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Upcoming Events at SVARW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ♦ March 16th —Monthly meeting with John Graham of Pacific Research Institute—Update on Obamacare
- ♦ March 26th —Annual SVARW Liberty Celebration featuring KSFO Talk Show Host, Brian Sussman.
- ♦ March 29th —Spring Training Workshop (see page 3)
- ♦ April 20 —Monthly meeting with Santa Clara County Water District Board President, Don Gage.

SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada
Country Club

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



March 16, 2011 —SVARW Monthly Meeting

"After Obamacare: Repeal & Replace...but with What"?



Our speaker will be John R. Graham, Director, Health Care Studies at the Pacific Research Institute in San Francisco.

Mr. Graham is a policy leader in the campaign to defeat Obamacare and put individuals, rather than government, in charge of our health care. He will review why Obamacare is so harmful to America, discuss recent judicial and legislative action against Obamacare at both the state and federal level, and outline what to expect in the next few years. Most importantly, Graham will propose conservative reforms that go well beyond what the Republican caucus has put forward. His writings are collected at <http://free-american-healthcare.blogspot.com/>.

We hope to see you there!

Meeting Information: La Rinconada Country Club,
14595 Clearview Dr. Los Gatos, CA 95032,
Check in: 9:00 AM —Program Begins: 9:30 AM
Cost: \$13 includes Continental Breakfast

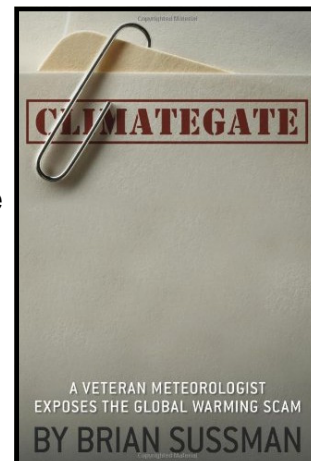


Annual Liberty Celebration

Saturday March 26th

Tickets are going fast for SVARW's Annual Liberty Celebration. This year we will be joined by the Bay Area's favorite conservative talk show host, Brian Sussman. Brian will be speaking on "Reducing Personal Liberty Through the Myth of Global Warming". He will also have his book, Climategate available for sale and will be signing copies.

See page 7 of our newsletter for details on ordering tickets.





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Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, March
30th @ 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 and let her know who needs a special call or card.

408-377-7111

Support Our Military

Overseas Coupon Program

Send your coupons to soldiers overseas! This program serves military families by assisting us to forward "manufacturer's coupons" to overseas military bases. To date, we have sent \$1,380.80 in 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 the 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 and give them to Christina Sand.

Christina will add up all the tallies and send the coupons overseas.

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.

Any questions? Contact Christina Sand.

Support Our Troops in Iraq

At the March meeting we will be collecting items for our Easter box for Anthony Gadd and this unit. Please bring :

Easter cards (if they are addressed to Anthony, they will go to him; if the envelopes are left blank, Anthony will see that they go to those who do not receive mail)

Easter Candy (Anthony says it's still cold in Iraq so we can send chocolate, too)

Other Easter Items (Please remember that Bibles and other religious items may put our troops in danger so we are leaving those to the chaplains to handle)

Small bottles of hand lotion

Toothpaste

Coffee

Socks

Books (paperback)

Puzzles/Puzzle books

Magazines

Anything we send lets the troops know that we appreciate that they are there risking their lives so that we are free back home.

SVARW Spring Training Workshop

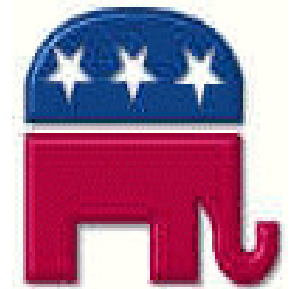
Have you ever thought about running for public office or assisting on a campaign?

Then join us at SVARW's Spring Training, the first in a series of FREE Campaign Development workshops for conservative candidates and campaign teams. Spring Training will provide candidates and activists a solid introduction to political campaigning.

