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## Mark your calendar

- June 15: Patriot Party
- June 19: SVARW monthly meeting
- Aug. 24: Stars and Stripes Gala

## SVARW monthly brunch meetings

**When:** 9:30 to 11 a.m., third Wednesday of the month; check-in begins at 9 a.m.

**Where:** La Rinconada Country Club, 14595 Clearview Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032

**Cost:** \$15, buy online at [www.svarw.com](http://www.svarw.com), mail a check to Lisa Marshik, 319 Blossom Valley Drive, Los Gatos, 95032, or pay at the door.

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## Upcoming Events at SVARW

**Don't be left out! Save Aug. 24 for Stars & Stripes Gala**

June 30 is deadline for early bird tickets



Why are these people so happy? They discovered the fun at the 2012 Stars and Stripes Gala.

**By Jan Soule  
SVARW Online Communication  
Director**

Tired of living among liberals? Attending the SVARW Annual Stars and Stripes Gala is the perfect opportunity to relax and have fun with other like-minded conservatives.

Taking place at the beautiful Saratoga estate of Suzanna Cody and her husband Ron Hills, the evening begins as you are greeted with a glass of champagne and invited to enjoy appetizers. As you meet and mingle with the other guests, take a stroll around the lovely surroundings as you find your assigned table. A gourmet dinner catered by chef Justin Perez's new restaurant, Justin's, will follow. Wine and

### Top Three Questions

**Will I feel out of place if I don't have a date?** No! Many single people attend. You can request to be seated with a friend and/or with other single people.

**Who should attend?** Conservatives who want to have fun! Anyone thinking of running for office next year who is interested in meeting potential supporters.

**What should I wear?** Over the years we have suggested "casual elegance." Typically men wear jackets and ladies wear a dress or slacks.

## June topics: Gun rights, Feinstein's weapons ban

Our speaker on June 19 will be J.P. Puette, SVARW member and NRA Women's Leadership Forum member. In this informative address, J.P. will provide us with an update on the left's continuing assault on the Second Amendment. She will review the recent long line of gun control measures including Sen. Dianne Feinstein's Assault Weapons Ban of 2013 bill, the Manchin-Toomey bill, the National Rifle Association positions and successes, how we can educate ourselves and what we can do to defend the Second Amendment against legal assaults all the way up to the Supreme Court. She will also educate us as to what *is* and what *is not* an assault weapon.

— *Provided by Allison Spiller*



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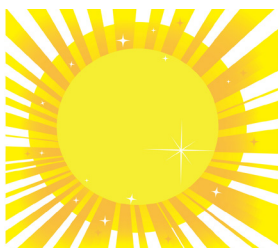
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**Next Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, Aug. 28 at  
9:30 a.m. Location to be  
determined.



### Sunshine

Norine Bacon 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 to let her know:  
408-377-7111

### President's message

## Let's seize this moment to act

Now that the mainstream media has begun to wake up to the horrifying facts of the FBI probe of a Fox News reporter, the IRS battle with conservative groups and the Benghazi disaster, more moderates and liberals are seeing just how damaging the overreach of an intrusive government can be. The trifecta of the IRS probing into conservative groups, acting almost as a part of the Obama presidential campaign, and the treatment of Fox News investigative reporter James Rosen as a criminal suspect is a wake up call to Americans across the political spectrum that if we don't vigilantly protect our freedoms, big government opportunists will take our freedom and push us into a soul- and economy-killing version of European socialism. And that was just in their first term. Local governments must feel the rising tide of outrage.



Debra Janssen-Martinez

As freedom-loving Americans we must seize the moment to push back against these thugs and incompetents at every opportunity. Nationally, we must contact our own as well as other states' representatives to push them to expose the leadership as corrupt, incompetent, even traitorous, where appropriate.

Locally, we can get together at events like the Stars and Stripes Gala, or this month's Patriot Party. Meet others who share your outrage at these bad actors. Invite the fence-sitters or friends who may disagree with the Republican Party platform but who are really exercised about Obamacare, or the IRS' materially influencing the presidential election. When we meet, share ideas and inspire each other. We can push them back, out of power. We must act quickly. Every time they're allowed to avoid the consequences of their corruption, people become resigned to bad government and lowered economic and leadership expectations.

