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## Upcoming Events at SVARW

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ♦ May 7—Patriot Party, with a very special introduction!
- ♦ May 18 —Monthly meeting with Dr. Charlie Self—"Dr. History", *The Threat of Radical Islam in America Today*.
- ♦ May 18th—Book Sale at monthly meeting!
- ♦ June 15 —Monthly meeting with Catharine B. Baker, Esq. —*Voter Integrity Wear Your Red, White and Blue!*
- ♦ August 27—SAVE THE DATE!! Stars & Stripes Gala! [See Page 7](#)

### SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada  
Country Club

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
14595 Clearview Drive



Los Gatos, CA 95032

May 18, 2011 —SVARW Monthly Meeting

### "The Threat of Radical Islam"



Dr. Charlie Self—"Dr. History" from the Brian Sussman Show

Self will discuss the threat of radical Islam today in America. Dr. Self is a well-known coach, consultant, minister, professor, thought-leader and author - as well as Middle East expert. He will review the threat of radical Islam to America and discuss the effect of the recent Middle East unrest. Dr. Self will also share his thoughts on how America can continue to uphold her best traditions of hospitality and religious freedom while preventing the further economic and sociopolitical inroads of radical Islam. He will also provide his assessment of the Obama administration's handling of the Middle East situation.

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

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

Join Us! **PATRIOT PARTY!** Saturday May 7, 2011  
7:00 PM

Home of Lisa and Paul Marshik 319 Blossom Valley Drive Los Gatos, CA 95032

It's time to get together again with like-minded conservatives and enjoy wine and appetizers.

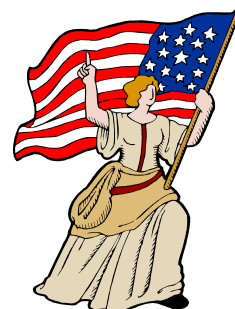
Come and meet our first endorsed candidate for 2012...*Leslie Reynolds.*

Completing her second term as a member of the San Jose Unified School District Board, Leslie is running for San Jose City Council District 10 to replace Nancy Pyle who is termed out.

Cost \$10. Office holders and candidates are invited as guests of SVARW

Click here to purchase tickets online:

<https://co.clickandpledge.com/advanced/default.aspx?wid=30819>





# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS...

## Giant Book Sale!

**D**o you have some great books you have read to donate to our sale? Any and all subjects are acceptable. This is an awesome fundraising event for SVARW because funds raised from this event go towards SVARW projects which include hosting candidate fundraisers. The book sale is an excellent opportunity to pick up books you always wanted to read for a fraction of the cost as no book will be priced at more than one dollar!



Call Marian Cosgrove at 408-410-4490 if you need your books to be picked up at your home!

The book sale is scheduled for the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.



...and coming to our June 15<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting—



*"Voter Integrity -- Are our California Elections Fair?  
Is Every Vote Counted...Once?"*

**WEAR YOUR RED, WHITE & BLUE!**

**A**ttorney Catharine Baker will share her eight recommendations for free and fair elections. She will directly address the issue of voter fraud, and provide her assessment of why all mail-in ballots, (favored by some politicians), constitute a greater risk for fraud.

Catharine Baker works tirelessly to safeguard our right to free and fair elections. She is an attorney at Hoge Fenton, and a member of the Litigation Practice Group. She is active in both the Republican Party as well as the Tea Party. Catharine has clerked for a Reagan judicial appointee in California. Prior to attending law school, she was the Senior Legislative Aide to Rep. Sonny Bono. Catharine is a member of the Alameda County Republican Central Committee, the National Republican Lawyers Association, and the Federalist Society.



## SVARW Endorses Leslie Reynolds for San Jose City Council District 10

In June 2012, voters in San Jose District 10 will go to the polls and vote for a San Jose City Councilmember to replace Nancy Pyle who is termed out. If no candidate receives 50% plus 1 of the votes, the top two candidates face a runoff in November 2012. With San Jose District 10 being the most conservative in San Jose, we have a real opportunity to replace the very liberal union-backed Pyle, with a fiscal conservative. Although June 2012 sounds like a long way off...it really isn't when you consider:

- It has been reported in the San Jose Mercury News that Mayor Reed is likely to endorse a candidate as early as this September...less than 5 months from now!
- Candidates are allowed to start fundraising in early December of this year. Considering that a race for San Jose City Council will cost about \$100,000...candidates need to be in campaign mode this fall
- The Public Employees Unions have millions of dollars to spend to get their candidate elected...so we need to organize early and work smart. There are NO LIMITS on what the public employee unions can spend!!