At Spring Training you will learn:

- How to be an ideal candidate
- How to determine which races provide your greatest opportunities
- What level of commitment is required from yourself, your team, and family
- How to put together an exploratory or "draft" committee
- When to start organizing
- How to structure that organization
- How campaigns are "rolled-out"

Where to find start-up funding



Presented by Conservative Strategy's Steve Kirschbaum - a political communications expert. He has spent 22 years providing campaign organization, messaging and media strategy, and consulting services to conservative candidates for local and state-wide elections. He knows how to win. With 52 primary and general election campaigns under his belt, he earned an impressive 86% win rate. www.conservativestrategy.com

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Almaden Community Center, AL Room #4

6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose 95120

Hors d'oeuvres will be served

Please RSVP by March 22 to Gail DeSmet to save your place for this FREE workshop!

Send an email to: CandidateDevelopment@SVARW.com

Welcome New Member Anne Gadde....

Anne Gadde recently re-joined SVARW after being a member many years ago. Barbara Wales was the person who originally welcomed Anne and her mom, Anne Curtis, into the group. She also arranged a ceremony for Anne's son Anthony when he was 18 years old to celebrate his being able to vote (he is now 25 years old and stationed in Iraq.) Anne has three sons, all conservative, and has wanted to get involved again. Her passion is less government involvement in our lives and ensuring government is living within its means. Anne and her husband George, a Los Gatos police reserve officer for 32 years, live in Los Gatos. She has volunteered for 15 years in Search and Rescue for the LGPD, and has been a church musician for 40 years.

"The Koran Revealed" Lecture

Want to learn more about the Koran? Peter Friedman will detail more about the history of the Koran over the last 1400 years. The date is Sunday, April 10th. The presentation is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose (near Stevens Creek Blvd.). Invite your friends to join you.



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Legislation

Jude Fletcher —Legislation Chairman

Bill/Subject:

Jerry Brown's Tax Hikes: the three areas are Income Tax, Sales Tax and Automobile Tax.

Issue:

The State Legislature must vote if these are to be on the ballot. A key State Senator is Sam Blakeslee who SVARW members worked to get elected. Blakeslee is one of three Republicans who have not signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge.

Position:

Oppose tax hikes. California rates at the top of states for these taxes. Increasing taxes will hurt business and encourage more businesses to leave the state. It will also cause people, especially those who are already paying high taxes, to leave the state leaving even more budget problems.

Action: Contact Senator Sam Blakeslee. (When you contact him, please make sure you tell him you are either in his district and/or you worked for his election last summer —if you didn't personally, tell him you are a member of SVARW which worked for his election last summer. This is important because he does not accept out of district contacts.)

Email: Go to his site to send a message: http://cssrc.us/web/15/contact_me.aspx

Phone: 916-651-4015

FAX: 916-445-8081

Address: State Capitol, Room 4070
Sacramento, CA 95814

Script:

I am a member of the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women which worked so hard to get the Senator elected. I am asking him to support the reason we got him elected: no new taxes, fees or borrowing. Thank you.

Letter to the Editor Writing Contest Winner!!

Debra Janssen-Martinez, SVARW's treasurer won the dinner and ticket to the SVARW Christmas Party by being published in the San Jose Mercury News!
Debra was published not once but 4 times in February!!!!

ATTENTION: CONSERVATIVE WRITERS

Since Keith DePhilipis very successful seminar on writing letters to editors of newspapers, several of us have been published. Combined with bloggers and conservatives who are not members of SVARW, the tide of Conservatives appearing in Bay Area print media appear to be rising. We're still vastly outnumbered, but our letters tend to be more thoughtful, sensible, concise, and proactive. Most of the local papers restrict the frequency that people's names can appear, I think we should combine our resources and organize "letters to editors" writing campaigns in conjunction with timely legislation/issues of importance to our group. If you're interested in trading ideas on how we can expand our individual voices with Bay Area and National media, *join Debra after the March SVARW regular meeting adjourns.*

Contact Debra: Debrajmart@gmail.com. Phone is 408-410-8213

Bill/Subject:

Obama has said he will not and has instructed the Attorney General not to defend the federal Defense of Marriage Act. This is similar to Governor Schwarzenegger's and then Attorney General's Jerry Brown refusing to defend Prop. 8. Mayor Gavin Newsom also chose to violate the law.

