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## Upcoming Events at SVARW

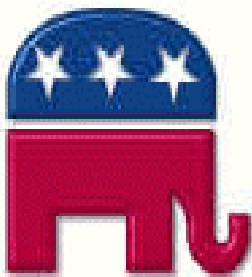
### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ◆ **November 16**—SVARW Town Hall with State Senator Sam Blakeslee.
- ◆ **November 22**—Join Team Reynolds! See pg. 2 for more Info!
- ◆ **December 10**—Last Patriot Party of the Year!
- ◆ **December 14**—Annual Christmas Luncheon & installation of Officers.

### SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada  
Country Club

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



### November 16, 2011 —SVARW Monthly Meeting

## SVARW Town Hall with State Senator Sam Blakeslee



### California State Senator Sam Blakeslee to Conduct SVARW Town Hall November 16th

Join us Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> for the first of many upcoming “SVARW Town Hall” events. We are pleased to have **California State Senator Sam Blakeslee – District 15** - as the featured speaker.

In this informative session, Senator Blakeslee will give us an update on current legislation, the state of jobs and the California economy, and his assessment of the California Republican party. The bulk of the session will be spent taking questions from the floor so be ready! Don't miss this opportunity to hear directly from Sen. Blakeslee on the “State of the State” and voice your questions and concerns.

**We hope to see YOU there!**

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

## 2012 SVARW Membership Dues are Due!

Dues are \$25 for members and an additional \$5 to add a supporting member/spouse. As you know, our organization is only as good as the members who volunteer! Many opportunities require very little time and can be done at home on your own time. Consider: Legislation, Voter Registration or Community Outreach, and lots more—whatever interests you!

Two ways to pay: online at [www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com) or by check payable to **SVARW** and mail to: *Lisa Marshik, 319 Blossom Valley Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032*

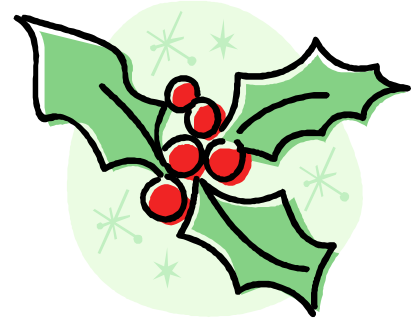
Please include: Name of supporting member/spouse, address, home & cell phone number & email address. A newsletter will be sent to you in the mail, unless you indicate email only. *If you joined SVARW at the Stars and Stripes Gala, your 2012 dues have already been paid.*

~Deadline for Payment is December 31st, 2011~

# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS...

## DON'T MISS THE DECEMBER 14TH SVARW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON!

**W**e hope you will join us for one of our best events of the year – the SVARW Christmas Luncheon. This year, it will be held Wednesday, December 14th at La Rinconada Country Club at 14595 Clearview Avenue in Los Gatos starting at 10:00 am. In addition to a delicious lunch and the opportunity to meet and mingle with like-minded local Republicans, the agenda will include:



- ✧ **Installation of Officers for 2012.** We are pleased that Leslie Reynolds, San Jose Unified School District Trustee and candidate to represent Almaden Valley (District 10) for the San Jose City Council – will administer the oath.
- ✧ **SVARW's Featured Charity** – Real Options – will be honored. Since 1981, Real Options has provided information, compassion and practical help for women and men facing unplanned pregnancies. Valerie Hill, Executive Director of Real Options, will speak and we hope people will be inspired to consider contributing to this excellent and deserving organization.
- ✧ **Christmas Music** will be provided by a wonderful quartet of students from Leigh High School
- ✧ **Honoring a Local Soldier** – we will be honoring Anthony Gadd, son of SVARW member Anne Gadd. Anthony just returned from active duty in Iraq.

Luncheon Reservations — to join SVARW at our Christmas Luncheon, please see **page 3** in the newsletter for details and the deadline for making a reservation. Or, contact *Lisa Marshik* at 408 358-0828.

## INVITATION TO JOIN SVARW'S TEAM REYNOLDS

**I**t is not enough to have a Republican in the White House in January 2013...if we are going to be left to the mercy of liberals holding local elected offices!

If you agree...join SVARW's Team Reynolds and volunteer to help elect Leslie Reynolds to the San Jose City Council representing District 10. To meet Leslie and learn about what you can do to help, Leslie has invited interested SVARW members to her home on Monday, November 22nd at 7:00 PM. We'll enjoy some wine and cheese and discuss how SVARW's grassroots efforts can help put a hard-working, qualified conservative on the San Jose City Council.



Please RSVP to [Jan Soule](mailto:jansoule@svarw.com) at [jansoule@svarw.com](mailto:jansoule@svarw.com) if you would like to attend. Let us know if you want to meet up with others to carpool.

