has a bill in place, and alleges it will pass readily. (Reid represents Nevada's tourist /entertainment industry). This bill would include 7 to 20 million people and family members. It would add millions more people has millions of family continued to immigrate. The bill could come up for a vote in June. Stay tuned and stay OUTRAGED!

CALL YOUR SENATORS AND CONGRESSMAN AND DEMAND STIMULUS JOBS FOR LAWFUL AMERICAN WORKERS!

1-202-224-3121 Capitol Switchboard

Durban II - Does an anti-Semitic conference deserve U.S. participation of any kind?

Contributed by Susan Dias

The first "Durban" – named for the South African city where the U.N. held its 2001 World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance – was chiefly notable as a virulent display of anti-Semitism. Yet last week-end, the Administration announced it would participate in "conference preparations," while reserving judgment on whether to attend the conference itself. Back in 2001, then-Secretary of State Colin Powell refused to appear at Durban for fear that it would turn into a carnival of hatred and grievance. That's exactly what happened, prompting Mr. Powell to withdraw the U.S. delegation. As he put it at the time, "I know that you do not combat racism by suggesting that apartheid exists in Israel." Undeterred, the U.N. has been merrily planning what it formally calls the "Durban Review Conference," which is scheduled for April and whose purpose is to "reaffirm the Durban Declaration." The preparatory committee is chaired by Libya. Vice chairs include Iran and Cuba, which does double duty as the committee "rapporteur." The conference is organized under the auspices of the U.N. Human Rights Council, which the Bush Administration refused to join.

The draft also calls on states to develop, and where appropriate to incorporate, permissible limitations on the exercise of the right to freedom of expression into national legislation. The transparent purpose is to criminalize all criticism of Islam. There is also a not-so-sly effort to extract reparations for the long-banned trans-Atlantic slave trade: States which "have not condemned, apologized and paid reparations for" are urged to do so "at the earliest." As for what this Review Conference is supposed to achieve, some clues are provided in the latest draft of the so-called Outcome Document. Israel's "racial policies" are a major theme, as is "the plight of Palestinian refugees and other inhabitants of the Arab occupied territories," meaning Israel itself. Under debate, however, is whether to include a line that the Holocaust "resulted in the murder of one third of the Jewish people." Presumably Iran objects. The Obama Administration knows all of this. In its press release, the State Department stressed that its intent in sending a delegation to Geneva is "to try to change the direction in which the Review Conference is heading." State also adds that its involvement "does not indicate – and should not be misconstrued to indicate – that the United States will participate" in the formal conference.

Action: Please write or call the President and ask that the U.S. not participate in the conference.

Update on Proposition 8

The California Constitution – The Judicial Branch Making Law

By Claudette Averill

THE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE

The people voted and passed Prop 8 by 52 percent, but as you know several legal challenges were filed against it the morning after the November election. Several legal organizations came to our defense including the "Proposition 8 Legal Defense Fund." Since the "Yes on 8" campaign and the official proponents of Prop 8 had been totally excluded from the lawsuits, the Legal Defense Fund had to file several extensive legal motions asking the Supreme Court to designate them as full parties, so they could provide a legal defense and argue the case directly before the seven justices. The Court granted the request and designated them as "Interveners" to defend Prop 8.

FAILURE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL JERRY BROWN TO FULFILL HIS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY

Attorney General Jerry Brown, the State's Lawyer who had promised to defend the vote of the people, filed his response to the lawsuits challenging Prop 8. Brown invented an entirely new and unprecedented theory that the initiative, despite being a properly enacted constitutional amendment, is itself unconstitutional because it violates "inalienable or natural rights."

Current Status

There have been another forty-three groups represented by hundreds of lawyers, also filed legal briefs urging the Supreme Court to overturn the people's vote for Prop.8.

The Supreme Court has scheduled a hearing for Thursday, March 5 to consider all the parties' arguments and decide the fate of Proposition 8.

The good news is that Kenneth Starr will be the lead attorney representing the people. Mr. Starr is a former Solicitor General of the U. S. and a former Judge on the U. S. Court of Appeals.

ACTION: If you have not already send a letter to Chief Justice Ronald George, please go to www.savecalifornia.com and download a letter to send. Please note the MARCH 5 hearing date.

Another great source for information is www.nationalorganizationformarriage.org (information on web site from Gloria Guenther)

2nd Amendment Rights

Information by J.P, Puette

The objective of the gun control supporters is to prevent anybody from selling any uncoded ammunition after June 30, 2009 with a model bill in as many states as possible called "Ammunition Accountability Legislation". The bill that is being pushed in 18 states (including California) requires all ammunition to be encoded by the manufacture a data base of all ammunition sales. So they will know how much you buy and what calibers. The objective is that nobody can sell any ammunition after June 30, 2009 unless the ammunition is coded. Any privately held uncoded ammunition must be destroyed by July 1, 2011. (Including hand loaded ammo.) They will also charge a .05 cent tax on every round so every box of ammo you buy will go up at least \$2.50 or more! If they can deprive you of ammo they do not need to take your gun! In California this legislation, SB997, has been carried over since 2007. Watch for it to appear again this year as an active bill.





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SVARW Book Fair

We'll have a book sale at our March 18th meeting to raise money for SVARW's projects! Get new reading material at a great price!! Book prices start at \$1.

You can still donate books for the book fair. Just bring them on the 18th and give them to Marian Cosgrove.

