



- **Join the fun on August 24**
- **Stars and Stripes Gala tickets now on sale**
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### Mark your calendar

- May 15: SVARW Monthly Meeting
- 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.

### SVARW is on Facebook

Join the conversation at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/102157146491047/> or search Facebook for Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women.

## Upcoming Events at SVARW



Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman with school board candidate Cathy Davis and then School Board Member Leslie Reynolds pause for a photo during the 2012 Stars and Stripes Gala.

### Get your red, white, blue ready for June Patriot Party, Stars and Stripes Gala on August 24

Where will you be on August 24? You'll be dining, dancing and mingling with other conservatives at SVARW's annual Stars and Stripes Gala, which returns again to the beautiful estate of Suzanna Cody and Ron Hills in Saratoga. You'll find all the details on page 3 of the newsletter, including your ticket-order form. Don't delay because the event is usually a sell-out. Plus, special pricing is available through June 30. After that the price goes up \$10 per person.

### 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.

### GOP future, gun laws are topics for May, June

In May, our speaker

will be Kevin McGary, president of the Frederick Douglass Foundation. He



will discuss what went wrong during the last presidential election cycle – mainly the failed strategies and tactics of the Republican Party. He also will review his plan for how Republicans can regroup and win elections in the future.

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### Did you get your roster?

May is the last monthly meeting at which we will distribute membership rosters. After that they will be mailed. If you have not yet picked yours up, please ask for it at the check-in table on May 15.



### 2013 Officers

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**Next Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 22 at  
9:30 a.m., Pizza Party,  
3581 Homestead Road,  
Santa Clara



### 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 end political correctness

As I listened to the left wing media relentlessly reworking the image of the Boston Marathon bomber and his martyred brother, I was horrified at the blatant "political correctness" in excusing the multiple murders, and ruined lives the radicalized Islamic Jihadis deliberately caused. Each reporter was careful to choose words like "refugee, honor student, charming, normal and athlete." Their fear of sounding "Islamaphobic" dangerously emboldens our enemies abroad as well as those who hide amongst us, blending in easily, as the bombers did, and plotting more hideous violence against innocent civilians.

Political correctness also erodes our freedoms and safety locally. Local ranchers are being forced from their lands by onerous EPA and FDA regulations and antiquated inheritance laws. Large swatches are being "preserved" from productive use. But sites like Mount Umunhum in Los Gatos and several ranches in the South County are off limits to hikers, campers or the general public in order to "protect" the habitat. But it makes liberals or "low information voters" feel good to donate money to these causes, so nobody dares to speak out against these land grabs.

My neighborhood organized to protest the fast track construction of a continuation high school near our newly constructed homes, when we were promised a badly needed elementary school. We voted in the school board and an \$11 million bond measure based on that promise. The continuation school will feature a full-service health clinic, daycare center, social services office, swimming pool and gym. Each of us can recite a litany of politically correct caused disasters in our communities. But if we continue to let these "feel good" bullies run our towns, states and national government, we must suffer the consequences along with our politically correct friends and neighbors.

If you have a local issue you're passionate about, or, if you want to organize a letter- or email-writing campaign, being part of a group like SVARW can help. If you have an idea of how to stop a land grab, thwart a corrupt politician's campaign or just get the school board to change direction in favor of those who elected them, we're here for you. Not only will you have others to bounce your true thoughts and feelings off of, you'll gain allies who will join you in pushing back against the largely unseen creeping political correctness in too many aspects of American life. Recruit new members, or invite a friend to our wonderful Stars and Stripes Gala. These small things can make a real difference, and expose political correctness for the dangerous foolishness it really is.

— Debra Janssen-Martinez  
President, SVARW



Debra Janssen-Martinez

## Learn about anti-gun laws at June brunch meeting

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The Frederick Douglass Foundation is a public policy and educational organization committed to free market and limited government. See part 2 of McGary's column on page 4.

**On June 19**, our speaker 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 genesis and outcomes of the Feinstein Assault Weapons Ban of 2013 and the Toomey-Manchin bills, the National Rifle Association's positions, how we can educate ourselves and what we can do to defend the Second Amendment against current and future legal assaults all the way up to the Supreme Court.

— *The Upcoming Events column is provided monthly by Allison Spiller. If you have suggestions for speakers at future meetings, please contact Allison at 408-267-1173.*

Contact information for SVARW members, including email, phone and address, is available in the SVARW roster. Pick up your roster at the check-in table on May 15.



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	\$
Membership Dues \$25	\$
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.