In February, the Candidate Development Committee of the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women chaired by Gail DeSmet interviewed the Republican candidates. It was great to have three well-qualified Republicans step up to the challenge.

As we reviewed the three candidates, we considered:

- Candidate awareness in the community.
- Political experience/resume as would be perceived by the majority of primary election voters who will make a decision without meeting the candidate.
- Likely endorsements from both sides of the aisle.
- Negatives that likely would be used by the unions to cast dispersion on the candidate's credentials.
- Political view that would be most in line with the majority of the members of SVARW.

Although it was a difficult choice, the SVARW board has voted to endorse Leslie Reynolds for the following reasons:

- Current office holder representing the community on the San Jose Unified School District Board. (Trustee 5 for Almaden Valley). Leslie also served as the SCCSBA President and as a delegate and governmental relations chair.
- Leslie Reynolds ran unopposed for both terms on the San Jose Unified School District Board because she received key endorsements that dissuaded opponents. In the race for San Jose City Council she has already lined up endorsements on both sides of the aisle because of her work at the local and state level.
- A Google search of Leslie Reynolds reveals only positive press in her background.



If you're motivated to make a difference and get involved at any level, or to sign up for future, more in depth seminars, please Contact *Gail DeSmet*.  
[CandidateDevelopment@SVARW.com](mailto:CandidateDevelopment@SVARW.com)

**Come meet Leslie Reynolds on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the  
SVARW Patriot Party!**



**Support Our Troops in Iraq** Thank you to everyone who is supporting our soldier, Anthony Gadd, and his group in Iraq. The Easter treats and cards were wonderful as well as all the other donations. Bring donations for the Care Packages to the SVARW General Meeting: Please bring white socks, small cosmetics, cards and notes, DVD's, comic books, magazines, paperback books, packaged jerky, candy, cookies, energy bars, etc. Also, if you would like to donate money, we could use it for postage.

In addition, Anthony's mother writes: "Anthony's crew has asked for Baseball Shirts with their names on the back, and Swinger (the name of their shift) across the front. They're the authentic baseball jerseys and look really nice, and they'll be allowed to wear them on their shift while working. Do you think anyone would want to contribute towards them? There are 15 guys and the shirts are \$60 each. I already ordered them hoping God would come through...".

[Please make checks out to Anne Gadd](#). Thank you!

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



Phone Numbers  
Local Assemblyman

Rich Gordon  
(650) 691-2121

Jim Beall  
(408) 282-8920

Local State Senators  
Sam Blakeslee  
(916) 651-4015

Maj. Ldr. Ellen Corbett  
(510) 794-3900

S. Joseph Simitian  
(650) 688-6384

Elaine Alquist  
(408) 286-8318

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## Legislation

### Barbara Wales —Legislation Chairman

#### Santa Clara Plastic Bag Ban

The Ban passed for unincorporated portions of Santa Clara County. Thank you to Supervisor Mike Waserman for being the one dissenting vote.

#### Health Care Update (Federal)

The Supreme Court has turned back Virginia's request to put its challenge to the National Health Care Law on the fast track. There was no comment by the court regarding the reason.

#### Perez and Steinberg: Increasing California Taxes (State)

1. Senate Leader Darrell Steinberg is threatening to shut down services in Republican controlled districts if Republicans continue to oppose increased taxes.

Assembly Leader Perez is taking up increasing State taxes where Brown left off. Both men and members of the legislature are appearing around the State trying to get support for increased taxes. Perez wants the Legislature to put the taxes in and then have the voters ratify them later. (What if we vote "no"?) Please keep the pressure on Senator Blakeslee and other Republicans to hold firm on no new taxes or fees.

