



Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT SVARW

Mark Your Calendar!

- ◆ **No SVARW Meeting on Oct. 17!** Mimosas with Melanie on Oct. 6 replaced this meeting. Instead, we are having a 2008 Planning Meeting on Wed., Oct. 17 10am @ Lisa Marshik's house. Please see notice on Page 2.
- ◆ **November 14th — SVARW Meeting.** Come and hear representatives from the major GOP Presidential Contenders speak on behalf of their candidate.
- ◆ **December 12th—SVARW Meeting.** Annual Christmas Brunch and installation of officers for 2008

SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS La Rinconada Country Club

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

Cost: \$12 for Continental
Breakfast



Nov. 14: Hear About the GOP Candidates

Fred Thompson (FDT)

"Occasionally, doors have opened to me," Senator Fred Dalton Thompson told Chris Wallace of *Fox News Sunday* in a recent interview, "and I had sense enough to see that they were opening, and I would walk through them." Senator Thompson's uniquely American life has been marked not only by recognizing opportunity when it arose, but by answering the call to public service and leadership.

At present, the California for Thompson organization is the largest Grassroots effort in California to support Senator Fred Thompson for President. We are all volunteers with a true belief that Senator Thompson will make the Best President and be able to BEAT the Democrats. Our mission, as volunteers, is to build a STRONG BASE that will introduce and educate the voters to a new champion. For more information, visit www.fred08.com



Rudy Giuliani

Rudolph W. Giuliani was born in 1944 to a working class family in Brooklyn, New York. As the grandson of Italian immigrants, Rudy was taught the value of a strong work ethic and a deep respect for America's ideal of equal opportunity.



In 1993, Rudy became the first Republican elected Mayor of the City of New York in a generation. Campaigning on the slogan "One City, One Standard," he focused on reducing crime, reforming welfare and improving the quality of life. In 1997, he was re-elected with 57% in a city in which Democrats outnumbered Republicans five to one.

Under Mayor Giuliani's leadership, overall crime was cut by 56%, murder was cut by 66%, and New York City—once considered the crime capital of the country—became the safest large city in America according to the FBI.

For more information, visit www.joinrudy08.com

Duncan Hunter has served in Congress since he came into office in 1981 during the Reagan Revolution, defeating an 18-year Democrat incumbent in what was then considered a safe Democrat district.



Thanks to Duncan Hunter, a 14 mile long fence (a double fence) exists in San Diego along the Mexico-U.S. border to cut down crime. Smuggling (people and drugs) has been reduced by over 90% and the 10-year murder rate of illegal immigrants has been drastically reduced by removing the mobility of the cross border criminal gangs.

For information, visit gohunter08.com

Mitt Romney

Whatever your beliefs, Mitt Romney is the real deal—he has joint law and MBA degrees with Honors from Harvard (so he is a pleasant change just in terms of sheer intelligence), founded and ran what is arguably the most successful private equity firm in the world, got elected as a Republican governor in the most Democratic state in the Union (Massachusetts), has real values that he lives by (been married 36 years with five sons and 10 grandkids), and brought the 2002 Olympic games from a \$350 Million deficit to a \$100 Million in profit while inspiring the nation with his presence, decisiveness, and commitment. For more information, visit www.mittromney.com



Ron Paul

Congressman Ron Paul is the leading advocate for freedom in our nation's capital and is seeking the 2008 Republican nomination for President of the United States. As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Dr. Paul tirelessly works for limited constitutional government, low taxes, free markets, and a return to sound monetary policies. He is known among his congressional colleagues and his constituents for his consistent voting record. Dr. Paul never votes for legislation unless the proposed measure is expressly authorized by the Constitution. For more information, visit www.ronpaul2008.com





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SVARW ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's Time to Renew Your SVARW Membership for 2008

Our membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. Membership renewals must be received by December 31, 2007, to ensure uninterrupted delivery of your SVARW Newsletter. Dues for 2008 remain the same:

\$20 for members, \$5 for supporting spouse.

To renew your membership, make out your check to SVARW and send to Kyra Hubis at: 1459 Corte De Rosa, San Jose, CA 95120.

Come One Come All to SVARW 2008 Planning Meeting Wed. Oct. 17, 2007 10am

What speakers, events and field trips would you like to see SVARW plan for 2008? What other activities should we consider getting involved with?

