



## Upcoming Events at SVARW

### May 12, 2012 - Liberty Celebration!

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ♦ **May 12**—Liberty Celebration with Arizona Sheriff Richard Mack
- ♦ **May 16**—Monthly Meeting with Lance Izumi
- ♦ **June 20**—Red, White & Blue Monthly Meeting with David Bundesen
- ♦ **August 25**—Stars and Stripes!

#### SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

##### La Rinconada Country Club

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

Tickets for Monthly Meetings  
can be purchased at:

[www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com)

See You There!



We are thrilled to have **Sheriff Richard Mack** as our speaker. The title of his talk is **"Local Solutions for National Problems."**

Richard Mack is a powerful and experienced speaker, and a strong advocate of states' rights and individual freedoms. He has been a tireless crusader for the Bill of Rights, working for various groups including Gun Owners of America, the Libertarian Party, the Second Amendment Foundation, presidential candidates Pat Buchanan and Ron Paul, and many others to further individual rights. He has been the guest speaker at numerous events nationally and has worked hard for the rights of Americans everywhere.

Sheriff Mack is a self-described "constitutional conservative" with a long history of supporting causes such as states' rights, individual rights, and Second Amendment rights.

Sheriff Mack has recently announced he is running for Congress in Texas, attempting to unseat longtime (since 1987!) Congressman Lamar Smith. Smith, as head of the House committee charged with writing copyright law, is responsible for authoring and pushing the SOPA bill (Stop Online Piracy Act) and another online surveillance measure. Both of these measures represent an unprecedented invasion into our privacy and freedoms.

As part of the program, SVARW will be honoring American Gold Star Mothers. Northern California President Karen Meredith will accept the award on behalf of American Gold Star Mothers. In addition, Los Gatos Mayor Steve Rice will be in attendance as well as Morgan Hill City Councilmember Marilyn Librers.

#### About Sheriff Richard Mack

Richard Mack, former Sheriff of Graham County, Arizona, was the first sheriff in the country to file a lawsuit against the Clinton administration to stop the gun control associated with the Brady Bill. Mack's case went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court where he won a landmark decision on the issue of states' rights and local independence. Mack's case proved once and for all that the federal government is not our boss and cannot compel the states to comply with federal mandates.

**SVARW is giving a \$10.00 discount to all local law enforcement personnel who wish to attend**

Don't miss this fantastic event! To register, go to [www.svarw.com](http://www.svarw.com) or fill out the form on page 4 of this newsletter and send it in with your check.

### May 16, 2012—SVARW Monthly Meeting

#### How Obama and the Left are Hijacking Education in America

Our speaker will be **Lance Izumi**, a Koret Senior Fellow and senior director of education studies at the Pacific Research Institute. He is the co-author of the groundbreaking book *Not as Good as You Think: Why the Middle Class Needs School Choice* and is co-



executive producer of the award-winning 2009 PBS-broadcast film documentary *Not as Good as You Think: The Myth of the Middle Class School*. His latest book is *Obama's Education Takeover*. Lance also appears in the Academy Award-winning documentary *Waiting for Superman*. Lance will discuss the dismal state of education in America today – the many reasons, the situation as it currently stands and what can be done.

**Time:** Monthly meetings start at 9:30 with check-in at 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** La Rinconada Country Club  
14595 Clearview Drive, Los Gatos

**Cost:** \$15.00 includes continental breakfast

# Annual Liberty Celebration

Featuring... **Arizona's**

## Sheriff Richard Mack

Sheriff Richard Mack along with seven other county sheriffs sued the Clinton Administration over the constitutionality of the **Brady Gun Control Bill**. Their victory in *Printz/Mack vs. USA* was a victory for States' Rights and the 10th Amendment.



**Sheriff Richard Mack**

*Plus...Honoring the [American Gold Star Mothers of Northern California](#)*

**Saturday, May 12th**

Doors Open: 9:00 AM

Social & Refreshments: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

Los Gatos Elks, 105 Newell Ave., Los Gatos

Purchase tickets online at [www.svarw.com](http://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 Lisa Marshik, 319 Blossom Valley Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032.

Sheriff Richard Mack will have signed copies of his books for sale

Our speaker for the Liberty Celebration is Sheriff Richard Mack, the Arizona Sheriff who dared to bring a suit against the Clinton Administration.

During his tenure as Sheriff for Graham County Arizona, federal officers informed the sheriffs of the state that they would be required to enforce the so-called "Brady Bill" and run background checks at their expense under the law. In 1994, Mack and six other sheriffs from across the country challenged the constitutionality of the Brady Bill, and ultimately fought it all the way to the United States Supreme Court where they won a monumental decision for freedom.

On June 27, 1997, the Supreme Court ruled in *Printz/Mack vs. USA* that the Brady Bill was unconstitutional, thus restoring the 10th Amendment:

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution...are reserved to the States respectively or to the people."