May issue: Problems and solutions in the Republican Party

## Deluded, disgraceful, disgusted: correcting GOP '3-D' vision, Part 2

*In April, Kevin McGary outlined his view on problems in the Republican Party. This month he completes his analysis and offers some solutions. McGary is president of The Frederick Douglass Foundation, a public policy and educational organization which brings free market and limited government ideas to bear on the hardest problems facing our nation. He will be our guest speaker on May 15.*

**By Kevin McGary  
President, Frederick Douglass Foundation**

### The Disgust

After seeing the RNC establishment's level of delusion, disgraceful actions, and utter contempt for conservative candidates many people were completely turned off. They were left disgusted by the level of contempt and partisan bickering between the political parties, and with a seemingly incomprehensible level of disunity within the Republican Party. Unlike the goose-stepping Democrats who are wholly united in supporting any/all evil and degenerate machinations their leadership designs, the Republican Party has been divided into a relatively bipolar and disunited party. Make no mistake, voters want a clear choice between candidates/parties, and they want candidates who can clearly articulate and demonstrate values and principals they can rely on. If voters conclude all candidates are liars, unprincipled, power-hungry, and to a large degree party "hacks", they will not feel inclined to enthusiastically vote. Since we are in a country that has what are essentially cultural icons running the leadership of the Democrat Party, there is dire need for enthusiasm in order to turn the tide for Republicans. This tide can only be stemmed or neutralized if we commit to supporting candidates that know and can articulate principals of liberty and freedom while fully addressing (from a conservative's perspective) current social/cultural realities. Needless to say, these people need to be smart and adept, not the typical political/ establishment type.

### The Answer

So, what's the answer? I contend, we must return to our history! The Republican Party is the party that was founded to address the most pressing "social issue" in America's history...SLAVERY! History confirms that Republicans don't run away from social and cultural issues, we stand up for them. President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass epitomize Republicanism! On a chance meeting, President Lincoln met Frederick Douglass and immediately invited Douglass into his "inner circle"

as an advisor. President Lincoln was intentional about including the thoughts, background/history of an African American ex-slave, knowing what he would gain would be priceless perspective he would long cherish. This collaboration resulted in the immediate implementation of the Emancipation Proclamation.

As it turns out, Lincoln thought he would have to take the Emancipation Proclamation through Congress, but Douglass admonished him that it had to be done through Executive Order (accurately assessing that it could take another generation to get it passed through Congress). This would be the most important executive order in America's history, and Lincoln is noted as one of our most revered presidents as a result of the A. Lincoln/F. Douglass collaboration! The commitment to this kind of collaboration is completely absent in today's Republican Party. What's needed today is a fervent commitment like that of President Abraham Lincoln's. Think about this, in the 1800s, Lincoln and at least three other subsequent Republican presidents strategically included an ex/escaped slave (the Hon. Frederick Douglass) as a strategic advisor and member of their inner-circle because they deemed his perspective was invaluable for charting a future for America.

This same level of commitment is needed today, as Republicans need to intentionally, purposely and strategically bring blacks and other "people of color" to the strategy table to again gain ideas, perspective and to help!

There are many "conservative"/Republican organizations that are already quite successfully messaging to the culture and its respective "social issues" (the Frederick Douglass Foundation just happens to be one of them). But as noted earlier, the delusional Republican Party has dismissed and rejected their help. This must change, and by working together, we can make it change!

### Re-Taking the Party

The way to make our respective "leadership" strategically partner with people or organizations who can help take on social/cultural issues in order to retake the moral ground that founded the party, is to tell them we "will not provide a single dime in donation(s) unless they definitively confirm a strategic relationship with conservative organizations (or individuals) who can appropriately message to social leaders (churches, pastors, community leaders) residing in 'communities of color'". This means if we want to support candidates or the RNC, we tell them we will not send money until they confirm

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# Highlight your business: New SVARW Sponsorship Program

**By Jan Soule**  
**Online Communication Director**

Over the years, many business people have sought to promote their businesses to members of SVARW. In response, SVARW has created an exceptional promotional opportunity in the SVARW newsletter, email blasts and event sponsorship in exchange for a modest donation to SVARW.

SVARW wants this to be a win-win program for both the businesses and our organization. The SVARW Sponsorship Program is the perfect way for real estate agents, financial planners, insurance agents, and other small businesses to get their message in front of SVARW members, their families as well as other conservatives who have subscribed to our email list. This is a select and highly sought-after promotional demographic.

Sponsorships in the newsletter are only \$25 for a business card sized announcement and can go lower if you choose to be in multiple issues. Sponsorships in the email blasts also start at \$25 to be in two email blasts.

