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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

- March 20: SVARW Monthly Meeting
- April 17: SVARW Monthly Meeting

SVARW monthly brunch meetings

When: 9 to 11 a.m.,
third Wednesday of the month

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

Cost: \$15, buy online
at www.SVARW.com,
mail a check to Lisa
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Upcoming Events at SVARW

Californians bracing for Obamacare

March meeting speakers to outline effects of
impending health care law in our state

Join us March 20 for a very informative talk on health care, specifically the changes coming our way here in California courtesy of Obamacare. Our speakers will be health care insurance expert and SVARW member Sylvia Oliveriez, along with colleague Pam Hedblad. Our two guest speakers will explain why so many in the insurance industry have such a skeptical view of the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act (PPACA) legislation.

While both women agree that something had to be done about escalating medical premiums, targeting insurance companies as the culprits was and is not the solution, they say. They will describe what exactly the passage of Obamacare will mean for us here in California, including how health insurance will soon change, how the exchanges will operate, etc.

Ms. Oliveriez is the owner of Be Well Insurance Solutions, and Ms. Hedblad is a CPA Principal at Abbott, Stringham & Lynch.



Sylvia Oliveriez



Pam Hedblad

Author Charlie Self warns of threats to liberty

KSFO's popular 'Dr. History' to explain subversive strategies

On April 17, our guest speaker will be Charlie Self, who can be heard as "Dr. History" on KSFO.

In this informative address, Mr. Self will examine the revolutionary brilliance of America's Founders as they penned the Bill of Rights. Unfortunately, many people today feel our precious freedoms are in jeopardy. Mr. Self will address the subversive strategies of groups that have been operating for more than half a century and represent present-day threats to liberty. He will also review what freedom-loving Americans can do to keep liberty's banner aloft and retain our national hospitality for people of all cultures.

Mr. Self is a minister, professor, author and speaker. He is a "messenger to the thoughtful" empowering all people to fulfill their destiny. He appears frequently as "Dr. History" on KSFO Hot Talk 560 AM in the San Francisco Bay Area.

A provocative speaker, Mr. Self always draws a large crowd at SVARW. Make sure you don't miss this one.

— The Upcoming Events column is provided monthly by Allison Spiller.



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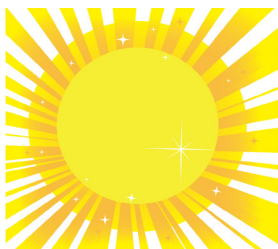
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Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 27 at
9:30 a.m.



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

New SVARW president is Debra Janssen-Martinez

At the Feb. 27 SVARW board meeting, Debra Janssen-Martinez was elected to serve as our organization's president.

I feel privileged to have been elected by the Executive Board to serve as SVARW president. Following in the footsteps of Cathy Davis, Jan Nedde and other remarkable women like Jan Soule and Barbara Wales is humbling. Far too busy, and a shy public speaker, I was reluctant when approached to run for president, as it's a difficult climate to be a Republican in any capacity these days.

But, as I listened to Prof. Padma Manian talk on the great challenges she faced after immigrating to America and how she teaches the truth about conservatism in the hostile environment of college classrooms, I thought, "Things can never change if ordinary people run away or keep quiet when times get tough."

Every speaker at every general meeting inspires me to take action; to reject the freedom-killing world that liberals seem so eager to force on the rest of us. Each of us needs to step up, in whatever way our talents, interests and patriotism calls us. For Padma, it's teaching, writing, lecturing. For you, it may mean hosting a Patriot Party or a table at our Stars and Stripes Gala. It's

having the courage to invite new people who may not identify themselves as Republicans, but who value religious freedom or quality public schools or sound fiscal stewardship.

If you're can't make our general meetings, draft a specific, impassioned letter to your school board, congressperson, city council or county supervisor. Attend evening meetings or watch the videos online. Identify great speakers for our programs. Support SVARW through your dues and donations. Join our board of directors.

We may have smaller numbers in our area, but so did the patriots in 1776, and the Republican party of Abraham Lincoln. Ronald Reagan achieved landslide victories, while registered Republicans were the minority.

Join me, get active, spread your influence, invite and encourage your circle of goodhearted, conservative friends here and now. Don't wait until you're not so busy; you know that will never happen!

—Debra Janssen-Martinez, President



Debra Janssen-Martinez

Learn how to lobby your legislators

Do you want to know how to voice your concerns in the California state capitol? Learn the best techniques and get some practice by attending Citizen Lobby Day on Tuesday, April 2 in Sacramento.

The daylong event includes training in how to effectively lobby your legislators plus actual lobbying practice and experience at the state capitol.

Details

When: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 2

Where: California Secretary of State Auditorium, 1500 11th St., Sacramento

Cost: \$10 adults; \$5 high school students

Registration: You must register in advance online or by mail.

Contact: Danielle Cullum at the Capitol Resource Institute, 916.498.1940, ext. 10, or e-mail daniellec@capitolresource.org

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March issue: Constitutional rights under fire

Work together to protect our constitutional rights

By Debra Janssen-Martinez
SVARW President

Lately we've been witnessing an emotional battle in Los Gatos over whether any future businesses that sell firearms should be allowed to operate in Los Gatos. Several SVARW members are passionate and involved in petitioning, speaking out and attending the council sessions. I called David Bundesen, last year's June speaker on Second Amendment rights, to ask him what he thought of our local dustup. He had left his position with the NRA to take up another deeply felt cause, working for the Boy Scouts of America. Our newsletter editor, Joyce Hall, forwarded information about California Senate Bill 323, sponsored by Equality California, which threatens to revoke tax exempt status for a wide range of youth groups unless they agree to abandon any criteria related to gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, and other categories.

