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March 21, 2012 —SVARW Monthly Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **March 12**—Patriot Party with Rep Cathy McMorris Rogers
- March 21-SVARW Town Hall with SJ Councilman Pete Constant
- April 18-Candidate Forum-Local Candidates
- May 12-Liberty Celebration with Arizona Sheriff Richard Mack
- 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



SVARW Town Hall with San Jose Councilmember **Pete Constant**



ete represents Council District 1, the region of West San José bordering Santa Clara, Saratoga, Cupertino and Campbell. He will be speaking to us on the latest issues facing the City of San Jose with particular emphasis on the status of pension reform. Re-elected in June 2010. Pete first took office in January 2007 and has since focused on public safety, economic development, open

government, and regional land planning. Pete is currently appointed to the Rules and Open Government and Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committees for the City of San José.

Prior to serving as a San José Councilmember, Pete served for 14 years as a San José Police Officer. This Town Hall is a great way to learn about the current issues facing San Jose. Even if you don't reside in San Jose, the issues are important because what happens in San Jose usually af-

fects most communities in Silicon

Valley.

We hope to see YOU there!

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: \$13.00 includes continental breakfast

April 18, 2012

Local and National Candidate Forum -Who's Running and Why

Join us on April 18 to meet local, state and national candidates in person! Candidates such as **Leslie Reynolds**, who is running for San Jose City Council District 10, and U.S.Senate Candidate Elizabeth **Emken** who is trying to defeat Senator Dianne Feinstein will be there plus Chad Walsh, David Chapman and Arlyn Diamond. Each candidate will briefly present why they are running for office and then take questions from the floor. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the candidates and have your questions answered.

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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.

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MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Sign Up for March 12th Patriot Party

The most conservative Congresswoman in America will address SVARW March 12!!

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Eastern Washington's chief advocate in Congress and one of the rising stars in American politics will be speaking at SVARW's March 12, 2012 Patriot Party in Los Gatos - don't miss it. Elected to the House in 2004, Rep. McMorris Rodgers has earned the trust of her constituents and praise on Capitol Hill for her hard work, conservative principles, bipartisan outreach, and leadership ability. Currently serving her second term as Vice Chair of the House Republican Confer-



ence, she is the only woman and the youngest Member of the elected House Republican Leadership.

Tickets: \$10—Office Holders are invited as our guests.

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Home of Janet and Norm Nedde, 111 Worcester Lane, Los Gatos, 95030

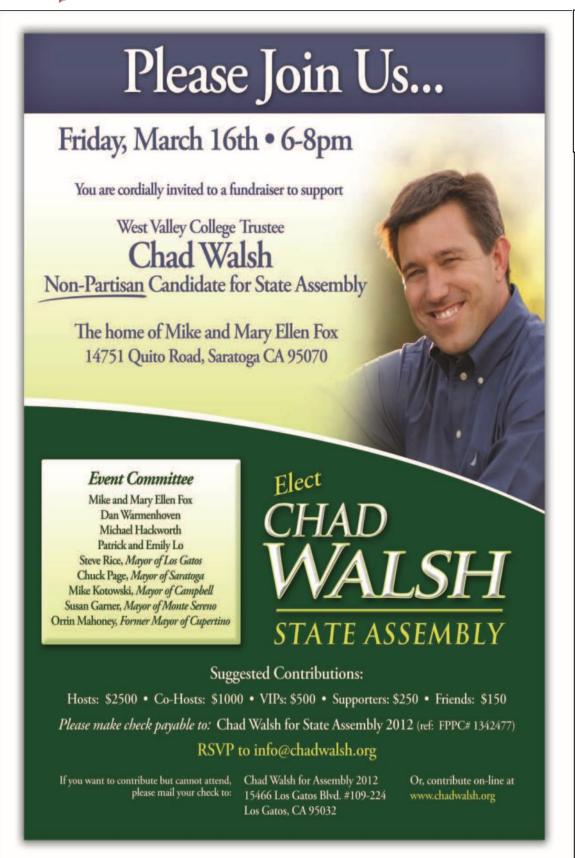
To purchase tickets online: www.svarw.com/PatriotParty.html

To purchase tickets by mail, make check payable to **SVARW** and mail to:

Lisa Marshik, 319 Blossom Valley Drive, Los Gatos, 95032

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May 12, 2012 Liberty Celebration

We are thrilled to have Sheriff Richard Mack as our speaker.

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 selfdescribed "constitutional conservative" with a long history of supporting causes such as states' rights, individual rights, and Second Amendment rights. In addition. Sheriff Mack has recently announced he is running for Congress in Texas, attempting to unseat longtime (since 1987!)

