



Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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Upcoming Events at SVARW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ◆ November 17th-Monthly Meeting—Karen England
- ◆ December 8th —SVARW Annual Christmas Brunch and Installation of 2011 Officers
- ◆ January 19th —Kick-Off 2011 Monthly Meeting

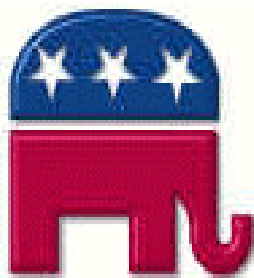
SVARW
"Political Party"
December 11th
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SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada
Country Club

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

Cost: \$13 includes



November 17, 2010 —SVARW Monthly Meeting

Taking Back Parental Rights in our Schools!!

*A child cannot be given an aspirin at school...yet the California State Legislature permits school administrators to release students to have an abortion or receive suicide counseling **without** informing the parent.*

Karen England, the Executive Director of Capitol Resource, a pro-family lobby organization in Sacramento will be our special guest speaker on November 17th! Karen is a tremendous speaker and you will not want to miss this program.

Karen has the inside scoop on how we can lobby our local school districts to ensure parental rights are observed and even how we can negate the requirement by the state to celebrate Harvey Milk Day.

Karen has been a little busy this past month running as a write in candidate for Lt. Governor of California. Recognizing that neither Abel Maldonado nor Gavin Newsom provided a choice for conservatives, she threw herself into the race.



Karen England (second from left) with SVARW members (Linda Chavez, Dottie Stewart and Jan Soule) at 2009 Capitol Resource Lobby Day in Sacramento

LOCATION

La Rinconada Country Club
Cost: \$13 —Includes Continental Breakfast
Check In —9:00 AM
14595 Clearview Drive -Los Gatos, CA
95032

SVARW December 8th Meeting

Our December meeting is always very special as we celebrate Christmas and the installation of our SVARW officers for 2011. Please see page 7. Tickets must be purchased by December 2nd!

SVARW 2011 Officers pictured left to right: Lisa Seago, Martha Snodgrass, Janet Nedde, Cathy Davis, Allison Spiller, Debra Janssen-Martinez





Officers for 2010

President
Cathy Davis

First Vice President
Martha Snodgrass

Second Vice President
Carol Joyal

Recording Secretary
Jan Nedde

Corresponding Secretary
Lisa Seago

Treasurer
Helen Gaetano

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 1st
@ 10:00 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

Four SVARW Members Are Elected!

- Mike Wasserman easily won in Supervisorial District 1 --all those fundraisers and driving "Miles for Mike" with the signs on our cars really paid off! Congratulations, Mike!
- Julie Constant won a seat on the Campbell Elementary School Board. SVARW raised money for her campaign at our Political Party and at a fundraiser at the Fischer's.



Julie Constant



Chuck Page



Mike Wasserman



Frank Chavez

- Chuck Page was re-elected to Saratoga City Council.
- Frank Chavez was re-elected to Alum Rock School Board and will continue to represent Republican values there.
- Other winners among SVARW endorsees were Don Gage for Water Board and Chad Walsh for West Valley College Trustees.
- Candidates who SVARW put in massive amounts of efforts for who did not win include: Robert Chandler for Assembly, Scott Kirkland for Congress, Larry Pegram for San Jose City Council and Dan Saha-gun for Congress. Others we supported through functions, Frank Jewett and Deb Giordano, were also not elected.
- SVARW's out of town endorsements for the reelection of Michele Bachmann and Tom McClintock, both for Congress, resulted in wins while first time Congressional candidate Star Parker lost.
- On the issues side, the big issues included preventing marijuana from being legalized --we won! However, the 2/3 requirement for passing the budget was eliminated. This is a huge loss. With a Democrat legislature and governor, we Republicans will have little input. Most of the tax issues (taxes, fees and bonds) passed. What are people thinking of --California is already going under due to taxes and voters are passing more!

For the full election results regarding SVARW's endorsed candidates and issues, please see pages 4 and 5.

Please consider writing a letter to one or more candidates who you supported thanking them for running and telling them that we expect them to follow through on their election promises. Some sample letters are found on our website (www.svarw.com) -- and we will have some for you at the November meeting.

