



# Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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*We conservatives have a choice...*

*We can crawl under a rock and hide, or we can fight for liberty and freedom.*

*What will you do?*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ◆ November 14th—  
Monthly Meeting with  
Mayor Reed
- ◆ December 8th—Patriot  
Party
- ◆ December 12th—SVARW  
Christmas Luncheon
- ◆ January 16th—SVARW  
Monthly Meeting—First  
Time Guests are FREE!!

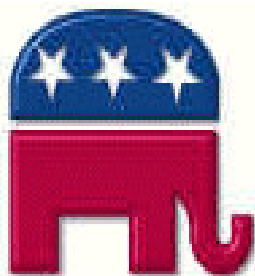
### SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

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!

## Upcoming Events at SVARW

### November 14th—San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed

#### San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed

We are very pleased to have San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed speak to our group on current issues facing the City of San Jose. He will also give us an update on the current status of his landmark pension reform victory in June. Even if you are not a San Jose resident, the issues affecting San Jose affect the surrounding communities in Silicon Valley. Don't miss it!

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

Purchase tickets online at [www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com)



San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed

#### Reminder

Due to Thanksgiving, our meeting this month is the second Wednesday of the month and not the third Wednesday.

### December 12th—Christmas Luncheon

SVARW is honored to have Marc Klaas of the Klaas Foundation as its featured speaker and designated charity this year. Mr. Klaas has been a very passionate and involved presence in our own local missing child tragedy, the kidnap and presumed murder of Morgan Hill's Sierra LaMar. His high profile advocacy has attracted scores of media attention and inspired an ongoing outpouring of volunteers and donations in the cause to find Sierra. Mr. Klaas' journey as a nationally prominent advocate began in 1993 with his own family's tragic experience of the kidnap and murder of his 12-year old daughter Polly.

A tireless and effective advocate for preventing crimes against children, Mr. Klaas has appeared on many television programs and syndicated talk shows, and is a regular resource for CNN, FOX and MSNBC.

Please see page 6 for details and to RSVP with your choice for the luncheon.



Marc Klaas



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Next Board Meeting  
Wednesday, November  
28th @ 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

## President's Memo

By SVARW President, Jan Nedde

Dear Friends:

Do not let us lose heart...there is still much to do! One of those things is to continue to remember those brave Americans who are still in harm's way.

This month I must offer a gentle reminder about our "Support the Troops Coupon Program". It's such an important program that if you've always wanted to participate more in SVARW activities, this is a great way to do that. As you know, we do not pay our troops commensurate with the work, and the risks that they and their families face. This small contribution can make a huge impact on their budget. Please clip those coupons, and submit them to Natalya Contreras at the monthly meetings. They must be separated out into food and non-food envelopes or plastic bags with the total dollar amount marked on the outside. If you have any questions, either call Natalya (807-6454) or me.

Finally, there are many other ways that you can get more active with SVARW if you wish to do so, either on a Board position, or as a supporting person for the organization. We always welcome new ideas and enthusiasm, so please call me if you would like to help out!

Best Regards,  
*Janet Nedde, President*

## SVARW Welcomes Cathy Davis as 2013 President-Elect

As many of you may be aware, SVARW President Jan Nedde and her husband Norm are planning to move in early 2013 to North Carolina. We are excited for the Nedde's but of course are sad to lose our wonderful president. In light of this, past president Cathy Davis has volunteered to return as SVARW's president in 2013. We are excited about Cathy's willingness to again serve as president and will present this for a vote at the November 14 meeting.

We want to thank Jan Nedde for her excellent, steady leadership of SVARW during a very busy and sometimes challenging year. We wish her and Norm the best on their move to a Red State and appreciate all the hard work she has done to make SVARW the success that it is. Thank you Jan!



## Important Update on Proposal for Mosque in San Martin

By Debra Janssen-Martinez

The Board of Directors of Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women (SVARW) from time to time receives requests from various groups to address us in order to solicit support on a wide range of topics. Recently, SVARW hosted the "Repeal the Bag Ban" group. As a political club, we strive to provide our members with opportunities to participate in a wide-ranging variety of local political causes and movements. As a group we have participated in Tea Party rallies, voter registration drives, the Conservative Forum, and candidate support. We host speakers monthly on a variety of topics ranging from Constitutional rights to issues that are both deeply personal and uniquely local.