A limited number of tables are available for sponsorship of our August 24, 2013 Stars and Stripes Gala. For \$200 the sponsor will have a 6-foot table to promote their business. The fee includes one ticket to the Stars and Stripes Gala.

SVARW reserves the right to accept or reject any

sponsor whose business or organization's product or message is not appropriate for our membership. Donations to SVARW are not tax deductible.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please visit our website for complete details, <http://www.svarw.com/sponsorship.html>

SVARW member Lidia Blair hosted the April board of directors meeting at her business, Pizza Party in Santa Clara. We want to thank her for offering the restaurant space to us and for May, we're making her business a newsletter sponsor.

## Newsletter sponsor: Pizza Party

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- Build Your Own Parties

## McGary: Look to Lincoln for great example of Republicanism

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which specific organizations they've partnered with, in order to engage the culture and appropriately address and combat liberal talking points about the "social issues" of our day. Based on the last election, we know just relying on "ginning up the base" is not a winning strategy; it is now definitively a losing "strategy"!

It is now time for Republicans to actively confront and engage the culture. If we commit to working together with a funding tactic that forces the RNC (and respective candidates) to address current strategy flaws, and begin an inclusive strategy (in earnest), we will see change. There are no short-cuts; this is a must if we intend to begin to change hearts, minds and the trajectory of the electorate.

### Summing It Up

In summary, the 3-D vision of the Republican Party (delusions, disgraceful actions, and disgust) produced blinders and prevented seeing (or even sensing) the realities of a dire situation. But now we know! By accepting the realities of the situation, it's time to develop a winning

strategy designed to be thoughtful, inclusive, and definitively grounded in the same strategies and principles of Lincoln and other founders of the Republican Party.

When all is said and done, the best answers for reviving America still reside in Republicanism. We are wounded, but not completely defeated so let's bring back the strategies of old, and retake and revive America anew!

This means Republicans will need to embrace (and not eschew) principled "conservatives" who can speak to, and confront the many emerging social and culture "issues." As mentioned, Lincoln was a prime example of Republicanism, and he adroitly confronted the scourge of slavery (the social/cultural issue of the time) while actively strategizing and collaborating with the likes of Frederick Douglass. Lincoln had the right words in 1865 when he declared: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds." While this quote is approximately 150 years old, it still appropriately correlates to goals of Republicans for today.

Let's seek anew to "bind the nation's wounds" ...  
**INDEED!**

## Conclusion of Complaint Filed by Johnny Khamis Against SVARW and Leslie Reynolds

By Jan Soule

On April 10, 2013, the San Jose City Clerk notified SVARW by certified mail that the resolution by the San Jose Elections Commission regarding the complaint filed on December 19, 2011, by then San Jose City Council Candidate Johnny Khamis, was finalized. The notification provided the wording for the statement (Public Statement of the San Jose Elections Commission Regarding the Conduct of the Silicon Valley Republican Women) and the method of distribution. Distribution included printing the statement in our newsletter as well as adding to our website. Printing and displaying the statement is SVARW's punishment for having been found "guilty." Leslie Reynolds, also a candidate for the same San Jose City Council seat as Mr. Khamis, was exonerated and found not at fault by the San Jose Elections Commission in January 2012.

### **SVARW Unintentionally Violated San Jose's Complex Election Law**

On December 9, 2011, SVARW held a Christmas Patriot Party where admission to the event was a contribution check written to the guest's favorite candidate. At that point in time all eyes were on the Republican Presidential Primary so SVARW intended to collect checks for GOP

Presidential Primary contenders. That was totally legal. As an afterthought, we added Leslie Reynolds' name to our advertising since SVARW had just endorsed her for San Jose City Council Seat District 10. That was SVARW's error. San Jose Election Law forbade accepting or soliciting contributions prior to December 8.

During this time Leslie Reynolds was not a member of SVARW and never received our newsletter or email



Johnny Khamis

updates. She did not have knowledge of what SVARW was planning.

But, Johnny Khamis and his wife, who had been members of SVARW for seven years, were receiving our newsletter and emails which spanned a period of time from September through November. Although Mr. Khamis had plenty of time to alert SVARW board members that our inclusion of Leslie Reynolds in our list of candidates for whom checks could be written at the Patriot Party

was a violation of San Jose Election Law, he choose to keep silent and then filed the complaint with the intention of damaging Leslie Reynolds' campaign.

Johnny Khamis was elected to the San Jose City Council in November 2012.

## Public Statement of the San Jose Elections Commission Regarding the Conduct of the Silicon Valley Republican Women

The San Jose Elections Commission has conducted an investigation of a complaint filed against the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women (SVARW) alleging violations of the San Jose Municipal Code, Title 12. The complaint alleged that the SVARW solicited and accepted campaign contributions for a City Council candidate outside of the contribution period allowed.