But talk is not enough. Our new legislative Chair, Dr. Ken Smith, will be highlighting local, state, and federal legislative issues we can become involved with. He'll be focused on the Fair Tax movement, but he would love to have each one of us become passionate and involved in other issues, local and otherwise, to take advantage of the current outrage mainstream America is just beginning to feel. Let's invite them to the party, and to an all out effort to reclaim our country's future, one issue at a time, right now, so we can prevail in the next election cycle.

— Debra Janssen-Martinez  
President, SVARW

In case you missed it

## Kevin McGary detailed how GOP can win in the future

By Allison Spiller  
SVARW First Vice President

The May 15 meeting with Kevin McGary of the Frederick Douglass Foundation was outstanding. Kevin

gave a very informative presentation about how the Republicans have to get



Kevin McGary

back to their roots as a party in order to win elections in the future. In particular he cited the social issues as well as the fiscal issues.

He mentioned how his group offered numerous times to help the Republicans in the 2012 election with messaging, particularly within minority communities – and incredibly, they did not take him up on the offer. Finally, Kevin gave us his take on what went wrong during the last presidential election cycle and provided many good suggestions for how Republicans can win elections in the future. At the conclusion of his talk, Kevin was made an honorary member of SVARW.



The Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women Presents

# Stars and Stripes Celebration

## Annual Dinner and Dancing Under the Stars



**Saturday, August 24, 2013 — 5:00 – 10:00 P.M.**

Beautiful Saratoga Estate of Suzanna Cody and her husband Ron Hills

Join us for a fabulous gourmet dinner with appetizers and wine. This year's event will be catered by Chef Justin Perez's new restaurant, Justin's

After dinner enjoy dancing under the stars!

Great event to meet and mingle with other conservatives in Silicon Valley

Dress is casual elegant. This event is always a sellout so purchase your tickets early!!!

All reservations must be accompanied by payment. Reservations are first-come, first-served.

Category	Payment received by June 30th	Payment received after June 30th
SVARW Members [Regular, Associate or Supporting ]	\$65	\$75
Non-Members**	\$75	\$85



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\*\*Non-members may join SVARW today and pay the member rate. Dues are \$25 with this form only and will apply to the remainder of **2013 & 2014**. Dues for husband (Supporting Members) are an additional \$5.

## ANNUAL STARS & STRIPES GALA — TICKET ORDER

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO **SVARW** AND MAIL TO JAN SOULE, 3415 TODD WAY, SAN JOSE, CA 95124 — OR PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT **WWW.SVARW.COM**

PLEASE EMAIL [JANSOULE@SVARW.COM](mailto:JANSOULE@SVARW.COM) IF YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC SEATING REQUEST, PLEASE SUBMIT THE REQUEST BY 7/31. NO SEATING REQUESTS AFTER 7/31. QUESTIONS? CALL JAN @ 408-691-2111

Reserve Tickets For: Name	Member _____ \$65**	Non-Member # _____ \$75**
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Gala Tickets	\$
Sponsorship \$200	\$
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Membership Spouse \$5	\$
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>

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\*\*For orders received after JUNE 30, 2013 tickets are \$75 for members, \$85 for non-members—NO EXCEPTIONS! At door \$95 if space.



# Fair Tax could eliminate IRS, create better revenue system

**By Dr. Ken Smith**  
**SVARW Legislative Chair**

It's very clear that we have an opportunity of a lifetime! Are we going to take full advantage of it, or not? With the current IRS scandal at the forefront of all the news media these days, we can apply the statement by the current Democrat mayor of Chicago Rahm Emanuel: "You never let a serious crisis go to waste. And what I mean by that it's an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before." So let's listen to Mayor Emanuel and take advantage of this huge opportunity and abolish the IRS... NOW!

The naysayers say it's impossible to do. I disagree, since nothing is impossible with the help and guidance of our Creator. Looking back on our country's history I'm sure you would have found many who said that it would be impossible to establish independence from Britain, to allow women to vote, to free the slaves, to fly, to win World War II, to go to the moon, to get the world's news with the flick of a switch, etc. etc. ad infinitum. As my recently deceased 100-year-old mother told me many times throughout her amazing life: "where there's a will, there's a way." And we already have the "way." Please read on...