Thanks to all our SVARW members who voted and worked so hard for all the candidates and issues.

Meet the SVARW 2011 Officers

By Allison Spiller

Elections were held at the October monthly meeting, and the new officers will be sworn in December 8th. 2011 promises to be extremely busy yet exciting, and everyone looks forward to a very productive year. Below are some short bios of each officeholder.

Cathy Davis, President

Cathy moved to San Jose four years ago and has been a member of SVARW ever since. She actually learned about the group from her mailman who introduced her to neighbors that were members. Once she joined, she knew this was the group for her. Cathy's passion is organizing Republicans to get qualified candidates elected to office. Interesting factoids about Cathy are that she played the flute for 28 years and made an album with her high school band. Oh – and that she has never seen the movie ET

Martha Snodgrass, 1st Vice President

Martha has been a member for about two years. She joined because she wanted to get involved in politics and didn't like the direction the country has been heading. Also, because she was a new Californian, she thought the Republicans could use all the help they could get in this state! Martha's passions are getting the budget cut way back and the government out of our lives. Interesting tidbits: Martha has lived in six states as well as Vancouver, British Columbia, and is the proud mother of an Iraq war veteran.

Allison Spiller, 2nd Vice President

Allison has been a member for five months. She joined because she was very concerned about what is happening in Washington D.C., particularly the out-of-control spending, rising debt and recently passed health care reform. Allison's passions are stopping the spending, repealing Obamacare and defeating Obama in 2012. Interesting facts: Allison is a rabid *Food Network* fan and an enthusiastic (some might say obsessive) stock market watcher.

Janet Nedde, Recording Secretary

Jan has been a member for two years. She joined because she had a friend in the group and was very fearful for our country once Obama was elected. Jan's passions are less government intrusion, more fiscal responsibility, border security, adherence to the Constitution and a strong military. She also feels that Obamacare was pretty much the last straw for her. Interesting factoids: Jan worked as an operating room nurse for many years and also as her orthopedic surgeon husband's office manager. She also has a son in college.

Lisa Seago, Corresponding Secretary

Lisa has been a member for a year and a half. She joined because she was unhappy with the way the country was going with Obama and the Democrats running the show. With her children in college, she wanted to get more involved with helping to make a change. Lisa's passion is healthcare, mostly because her husband is a physician and she has seen how things have changed for him over the years. Lisa has a large family of four children --- two boys – Brad, 27 and Jeff, 24 plus twin girls – Kelly and Julie who are 20.

Debra Janssen-Martinez, Treasurer

Debra has been an SVARW member for a little over three years. She joined primarily because of economic issues and the desire for limited government. Specifically, she is concerned about excessive taxation and federal spending as well as the power the government is currently exerting over the individual. Debra is passionate about candidate support, legislation and the tea party side of Republican issues. Interesting facts about Debra – she has been a Republican ever since she met Ronald Reagan in Lodi when he was running for governor. Another high point of her life was when she got a "cheek bus" from George Bush when she covered his "closed to the public" visit to City Team Ministries in San Jose in 2000 when she was a newspaper editor/reporter.

Diane Owen, Parliamentarian

Diane has been a member for six years. She joined because she felt SVARW was a way to keep informed politically and learn more about government. Diane's passion is immigration reform. Interesting facts about Diane are that she currently serves on the Council Salary Setting Commission for the City of San Jose. And, she was elected in June to the Santa Clara County Republican Party's Central Committee. She will be sworn in January 2011.



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Legislation

Please welcome our new legislation chairmen! Jude Fletcher and Libie Cilker
Election Results