# SVARW Celebration!

*Celebrating Christmas!  
Celebrating SVARW's New Officers!*

**Wednesday, December 14th**

Check in Starts: 10:00 AM — Program Begins: 10:30 AM

Reserve your place today for SVARW's annual Christmas Luncheon! Our program includes:

- Installation of SVARW Officers for 2012 by Leslie Reynolds, Trustee for San Jose Unified School District and Candidate for San Jose City Council
- Featured Charity: Real Options
- Speaker: Valerie Hill, Executive Director of Real Options
- Holiday Entertainment
- Delicious Three-Course Lunch

Cost: \$35

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

*Husbands and Guests welcome!*

Questions? Contact Lisa Marshik at (408) 358-0828 or  
via email at: [lmashik@comcast.net](mailto:lmashik@comcast.net)

## Christmas Meeting Reservation

**Make check payable to SVARW—\$35 per person**

**Mail to:** Lisa Marshik, 319 Blossom Valley Dr, Los Gatos, CA 95032

Or, go to **WWW.SVARW.COM** and purchase tickets online using your credit card

**Member Name:**

Circle One

Grilled	Butternut
Salmon	Squash
	Ravioli

**Guest/Supporting Member Name:**

Grilled	Butternut
Salmon	Squash
	Ravioli

### ABOUT REAL OPTIONS

Formerly known as Community Pregnancy Centers, Real Options has existed since 1981 to provide information, compassion and practical support for women and men facing unplanned pregnancies or dealing with pregnancy issues.

**Find more information at:**  
<http://www.mycpc.org/>

**Please bring your checkbooks to contribute to this wonderful charity (tax deductible.)**

### 3-Course Lunch Includes

#### Choice of Entrée:

Grilled Salmon  
Or

Butternut Squash Ravioli  
(Vegetarian)

Arugula and Manchego  
Salad with Candied Pe-  
cans, Apples, Dried Cher-  
ries, Pistachio Vina-  
grette

Assorted Rolls

Raspberry and Chocolate  
Mousse Cake with Fresh  
Raspberries

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea,  
Lemonade

**DEADLINE FOR  
RESERVATIONS:  
December 7th**

SVARW members are encouraged to consider making a donation to Real Options at our December meeting.

# Is Removing Barack Obama Enough?

## Why Electing Local Conservatives is Critical

By Jan Soule

Celebrating the inauguration of a new president on January 20, 2013 will be short-lived if we open the *San Jose Mercury News* the next day and once again read about some infuriating decision forced upon us or our children by a local school board, city/town council, water district, county board of supervisors, etc. Some decisions are frivolous wastes of time like banning toys in McDonald's Happy Meals, while other decisions, like not holding illegal aliens for deportation by ICE (Homeland Security), jeopardize the safety and well-being of the entire community.

***The Solution....let's work together to elect conservatives to local non-partisan offices because 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 34,000 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 body 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. When the San Jose City Council directed the San Jose Chief of Police not to work with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) to deport illegal aliens, the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors was pushed by liberal activists to prevent the Santa Clara County Sheriff's department from doing likewise.

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!

***This year and next it is critically important for all of us to do what we can to elect conservatives to local non-partisan offices!***

# Christmas PATRIOT PARTY!

**December 10, 2011**

**5:00—7:00 PM**

Join fellow conservatives for an evening of cocktails and appetizers as we look forward to REAL CHANGE in 2012!!

Home of Maria and Larry Fischer  
105 Kathy Court, Los Gatos

***Your admission to this event is a \$25 or more\* donation per person to the candidate of your choice!***

**To comply with campaign finance law, we ask for your cooperation in following these five steps. Your name badge will be waiting for you when you arrive at the party.**

**Step 1** Date your check "**December 10, 2011**". This is the date that the donation will actually be made.

**Step 2** Write your check for \$25 or more\* per person to one of these **campaign committees**.

- Leslie Reynolds for Council 2012
- Friends of Herman Cain, Inc.
- Rick Perry.org, Inc.
- Romney for President, Inc.
- Bachmann for President

**Step 3** **Confirm eligibility to donate:**

\_\_\_\_ I am a US Citizen or lawful resident and the contribution will not be reimbursed by another person. I am making this contribution from my own funds and not the general treasury funds of a corporation, labor organization or national bank. I am at least 18 years of age.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 4**

Occupation:	Employer:
First Name	Last Name
Street Address:	
City	State:                      Zip:

**Step 5**

Send this completed form and your check to:  
Jan Soule  
3415 Todd Way

Questions? jansoule@svarw.com  
Cell: 408-691-2111

**\*Contribution limits apply. \$250 per person for San Jose City Council. \$2,500 per person for president. Any person donating \$250 to Leslie Reynolds will be admitted free to future fundraisers for the primary election cycle.**







**Phone Numbers  
Local Assemblymen**

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(650) 691-2121

Jim Beall  
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**Local State Senators**  
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S. Joseph Simitian  
(650) 688-6384

Elaine Alquist  
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# Legislation

By Claudette Averill

## RESPECT FOR MARRIAGE ACT

**N**ext Thursday, November 10, the Senate Judiciary Committee will vote on the Respect for Marriage Act, S. 598. This legislation will repeal the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and will force states to recognize any kind of marriage sanctioned by another state including same-sex or polygamous marriages.