The Commission found at a hearing held on January 17, 2012; that the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women did solicit contributions for a local candidate prior to December 9, 2011 in violation of the San Jose Municipal Code. In addition, the Commission found sufficient evidence that the SVARW did accept and retain contributions for a candidate in violation of the Municipal Code.

The Commission has issued this public statement against the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women, noting that it is disappointed that an organization formed to promote political engagement violated local campaign regulations.

*(San Jose Elections Commission members: Chairman Michael Smith, Vice-chairman Rolanda Pierre-Dixon, Chris Peacock, Linda Edgeworth and Leon Louie)*



## SVARW member voices

**Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage could be game-changer**

*SVARW member Betty Sakai explores the significance of the the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling, expected in June, on the constitutionality of California's Propostion 8. The proposition, approved by voters in 2008, banned same-sex marriage in the state.*

**By Betty Sakai**  
**SVARW member**

The Supreme Court will soon weigh in on the alleged lack of equal protection for same-sex couples under Prop. 8, the state constitutional amendment passed in California in 2008 that restricts marriage to heterosexuals. At the time, then San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom refused to abide by Proposition 8 and a federal judge (who is himself gay) declared it was prejudicial. There was zero effort in the legislature to develop equal rights for life partnerships, to give same-sex life partners the same responsibilities and benefits as heterosexuals in marriage.

The Supreme Court is not a legislative body. Justices are supposed to base their findings on the Constitution and the historic foundations of this nation, which are Christian. They must find that all men are created equal under God. The Constitution was created by men and women who fled the tyranny of a government-mandated church to live in a land where they could freely worship God and live amidst God's natural order. Removing God and God's natural order from America's legal structure is like removing America's heart and soul in an attempt to make man synonymous with God.

This case is about the struggle between God and man. It's a struggle between God's will and those who wish to sell others on the superiority of man's will. This case is about man fighting to dominate God's will to define what the natural order will be. In essence, the challenge

to California's Prop. 8 is a plea for the Court to ignore America's historical respect for God and to redefine the foundations of this Republic.

One cannot deny that in nature unnatural unions take place. It is true that today differences in life style are more acceptable

socially than they were years ago. Man has changed but God and God's natural laws have not changed. The problem with the wealthy gay lobby is that they do not see themselves as different than heterosexuals. They deny the superiority of the procreative nature of heterosexuality, the natural attraction between a man and a woman, and the value of the family thereby created.

Politicians have been using gays for their own personal gain. This case is not about equal rights because life-partnership laws can and do exist that provide equal rights. This case is about the plaintiffs pursuing an assault on the natural heterosexual order of marriage, the very foundation of which has made America strong.

If just, the Court will side with the electorate that passed Prop. 8 and cite the lack of legislative action in California as a basis for any felt unequal treatment. The state legislature can address the needs of same-sex life partnerships and provide equal responsibilities and benefits. But if the Court sides with the plaintiffs to permit same-sex marriage, this will change forever the nature of God in America.

**Want to sound off?**

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

**What will they decide?**

In March, the Supreme Court, pictured at left, heard arguments regarding the constitutionality of California's Proposition 8. Even though the measure (which banned same-sex marriage) passed handily among voters, it was struck down by federal judge Vaughn Walker, and his decision was upheld by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The court is expected to release its decision on the case in June.

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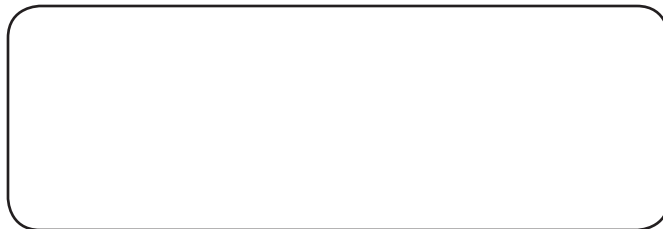
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In case you missed it

## Charlie Self informative, engaging in April talk

**By Allison Spiller**  
**SVARW First Vice President**

Always an SVARW crowd pleaser, Charlie Self returned on April 17 to give a very interesting and informative address on the many subversive threats to freedom endangering our country. While the accounts provided by Self were depressing, the topic was important to delve into. Self reminded us that “we” — as traditional Americans — are no longer the majority in this country and that so many people today do not know their history. He detailed what that means and how we need to deal with that. Self ended on an upbeat note, explaining that there is still very much the possibility of change for the positive. He outlined his five points for what we can do in our own lives and together to defeat these terrible forces so alive in the U.S. today.



Charlie Self

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