ON BALLOT	RESULT	SVARW
<i>Local Measures</i>		
A SCC: \$29 parcel tax	YES	NO
B SCVTA: motor vehicle reg fee increase	YES	NO
C SCVWD: term limits	YES	YES
E F-D CCD: \$69 parcel tax	YES	NO
G SJ/E CCD: 269M bonds	YES	NO
H SCUSD: \$81.1	YES	NO
I East Side Union HSD: \$98 parcel tax	YES	NO
J Franklin-McKinley SD: \$50M bonds	YES	NO
K Moreland SD: \$55M bonds	YES	NO
L Cambrian SD: \$98 parcel tax	YES	NO
M City of Campbell: (+) bus. license tax	YES	NO
N City of Campbell: (+) transient occ. tax	YES	NO
O City of Campbell: chg City Clerk/Treas to appoint	YES	NO
F City of Morgan Hill: chg City Clerk/Treas to appoint	NO	NO
Q City of Saratoga: two-story limit	NO	N/P
R City of Palo Alto: charter amendment	AGAINST	N/P
S City of Palo Alto: election schedule	FOR	N/P
T City of Mountain View: update utility users tax	YES	NO
U City of San Jose: tax on marijuana businesses	YES	N/P
V City of San Jose: arbitration	YES	YES
W City of San Jose: cost control of benefits	YES	YES
<i>State Measures</i>		
19 Legalize Marijuana	NO	NO
20 Redistricting of Congressional Districts	YES	YES
21 \$18 (+) Vehicle license surcharge	YES	NO
22 Prohibits State taking local gov funds	YES	YES
23 Suspends air pollution law until unemployment drops	NO	YES
24 Repeals leg allowing bus certain tax benefits	NO	NO
25 Changes 2/3s req'd for budget approval to majority	YES	NO
26 (+) to 2/3s leg vote for state levies/charges	NO	YES
27 Eliminates voter-appvd citizen comm. on redistricting	NO	NO

2 Nov 2010 SVARW Ballot Recommendations – con't	OUTCOME	WINNER
<i>FEDERAL</i>		
Carly Fiorina – U.S. Senate	DEFEATED	
Scott Kirkland – U.S. Congress – District 15	DEFEATED	
Dan Sahagun – U.S. Congress – District 16	DEFEATED	
<i>Representing Other Areas</i>		
Tom McClintock – U.S. Congress – District 4	WIN!!	
Star Parker – U.S. Congress – District 37	DEFEATED	
Michelle Bachman – U.S. Congress – MN District 6	WIN!!	
Sharron Angle – U.S. Senate – NV	DEFEATED	
<i>STATE</i>		
Governor of CA	NOT BROWN	Brown
Lt. Gov of CA	Not Newsom	Newsom
Secretary of State	Dunn	Bowen
Controller	Strickland	Chiang
State Board of Equalization	Scott	Yee
Assembly District 22	Conlon	Fong
Assembly District 24	Chandler	Beall
<i>LOCAL</i>		
Mike Wasserman – SCCBS – District 1	WIN!!	
Don Gage – SCC Water District 1	WIN!!	
Lou Becker – SCC Water District 7	DEFEATED	
Larry Pegram – SJCC District 9	DEFEATED	
Minh Duong – SJCC District 7	DEFEATED	
Debbie Giordano – Mayor Milpitas	DEFEATED	
Frank Jewett – Campbell City Council	DEFEATED	
Phil Reynolds – Campbell City Council	DEFEATED	
Chuck Page – Saratoga City Council	WIN!!	
<i>SCHOOL BOARDS</i>		
Julie Constant – Campbell USD Board	WIN!!	
Chad Walsh – WVMCC Board	WIN!!	
Frank Chavez – Alum Rock USD	WIN!!	
Lynette Lee Eng – County Board of Edu Dist 2	DEFEATED	
Angie Cardoza – County Board of Edu Dist 6	DEFEATED	



Immigration Report

By Carol Joyal

FEDERAL JUDGE ALLOWS OBAMACARE SUIT TO CONTINUE

Twenty state attorneys, who claimed the new healthcare bill is unconstitutional, prevailed in court recently.

Judge Roger Vinson agreed the bill would likely "run (state) budgets off the cliff." The additional costs to Medicare and Medicaid likely violated the 10th Amendment, the sovereign right of states.

It is expected that this lawsuit will proceed to the Supreme Court.

AMNESTY BILL IN THE LAME DUCK SESSION

Senator Harry Reid and Rep. Nancy Pelosi are planning to have a "lame duck" session of Congress in mid November. Sen. Robert Menendez introduced S. 3932, Comprehensive Immigration Act of 2010, a massive amnesty bill, hoping it would pass during this time. This is an 874 page bill that pre-empts all state and local laws affecting immigration and permits people to bring in same-sex partners. The bill also requires free legal services for illegal aliens for civil proceedings, and creates yet another executive agency to decide how many foreign workers to admit each year.