Today, Sheriff Mack is a tireless crusader for the Bill of Rights.

## Memo from Our President

Greetings SVARW Members! Our two big annual events are coming up very quickly. The Liberty Celebration will feature Arizona Sheriff Richard Mack, a strong advocate of states' rights and individual freedoms. The title of his talk is "Local Solutions for National Problems". He has recently announced that he is running for Congress in Texas. Then in August, we have the distinct pleasure of returning to the fabulous estate of Suzanna Cody and her husband Rob Hills for an elegant "Stars and Stripes" evening of great food, fun, and mingling with like minded people.

Every successful organization becomes so because of the contributions of the members. I am proud of the accomplishments of SVARW, and our ability to promote worthy local political candidates. The total that SVARW raised for Leslie Reynolds' campaign is \$7,100! The Board works very hard to fulfill this function, but we need help to present large events. There are always small as well as large jobs to be done, and any contribution is welcome. If you can help with set up, signing in, decorating, or take down of the Liberty Celebration, please contact Martha Snodgrass. Stars and Stripes is a really large undertaking, and signing in guests, set up and take down, donating items and assembling baskets for the auction and making hors d'oeuvres or finger food desserts are necessary tasks to make the event successful. If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to make, or some time to help with baskets, table decorations, food or site preparation please let Lisa Marshik know. Even persuading a friend or two to attend would be a great contribution! We all love to come to these events and have fun, but there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes.

SVARW has had a program to collect coupons for soldiers stationed in Gaeta, Italy. This has been a very productive effort and makes such a difference to those military families who have very limited resources. We have donated almost \$32,000.00 worth of coupons since the program started in January, 2011! Christina Sand has managed this program for some time, but unfortunately must resign the position. This is not a time consuming position, but is important to our military. I would appreciate if someone would volunteer to replace Christina to continue this worthwhile program. Please contact me if you are interested.

For those who are interested in becoming more involved with SVARW activities, you are always welcome to attend our Board Meetings, which are held on the last Wednesday of each month. Call or email me, and I will let you know where the meeting will be held, since they are in a different location each month. New ideas are necessary for progress to be made in any organization, and everyone has a unique perspective to offer. Joining a committee will enable you to regularly attend Board Meetings and influence the direction of our organization. We need your input!

*"It's never too late to be what you might have been!" (George Elliot)*

Janet Nedde, President SVARW

## EARLY-BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR STARS AND STRIPES GALA

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 25th to join us for SVARW's annual Stars and Stripes Gala. Early-bird tickets will be on sale now through June 20th. Tickets for members are \$45 and \$55 for non-members. Non-members who join SVARW and purchase tickets for Stars and Stripes pay the member price PLUS their membership is good for the remainder of 2012 and all of 2013. Membership in SVARW is only \$25 per year plus \$5 to add your spouse as a member. To purchase your tickets today go to [www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com) or [Page 7](#) of this newsletter to purchase tickets by mail.

Once again Stars and Stripes will be held at the beautiful Saratoga Estate of Suzanna Cody and Ron Hills. Guest will be welcomed with champagne and appetizers followed by a gourmet dinner with wine and dancing to live music. This is always a fun event with many office holders and candidates attending.





#### Phone Numbers

##### Local Assemblymen

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

#### CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR

State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA  
95814

Phone:  
916-445-2841

**FAX is most  
effective:**  
916-445-4633

www.govmail.ca.gov

# 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 \$26,974.20 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.

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.

**CORRECTION:** Due to a spreadsheet formula error, the tallies listed for the last several months were incorrect.

Here are the corrected program-to-date totals for the last three months:

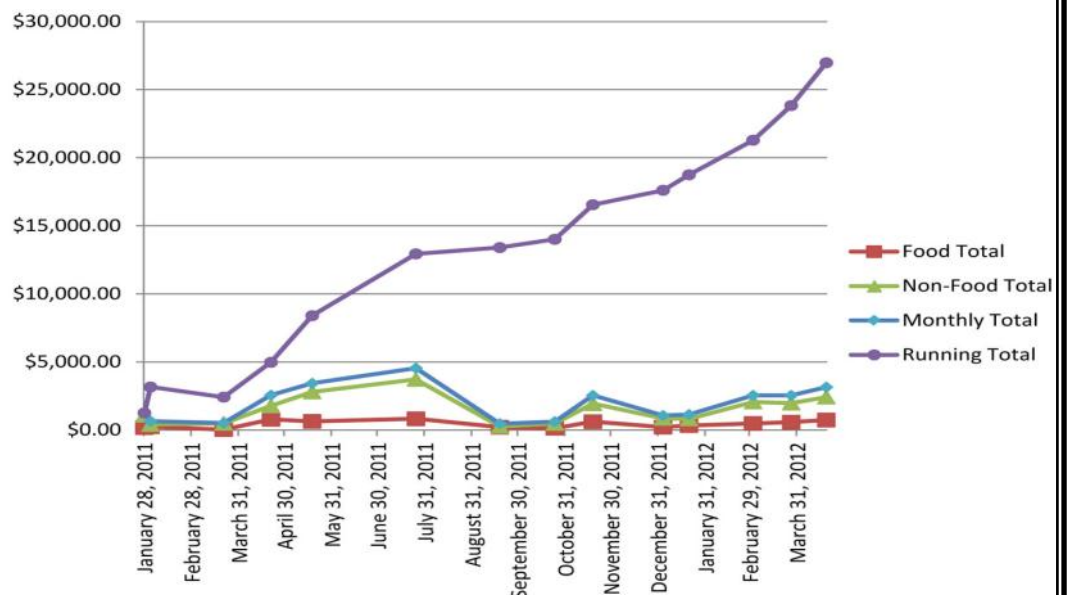
January: \$18,743.16

February: \$21,287.09

March: \$23,829.62

**WANTED:** Overseas Coupon Program Coordinator, beginning in June 2012. Must be willing to announce totals and collect coupons at each SVARW meeting, tally the totals, fill out a simple form, package them up and send them off in the mail.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact [Christina Sand](#) or [Jan Nedde](#).







## Officers for 2012

President  
**Jan Nedde**

First Vice President  
**Allison Spiller**

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**Cathy Davis**

Recording Secretary  
**Debra Janssen-Martinez**

Corresponding Secretary  
**Kirsten Williams**

Treasurer  
**Lisa Seago**

Next Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 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 to let her know.  
408-377-7111

## June 5th Ballot Measures—California Legislation

### Proposition 28—Limits on Legislators' Terms in Office Initiative Constitutional Amendment

Reduce the total number of years a politician can serve in the California State Legislature from 14 years to 12 years BUT enables a legislator to server ALL 12 years in the same body. Proposition 28 would increase the number of years a legislator could remain in the California State Assembly from 6 years to 12 years. It would increase the number of years a legislator could remain in the California State Senate from 8 years to 12 years. *By: Jan Soule*

Analysis: The then Democrat Attorney General Jerry Brown assigned the name to this proposition to make it look like term limits but it is deceptive because it enables a legislators to remain entrenched in one chamber for 12 years and actually EXTENDS rather than limits the term in that office.

Proposition 28's main supporter is the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor. Prop 28 is opposed by the California Republican Party, Lew Uhler, president of the National Tax Limitation Committee and other conservatives.

Recommend a **NO** vote.

### Proposition 29—Tobacco Tax for Cancer Research Act

California is 33rd lowest of the states who have Tobacco Taxes. We haven't added any tobacco tax since 2005, when the tobacco tax money was directed to the early childhood programs. The tax in California is 87 cents per pack. In the highest tobacco tax states it can run to \$2.99 a pack. It is said that the tax reduces smoking in young people. Yes, the tax money collected this go round would go toward Cancer research, a laudable cause to be sure. But, on principle, should we hold the line here? It starts with tobacco, then, sodas, then chips, then cakes, and cookies, and sugar-----! *By: Sherrill Martinez*

I recommend no new taxes. **No** on Prop 29.

## \*CALL TO ACTION\*

### SB1338 Abortion Expansion

Because of a coordinated and concerted effort by individuals and state and national groups, SB 1338 was stopped in committee on April 26, 2012. The vote was 4-4, with Senator Tony Strickland (R-Simi Valley) absent.

However, the pro-life victory was short-lived because the bill is up for a reconsideration vote on Monday, May 7.

Let your voice be heard and spread the word that this bill is up for reconsideration. Get everyone you know to call our senators. Let them know that we are not

okay with having our health care standards lowered. *By: Claudette Averill*

#### Senator Lou Correa [D] - (916) 651-4034

Voted "**no**" on SB 1338 last week. He will be greatly pressured by those who want this bill to pass, so we need to encourage him to remain strong.

#### Senator Juan Vargas [D] - (916) 651-4040

Voted "**no**" last week, and represents the very Catholic district of Imperial Valley. Planned Parenthood has picketed his office and will continue pressuring him. We need to

## SB1338 Abortion Expansion—continued

make sure he knows that his original decision was the right one.

**Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod [D] – (916) 651-4032** Voted “yes” last week, and has a 100% pro-abortion voting record. Urge her to protect women and defend life.

**Senator Ellen Corbett [D] – (916) 651-4010**

Voted “yes” last week, and has a 100% pro-abortion voting record. She needs to hear from women who have been hurt by abortion.