Issue:

Our executive branch is sworn to uphold the law. In each case, the executive branch has decided to not uphold the law because they disagree with it. Our Rule of Law is being seriously threatened. Regardless of where a person stands on these issues, it is critical that we defend our Rule of Law.

Action:

1. It is critical to talk with your friends/acquaintances and make sure they understand how serious it is that we have "law-breakers" in office – regardless of where your friends stand on the particular issue. This is much farther reaching than any one law. Make sure you focus on "the law" with these people rather than the law which the elected officials broke.

Write to your Congressperson and Senators and say, "The President has chosen to break the law by refusing to defend the Defense of Marriage Act. Please work to oppose the executive branch not executing the laws which our legislators make."

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**65 or Over??****Claim Your Exemption to School Parcel Taxes!!**

Many school districts try to get parcel taxes approved by voters by excluding Seniors. While provisions vary by district, generally, seniors need to apply to prevent this from being added to their property tax bills.

SVARW has individuals who have volunteered to check on each district and let everyone know how to apply for the exemptions in each district. Generally, the contact is the School District Office. Watch this column for information on the parcel taxes in your district.

Call the school district office to find out what identification you need to bring with you to apply. You will have to request this exemption each year.

For Campbell Union High School District the parcel tax is \$85 and the contact is Campbell Union High School District, Parcel Tax Exemption, 3235 Union Ave., San Jose, CA 95124. For information, call (408) 371-0960. (Only one owner of the home needs to be a senior to qualify.)

For Cambrian School District the parcel tax is \$79. To file for an exemption go to the school district office at 4115 Jackson Drive, San Jose, CA 95124, (408) 377-2103

NRA

"The NRA Women's Leadership Forum unites women of influence to defend Second Amendment freedoms and help secure the future of the NRA through philanthropic leadership."

Join us for the 2011 NRA Annual Meeting and Exhibits April 28 - May 3 in Pittsburgh, PA

For more info: www.nraam.org.



Giant Book Sale

The book sale is scheduled for the May 18th meeting.

Do you have some great books you have read to donate to our sale? Bring them to our next two monthly meetings, March and April. We will collect and prepare them for the Sale. Any subject is acceptable.

Our ladies love the cook-books and travel books. Call Marian Cosgrove at 408-410-4490 if you need your books to be picked up at your home!



Confidential Medical Release A Threat to Children!

By Claudette Averill, liaison to Values Advocacy Council

A few months ago, Larry Pegram president of VAC (Values Advocacy Council) spoke to us regarding "Confidential Medical Treatment" at our public schools. We at SVARW would like to help in this important effort.

Many school districts in California have policies that allow students as young as 12 years of age to leave campus during any normal school day to receive pregnancy counseling, abortions, STD treatment and/or counseling, and suicide, alcohol, and/or drug counseling or treatment.

These policies allow students to leave campus without the permission or knowledge of their parents. The VAC and SVARW believe that parents have the right to know where their minor children are at all times during the school day. Parents also have the right to be informed regarding the activities in which their children are engaged.

VAC is helping parents in the Cambrian School District to form a group called "Cambrian Parents United" (CPU) in order to lead the effort to repeal the District's CMR policy. CPU will ask that the policy be placed on the Cambrian School District Board agenda. They will request that the Board of Trustees repeal the policy and replace it with one that requires parental notification and permission prior to any student leaving campus during school hours.

If the District refuses to repeal the policy, CPU will act as the catalyst to flood the District and District Trustees with calls, faxes, and emails. This is something at which SVARW is experienced. In addition, we will pack Board meetings with concerned parents and voters seeking the repeal of the existing CMR policy and its replacement with a parent friendly policy.