Proposed Mosque and Cemetery for San Martin



Hearing in San Martin

At the SVARW October 31, 2012 board meeting, Georgene Scott-Codiga of the Gilroy/Morgan Hill Tea Party Patriots, spoke to us about her group's opposition to the building of an Islamic mosque in an unincorporated portion of San Martin. The group has urged the County Planning Commission to deny approval to build an Islamic worship center and cemetery on a rural property because there is no sewer system, and the only water supply is provided from wells located on the property. The group cited fears that the cemetery might pollute the ground water due to unsuitable soil composition. The Tea Party group objects to an Islamic Center's building as it conflicts with existing land use restrictions designed to limit development in an area set aside for small agricultural and low density population

purposes. They also fear that substantial financial support from foreign Islamic sources may outlast local interest's money and time.

Several years ago, the Shadow Mountain Baptist Church investigated purchasing this same land, which is zoned for religious use, to build a small church. Shadow Mountain was discouraged by the planning authorities from pursuing the site because the size of their structure would be severely limited and financial development hurdles substantial. Subsequently, the church did not apply for permission to build on the site and instead located their church in the city of Morgan Hill.

After months of heated public hearings and emotional input to local media, all government entities involved and thousands of dollars in testing, the Santa Clara Planning Commission unanimously (7-0) approved the Islamic mosque project, subject to a size limit of no more than 80 people, and up to 150 allowed for four festivals per year. The cemetery portion of the project was also approved.

Immediately, the Coalition for Government Accountability (which includes the Tea Party Patriots) filed an appeal with the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to deny the entire project. The property developer filed an immediate appeal asking that the size of the buildings be increased and other restrictions placed by County staff be removed. Both appeals were unanimously rejected by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors (5-0). When I asked about the decision, Mike Wasserman, District 1 County Board of Supervisors said, "The County Board of Supervisors denied the Islamic Center's appeal unanimously. The County Planning Commission approved the project because it met all the legal requirements for the site." As a member of SVARW and an elected office holder whom SVARW strongly supported for election, Mr. Wasserman indicated that at a future open board or general membership meeting he would welcome the chance to discuss the project, its impact on local policy and how the Board of Supervisors arrived at their decision.





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Elaine Alquist  
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916-445-4633

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## Saturday, December 8, 2012 Christmas Patriot Party

The recent election results delivered a huge blow to liberty and freedom. But as disappointed as we all are, now is not the time to stop fighting for the sake of us, our children and our grandchildren.

Let's all regroup on December 8 for our last Patriot Party of 2012. Come and celebrate the Christmas season (and yes, do a bit of election results-commiserating) with like-minded conservatives and enjoy delicious appetizers, wine and holiday cheer.



*Current office holders are always invited as our guests.*

Where:

Home of Maria and Larry Fischer  
105 Kathy Court  
Los Gatos

Time: 5:00-7:00 PM

Cost: \$10

[Click here to purchase ticket.](#)

Or, send your check made out to SVARW to:

Lisa Marshik  
319 Blossom Valley Drive  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Questions? Contact Lisa at [lmarsnik@comcast.net](mailto:lmarsnik@comcast.net) or call: 408-348-5238



SVARW Endorsed Candidate  
Michael Snyder Wins

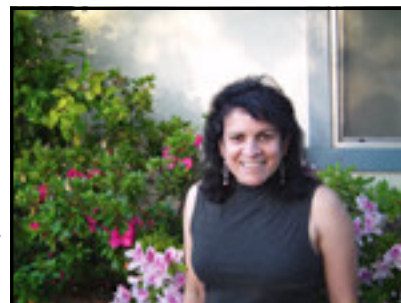
Michael won election to the Campbell Union School District board.  
Congratulations to Michael!

## Save These Dates for 2013 SVARW Monthly Meetings

The 2013 SVARW monthly meetings are just around the corner – plan to join us to hear these first two speakers of the new year.