**Senator Curren Price [D] – (916) 651-4026**

Voted “yes” on SB 1338 two times, and has a 100% pro-abortion voting record. Explain the impact of abortion on

women and that we do not want our health care standards compromised. Urge him to vote “no” on SB 1338.

**Senator Ed Hernandez [D] – (916) 651-4024**

Voted “yes” on SB 1338 and has a 100% pro-abortion voting record. Urge him to stop our health care standards from being lowered and to vote “no” on SB 1338.

**Senator Mark Wyland [R] – (916) 651-4038** Voted “no” last week. Tell him to keep up the good work.

**Senator Bill Emerson [R] – (916) 651-4037**

Voted “no”. Let him know we’re on his side.

**Senator Tony Strickland [R] – (916) 651-4019** Absent and the Tiebreaker Call and URGE him to vote **NO** on SB1338

## TWO WAYS to HELP at the POLLS on

**JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>**



In Santa Clara County:

Go to [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org), click on “Volunteer at the Polls”, and fill out the Election Officer Application Form. Election Officers are expected to be at the polling site from 6:00am to 9:00pm on Election Day, help set up the day before the election, and attend a training class. Inspector stipends are \$150 - \$180; Clerk stipends are \$95 - \$125.

The Election Integrity Project:

Contact Joel Fine at:

[joel@electionintegrityproject.com](mailto:joel@electionintegrityproject.com)

or Nina Myers at:

[maximart@comcast.net](mailto:maximart@comcast.net)

Ask to be invited to their upcoming Meeting to Welcome Volunteers. Volunteers are needed to man polling precincts and observe. This opportunity is for people who are available for only a few hours, as well as those who are willing to give more of their time.

Please visit their website at:

[www.electionintegrityproject.com](http://www.electionintegrityproject.com)

for information about the project.

# Voter Guide

June 5, 2012

More recommendations at [SVARW.com](http://SVARW.com)

## Non-Partisan

SC County Superior Court Judge \* Steven R. Pogue

San Jose City Council District 10 \* Leslie Reynolds

San Jose Measure B \* Yes

## Partisan

U.S. Senate \* Elizabeth Emken

## County Central Committee-Republican

1st Supervisorial District--Rep

Norm Nedde \* Kerri Dunlay \* Gail DeSmet

Fred Vela \* Debra Janssen-Martinez \* Lisa Marshik

3rd Supervisorial District--Rep \* Ty Greaves

4th Supervisorial District--Rep

Paria Amini \* Kirsten Williams \* Peter Soule

Chris Mays \* Pete Constant

5th Supervisorial District--Rep \* Deborah Kerwin-Peck

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For more recommendations go to [www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com) Voter Guide



The Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women Presents

# Stars and Stripes Celebration

*Dinner and Dancing Under the Stars*



**Saturday, August 25, 2012 — 5:00 - 10:00 P.M.**

Beautiful Saratoga Estate of Suzanna Cody and her husband Ron Hills

Join us for a fabulous champagne welcome, delicious appetizers, live music, and a spectacular gourmet dinner with wine

### *Fantastic Raffle Prizes!!!*

Win prizes valued at hundreds of dollars for the price of a single raffle ticket.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each or six for \$50

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	Payment received by June 20th	Payment received after June 20th
SVARW Members	\$45	\$55
[Regular, Associate or Supporting ]		
Non-Members**	\$55	\$65

**Come Meet Current  
Office Holders and  
Candidates  
Running for Office  
in 2012**

\*\*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 2012 & 2013. 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?

LISA MARSHIK @408-358-0828– OR PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT [WWW.SVARW.COM](http://WWW.SVARW.COM)  
PLEASE EMAIL LISA IF YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR SEATING: [LMARSHIK@COMCAST.NET](mailto:LMARSHIK@COMCAST.NET)

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

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

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

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

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

Gala Tickets	\$
Raffle Tickets \$10 each	\$
Membership Dues \$25	\$
Membership Spouse \$5	\$
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	\$

#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 2012 & 2013. 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 20, 2011, tickets are \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members—NO EXCEPTIONS!

# Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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June 20, 2012 —SVARW **Red, White & Blue** Monthly Meeting

## Preventing the Erosion of our Freedom

Our speaker will be **David Bundesen**, Advancement Officer, National Rifle Association. David will be speaking about preventing the erosion of our individual freedoms. Specific talking points will include:

- The anti-gun movement is well-funded and led by the likes of George Soros, Dianne Feinstein and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. This movement is dedicating enormous resources to erode the values of individual freedoms as designed by our founding fathers.
- We have a national media that exhibits a clear bias against guns

and gun ownership

- NRA has established the NRA Voice of Freedom programs to promote initiatives that champion individual freedoms and responsibilities



**Time:** Monthly meetings start at 9:30 with check-in at 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** La Rinconada Country Club 14595 Clearview Drive, Los Gatos

**Cost:** \$15.00 includes continental breakfast