Our action is legal. The law "provides permission" for implementing Confidential Medical Release, but clearly does not impose a mandate.

We have spoken with two public interest law firms that will provide legal counsel to our organization and CPU on this matter at no charge, if necessary.

We need your help. If you wish to volunteer to further the organization and activities of Cambrian Parents United, you may contact VAC at larrypeggram@vac.org or attend the next VAC meeting which is on Tuesday, March 15, 12–1:30 PM. The meeting is held at the Home Church. 1799 So. Winchester Blvd. Campbell, 95008. The speaker will be Brian Johnston, Western Regional Director for the National Right to Life Committee. The topic will be, "Our obligation to understand & limit government."

Thank you! Working together, we can reclaim our God given rights and keep our children and

Freedom Basket Raffle

For the February 16, 2011, Freedom Raffle there were 133 tickets sold. Two prizes were given.

Prior to the meeting a beautiful gold covered commemorative Ronald Reagan coin was donated for the raffle. The contribution was in memory of George's Dad, Captain Robert Gadd, a West Point Graduate, who retired from the military. Captain Gadd passed away on March 1, 2010, at 90 years old.

The second prize was a Freedom Basket that I had prepared with an assortment of donated items. It contained red, white and blue items and Saint Patrick's cup, spoon holder kitchen towels, place mat and two pot-holders and hot plate mitt.

Annual Liberty Celebration

Featuring...

Brian Sussman

"Reducing Personal Liberty Through the Myth of Global Warming"

Renowned meteorologist, KSFO conservative radio talk show host and author Brian Sussman discusses how the green movement, Congress—through Cap and Trade—and falsifying science is impacting our lives

*Plus...Announcing the winners of SVARW's Patriotism Contest for Youth
And... Registering New Voters!!*

Saturday, March 26

Doors Open: 9:00 AM

Social & Refreshments (Mimosas and Brunch in a Box): 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

Los Gatos Elks, 105 Newell., Los Gatos

Purchase tickets online at www.svarw.com

or complete this form

Tickets are only \$25

Reservations – First Come, First Served

Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Number of tickets @ \$25 per ticket = \$ _____

If you are purchasing more than one ticket on this form, please provide the name of the additional guests:

Please make your check payable to SVARW and mail to 101 Casa Grande, Los Gatos, CA 95032.



Brian Sussman

Copies of "Climategate" will be available for sale and Mr. Sussman will autograph your book.

Brian Sussman is a San Francisco Bay Area media icon. For twenty years he was one of television's top meteorologists, receiving a handful of Emmys, and over a dozen state and regional awards for "Best Weathercast". During the 1990s he served as the fill-in weatherman on the nationally broadcast *CBS Morning Show* with Harry Smith.

Sussman has also been recognized by the State of California for assisting in the adoption of foster children. Through his organization, Brian's Kids, Sussman utilized the airwaves of KPIX-TV in San Francisco to highlight children waiting for adoptive families. Between 1989 and 2001, four hundred foster children were placed into permanent families thanks to Brian's Kids.

In 2003 Sussman was hired by KSFO radio in San Francisco and by 2009 his program, *Right Thinking from the Left Coast*, was among the highest rated at the station. Now host of the KSFO morning show, his program is one of the most successful conservative morning talks shows in the country



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Patriotism Contest Winners

Thanks for everyone who participated in SVARW's Patriotism Contest. Jan Soule and Debra Janssen-Martinez were out there contacting schools to participate. We appreciate everyone who distributed forms. The contest keeps growing.

The top winners were:

Grand Prize: Kayla Higuera, High School: 1st Place: Tyler Marshik, 2nd Place: Joey Gadd, Middle School: 1st Place: Joseph Wales, 2nd Place: Jim Wales, Elementary School: 1st Place: Alexander Khamis, 2nd Place: Constantine Khamis. There were also 4 Special Merit Awards, 4 Artistic Excellence Awards and 7 Honorable Mentions.

Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you to all the SVARW members who contributed to City on the Hill at Christmas so the top winners can attend this summer!