



Stars & Stripes Gala

Big opportunities for candidates, businesses and FUN!

Mark your calendar

- **Aug. 24:** Stars and Stripes Gala
- **Sept. 18:** SVARW monthly meeting. 9:30 a.m. at La Rinconada, 14595 Clearview Drive, Los Gatos. Cost: \$15.

In September: Legislation update, assaults on the family

Don't miss our Sept. 18 monthly meeting with speaker Karen England, Executive Director of the Capitol Resource Institute. CRI works to educate and strengthen families by influencing public policy coming out of Sacramento.

Ms. England will review current state legislation and also provide the latest details on the recent tidal wave of anti-family assaults in California. These assaults range from the expansion of abortion to allowing boys who identify as girls into girls' restrooms and locker rooms in K-12 public schools. Unfortunately, the entire nation is impacted by the poor public policies implemented here in the Golden State.

— *Provided by Allison Spiller*



Local officials and candidates who will be at Stars and Stripes include, from left, Julie Constant, Van Lee, Michael Snyder, Pete Constant, Phil Reynolds, Jr. and Mike Wasserman.

By Jan Soule

SVARW Online Communication Director

SVARW's annual Stars and Stripes Gala is only a month away! This annual gathering of like-minded conservatives is the perfect evening for anyone in Silicon Valley tired of hanging out with liberals! Proceeds raised through sponsorships and raffles help SVARW to support endorsed candidates through fundraisers and other activities.

Office Holders and Candidates

SVARW is delighted to welcome the following office holders and candidates to this year's event: Mike Wasserman, Santa Clara County Supervisor District 1 and candidate for re-election; Pete Constant, San Jose City Councilman District 1 and candidate for Mayor of San Jose in 2014; Julie Constant, Campbell School District Board Member; Michael Snyder, Campbell School District Board Member; Phil Reynolds Jr, candidate for Campbell City Council in 2014; and, Van Lee, Eastside Union High School District Board Member and candidate for San Jose City Council District 7 in 2014. Candidates and office holders attending the event will have an opportunity after dinner to offer a few brief remarks to guests.

Sponsors

Anyone who owns a small business or supports a conservative cause is invited to be a Stars and Stripes Sponsor. Each sponsor is provided with a 6-foot table to display information and an opportunity to chat with attendees before dinner. Sponsors

will be recognized during dinner. Each \$200 sponsorship includes one event ticket. Our current sponsors include:

- Lester Business Properties: Linda Lester
- Rodan + Fields Dermatologists: Rita Piziali
- Real Options Medical Clinics: Valerie Hill
- California for the Fair Tax (HR25/SB122): Dr. Kenneth Smith, MD
- The Family Wealth Consulting Group: Hilary Martin, MBA, CFP

The Event

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 non-alcoholic beverages will be served all evening.

Fresh from being the featured band on the swing stage at the Aug. 9 San Jose Jazz Festival, the 19-person Sons of Jubal band will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure after dinner.

Deadlines

Member tickets are \$75 and non-members are \$85 through Aug. 23. Non-members who join SVARW today can purchase tickets at the member price and their membership is valid through 2014. Tickets at the door will be \$95 for everyone. Sponsors must sign up by Aug. 12.



2013 Officers

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Next Board Meeting
9:30 a.m., July 31, at
Kirsten Williams' home,
3456 May Lane, San
Jose 95124.



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

Chaos expected from DOMA decision

It is truly a sad day when the U.S. Supreme Court rules against the will of the voters of California. Twice the voters of California have declared that marriage is between a man and a woman. Twice the successful grassroots efforts to pass Prop. 22 and later Prop. 8 were struck down by judges legislating from the bench.

Even more sadly, Republican office holders signed the Anti-Prop. 8 Amicus Brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to overrule the voters of California. Those duly elected Republicans sought to force their view that gay marriage should be lawful rather than uphold a decision by the voters of California. The unintended consequence of their position jeopardizes the entire initiative process in California.

Brad Dacus, an attorney, and president of the Pacific Justice Institute, offered his views on the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. Brad spoke to SVARW in May 2012. PJI's analysis of the blockbuster marriage ruling handed down on June 26 is reprinted below.

—Jan Soule

Five key takeaways

by Brad Dacus
President, Pacific Justice Institute

The Supreme Court did not mandate gay marriage nationwide. LGBT activists are celebrating as though the marriage debate is over, and that's what they want you to believe. Not true! The Supreme Court did not give them the sweeping rulings they sought, and the court instead determined that this should continue to be decided at the state level, not on a national level. Because of the tortured way the Supreme Court arrived at its decision, there is much confusion, even among legal scholars, as to the immediate implications. The dissenting Justices seemed to believe that Judge Walker's original decision would be binding statewide, but many scholars have noted that such decisions typically are only effective as to the plaintiffs who actually filed suit. Expect a few more hotly-contested legal proceedings to sort out this mess created by the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court did not approve or agree with any of the extreme reasoning used by Judge Vaughn Walker. As

to Prop. 8, the Supreme Court basically decided not to decide. They did not say that Judge Walker was correct, but rather that his decision could not be appealed since the Governor and Attorney General chose not to do so. We strongly disagree with the Supreme Court's extremely narrow view of standing, because it means the people cannot defend their own ballot initiatives. By adopting these narrow rules, jurists like Chief Justice Roberts may believe they are practicing judicial restraint, but in reality they are merely transferring it to lower courts.