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

An Evening with Leslie Reynolds

7:00—9:00 PM — 18588 Woodbank Way, Saratoga 95070

Join SVARW and Councilmember Pete Constant for an elegant fundraiser at....



The Beautiful Estate of Suzanna Cody and her Husband Rob Hills

18588 Woodbank Way, Saratoga, CA 95070

Suzanna and Rob are throwing open their doors to invite you into their home to share this wonderful evening with Leslie Reynolds. Let's join together to make a difference in Silicon Valley.



Leslie Reynolds San Jose City Council

Purchase Tickets:	Complete the form below and mail with check.
Make out your check to	Leslie Reynolds for Council 2012

Mail to: Jan Soule, 3415 Todd Way, San Jose, CA 95124 -Questions? Call 408-705-2156 To purchase tickets online go to: http://lesliereynolds10.com/events

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Why Support Leslie Reynolds

Having served two terms as Trustee for San Jose Unified School District, Leslie Reynolds is the only current office holder running for San Jose City Council District 10 with actual governance experience. Leslie daily grapples with providing services on reduced budgets.

Visit Leslie Reynold's website to learn more.

www.LeslieReynolds10.com

Don't live in San Jose? See back of flyer! Learn how the San Jose City Council drives policy throughout Silicon Valley.

*Note Contribution Limits. The maximum contribution for San Jose City Council is \$500 per person or \$1000 per couple for the primary election. If you have contributed previously to Leslie Reynolds for Council 2012, your aggregated contributions cannot exceed these limits.

Why Should I Support Leslie Reynolds for San Jose City Council?

Leslie Reynolds, a conservative and San Jose Unified School District Board Trustee, is running for San Jose City Council District 10 (Almaden Valley).

A question often asked is, "For those of us like me who do not live in the Almaden Valley, why should I support Leslie Reynolds?" The answer is simple -outstanding conservatives elected in one district can have far-reaching impact on many other areas.

Example: School Board

Leslie Reynolds was elected in 2004 to the Board of Education for the San Jose Unified School District by the voters in Trustee Area Five (Almaden Valley). San Jose Unified School District has 33,000 students, 3,000 employees and an operating budget of \$330 million. Recognized as a board member that worked hard to both be an advocate for the students and a bridge builder among the other four members of the school board, Leslie was elected by her peers to represent the San Jose Unified School District on the Santa Clara County School Board Association. Although elected by only the voters in Almaden Valley, she positively influenced the education of all students in the thirty-three school districts in Santa Clara County.

But wait - there's more!

Leslie was elected by her peers to be a delegate to the California School Board Association where she worked with school board members from all over California to draft legislation regarding educational issues. As part of this association she played a major role in blocking legislation proposed by the California Teachers Association that would have prevented all school districts in California from using legal counsel during collective bargaining. Without legal counsel, local school boards can make costly mistakes and precipitate lawsuits. Leslie's willingness to engage in blocking this teacher union legislation affected all six million students in California public schools.

Having been elected to two terms as a trustee for San Jose Unified School District, Leslie Reynolds has a terrific resume for seeking a seat on the San Jose Council to represent Almaden Valley (District 10). Having brought common sense and logic to the SJU School Board, the Santa Clara County School Board Association and the California School Board Association, she is prepared to join Pete Constant and Mayor Reed in bringing sanity to the San Jose City Council.

The opportunity doesn't stop there!

Regardless of where you live in Santa Clara County be it Los Gatos, Campbell, Saratoga, Gilroy, Morgan Hill, or any of the other 15 local jurisdictions, the actions of the San Jose City Council are reflected throughout the county. Members of the San Jose City Council are chosen to serve on boards and agencies like the Valley Transit Authority which affects the entire county or the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) that determines policy for the nine Bay Area counties. Having a strong conservative like Leslie Reynolds who can bring common sense and logic to these powerful boards affects every single one of us!

Join us and be part of a positive future for San Jose and Santa Clara County!

