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Upcoming Events at SVARW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ♦ **May 21st** — SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada.
- ♦ **June 3rd** — June Primary-- See Endorsements and recommended vote on Eminent Domain in this issue.
- ♦ **June 18th** — SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada. Traditional Red, White and Blue Meeting
- ♦ **August 23rd**—Stars and Stripes Gala

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



OUR FUTURE?

May 21st SVARW Meeting -Guest Speaker—Barbara Alby

Barbara Alby is truly an American success story. At one time, she was a welfare mom and a domestic violence victim. Today, she is a successful business-woman, former Legislator and Leader. With the same tenacity and inner strength that Barbara used at critical moments in her early life, she continued to utilize these assets and they served her well in 1993, when she was elected to the California Legislature, representing the Sacramento area.

First and 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 also established the Child

Molester Hotline. In addition, Barbara 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. This particular legislation is known as the "Michelle Montoya Law."

Today Barbara serves as Chief Deputy to California Board of Equalization Member, Bill Leonard. The California Board of Equalization is the only voter elected Tax Board in the U.S. Nationally, Barbara represents California on the Republican National Committee. In the 2000 election cycle, she served as a surrogate speaker to women voters for the Bush and Cheney campaign. As a former radio and television talk show host, Barbara knows the importance of effective communication in regards to persuading voters to our side.

So don't miss this great opportunity to hear and learn from Barbara Alby on May 21st! Please remember, check in for our meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and our meeting is called to order at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$13 and includes a continental breakfast.



Join us for our Red, White, and Blue meeting Wednesday, June 18th.

Orlean Koehle, California Eagle Forum President, will be discussing the North American Union and the Security and Prosperity Partnership.

Orlean is the author of a new book about this issue which is so vital to our sovereignty.



Don't forget your red, white and blue outfits as we learn more about our nation's little known plan, that is already being developed for a European-like union with Canada and Mexico.

See page 5 for recommended
reading.



Orlean Koehle,
President
California Eagle
Forum



NEWS

SVARW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2008

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The next SVARW Board Meeting will take place on WEDNESDAY, May 28. If you would like an invitation to the Board Meeting, contact Jan Soule at 408-705-2156

Former Doobie Brother Danny Hull Returns!!

Tickets for the 2008 Stars and Stripes Gala are now on sale!

Once again former Doobie Brother, Danny Hull and Kurt Andersen, "the singing architect" will provide the music for our Stars and Stripes Gala. If you attended last year, then you know firsthand how great the music was that we enjoyed!

Danny Hull started out playing sax and blues harp around the San Jose area in the early 1970's and in very short order was in high demand with many of the serious players of Northern California. As Danny's reputation grew, he started getting invitations to play with more national acts. He created the signature lines on albums for Eddie Money, Michael Bolton, Eric Martin (Mr. Big) and Journey.

As a matter of fact, Danny was just back from touring with the Michael Bolton Band when he got the call from his old friends The Doobie Brothers. Danny then spent most of the 90's touring and recording with The Doobies.



Kurt Anderson and Danny Hull chat with guests at our 2007 Stars and Stripes Gala.

See more photos from 2007 Gala on at www.SVARW.com

Donations for Stars and Stripes Raffle

Last year SVARW raised over \$1700 at our Stars and Stripes Gala through our raffle. That money is being used to put on candidate Fun Raisers. By paying for "Fun Raiser" expenses from our funds, 100% of the ticket sales at the Fun Raisers go to the candidates. In January, the "Fun Raiser" for Congressional Candidate Dean Andal brought in over \$4,600 to Dean's campaign! Most recently, on April 5th, we brought in \$4,800 for Frank Chavez in his campaign for County Supervisor of District 2.

For our Summer Stars and Stripes Social we are once again collecting items for the raffle. Donations may be brought to the April, May and June meetings and given to Lisa Marshik. 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 lmashik@comcast.net 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, all day sailing trip on San Francisco Bay, a shooting lesson at JP Puette's ranch, three days in Maui...and much more.

Proceeds from raffle will support local candidate development projects!



The Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women Presents

Stars and Stripes Celebration

Dinner and Dancing Under the Stars

Saturday, August 23, 2008 — 6:00 - 10:00 P.M.

At the beautiful home of Larry and Maria Fischer at 105 Kathy Court, Los Gatos

Live Music by former Doobie Brother Danny Hull

Spectacular Gourmet Dinner Catered by Pat Smith Extravaganza — Wine Included

Fantastic Raffle Prizes!!!!