So how do we accomplish this "impossible" task? The answer is the common sense "shovel-ready" tax reform plan that is best explained succinctly below, and, after you read this summary, I will provide you with a simple action agenda.

## What is the Fair Tax plan?

The Fair Tax plan is a comprehensive proposal that replaces all federal income and payroll based taxes with an integrated approach including a progressive national retail sales tax, a prebate to ensure no American pays federal taxes on spending up to the poverty level, dollar-for-dollar federal revenue neutrality, and, through companion legislation, the repeal of the 16th Amendment. The Fair Tax Act (HR 25, S 122) is nonpartisan legislation that is the most-researched tax reform plan before Congress and is the only tax reform plan that completely eliminates the IRS. It abolishes all federal personal and corporate income taxes, gift, estate, capital gains, alternative minimum, Social Security, Medicare, and self-employment taxes and replaces them with one simple, visible, federal retail sales tax administered primarily by existing state sales tax authorities. The Fair Tax taxes us only on what we choose to spend on new goods or services, not on what we earn, and not on used goods. The Fair Tax is a fair, efficient,

transparent, and intelligent solution to the frustration and inequity of our current tax system.

## Benefits of the FairTax

- Enables retirees to keep their entire pensions
- Reduces the cost of American products shipped overseas allowing them to compete fairly with products made elsewhere
- Ensures Social Security and Medicare funding
- Closes all tax loopholes and closes the door on our elected officials trading tax preferences for campaign dollars
- Brings transparency and accountability to tax policy
- Is progressive, NOT regressive because it refunds in advance the tax paid on purchases of basic necessities to the poverty level
- Abolishes the IRS

## Passing the Fair Tax would:

- Result in tremendous economic growth in the United States promoting free enterprise and capitalism as companies come back to the U.S to produce products tax free on U.S. soil
- Result in smaller government by abolishing the IRS' 100,000 employees and \$11.7 billion dollar budget. (We don't need to be subsidizing their jobs and, with the economic boom created by the Fair Tax, they can find another job in the private sector.) Not to mention eliminating the hundreds of billions of dollars Americans spend on tax compliance.
- Significantly reduce government intrusion into our private lives and attacks on our personal freedom. No more invasive federal tax forms to fill out. You pay your tax at the cash register.
- Tax the shadow economies such as drug dealers and prostitution or any persons doing a strictly cash business. These people currently pay NO federal income tax because they don't report the income. They do however buy things, which is where the Fair Tax would capture their portion of their tax.
- Would provide revenue from all of the tourists who come to this country every year

TO BE CLEAR: The Fair Tax is not a flat tax, nor is it a VAT (value-added tax). Please don't get them confused. A flat tax would do virtually none of the above and leaves the code open to manipulation by lobbyists and Congress. A VAT, as in Europe, applies tax at each stage of the

### Want to be heard?

Contact newsletter editor Joyce Hall at [jswanhall@yahoo.com](mailto:jswanhall@yahoo.com) or call 775-848-7370 about how to submit newsletter items. All submissions are subject to editing for style and space.

## Rand Paul tours West Coast, meets with supporters in Bay Area

In these times when we see our liberties threatened on a daily basis, the voices that speak most plainly of the rights of individuals are particularly compelling. Joe and Jane Kearney had the opportunity to celebrate their second anniversary on May 29 at a dinner hosted by the Frederick Douglass Society, featuring guest speaker Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul.

Paul presents as a sincere, thoughtful and serious patriot, speaking easily without notes on constitutional principles, current abuses of liberty, privacy and the need for a restrained federal government. Paul advocated common sense measures such as having a federal budget that reflects living within our means. He recently introduced a bill requiring legislators to *read* bills before signing them. Included is a clause requiring the allotment of one day of reading time for each 20 pages of legislation proposed, as a means to stop the ramming through of laws without time for proper consideration.