Endorsing Leslie Reynolds

- California State Senator,
 Sam Blakeslee
- Santa Clara County Supervisor, Mike Wassermann
- San Jose City Council Member, Pete Constant
- President, Board of Education Member for San Jose Unified, Jorge Gonzales
- San Jose Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Vincent Matthews
- Santa Clara County Superintendent, Dr. Charles Weis
- President of the Santa Clara School Boards Association, Pam Parker
- Cupertino Union School District Superintendent, Phil Quon
- Alum Rock Elementary School District Superintendent, Jose Manzo
- Franklin McKinley School District Superintendant, John Porter
- City of Campbell Chief of Police, Greg Finch
- City of Saratoga Fire Commissioner, Joe Long
- Board Vice President, Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District, Cynthia Chang
- President, Samaritan Medical Group, Dave Henderson
- Owner, Charlene Chavez
 Photography, Charlene Chavez
- Jim Shore, Attorney
- Chief Financial Officer United Way and former Santa Clara County School Board Member, Gary Rummelhoff

Visit

www.LeslieReynolds10.com

For a complete list of endorsements.

Annual Liberty Celebration

Featuring... Arizona's

Namo

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 <u>American Gold Star Mothers</u> 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

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 tick 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.

President's Musings on Andrew Breitbart

Janet Nedde

On March 1st we lost a conservative hero's voice in the irreplaceable Andrew Breitbart. I was able to hear him speak last year, and unfortunately did not buy a signed copy of his book, because I never imagined that I would not see him again. This courageous patriot embraced conservatism with an outspoken passion after witnessing what liberals did to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas during his confirmation hearing. Thereafter, he displayed a fierce love of country, and fought fearlessly and tirelessly for adherence to Constitutional Principles. His intellectual legacy, the "Big" sites, will continue as advocates for conservative ideals and to expose the hypocrites, radicals and elitists. If there is anything that he taught me about life, it is to follow your passions, be they family, conservatism, faith, patriotism, etc. His young bright light was extinguished much too soon, and I grieve and pray for his beloved family.

Below I include a <u>Notable and Quotable</u> article published in the WSJ the day after his death. It is an excerpt from his 2011 book "Righteous Indignation: Excuse Me While I Save the World!":

Make no mistake: America is in a media war. It is an extension of the Cold War that never ended but shifted to an electronic front. The war between freedom and statism ended geographically when the Berlin Wall fell. But the existential battle never ceased.

When the Soviet Union disintegrated, the battle simply took a different form. Instead of missiles the new weapon was language and education, and the international left had successfully constructed a global infrastructure to get its message out. Schools. Newspapers. Network news. Art. Music. Film. Television.

If the political left weren't so joyless, humorless, intrusive, taxing, overtaxing, anarchistic, controlling, rudderless, chaos-prone, pedantic, unrealistic, hypocritical, clueless, politically correct, angry, cruel, sanctimonious, retributive, redistributive, intolerant—and if the political left weren't hell-bent on expansion of said unpleasantness into all aspects of my family's life—the truth is, I would not be in your life.

If the Democratic Party were run by Joe Lieberman and Evan Bayh, if it had the slightest vestige of JFK and Henry "Scoop" Jackson, I wouldn't be on the political map.

If the American media were run by biased but not evil Tim Russerts and David Brinkleys, I wouldn't have joined the fight. . .

If America's pop-cultural ambassadors like Alec Baldwin and Janeane Garofalo didn't come back from their foreign trips to tell us how much they hate us, if my pay cable didn't highlight a comedy show every week that called me a racist for embracing constitutional principles and limited government, I wouldn't be at Tea Parties screaming my love for this great, charitable, and benevolent country.

I am a reluctant cultural warrior.

Welcome New Memberl

When I turned 21, many years ago, I registered as a Republican. The reason that I became a Republican was that I understood economics and the conservative approach was far more logical to me.

My main goal is to help turn the Republican party around. I believe that the Republican party has lost its way and if we continue to shrink we may soon become a third party. No matter how painful it will be, we must be honest with ourselves in understanding why our voter registrations are shrinking and we must take corrective action ASAP.

As the Chair of The Villages Republican Club I want to become more involved in Republican activities in other parts of Santa Clara County. In addition, I will be on the June 5th ballot for District 3 Republican Party County Committee.

Roger Lasson





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Jim Beall (408) 282-8920

Local State SenatorsSam Blakeslee

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

S. Joseph Simitian (650) 688-6384

Elaine Alquist (408) 286-8318

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916-445-4633

www.govmail.ca.gov

Legislation Committee

Deborah Kerwin-Peck, Chairwoman—I'm new to SVARW. I'm a native Californian dismayed by our state's decline. I'm the mother of four grown children, of whom I am very proud. I'm horrified by the burden of debt that they have to bear, which can only increase on our current path. I hope I can help to effect *real* change for this exceptional country of ours. I look forward to meeting you all and to contributing however I can. We'd love to receive articles from you, with source (print or electronic) included, please.