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



Danny Hull

Former Doobie Brother will provide entertainment along with Kurt Andersen, "The Singing Architect"

Category	Checks received by June 18th	Checks received after June 18th
SVARW Member including Husband supporting member	\$60	\$67
Non-Member**	\$70	\$75

Non-members may join SVARW today and pay the member rate. Dues are \$20 with this form only and will apply to the remainder of **2008 & 2009. Husband Supporting Members are \$5

Invited Guests include:

San Jose Mayor
 Chuck Reed
 San Jose City Councilman
 Pete Constant*
 GOP County Chairman,
 Keen Butcher*
 US Congressional Candidate
 Dean Andal
 Honorable Barbara Alby*

***Confirmed**

STARS & STRIPES GALA — TICKET ORDER

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SVARW AND MAIL TO: LISA MARSHIK, 319 BLOSSOM VALLEY DR., LOS GATOS, CA 95032. **QUESTIONS?** CALL LISA@408-358-0828 OR MARIA@408-395-0335

Reserve Tickets For: Name	Member/Supporting Member _____ \$60**	Non-Member # _____ \$70**
Reserve Tickets For: Name	_____ \$60**	_____ \$70**

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

☐ New Member?

☐ New Supporting Member-Spouse?

#Non-members may join SVARW today and pay the member rate. Dues are \$20 with this form only and will apply to the remainder of **2008 & 2009**. 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 18, 2008, Tickets are \$67 for members, \$75 for non-members—NO EXCEPTIONS!**



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Local Assemblyman**

Ira Ruskin
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(408) 282-8920

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Abel Maldonado
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Legislation

By Claudette Averill Legislation Chairman

Marriage Protection Act

I am very pleased to announce that we obtained over 1.1 million signatures and ProtectMarriage.com has submitted them to the Registrars of Voters. 694,000 valid signatures are necessary to qualify the ballot initiative. Now it is up to the people of California to vote to keep marriage between a man and a woman. A recent poll shows that we can keep the definition of biblical marriage in California, but it is going to take more work. The other side is well organized; has money, people, and are ready to fight us.

We will need to talk to our families, friends, and neighbors. We will also need to register people at our churches so they will be able to vote. On Election Day we must make sure voters have a means to vote. I want to thank everyone who helped to obtain signatures. I know how much time and effort it took. Your hard work paid off this time and you should be proud of yourselves.

SB 777—The Normalization of Homosexuality, Bi-sexuality, Trans-sexuality, and Trans-genderism

As you all remember, we fought against this bill after Governor Schwarzenegger signed it into law last October. SB 777 (Kuehl-D.) will require homosexuality, trans-sexuality, bi-sexuality and trans-genderism to be taught favorable to children as young as five. This means teachers would be prohibited from any teaching that refers to traditional family values unless they also refer to homosexual lifestyles. If this law were to pass, it would also affect any and all school sponsored activities, activities which would include but are not limited to, the election of prom queen and king, sports teams and any other school-related activity that is traditionally gender specific.

The Los Angeles Unified School District implemented these policies a couple of years ago. Therefore, the district allows boys who "perceive themselves as girls" to enter female locker rooms and rest rooms. These boys are also allowed to join female sports teams. SB 777 actively promotes homosexual, bisexual, transsexual and transgender lifestyles in our schools. Students as young as five would be forced to grapple with complex sexual activities and lifestyles. We believe that parents not bureaucrats in Sacramento should determine the best teaching for their children. Each school should have the freedom to adapt student safety policies that meet the specific needs of their pupils. Besides public and charter schools, SB 777 also affects private and Christian schools that take state funding.

In the year 2000, the bill AB 537 passed. This bill protects "all persons in public schools." It prohibits discrimination based on actual and perceived sexual orientation. It explicitly extends protection from the California Penal Code to schools. The Penal Code protects all people in the enjoyment of their rights, as secured in the federal Constitution, United States law, the state Constitution, and state laws. In addition, AB 394 passed in 2007. AB 394 requires the State Department of Education to "monitor adherence" to AB 537. This includes state monitoring of student attitudes on sexual orientations.

The bottom line is that if AB 537 establishes equal protection for every CA. public school student, and AB 394 enforces this bill, then why do we need SB 777?

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CONTINUED—SB 777—The Normalization of Homosexuality, Bi-sexuality, Trans-sexuality, and Trans-genderism

HERE ARE THE FACTS.

- UNDER THE EQUAL PROTECTION OF AB537, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS DISCRETION OVER HOW IT ADDRESSES THE SENSITIVE ISSUES OF HOMO, BI, AND TRANS-SEXUALITY.
- SB 777 TAKES AWAY PARENTAL AND LOCAL CONTROL AND DISCRETION OVER HOW TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES.
- SB 777 SPECIFICALLY INCLUDES CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THESE NEW MANDATES.
- SB 777 NORMALIZES HOMOSEXUALITY, BISEXUALITY, AND TRANS-SEXUALITY ACROSS THE STATE, WITHOUT ROOM FOR LOCAL DISCRETION ON ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES.