Every SVARW member is welcome to participate in this meeting, even if you just want to come and listen and enjoy. We'll meet at Lisa Marshik's home. Bring a potluck dish to share with everyone for lunch! RSVP to Lisa Marshik at 408-358-0828 or Jan Soule at 408-705-2156 so we know how many to plan for.

If you are not available, we still want to hear your ideas. Please contact Lisa Marshik or Jan Soule with your ideas.



SVARW Nomination and Election of 2008 Officers

At our September General meeting, it was voted to designate November as our Annual Meeting for the purpose of electing SVARW Officers for 2008. At the November 14th meeting, additional nominations will be taken from the floor and the election will be conducted.

President — Jan Soule

Vice President — Lisa Marshik

Recording Secretary—Laurette Mayo-Blasig

Corresponding Secretary — Gail DeSmet

SVARW Board of Directors

The SVARW Board of Directors is the governing body of the Association and conducts all necessary business between general meetings. The Board of Directors includes three "Members at Large" nominated by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. Members at Large serve as advocates for the general membership. If a member of the Association wishes to have the Board of Directors address an idea, issue, concern, etc, they should contact one of the Members at Large.



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LEGISLATION UPDATE

BY CLAUDETTE AVERILL

Sexual Orientation in Business and Education Code - AB 14 adds "sexual orientation" to the list of non-discrimination criteria in many areas of business and association codes, including athletic clubs and ALL colleges and universities. The bill restricts right of conscience and religious speech.

Same-Sex "Marriage" - AB 43 creates "marriage" between any two persons, rather than between a man and a woman as voters required under Proposition 22. *Under the state constitution the California legislature cannot arbitrarily thwart the will of the people, as this bill would do, but many are willing to try.*

Domestic Partnerships - AB 102 allows domestic partners to easily change their surnames, mimicking and undermining marriage.

Sexual Orientation in Education - AB 394 requires schools districts to establish antidiscrimination and antiharassment policies based on "actual or perceived" gender or sexual orientation. The bill also requires monitoring of compliance.

Illegal Immigration - AB 976 prohibits local governments from implementing ordinances requiring a check on immigration status or citizenship for housing and also *prohibits private property owners from making such inquiries.*

Financial Aid for Illegal Aliens - SB 1, the "California Dream Act," requires Cal State and California community colleges (as well as the University of CA system if Regents approve) to offer tuition assistance, fee waivers and financial aid to illegal aliens who attended a California high school for three or more years and graduated or attained its equivalence.

Homosexuality in the Schools - SB 777 bans any school activities, programs, or instructional materials that might be considered "biased" against homosexuality or bisexuality, K-12. SB 777 could stifle any speech supporting traditional values on our campuses. The bill could also have serious consequences for Christian colleges and universities, which would be required to add "sexual orientation" to their anti-discrimination policies unless they are specifically part of a "religious organization."

Internet Pornography Filters in our Public Libraries

By Claudette Averill

A few months ago I mentioned to Larry Pegram (the president of Values Advocacy Council) that I was upset because my grandson told me that the children at Dartmouth Intermediate School could walk across the street and view pornography on the computers.

I am happy to announce that at a recent City Council meeting, Pete Constant spoke of the progress they are making. They have written a policy that goes to the Rules Committee on October 3rd, then to the San Jose City Council for a vote on October 30th.

These are the things that we can do to help protect our children and grandchildren:

- 1) Attend the October 30th San Jose City Council Meeting (we need to fill all 300 seats.)
- 2) Contact your San Jose City Councilmember (and all 10 council members if time allows) to vote YES on the internet policy procedure.
- 3) FAX a letter to your San Jose City Councilmember to vote yes on the internet policy procedure (sample text will be provided in the e-mail alert).

Councilmember Nancy Pyle from district 10 is with us!

Go to the VAC website, <http://www.vac.org/> to sign up for their e-mail alert. It will describes the details and contact information for the council members.

Click on *Operation: Values Matter* to sign up.