The 2012 Legislation Committee members are:

Claudette Averill, Social Issues J.P. Puette, Second Amendment Issues Carol Joyal, *Immigration Issues* Jan Soule, *Local Political Issues*

Federal Legislation

HR 358 / SB 877 *Protect Life Act* would prohibit public funding of abortion in all federal programs and would ensure that no federal funds would be used for elective abortions. Would also codify the Hyde and Helms amendments, which now must be renewed every year, and would further protect the conscience clause in the Hyde / Weldon amendment for medical professionals and institutions. Passed House. Senate received 10/17/11. Currently in Senate Finance Committee.

http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h112-358 http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s112-877

HR 1116 Respect for Marriage Act would repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and remove the definition of "spouse" (currently, a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife). Currently in House Judiciary Committee; referred to Subcommittee on the Constitution 06/01/11. http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h112-1116 (See SB 598 below.)

SB 598 Respect for Marriage Act was introduced by Dianne Feinstein in the Senate Judiciary Committee and passed out of committee.

Deborah Kerwin-Peck

Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar 11/10/11. http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s112-598 (See HR 1116 above.)

HR 1299 Secure Border Act of 2011 would direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit [to the House Committee on Homeland Security and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs] a comprehensive strategy for gaining operational control of the international borders of the United States within five years. Placed on calendar 11/10/11. http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d112:HR01299:@@@L&summ2=m&

California Legislation

AB 266 Pupil rights: sex-segregated school programs: gender identity.

Would require that a pupil be permitted to participate in sex-segregated school programs, activities, and facilities, including athletic teams and competitions, consistent with his or her gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on the pupil's records.

Died* 02/01/2012. (read more) http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0251-0300/ab_266_bill_20120202_status.html

AB 1348 *Pupils: parental consent.* Would repeal current law that allows students in grades 7-12 to leave campus for confidential medical services without parental permission and instead require permission prior to such release. Changes procedure for sex education and AIDS / HIV instruction from opt-out to opt-in. **Died*** 02/01/2012. (*read more*) http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_1301-1350ab_1348_bill_20120202_status.html

*CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 4 LEGISLATIVE, SEC. 10. (c)

Any bill introduced during the first year of the biennium of the legislative session that has not been passed by the house of origin by January 31 of the second calendar year of the biennium may no longer be acted on by the house. http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/.const/.article_4



Second Amendment

The Debutante Hunters

J.P. Puette

The Debutante Hunters, a film about women hunters, won the Audience Award* at the Sundance Film Festival. (*It came in *first* in the 2012 Yahoo! Short Film online vote.) http://thewoma.com

Watch: http://screen.yahoo.com/sundance-2012-debutante-hunters-short-27874990.html#polls

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New Federal Moves to Restrict Gun Sales

The federal government is now tracking gun sales through added paperwork. One gun store filed a lawsuit to resist. A judge has thrown out the case. The rules affect pretty much any firearm that is not a handgun. Some say it's a blow to store owners and the nation's second amendment rights. The NRA is working on appealing that ruling saying tracking those following the rules is pointless. What is the government's motivation? Covering up its own mess. The NRA believes the increased regulations are in place because of the government's failed Fast and Furious gun-running operation. So, the noose tightens. (read more)

http://teapartyeconomist.com/2012/01/19/new-federal-moves-to-restrict-gunsales/

NLRB "Recess" Appointments as Insidious as Cordray Appointment

We know that President Obama's recent "recess" appointments don't pass the smell test, but the outrage has primarily been focused on his appointment of Richard Cordray to lead the Consumer Financial Protection Board (CFPB). While this is an egregious abuse of power, more scrutiny should be lent to the "recess" appointments of three members to serve on the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). (read more)

January 11, 2012, article: http://heritageaction.com/2012/01/nlrb- %E2%80%9Crecess%E2%80%9D-appointments-as-insidious-as-cordray-appointment/

Call To Action

Epic Fail: (More Than) 1,000 Days Without Doing Their Job

Deborah Kerwin-Peck

Call your senators today. Tell them that Washington spending is out of control and must be cut. Tell them to take the first step and pass a budget.

Senator Barbara Boxer 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 202-224-3553 PHONE 415-956-6701 FAX Senator Dianne Feinstein 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 202-224-3841 PHONE 202-228-3954 FAX

And The Heritage Foundation has a video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGOstsk3Ljs



Officers for 2012

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Second Vice President
Cathy Davis

Recording Secretary

Debra Janssen
Martinez

Corresponding Secretary Kirsten Williams

Treasurer **Lisa Seago**

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, February 29th @ 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

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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 \$24,548.30 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 ccsandesq@gmail.com