



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

- **Oct. 16:** SVARW monthly meeting.
- **Nov 20:** SVARW monthly meeting.

SVARW monthly brunch meetings

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

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

Cost: \$15, buy online at www.SVARW.com 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.

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Upcoming Events at SVARW

Who's taking our money? Congress' newest tax schemes are October focus

October 16 General Meeting: "Taking Action against Taxes on Middle Class Savers"

Don't miss our Oct. 16 monthly meeting with Ken Peterson, Senior Vice-President and Managing Director at Strategic Capital Group LLC in Woodside. Ken's talk is entitled, "Taking Action against Taxes on Middle Class Savers." He will review the many egregious laws the liberals in Congress would like to pass aimed at taking more

and more of our hard-earned money from earnings, savings and retirement funds.

Alarming, Ken says that the newest Democratic tax plan is truly heading towards that well-known simplified version: How Much Did You Make? Send It In...

Truly outrageous – but Ken will arm us with the info we need to protect our wallets. This will be a very illuminating talk so don't miss it!

— *Provided by Allison Spiller*

Martha Snodgrass to serve as membership chair

By Joyce Swanson-Hall Newsletter Editor

Martha Snodgrass, currently our Community and Campaign Events Chairwoman has graciously agreed to become the Membership Chairwoman for the rest of 2013 and 2014. Current Membership Chairwoman, and longtime Boardmember, Lisa Marshik (profiled in the August newsletter) will take over Martha's chairwomanship in planning and executing our Community and Campaign events through 2014.

Martha joined SVARW in 2006 and has served as Second Vice President and Campaign Events Chairwoman. Martha has hosted several "Political Parties" as well as numerous board meetings at her Los Gatos home and served as Vice President in charge

of programs several years ago. Kudos to Martha and Lisa for contributing so vitally to SVARW's outreach and service.

Other board and committee positions remain open and SVARW welcomes those who would like to take a bigger role in running our group.

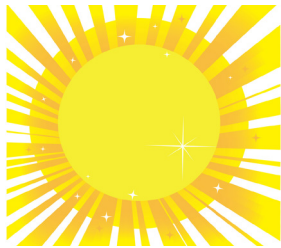
First Vice President Allison Spiller soon will be moving to southern California, so her position will be open on the executive board. Committees that need leaders include New Member Events, and Political Appointments and Voter Registration. Contact any board member for information.



**Martha
Snodgrass**

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Does someone
need 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

Contact your officials

Mail: Gov. Jerry Brown,
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: 916-445-2841
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Assemblyman Rich Gordon:
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794-3900
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650-212-3313
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408-558-1295

President's message

Get involved or expect more craziness from Sacramento

By Debra Janssen-Martinez
SVARW president

Karen England, of the Capitol Resource League gave a rousing presentation at our September General meeting. She invited our members to exercise our "people's veto" by stopping a destructive law (AB 1266). Californians from all political backgrounds Republicans, conservatives and Democrats should be united against, the disastrous "gender identity protection," law rammed through at the last minute by the Democrat-controlled California legislature. We have until November 12th to petition to have it overturned by referendum on the November 2014 ballot. The law is just one example of how we can reach out to Democrats and Liberals liberals on many core issues.

Title 9 gains at risk under AB 1266

Karen's well-reasoned appeal spotlights why our club is vital in furthering intelligent political discussion. The disastrous AB 1266 purports to protect transgender children. They are already protected by a anti-discrimination and anti-bullying laws. The real purpose of the law is to exert evermore government control over the majority of students trapped in government schools, while diminishing family's influence and protection of our children. Our society will be coarsened by "bad actors" who know they can declare a gender identity one day, to gain access to say, the girls locker room or a place on the soccer team, then switch back the next, with no challenges or discipline allowed by staff. Molestations, educational disruption and reduced extra-curricular opportunities will be the price paid by the majority of children. Ironically, girls

and women will be harmed by increased rapes, harassment and erosion of hard won Title 9 athletic opportunities. Talk about a "war on women!"

Other issues, such as tax, education, crime prevention and privacy are local issues we can work to achieve commonsense solutions across the political spectrum.

SVARW is a starting point to help organize and build support for local and statewide issues. We can also be effective in statewide and national issues and races by staying informed and active in calling/

letter writing campaigns, fundraising, for issues and candidates we can't vote for here in "Crazifornia," but which deeply affect us, like ObamaCare. More than a few of us have "adopted" senators or congressmembers in other states, because they represent our needs far better than our own lunatic federal delegation.

Replacing President Obama, Nancy Pelosi, and their gang begins with local action, supplemented by our outreach through the global power of the internet and social media. As liberal overreach ravages our healthcare system, economy, and social fabric, we must offer, "game-changing" solutions and a political infrastructure that can usher in a fresh age of Republican governance. You can begin with easy actions like visiting Capitolresource.com to donate or volunteer. Choose an issue, or several. Come to our meetings, get involved, or get comfortable with more insanity from government at every level.