Blakeslee's Email: [Go to his site to send a message](#)

PHONE: 916-651-4015

FAX: 916-445-8081

Address: State Capitol Room 4070 Sacramento, CA 95814

*Message: Please don't have the Legislature vote for tax increases which will later go to the voters. Clearly the democrats don't want the people to have a choice and are trying to force us to vote "yes." Thank you.*

#### May 22 is Harvey Milk Day (State)

This is a Sunday and may be celebrated in schools any time between May 16-27. The public schools are not required to notify parents. The activities are for K-12 and may take any form from having a cross-dressing day to discussions of activities to watching movies. Please see [saveCalifornia.com](http://saveCalifornia.com) for more information about the activities of Harvey Milk with young children and his behavior. Parents should ask the school what activities are planned, but the safest way is to have the school boards prepare a declaration which says the day will not be celebrated. See [SaveCalifornia.com](http://SaveCalifornia.com) for more information.

#### Defense of Marriage Act (Federal)

"The law firm hired by Republicans in the House of Representatives to defend the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act withdrew Monday amid pressure from gay rights groups." (San Jose Mercury)

The handling of this Act is a major departure from our Rule of Law and is important because important precedents are being set. This gives it added importance far beyond the issue involved. Obama has said the Act is "abhorrent." In February Attorney General Eric Holder announced that the Federal Government (his office) would no longer defend the constitutionality of this Act. It is the responsibility of the Attorney General to defend the Act regardless of the personal opinion of the Attorney General.

In our legal system, all sides are entitled to representation. Attorneys often defend unpopular clients. Attorney Paul Clement, the attorney heading this case for King & Spalding resigned and said, "Defending unpopular clients is what lawyers do. I recognized from the onset that this statute implicates very sensitive issues that prompt strong views on both sides. But having undertaken the representation, I believe there is no honorable course for me but to complete it." Clement is taking the defense to another firm.

If you would like to write to the law firm, write Robert Hays, Jr., Chairman, King and Spalding, 1180 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30309 and tell Mr. Hays we are disappointed to hear that his firm did not follow through on their commitment to represent the Defense of Marriage Act.





## Officers for 2011

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Next Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 25th  
@ 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

## Senate Bill 48 (SB 48)

By Claudette Averill

**SB 48** (Sen. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco) continues to advance. The bill requires schools, K-12, to include in social science curricula not only the "role and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans", but also their sexual preference. This takes place without parental consent. It prohibits any school from sponsoring any activity or adopting any instructional materials that "promote a discriminatory bias on" persons based on sexual preference. There is no clear definition of this terminology and what would constitute bias. Despite compelling testimony against the bill at both the Senate Education and Senate Judiciary Committee hearings, SB 48 passed both bodies and the Senate floor on party-line votes.

Dr. Miriam Grossman, a board-certified child, adolescent and adult psychiatrist offered testimony at the Education Committee hearing. Dr. Grossman warned that SB 48 ignores the principles of normal childhood development in dealing with topics such as transgenderism. Dr. Grossman believes, "It is our responsibility to protect our children from exposure to facts, and experiences that they are not equipped to handle". Even the Los Angeles Times opposes SB 48. Its April 8 editorial states, "If more is added to the social studies curriculum, something else will have to be deleted or treated more shallowly. Teachers already struggle to get through all the required material before the state's standardized tests are administered in the spring ... The bill, SB 48, adds to an overly long list of requirements, that have been pressed upon the state's textbooks over the years."

**Status and Action:** SB 48 passed the State Senate 23-14 on April 14. The bill now moves to the Assembly. Please help oppose it by faxing or writing to your assembly member.

Go to [our website](#) to download a sample letter which you may use or you may write your own.

To find your district: <http://www.legislature.ca.gov/port-zipsearch.html>

\*To accurately determine your district, please refer to:

>>YOUR LOCAL COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS<<



## New Legislation Form

Please see the web site for the new Legislation Form.

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

If you would like a topic included in SVARW's legislation report, please fill out the form. Questions?

Please contact Barbara Wales [rdwales@earthlink.net](mailto:rdwales@earthlink.net)

### Immigration Report—by Carol Joyal

#### State Action Alert

AB 130 and AB 131 together are so-called DREAM Acts. They would extend tuition breaks and scholarships to students to go to adult schools and technical schools and make many eligible to receive state financial aid. One needs only to attend a California high school for three years, only one year if this is combined with two years of a trade school.