The Continued Infiltration of Homosexual Teachings AB 3015

Sponsored by the homosexual advocacy group Equality California, the same group that sponsored AB 777, AB 3015 requires foster children and parents to participate in training about laws as SB 777 and homosexual anti-harassment and discrimination laws. The author of this bill is Julia Brownley and is supported by the National Association of Social Workers. Social workers ensure that foster youth are safe in all their environments. Every legislative session, the homosexual agenda advances by infiltrating as many government programs as possible. SVARW opposes this intrusion into how responsible foster families care for their children. The vast majority of foster homes do not have homosexual children yet they would all be required to receive the SB 777 promoting training. AB 3015 is the latest effort to force homosexuality into family homes.

America Alone: The End Of The World As We Know It!

Author: Mark Steyn

Recommended Reading from Immigration Chairman, Carol Joyal

Mark Steyn's book is both alarming and, at times, witty. He warns his readers that the U.S.A. is almost alone in fending off the collapse of western civilization and the onslaught of fundamentalist Islam. He criticizes people who have no faith in their own culture, and give in to the demands of the Islamic leaders. He is alarmed that the native European population has shrunk below replacement level or, is in a "death spiral", while the Muslim population has mushroomed. The Muslim population is also younger and the European population is aging. Though much of the Muslim population is said to be moderate in its beliefs, it rarely publicly opposes the Islamic fundamentalists. Steyn's alleges the future belongs to the fecund and confident.

The author warns his readers to believe in themselves, their culture and Christian values. He is also concerned that our nation would be stronger with replacement level population numbers. He despairs of the "nanny state" progressive politics that discourage self reliance and personal responsibility. He concludes, "We have been shrinking too long and that's unworthy of a great civilization."

Mark Steyn was born in Canada and raised in England. He now lives in New England and writes for many publications. This book was a best seller in 2006 and has now been published in paperback. It is already under investigation in Canada for political



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Senator Feinstein
(415) 393-0707

Eminent Domain Propositions on June 3rd Primary

Two propositions dealing with Eminent Domain will be on the June 3rd Ballot.

Frank Chavez who was on the frontlines of the battle with the City of San Jose over the Tropicana Shopping Center by eminent domain has provided the following recommendations:

Proposition 98
NO

Proposition 99
YES





June 3rd Primary

The SVARW Board of Directors Has Voted To Endorse the following Candidates

Dean Andal
US Congress
District 11

Frank Chavez
Santa Clara County Supervisor,
District 2

Joe Esteves
Santa Clara County Supervisor,
District 3

Ram Singh
San Jose City Council,
District 2

Pat Waite
San Jose City Council,
District 8



Jeff Denham Recall

Secret Plan by Dems to Veto-Proof the State Senate

By Jan Soule'

Why should residents of Santa Clara County care about the recall effort against Jeff Denham, a Republican representing the Central Valley's 12th Senatorial District? It's simple! Your taxes will go up! ***And the Democrats can pass all the anti-family legislation they want with no fear of a veto!***

Recalling Jeff Denham and replacing him with Democrat Simon Salinas, will bring the Democrats within one vote of being able to pass a budget and raise taxes without a Republican vote in the State Senate. Notwithstanding is the anti-family legislation they have in mind. Denham's 12th District is a juicy target for the Democrats because there are more registered Democrats (46%) than Republicans (36%). If the recall is successful, there is no doubt that the Democrats will go after the other competitive seat, the one being vacated by Senator McClintock. ***Winning McClintock's seat will give the Democrats a veto-proof majority!***



State Senator Jeff Denham

Senator Denham was elected to the California 12th Senate District in November of 2002 and re-elected in 2006 by a 19.8 point margin. Jeff Denham is well respected as a legislator. He was recognized as "Legislator of the Year" by the California State Sheriff's Association in 2004 and as "Outstanding Legislator" in 2005. Once again in 2005, Denham was recognized as "Legislator of the Year" by the California Small Business Association. He was also recognized as the "Most Progressive Law Enforcement Leader of the Year" by A Woman's Place of Merced in 2005, in addition to receiving the California Teachers Association "Gold Award" in 2005.