Debra Janssen-Martinez

Fair Tax to get Ways and Means committee vote

Bill has languished for years with no action by key leaders

**By Kenneth E. Smith, M.D.
SVARW Legislative Chairman**

First of all, I want to correct a statement that I made in last month's newsletter. I stated that SB-1, the funding mechanism for Plan Bay Area and other similar "stack and pack" projects, had been passed by a wide margin in the State Senate. That statement was incorrect. I apologize for this error. In fact, Senator Steinberg, the author of that bill, has tabled SB-1 in the Senate until January. Please continue to communicate with your State Assembly Representative and your State Senator to oppose SB-1. We must continue to curtail our state's march to socialism and tyranny.



Kenneth Smith

Recent developments to oppose the funding of Obamacare have been dominating the airwaves the past few days and it remains uncertain whether or not there will be a government shutdown soon. I'm sure we will all know the outcome of this issue by the time this update is published in our newsletter. Again, don't be discouraged and continue to express your opinions and concerns about the Affordable Care Act.

I had the pleasure of participating in a grassroots governance meeting of Fair Tax supporters from across the country Sept. 6-8 in Houston, Texas becoming one of the "Gang of 21" organizing further to push the Fair Tax to its ultimate passage. I want to personally thank all of you who have been supportive of our efforts and really appreciate the outpouring of support we received at the Stars and Stripes gala. I was particularly pleased that candidate for governor Tim Donnelly proudly wore our Fair Tax sticker at that event.

Ways and Means to take action within 45 days

We are making historic headway in Congress. We received a letter on Sept. 26 from Congressman Woodall from Georgia who introduced HR-25, The Fair Tax Act of 2013, to the current congress stating that, for the first time in history, the House Ways and Means Committee will actually be voting on the bill within the next 45 days. This is great news since this bill has been in front of that committee for many years with no action whatsoever. So please continue to contact all members of the House

Ways and Means Committee asking for their support as I suggested in last month's update. This committee keeps promising "comprehensive" tax reform which is already encompassed in the most researched and sponsored non-partisan tax reform bill, The Fair Tax Bill of 2013, HR-25.

We should all recognize the power of our individual voices as was well demonstrated by President Obama's recent decision to not bomb Syria because he was forced to listen to the people. The people spoke, 100-1, against such intervention. This same power can be exerted on other major concerns that we all share, including our Democrat friends and relatives. Remember, the power of the people is always greater than the people in power!

A major component of producing comprehensive tax reform is repeal of the 16th Amendment that created the income tax in 1913, a taxation concept completely opposed by our founding fathers. Go to www.repeal16.org and sign the petition.

It is also my profound pleasure to announce that one of our most articulate Fair Tax supporters, Kerry Bowers, will be running for President in 2016! You can learn more about him and his positions on critical issues at www.kerrybowers.com. What I like most about his decision to run is that he is a true patriot and not a career politician.

Several bills threaten gun rights in California

Governor Brown also needs to hear from all of us asking him to veto the following bills attacking our second amendment rights. Governor Brown's phone number is 916.445.2841; fax number is 916.558.3160. He can be reached by email at: http://gov.ca.gov/m_contact.php or by snail mail to Governor Jerry Brown, State Capitol, Suite 1173, Sacramento, CA 95814. Insist that he veto the following bills:

AB-48 (Magazine ban), AB-169 (Used handgun ban), AB-180 (Oakland preemption exclusion), AB-231 (Gun owner liability insurance requirement), AB-711 (Lead hunting ammo ban), SB-299 (48 hours to report missing handguns), SB-374 (semi-automatic rifle ban), SB-475 (Ban of Cow Palace gun shows), SB-567 (Expanded shotgun definition), SB-683 (Safety certificate to purchase long guns), and SB-755 (DUI's become lifetime gun prohibition). I realize that this is an extraordinarily long list of legislation that has passed our State legislature waiting for the governor's signature but it represents only a small portion of the nonsense that continues in Sacramento. However, listing each of these bills in your letter, email, fax, or phone call to Governor Brown will demonstrate your learned opposition to the attacks on our second amendment constitutional rights as U.S. citizens.

Let's continue to fight for liberty, freedom, and common sense.



It's time to renew your membership for 2014

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.

Membership includes:

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

Annual Membership Dues: \$25 per year. Add \$5 for your husband to be a supporting member. Make your check payable to SVARW and mail to: SVARW, P.O. Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95070

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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Please add my husband as a supporting member. _____

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Allison Spiller, First Vice-President

Diane Owen, Parliamentarian

Second Vice-President, vacant

Next Board Meeting

Sherill Martinez, Recording Secretary

9:30 a.m., Oct. 23. Location to be announced. Members are always welcome.

Kirsten Williams, Corresponding Secretary