These DREAM Act students already take scarce seats in our state colleges, and in-state tuition is costly for our cash-strapped state.

AB 1081 lets local cities opt out of the national Secure Communities program. California had entered into an agreement with DHS to check arrestees' fingerprints against immigration databases. 71,918 were deported last year as a result of this program.

AB 1236 is a measure intended to stop the E-Verify electronic program of checking workers' social security numbers to find out if they are eligible to work in this country. It has been in use for years, is easy, fast, and avoids companies having to guess if paper documents are genuine or phony. This is an illegal alien employment bill!

### Anti-Gun Ordinance in Pleasant Hills

By Claudette Averill

The "Legal Community Against Violence" (LCAV) has joined with the Brady Campaign to introduce an anti-gun ordinance in Pleasant Hills. If Pleasant Hill is successful, it will embolden LCAV and the Brady Campaign, the violently anti-gun people behind this, to push to implement more of the same all across the Bay Area. This is a crucial matter for all Bay Area gun owners. The proposed law would amend the city's zoning ordinance to create a new land use category for gun and ammunition sales and require a use permit limited to Retail Business and Commercial districts.

The requirements would effectively shut out anyone trying to open a gun or ammunition sales outlet. The (LCAV), a San Francisco-based violently anti-gun group of lawyers, started their targeted anti-gun onslaught in the late 1990s when they helped create the so-called East Bay Public Safety Corridor Partnership. With LCAV's help, the "Partnership" was instrumental in passing anti-gun laws in most of Alameda and Contra Costa County towns. It took the NRA years and countless dollars to get the laws overturned, and some made it to the state level, where they haunt us still. After being dormant for some years, LCAV came up with another pre-packaged anti-gun legislative program two years ago. They sent it to 190 Bay Area municipalities. It was rejected by everyone except for San Mateo County and the cities of Oakland and Emeryville. San Mateo County saw the reason when the NRA threatened to sue. Oakland and Emeryville city governments are not prone to being reasonable. Although their laws were watered down under pressure from the pro-gun community, they did pass. Both cities are now being sued by the NRA. Pleasant Hill is now dealing with the same issue. What they are afraid of is that if these laws pass, THEY WILL MIGRATE TO OUR TOWN! Each victory further strengthens LCAV to push their agenda all over the greater Bay Area and up to the state level!

### 65 or Over??

## Claim Your Exemption to School Parcel Taxes!!

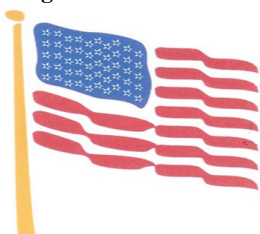
Many school districts try to get parcel taxes approved by voters by excluding Seniors. While provisions vary by district, generally, seniors need to apply to prevent this from being added to their property tax bills.

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



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



**Saturday, August 27, 2011 — 5:00 – 11:00 P.M.**

Beautiful Estate of Suzanna Cody and her Husband Rob Hills

18588 Woodbank Way, Saratoga, CA 95070

Live Music, Spectacular Gourmet Dinner with Wine

**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

Category	Checks received by June 15th	Checks received after June 15th
SVARW Members [Regular, Associate or Supporting ]	\$45	\$55
Non-Members**	\$55	\$65

\*\*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 **2011 & 2012**. 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? CALL CATHY @ 408-323-8685, LISA@408-358-0828 — OR PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT WWW.SVARW.COM

Reserve Tickets For: Name	Member _____ \$45**	Non-Member # _____ \$55**
Reserve Tickets For: Name	_____ \$45**	_____ \$55**

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets	\$
Membership Dues \$25	\$
Membership Spouse \$5	\$
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Meet Candidates and  
Office Holders!!**

Come meet current office holders and candidates running in 2012.

**Past guests include....**

San Jose City Councilman  
Pete Constant  
San Jose Mayor  
Chuck Reed  
Los Gatos Mayor  
Mike Wasserman  
President of the Santa Clara  
County Water District Board  
Don Gage  
Congressman  
Jeff Denham  
Former San Jose Vice Mayor  
Pat Dando  
Former Congressman  
Ernie Konnyu

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\*\*For orders received after JUNE 15, 2011, Tickets are \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members—NO EXCEPTIONS!



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## 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 \$4,969.78 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 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 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.