The bill includes the "Dream Act" amnesty, the Ag JOBS for illegal farm workers, and a general amnesty. There would be almost no illegal alien left out of this amnesty if Sen. Menendez gets his way. Guess which party these new potential citizens would vote for?

ACTION

Call our senators and your House member. (202-224-3841)

UPDATE ON ARIZONA'S IMMIGRATION LAW

Federal Judge Susan Bolton tossed much of Arizona's landmark bill 1070, however some important parts went into effect. The ban on sanctuary cities, the right of residents to sue officials that adopt policies to prevent enforcement, and making it a crime to block traffic while stopping to pick up illegal alien dayworkers all survived. Governor Brewer has vowed to appeal Judge Bolton's ruling on the other issues.

Governor Brewer also appealed Mexico's filing of a friend of the court in the Obama administration's suit against Arizona. This attempt failed and Mexico has been allowed again to meddle in our country's business.

BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP IN THE NEWS

For years some Republican representatives have introduced bills in Congress to end birthright citizenship. Congress never allowed these bills to get out of committees. Now there are renewed efforts to challenge the present interpretation of the 14th Amendment. This amendment was intended to grant citizenship to former slaves, but long ago a court decision interpreted it to mean all children born within our borders. Republican governors in 15 states are making a national attempt to challenge this. Arizona will introduce a bill in January, and many other states are expected to follow. Although the states do not grant citizenship, they do give out birth certificates. Birthright citizenship has been very costly for the states. Cradle to grave welfare benefits await prospective parents that choose to birth offspring in the U.S. Estimates are about 385,000 birthright arrivals yearly. The Supreme Court needs to take another look at the 14th Amendment.

Join SVARW's
Political Party
December 11th
5:00-7:00 PM

It's time to get together again with like-minded fellow Republicans! We'll take this occasion to thank the candidates who ran for office.

Cost: \$10
Home of Martha and Tom
Snodgrass
203 Montclair Road
Los Gatos

RSVP to Martha:
408-871-2917
marthasnod@comcast.net

SVARW Celebration!

*Celebrating Christmas!
Celebrating Republican Election Victories!
Celebrating SVARW's New Officers!*

Wednesday, December 8th

Check in Starts: 9:30 AM —Program Begins: 10:00 AM

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

- Installation of SVARW Officers for 2011 by Eight-Time President, Helen Gaetano
- Featured Charity: City on The Hill —Two 2010 City on The Hill Students will speak: Emily Henkel and Annabelle Rutledge.
- Choral Entertainment
- Delicious Brunch

Cost: \$30

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

Questions? Contact Barbara Wales at (408) 379-0727

Christmas Meeting Reservation

Make check payable to SVARW—\$30 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

ABOUT CITY ON THE HILL

City on the Hill is a model legislature program sponsored by Capitol Resource Institute for high school students.

It is this year's SVARW Christmas Charity.

Please bring your check-books to contribute to this wonderful charity (tax deductible.)

Brunch Includes

Variety of Fresh
Breakfast Breads

Tri-Plate: Egg Benedict,
Special Salad, Lox
Slider
[Vegetarian choice
also available]

Orange Fantasy
Dessert

**DEADLINE FOR
RESERVATIONS:
December 2nd**

Member Name:

Circle One

Brunch Vegetarian
As Described Alternative

Guest/Supporting Member Name:

Brunch As Vegetarian
Described Alternative

SVARW members are encouraged to consider making a donation to City on the Hill at our December meeting.



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Time to Renew Your Membership!

Your 2011 SVARW Membership dues are due!! Deadline for payment of dues is December 31, 2010.

If you joined SVARW as a result of our recent Stars and Stripes Gala, your 2011 dues have already been paid!!

Dues are \$25 for members and an additional \$5 if you would like to add your spouse.

You can pay online by going to www.SVARW.com

Or, make your check payable to: SVARW

And mail to Lisa Marshik at 319 Blossom Valley Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032. Please include: Name of spouse, address, phone number, email address and indicate whether you would like to receive your newsletter via EMAIL or SNAIL MAIL.



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