January 16 will be Dr. Padma Manian, History Professor at San Jose City College. Dr. Manian will be discussing “Women’s Issues: Past and Present in the U.S. and Abroad”. She will review the issues, provide historical context both from a timeline and geographical perspective, and comment on the impact of the recent election results.

Dr. Manian is an expert on women’s issues worldwide, and is probably the only conservative professor teaching on this topic in the U.S.!!



*Invite your friends!! The first meeting of the year is FREE for first time guests!*



February 20 will be Mr. Tom Lorenzen, a former official in the Reagan, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush administrations and senior consultant to the Reagan Presidential Library and Foundation. Mr. Lorenzen’s talk is entitled “Understanding Reagan” which will be a very interesting behind-the-scenes look at the man, his presidency and the people close to Reagan who helped shape his world view.

Both talks will be extremely interesting so we hope to see you there!

All monthly meetings: La Rinconada 9:30 – 11:00 am  
\$15.00 includes continental breakfast



SVARW members Jan Soule and Allison Spiller with New Hampshire Senator Kelly Ayotte in Reno during a Romney/Ryan get out the vote trip the last weekend in October.

Senator Ayotte is frequently mentioned as an up and coming “fresh face” in the Republican party and it was an honor to meet her.

# SVARW Celebration!

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

Wednesday, December 12th

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

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

- Installation of SVARW Officers for 2013
- Featured Charity: KlaasKids Foundation
- Speaker: Marc Klaas
- Holiday Entertainment
- Delicious 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

## 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

### ABOUT KlaasKids Foundation



The organization provides nationwide parental awareness and child safety information. It encourages partnerships between neighborhood law enforcement, organizations and the private sector that create safe, crime free communities. It promotes legislative reform that effectively protects children from abuse, neglect and abduction. Klaas Kids Assists families of kidnapped children, most recently in the disappearance of Sierra LaMar, of Morgan Hill.

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

### 3-Course Lunch

Includes

#### Choice of Entrée:

Red Wine Braised Beef Short Ribs

Or

Artichoke Ravioli  
(vegetarian)

Roasted Butternut Squash Bisque

Assorted Rolls

Dessert: Yule Log

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

**DEADLINE FOR  
RESERVATIONS:  
December 5th**

Member Name:

#### Circle One

Beef Short Ribs

Vegetarian—  
Artichoke Ravioli

Guest/Supporting Member Name:

Beef Short Ribs

Vegetarian—  
Artichoke Ravioli

SVARW members are encouraged to consider making a donation to KlaasKids Foundation at our December meeting.

# Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

## 2013 Membership Application

www.SVARW.com



***You are invited to come and meet others who share your political perspective.***

Our purpose is to educate and motivate our members and to help elect qualified Republicans to office. Our members range from those who just want to be informed by reading our newsletters and email updates to those who are interested in being extremely active.

### **Annual Membership Dues:**

\$25 per year. Add \$5 for husband supporting member

Make check payable to **SVARW** and mail to:  
SVARW, P.O. Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95070

### **Membership includes:**

- Interesting monthly speakers
- Candidate forums
- Monthly newsletter
- Email updates
- Invitations to special events
- Roster of Members
- Website: [www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com)
- Trips and tours

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Please add my husband \_\_\_\_\_ as a supporting member.

I am a registered Republican and agree to abide by SVARW By-Laws. I understand that the SVARW Roster is for SVARW member use only and only for SVARW projects and events. I understand that membership in SVARW is subject to approval.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Time To Renew Your SVARW Membership

Your SVARW membership for 2012 expires on December 31, 2012. Membership is \$25 per year and includes 10 issues of the SVARW newsletter as well as a copy of the printed membership roster (email updates are sent to both members and non-members). You can add your spouse as an associate member for \$5. There are three ways to renew your membership:

1. Go to the [www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com) website. There is a link on the home page to pay your dues with a credit card.
2. Write a check to SVARW and bring it to our next meeting. We will have a form there for you to complete.
3. Complete the membership application on page 7 and mail with your check made out to SVARW to:

**SVARW**  
**P.O. Box 3194**  
**Saratoga, CA 95070**

If you joined SVARW this year when you purchased tickets to Stars and Stripes or if you joined SVARW after 9/1/12, your dues are paid through December 31, 2013.