Jane Kearney, Sen. Rand Paul and Joe Kearney

Paul also shared that his recent filibuster effort on the floor of the senate was "not exactly planned" and he did not know going in what would transpire. His effort inspired a great deal of support and was successful in challenging the Administration in clarifying their policy on due process for American citizens on American soil.

On this recent West Coast trip, Paul visited Google, Facebook, and eBay, connecting with leaders in technology and entrepreneurs who appreciate his free market message. Sen. Paul's California trip culminated in speaking to a sold-out crowd at the Reagan library The May 29 event, held in the home of recent SVARW speaker Kevin McGary, along with other strategic stops, certainly points to a likely presidential run.

— Submitted by SVARW member Jane Kearney

## Get involved locally: What you can do to support the Fair Tax

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manufacturing in business-to-business transactions and is, in effect, a hidden tax. A VAT is bad. The Fair Tax only taxes transactions at the final point of sale.

### What you can do

- Tax reform of some sort is on the agenda of the House Ways & Means Committee in our current Congress. We California Republicans only have one representative on that committee. His name is Devin Nunes in the Central Valley. Please contact his office immediately to ask him to support the Fair Tax in committee and bring it to the House floor for a vote. Congressman Nunes' phone numbers are Visalia: 550.733.3861, Clovis: 559.323.5235, and Washington, DC 202.225.2523.

- If you have the fortitude, please also contact the California Democrat representatives on the committee with the same request:

Congressman Mike Thompson, Napa: 707.226.9898, Washington, DC: 202.225.3311

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, Garden Grove:

562.860.5030, Wash. D.C.: 202.225.6676

Congressman Xavier Becerra, Los Angeles: 213.481.1425, Wash. DC: 202.225.6235

- Go to [www.fairtax.org](http://www.fairtax.org), [www.fairtaxnation.com](http://www.fairtaxnation.com), and [www.fairtaxtime.com](http://www.fairtaxtime.com) to learn more and become active. You can also listen to a blog radio program, hosted by John Wesley Nobles, held every Wednesday evening from 6-7 p.m. by dialing 619.393.6478 or toll-free 888.436.1206 and hear outstanding guests, often congressmen from the House Ways & Means Committee and experts on federal tax policy. You can also find an archive of previously recorded programs at [www.fairtaxtime.com](http://www.fairtaxtime.com). Listeners from all over the country and with other points of view ask questions and get great answers.

- Participate in our monthly Fair Tax Discussion Group meetings on the last Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., June 25, at 1616 Queen Charlotte Drive, Suite 6, Sunnyvale. We will join a conference call held each month of other Fair Tax supporters and others from all over the state.

- Ask friends and family to do all of this as well.

- Feel free to contact me with any questions: home: 408.746.5736, cell: 843.422.5902.

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## Stars & Stripes Gala details

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non-alcoholic beverages will be served all evening.

Fresh from being the featured band on the swing stage at the Aug. 19 San Jose Jazz Festival, the 19-person Sons of Jubal band will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure after dinner.

At each Stars and Stripes event, SVARW holds a raffle to raise money. These funds are used to host fundraisers and other activities geared toward electing conservatives to non-partisan local offices.

Early-bird tickets are available until June 30. Members can purchase tickets for \$65 and non-members for \$75. Non-members who join SVARW today can purchase tickets at the member price and their membership is valid until Dec. 31, 2014. Tickets can be purchased by sending in the form with their check (see page 3), or by credit card by going to [www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com).

New this year is an opportunity for anyone who owns a small business (real estate agents, financial planners, insurance agents, etc.) or supports a conservative cause to promote their business or cause to those attending this event. As a SPONSOR of the Stars and Stripes Gala you will have a 6-foot table for your materials. The price is \$200 and that includes one ticket for the event.

## Get out your red, white, blue for next Patriot Party

Join other members of SVARW and like-minded conservatives at 3 p.m. on June 15 for the next Patriot Party. The cost is \$15. The June party will be at the home of Tom and Martha Snodgrass, 203 Montclair Road, Los Gatos.

Send a check to Lisa Marshik, 319 Blossom Valley Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032 or pay at the door. Follow [www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com) online for more party details.