IMMIGRATION UPDATE

BY CAROL JOYAL

The battles over amnesty legislation continue in Congress. Since any action can move so quickly through Congress, please stay in touch at www.numbersusa.com. The DREAM Act amnesty legislation includes all students who allege they were here by age 16 and will attend at least two years of college, a vocational program, or serve in the military for two years. This would include their families. It is as fraud prone as the 1986 amnesty with no security or health checks required. Sen. Reed hopes to bring this legislation back in November. Also, look for the farm worker bill to be attached to a budget bill soon (H.R. 2419). It would allow about 1.5 million workers, plus families, to be amnestied.

Then there is the pending SKIL Act (S. 1083) which allows a 77 percent increase in the importation of tech workers, with increases of up to 20 percent a year if "needed" It exempts so many tech workers from the quota that it would render the H-1B current visa program useless. It might be attached to a budget bill or passed as a stand alone bill.

APPEASEMENT NEVER BRINGS PEACE

BY JAN SOULE

THIS IS MY PERSONAL OPINION. I AM NOT SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF SVARW ALTHOUGH I IMAGINE OTHER MEMBERS MAY SHARE MY VIEWS.

Having attended public school in the "early days" when history was actually taught, I can vividly remember a movie (yes, before VCRs and DVDs) shown in class where Britain's Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain emerges from an airplane holding an agreement signed with Hitler and announces "Peace in our time." Chamberlain had negotiated "peace" by giving Hitler the Sudetenland that rightfully belonged to Czechoslovakia. We don't need Paul Harvey to tell us the rest of the story....Hitler was not appeased and 6 million Jews were killed before the end of WWII and many American servicemen gave their lives.

In 1967, against all the odds, Israel beat back the combined efforts of the Arab Legions to destroy the Jewish state, and in the process captured the territory on West Bank of the Jordan River from Jordan and the Gaza Strip from Egypt.

It was an astonishing and unexpected victory. Outnumbered many times to one, the Israelis cut through the combined armies of Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Jordan, Algeria, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia like a hot knife through butter.

In only six days, Israel found itself in possession of the whole of Jerusalem, the biblical territories of Judea and Samaria, the Golan Heights and the Sinai. It was nothing short of a miraculous victory.

At an upcoming "Peace Conference" planned for November, President Bush and Condi Rice are pressuring Israel to give back EVERYTHING they won in the Six-Day War in return for peace with Hamas.

It didn't work in 1939 and it's not going to work in 2007. I urge all that agree to contact the White House and tell President Bush to back off. Israel is our ONLY ally in the Middle East.



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Why Can't We Find Good GOP Candidates?

By Janet Chakraborty, Director of Precinct Operations
Santa Clara County Republican Party

I am often asked why we don't have great GOP candidates who can win. Well, let's see what it takes to make a great candidate.

TIME. A candidate needs at least a year just to run a campaign for public office, and 5 years is not out of the question. They need to meet and share with the voters through meetings, paper mailings, e-mail communications, yard signs, and handouts. They need to go to community events, home coffees, fairs, festivals, door to door walks and fundraisers. They have to be ready to speak to the press and get their words out whenever possible. They may attend 6 or 7 meetings a day. Their time is not their own. How can a working family person have enough time to do this and keep a job? It takes money.

NAME RECOGNITION. Several years in advance a candidate needs to participate and volunteer in local and state government through appointments and commissions. They need to participate in charitable events, church, and community interest groups. Business groups and citizens must see them over time and recognize their name and connect it to participation in the community. These pursuits take them away from family and work and can create a financial problem, but people vote for people they know.

EDUCATION. Candidates need to be prepared and educated on local, state and national issues. They need to understand what their voters want and need, and they need to know what they believe about issues. They need to participate in candidate development classes so they not only understand the requirements for the office for which they are running, and they need to understand the laws and the complicated issue of campaign finance. They need to attend GOP conventions. These are time consuming and expensive.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS. After putting together a position paper, the candidate needs to communicate those positions to the voters through speeches, mail, e-mail, media communications, flyers, and yard signs. A web site needs to be created and a web specialist hired. An assistant is needed to answer phone calls, handle mail and respond to e-mails. An experienced campaign manager must be hired to schedule meetings with funders and volunteers and to respond to people asking to meet the candidate or to have the candidate speak at their events. Speech coaches may be hired to aid in effective communication. These are all very expensive.

AN UNDERSTANDING FAMILY. A candidate's sacrifice is a family's sacrifice!