The Respect for Marriage Act disrespects voters in 30 states that have voted for constitutional amendments to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. To date, only Democrats have co-sponsored this destructive legislation that redefines marriage and undermines American families, including all ten Democrats of the 18-member Judiciary Committee. While the Respect for Marriage Act will likely pass out of the Judiciary Committee along a party-line vote, we need your help to ensure this vote will not be used to gather momentum for Senator Harry Reid (D-Nevada) to bring it to the Senate floor. **Take Action Now:**

Please call your senator on the Judiciary Committee and ask him/her to oppose the Respect for Marriage Act. The phone number for Senator Feinstein is 202 224-3841. Please call and urge Senator Feinstein to oppose efforts to repeal DOMA and to respect the voters in 30 states including CA. who have passed amendments to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The following are talking points if you want to call or write to Senator Feinstein.

- Despite its deliberately deceptive name, the "Respect for Marriage Act" insidiously seeks to destroy the historical, traditional definition of marriage.
- It seeks to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).  
DOMA does not prohibit states from recognizing same-sex "marriages." It defines marriage as we have always known it, the union between one man and one woman, for federal purposes. DOMA also protects states from being forced to recognize same-sex "marriages" from other states, if a state chooses to do so.
- The Respect for Marriage Act runs contrary to the will of the majority of Americans who support marriage as the union between one man and one woman.  
The most comprehensive scientific national survey to date, completed by Public Opinion Strategies (May 16-19, 2011), reveals that 62 percent of Americans believe "marriage should be defined only as a union between one man and one woman." Fifty-three percent strongly agreed.
- The Respect for Marriage Act circumvents the will of the 30 states that have already voted to protect marriage as the union between one man and one woman in their state constitutions, forcing the states to go against their own public policy goals to recognize same-sex "marriages" from other states.  
More than 63 million Americans in 30 state elections have voted on constitutional marriage amendments. Around forty million in all (63 percent) voted to affirm marriage as a union between a man and a woman.
- The Respect for Marriage Act forces states to recognize any kind of marriage that another state decides to sanction. It is by no means limited to same-sex "marriages."
- It was introduced by Representative Jerrold Nadler (D-New York) in the House (H.R. 1116) and Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-California) in the Senate.



## Officers for 2011

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Next Board Meeting  
Wednesday, Nov 23rd  
@ 9:30 AM

## Sonshine

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

## HOUSE PASSES THE PROTECT LIFE ACT

The House of Representatives passed HR 358, The Protect Life Act, which would end abortion funding in ObamaCare. The measure now faces a tough battle if it is to clear the Democrat-led Senate (S. 877) and a President that has already expressed opposition.

This legislation was introduced by Rep. Joe Pitts (R-Pennsylvania) and Dan Lipinski (D-Illinois) and would apply the Hyde amendment to the new health care law by guaranteeing that no tax subsidies can go to plans that cover elective abortion.

When ObamaCare was signed into law, clear language did not exist to prohibit funds from being used for abortion services. Ultimately, the vague nature of the bill will result in the allocation of taxpayer funds for abortions. Many Americans do not want their hard-earned money to provide for abortion on demand.

As a solution to this problem, H.R. 358 would eliminate the accounting gimmick and create true separation of funds by requiring abortion plans to be sold separately from health care plans receiving federal dollars, prevent any federal agencies or appointees from mandating private insurance plans to cover abortion, codify the Hyde-Weldon provision to protect the consciences of health care providers who refuse to participate in providing abortions, prevent the Office of Personnel Management from contracting with or administering health plans that include abortion, and grant permanent pro-life protections originally provided under the Stupak-Pitts amendment.

## DUMP THE DREAM ACT

Now that Gov. Brown has signed the "Dream Act", SB 131, Assemblyman Tim Donnelly has spearheaded a petition drive to put the issue on the ballot. Taxpayers are on the hook for financing the college education for illegal immigrant students unless 505,000 valid signatures are obtained before January 6th, and voters approve the measure. The petitions will be available at the November General Meeting. To obtain petitions sooner, or find out more about this, visit:

[www.StopAB131.com](http://www.StopAB131.com)

## Congratulations to Our Newly Elected Officers for 2012!

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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 \$14,006.33 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 [ccsandessq@gmail.com](mailto:ccsandessq@gmail.com)