Why should SVARW or anyone care about these two seemingly unrelated events? Quite simply, our most fundamental constitutional rights are under attack in a deliberate campaign to increase government control over our lives in ways personally and nationally destructive to freedom, prosperity and liberty.

The First Amendment protects the right to freely exercise religion, speech, the press, to peaceably assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. The Second Amendment protects our right to bear arms. Each right protects us from the government, not the government from us.

Protect all constitutional rights

Several conservative or libertarian friends have lately informed me that they do not consider themselves Republican because the party is too involved with social issues. My response is that all of us — conservatives, libertarians and Republicans, even those who identify only with fiscal or tax issues — should be concerned that all constitutional rights must be protected. If liberals in Los Gatos can deprive us of the right to protect ourselves, they can confiscate our property, and our income through excessive taxation and regulation. They can tell us how to worship, what moral codes are acceptable and how we must raise our children. As the daughter and the mother of Eagle Scouts, I know that adult leaders are trained, and that the Affirmation of Faith that Scouts pledge asks not that they subscribe to any particular religion, but that they subscribe to an organized spiritual system of beliefs. My sons' Saratoga troop, which met at a Lutheran church, included Catholics, Hindus, Jews and Protestants. Another Saratoga

troop consists entirely of Mormon boys.

Adult leaders are told that sexual practices and sexual orientation have no place in scouting. Scouts are legally children. The morality of scouting focuses on honesty, trust, faithfulness and community service. Sexual orientation is private, as are the heterosexual practices of all adult leaders. Open homosexuality violates many orthodox Christian, Muslim and Jewish tenants, of the thousands of churches, mosques and synagogues that sponsor troops.

We should all be outraged that our basic freedoms of self-protection, private property ownership, personal privacy, and religious practice are being threatened by an overbearing and intrusive government and its sycophants on the left. The Boy Scouts teach self-sufficiency, life and leadership skills. Colleges, the military and the federal government give point advantages to Eagle Scouts because their achievements are widely recognized as marks of leadership, perseverance and community service. The liberal left shout about their rights to "love whomever" and to associate with communists, left-wing activists and use whatever drugs they wish, while they lobby to shut down the Boy Scouts, legal gun businesses or orthodox religious practices.

The Republican party is still the best hope for protecting constitutional rights. February's speaker, Tom Lorentzen, powerfully illustrated conservatism's power in his talk, "Understanding Reagan." Reagan never compromised his personal beliefs, but he acted as the center pole, supporting the "big tent" Republican party that changed the world for the better, because he focused on the values of peace and freedom all Americans value deeply.

The denial or marginalization of any constitutional right harms even those who don't value that right. The left's marginalization of rights is calculated, organized and powerful. Lovers of freedom must band together and become active. A flawed Republican party and those who vote for its candidates and policies are a powerful, and I think, underestimated majority, if properly presented and energized. And, it starts locally, with groups like SVARW, a tiny gun store, or Cub Scouts kicked out of their Los Gatos Methodist Church home.

Just reported

At its March 4 meeting, the Los Gatos Town Council voted unanimously to enact a temporary moratorium on allowing new firearms or ammunition stores to locate in Los Gatos. Members directed staff to continue to study land use and develop an ordinance that would define where, or if, such stores would be allowed in the future.

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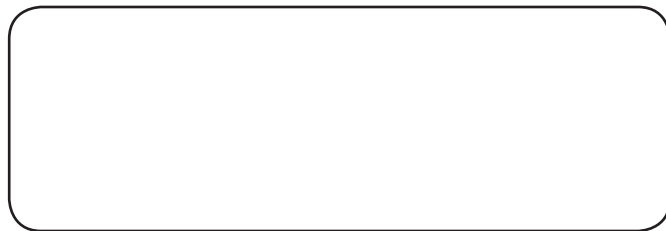
SVARW is an independent, conservative organization committed to supporting and defending the principles of our Founding Fathers as written in the Constitution of the United States of America, whose mission it is to elect qualified, conservatives to Santa Clara County non-partisan offices, and to educate and motivate our members to support conservative principles.

Comments about the newsletter? Want to contribute an article?

SVARW members are encouraged to submit articles and photographs. Contact newsletter editor Joyce Hall at jswanhall@yahoo.com or call 775-848-7370.

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In case you missed it Reagan expert huge success at February brunch

**By Allison Spiller
SVARW First Vice
President**

If you were fortunate enough to attend our Feb. 20 meeting, you know how interesting our speaker, Tom Lorentzen, was. Tom first met Ronald Reagan in the mid-1960s and later served under the Health and Human Services office of the Reagan administration. He spoke for more than an hour on his insights into Ronald Reagan — the man and his presidency.

It was particularly interesting to hear that one of the key reasons Reagan sought the presidency when he did was that he was very influenced by the selection of Pope John Paul II in 1978. Reagan viewed John Paul, a native of Poland, as someone who could be



From left, SVARW members Debra Janssen-Martinez, Allison Spiller, Lisa Marshik and Martha Snodgrass pose for a photo with February's guest speaker Tom Lorentzen.

helpful in ending the Cold War. .

Lorentzen provided many other Reagan insights and anecdotes that were fascinating. We thank Tom for taking the time to speak to us, and look forward to having him join us at future SVARW events.