MONEY. Have I mentioned money? Candidates can't hold down a job and be a part of a family as well as run an expensive campaign business without money. They need financing. We have all been on the receiving side of a phone call or other communication asking us for money. Fundraising is difficult because there are so many people asking for our money. Without thousands of dollars, even a local candidate cannot run for office and unlike the Democrats, GOP candidates do not enjoy huge injections of Union money!

Candidates of honor and vision who know why they are running and what they want to accomplish when they are elected, who have name recognition, a proven track record as a winner, are able to communicate and have the ability to raise thousands of dollars are not easy to find. They must sacrifice family and career, time and money for us.

We have such a candidate in Dean Andal. Dean is running for the seat lost by Richard Pombo. I do not live in that District, but I do live in Santa Clara County and in the United States of America! Morgan Hill is in Santa Clara County and in the United States of America. Morgan Hill is the only city in Santa Clara County which is also in this District and as residents of this county and this country, it is our responsibility to get this great candidate elected to the U.S. Congress.

We are losing GOP Congressmen to retirement and the needs of family. We can't afford not to help elect Dean with our time and treasure! We can and must carry Morgan Hill for Dean. We owe it to our Country to elect a Great Republican to the U.S. Congress.

It is not easy to find a Great Republican candidate. Now that we have one who is ready to sacrifice for us, we must take the responsibility to get him elected!

Great Turnout for Mimosas with Melanie

Saturday, October 6th



Large group on sunny day enjoying Melanie's talk.

Well over 100 Republicans applauded enthusiastically as KSFO Talk Show Host and Move America Forward Chairman, Melanie Morgan talked about her recent caravan across the US in support of our troops. Melanie, who has known Rush Limbaugh for over 30 years, did not spare her opinion about the recent attacks on Rush from the floor of the Senate.

Cat (Catherine) Moy, co-author of the book, *American Mourning*, with Melanie added much to the talk telling of her experiences in meeting with President Bush and Laura at the White House.

While the crowd continued to enjoy their mimosas and continental breakfast, Melanie and Catherine signed copies of their book. Melanie only took a break to draw the raffle winners for a Studio Morning with Melanie.

The lucky folks who will be joining Melanie in the studio while she does her morning show are Jon Cook and Sharon Weger (SVARW's Recording Secretary). All of the proceeds from the raffle (over \$500) went to Move America Forward and will be used to buy cookies and treats for our troops in Iraq!



Cat Moy and Melanie signing books while Maria Fischer, hostess for the event, looks on.

But that's not all folks... Congressional Candidate, Dean Andal stopped by our event to say a few words and meet South Bay Republicans. Dean is running for the seat that Pombo lost. The 11th Congressional District snakes into Santa Clara County and includes Morgan Hill. It is a very winnable seat. After meeting Dean, our members are impressed by this former member of the state legislature as well as a former member of the state board of equalization.



Melanie speaking to the group.

Many thanks to all who volunteered their time to make this event happen. Lisa Billet, a new SVARW member and head of the Conservative Women's Group, has been working for months to have Melanie come down to the Silicon Valley from her home in Marin County for the event. Once again, a big thanks to Maria and Larry Fischer who graciously opened their home for the event. Lisa Marshik, SVARW Vice President, spent many hours putting this event together. Many others volunteered their efforts—that's what makes our organization work!

Melanie spent over two hours with us. Before she left, she told us this was the most fun event she has attended.

See more photos on SVARW website.



Melanie with Diane Owen, SVARW parliamentarian.



Melanie with Sharon Weger, SVARW Recording Secretary, & Lisa Marshik, SVARW VP.



Melanie with Jan Soule, SVARW President.



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SVARW Christmas Party & Installation Brunch



*Delicious full brunch . . . Wonderful Christmas Music . . . a stellar Installation . . .
favors . . . a beautiful door prize . . . great company!!*

Wednesday, December 12, 9:30 AM

**La Rinconada Country Club
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**Donations will Benefit
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ONLY \$30, INCLUDES BRUNCH AND DOOR PRIZE TICKET

Reservation Deadline December 3

Husbands and guests are welcome!

Make check payable to **SVARW**. Please mail reservations to Maria Fischer, 105 Kathy Ct., Los Gatos, CA 95032. Seating is limited.