The recall was launched by Senator Don Perata as payback for Denham's refusal to vote for a badly out-of-balance budget. Senator Perata funded the recall signature drive and the recall campaign team hired out-of-district signature gatherers which is a violation of state law. Now with the state facing a \$14 billion deficit, and Denham clearly vindicated in his warnings about the state's financial health, Perata's team continues to press ahead with the recall effort. We should not be surprised that Perata has made false claims and distortions of Denham's record the centerpiece of the recall campaign. Not only is Don Perata under investigation by the Fair Political Practices Commission for misuse of campaign funds but one can forget that Californians narrowly defeated the Perata/Nunez back February Prop 93 "term limits" initiative that would have enabled Perata to maintain his senate seat.

The recall election is being combined with the primary election and will take place on June 3rd. Republican volunteers from throughout the state are being called on to mobilize the defeat of the recall effort.

Volunteers are needed! **You can help without leaving your home!** Volunteer to make phone calls from home. Many of us have free weekend minutes on our cell phone to make long distance calls and others have phone plans where toll charges will not apply.

Call the campaign at 209-338-0288 and let them know that you can help stop the recall!

Dining and Dancing With Frank a Huge Success! We Raised Over \$4,800 for Frank.

SVARW joined forces with SCCRA to host a "Fun Raiser" for Frank Chavez. Frank is running for Santa Clara County Supervisor of District 2. Guests enjoyed a wonderful authentic Mexican dinner, and dancing to the Big Band Sound of the Sons of Jubal.

100% of what was raised that night went directly to Frank's campaign. With funds raised through events like our Stars and Stripes Gala, the SVARW was able to donate the cost of the food and decorations. The SCCRA donated the cost of the facility and The Sons of Jubal Band donated their time. Both the SVARW and the SCCRA members donated prizes for the raffle including a beautiful piece of jewelry from Chavez Jewelry Design.

Many of the SVARW volunteers helped make the event a success, even the candidate's wife, SVARW Newsletter Editor Linda Chavez, who spent days preparing the food! On behalf of Frank Chavez, we would like to thank everyone involved in making Dining and Dancing With Frank, the tremendously successful and fun event that it became. Thank you very much.



Here is Frank cutting the cake, which was just one of the delicious pastries featured at the event.

Here is Frank giving his moving speech. With all the fun we were having, I think we temporarily forgot that there was a purpose to our "Fun Raiser".



Here is a picture of the fantastic band, The Sons of Jubal Band. Once again, we would like to extend our thanks for their donation of their time, and their talents, it is much appreciated.



Frank Chavez

President of the Alum Rock Elementary Union School District Governing Board.

Member of the Chuck Reed Mayoral Transition Team on Education.

Current member of the Mayoral General Plan Task Force.

Former Three Term President, Secretary and Secretary Treasurer of the Story Road Business Association.

Commander of the East Valley Chapter of the American GI Forum.

Current Member of the 680/East and King/Ocala Strong Neighborhood Initiative Committees.

Learn more about Frank at:
www.ElectFrankChavez.org



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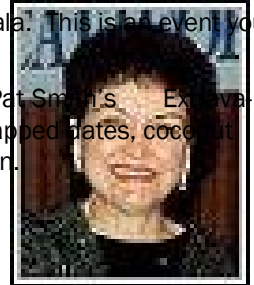
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Tickets are now on sale for the annual SVARW Stars and Stripes Gala! This is an event you won't want to miss. You'll enjoy:

- A fabulous buffet dinner complete with appetizers catered by Pat Smith's Extravaganza. Appetizers include Pat's famous crab cakes, bacon wrapped dates, coconut prawns and more! For dinner feast on rack of lamb and salmon.
- Wine and beverages.
- Dancing under the stars to live music.
- Listening to the music as you're comfortably seated at your festively set table
- Having fun with like-minded friends.



The SVARW Stars and Stripes gala always attracts office holders and candidates who are planning to run for office. Last year attendees included San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed, Milpitas Mayor Jose Esteves, Council members Pete Constant (San Jose), Mike Wasserman (Los Gatos), Debbie Giordano (Milpitas) and others, plus SVARW's big supporter: Santa Clara County GOP Chairman, Keen Butcher.

No more than 100 tickets will be sold so get yours today!

HELP WANTED!!!

Voter Registration Project

SVARW has an opportunity to earn **\$6 for each voter we register** between May 1st and September 1st by participating in the bounty program being offered by the California Republican Party and Steve Poizner.

Not only will we be helping to increase the number of registered Republicans for the November election but we'll earn money to help elect Republicans.

SVARW needs one member to step forward and volunteer to head this project! While there are several members who are eager to help, we still need one person who will take responsibility for coordinating this effort.

If you are interested in volunteering or at least in finding out more, please contact Jan Soule at 408-705-2156 or by email at jansoule@svarw.com
Just think, the SVARW has over 150 members., if each member were to register just two voters, we could make \$1,800! Won't you consider helping!!!