The ruling against Prop. 8 jeopardizes the entire initiative process in California.

Last month's disastrous ruling that Prop. 8 cannot be defended by its sponsors has implications far beyond gay marriage. As Justice Kennedy warned in his dissent (echoing a phrase we have been repeating the last several years), this gives the Governor and Attorney general a "de facto veto" over ballot initiatives they don't like. This is exactly why PJI filed suit after Judge Walker's decision, asking the California appellate courts to order the Governor and Attorney General to appeal that decision. At the time, the California Supreme Court dodged our request. Now ... they're realizing it could have averted this debacle by listening to us. Think about it ... if the Governor opposes a longstanding restriction like Prop. 13, or future ballot measures that would limit union power or require parental notification for abortions ... the special interests affected by such initiatives could simply file suit in federal court and get a default judgment. Every Californian—and citizens in the 26 other states with similar process—should be alarmed by this outrageous undermining of direct democracy.

The DOMA ruling will create chaos around the country. The Supreme Court's invalidation of part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act will begin to create problems immediately. The majority's stated belief that it could invalidate the federal law (in sweeping denunciations of supposed discrimination against gays), while at the same time leaving the states free to do as they please, is either dishonest or naive.

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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! Music provided by the 19-piece Sons of Jubal dance band.

Great event to meet and mingle with other conservatives in Silicon Valley. Dress is casual elegant. This event is always a sellout. All reservations must be accompanied by payment. Reservations are first-come, first-served.



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Category

Payment received after

June 30th

SVARW Members

\$75

[Regular, Associate or Supporting]

Non-Members**

\$85

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** 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 _____ \$75**	Non-Member # _____ \$85**
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Gala Tickets	\$
Sponsorship \$200	\$
Membership Dues \$25	\$
Membership Spouse \$5	\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

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**At door \$95 if space.

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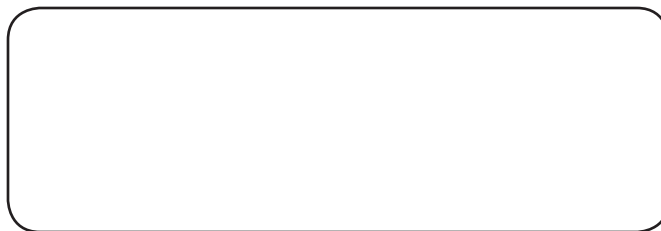
Churches need to protect themselves

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While dozens of “red” states are temporarily safe from being forced to accept gay marriage, it’s hard to see how the dichotomy can be sustained for very long when citizens within those states are recognized as being married for purposes of taxes, benefits, immigration laws, etc. It’s going to be a bumpy ride as more conservative states seek to stem the tide unleashed by the June 26 decision.

Churches need to take immediate action to protect themselves from lawsuits.

Everywhere gay marriage has been adopted, First Amendment freedoms have been restricted. PJI fully expects a new round of harassment, intimidation, and discrimination against churches and individuals who continue to stand by their conscientious beliefs in traditional morality. For the past five years, we have been strongly encouraging churches to adopt model language we have drafted to protect against potential lawsuits from those who do not share the church’s moral beliefs. If your church has not yet taken this step, please contact PJI immediately. Don’t be caught off guard! Please also let us know if you face an imminent restriction of your free speech or religious freedom in the workplace or public square.



Lisa Marshik excels in membership role

SVARW is a dynamic organization that welcomes new members and encourages participation in our activities and leadership. We prize those new members’ energy and new ideas, but like to acknowledge ongoing contributions by long term members too. Lisa Marshik has been a key contributor and leader in many roles since our founding as SVARW. She served as vice-president for two years with Jan Soule as president, following our separation from ARW in 2000.

Since 2006, Lisa has served as membership chair, automating and streamlining the function of our rapidly expanding group. In 2009 she stepped up to head the Stars ’N Stripes Gala, with the aim of growing our membership through showcasing our current members, local politicians, and welcoming new people to the fold in a fun, entertaining evening. Her tireless planning and organization helped the event evolve into our most visible and best attended yearly event. For many new members, it is their first encounter with our club.

Lisa is involved with SVGOP as this year’s Event chair, including its upcoming countywide barbecue (check the Conservative Calendar for details). Besides serving as an elected representative of District 1 on the Republican Central Committee, she’s been a delegate to the state and national Republican conventions. If that’s not enough, she’s in charge of the American Cancer Society’s Silicon Valley Invitational Golf Fundraiser, the Grandview Gala in Sacramento, and numerous other charity fundraisers.

Besides being a key campaign volunteer to several local elected office holders, Lisa pours wine at the Guglielmo and Clos LaChance wineries in Morgan Hill, in her “spare time.” This year Lisa has handed the chairwomanship of Stars ’N Stripes to the able hands of Lisa Seago as she expands her event and fundraising activities. We value her institutional knowledge of the past and are enriched by her dedication and sense of fun in inviting and retaining great new SVARW members while supporting and retaining our valued SVARW veterans.