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Upcoming Events at SVARW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ◆ **November 19th** —The American Way : Creating a Conservative Agenda for the 21st Century— Guest speaker : Larry Greenfield, California Director of the Republican Jewish Coalition
- ◆ **December 10th**— note..this is the second Wednesday of the month!)—Christmas Brunch and Installation of 2009 SVARW Officers
- ◆ **January 14th** (note..this is the second Wednesday of the month!)—Dr. History Returns!

SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada Country Club

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
14595 Clearview Drive
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Cost: \$13 includes
Continental Breakfast



SVARW Meeting — November 19, 2008

Creating a Conservative Agenda for the 21st Century

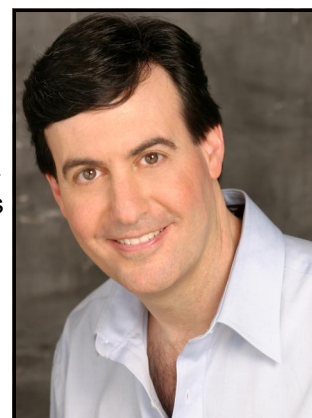
Larry Greenfield,

California Director of the Republican Jewish Coalition

Larry Greenfield is the California Regional Director of the Republican Jewish Coalition, overseeing 10 growing chapters in the Golden State, and a broadening of the Jewish political conversation.

Larry lectures widely on American foreign policy and national security issues, and he served in the Armed Forces of the United States in Naval Intelligence. He has focused on the political responses in the West to the rise of Radical Islam.

Larry grew up in Encino, and was a classmate of murdered Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl. He earned his BA in political science from the University of California at Berkeley, graduating in 3 years as Class Speaker.



He picked up his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he worked on an arrest warrant for PLO chief Yasir Arafat, which helped to deter his appearance before the United Nations.

Prior to joining the RJC as director, Larry worked professionally in law, business, and philanthropy, and he is currently a Lincoln Fellow of the Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy. Larry is a passionate advocate of free market economics, domestic policy reforms, and a post-racial path for minority achievement.

Larry served as a statewide co-chairman of the successful re-election of Governor Schwarzenegger, and as a legal advisor to the Governor, successfully advocating denial of clemency to mass murderer Tookie Williams, the subject of intense media coverage. He is currently a member of the Resolutions Committee of the California Republican Party.

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SVARW Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 10th 10:00 AM—Noon

See page 6 for details and reservation form!



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SVARW Trip to San Jose City Hall



SVARW members with Pete Constant in his office on the 18th Floor.



Tour begins in Rotunda of San Jose City Hall



Walking to Tower where City Council Offices are located.

Date _____



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Legislation

By Claudette Averill Legislation Chairman

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S. 1173-Freedom of Choice Act. Senator Obama stated at a Planned Parenthood event that one of the first actions he would take as president would be to sign into law the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA). FOCA would nullify all state and federal laws that interfere with access to abortion before viability, as determined by the abortion provider. President Bush did away with partial-birth abortion; however, if FOCA becomes law, the uncivilized means of killing a baby would become law again. It would also nullify state parental notification laws, and require the state and federal governments to fund abortions. FOCA sponsor Senator Boxer states that FOCA would give women "the absolute right to choose" prior to fetal "viability." **ACTION:** Please call your House of Representative at 202-225-3121 and Senators at 202-224-3121 and urge them to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act and H.R. 1964.

H.R. 6870-Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act. UIFEA was one of the most important pieces of Pro-family legislation passed last Congress. It helps stop much of the illegal Internet gambling that preys upon and destroys American families. Before the final regulations could be implemented, Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) was at work to undermine them. The House Financial Services Committee passed the Payment System Protection Act, H.R. 6870, out of its Committee. It also requires the Treasury Department to initiate a new regulatory process to define "unlawful Internet gambling." **ACTION:** Call your Representative and ask them to oppose any effort to undermine UIGEA.

The Freedom of Religious Expression in the Home Act. On September 17, two Republicans and two Democrats introduced The FOREITHA. This bipartisan legislation amends the Fair Housing Act to make it unlawful for Homeowners Associations to establish a rule or policy that prevents homeowners from displaying religious objects on their doors or outside their homes. **ACTION:** Please call your Representatives and ask that when Congress reconvenes, to cosponsor and support the Freedom of Religious Expression in the Home Act.

Fairness Doctrine. Speaker Nancy Pelosi has given her support for censoring Christian and conservative talk radio. The Fairness Doctrine, which was ended by President Reagan in 1987, is an arcane method of regulating broadcasters that threatens them with losing their licenses if they do not offer airtime to opposing viewpoints. The House considered an amendment offered by Rep. Pence (R-Indiana) to the Financial Services Appropriations Bill, H.R. 2829, to bar the FCC from spending money for one year to revive the "Fairness Doctrine." This amendment passed overwhelmingly. Rep. Pence then introduced the Broadcaster's Freedom Act which would **permanently ban** the Fairness Doctrine from coming back. Speaker Pelosi definitively stated **that she will not bring the Broadcaster's Freedom Act for a vote because she wants to revive the Fairness Doctrine.** **ACTION:** Please call your Representations at 202-225-3121 and ask them to sign onto Rep. Pence's discharge petition so that the Broadcaster's Freedom Act can be brought up for a vote.

CTA, PG&E Take Financial Hit for Supporting Gay Marriage

Because PG&E gave \$250,000.00 to fight Prop.8; 5,000 customers have visited <http://www.notopge.com/> and downloaded information to switch to a natural gas supplier which supports traditional marriage. After visiting this web site, click on Residential Service Page for instructions to change to Tiger and learn of the cost savings estimates. By switching to Tiger, customers could save up to 10% on their annual natural gas bill. Since 1997, CA. law has permitted people to switch to a different supplier of natural gas.

Parents were so upset that CTA money was also given to fight Prop 8 that they kept their children home from school last Monday. Some teachers called Brad Dacus (Christian lawyer) to see if they could give their money to charities instead of CTA.

Bills Governor Schwarzenegger Vetoes

There were many bills that the governor signed which are against the family, but he vetoed the bills we worked on. I want to thank everyone that called to voice your opinion. The following are the bills that were opposed. Claudette

AB 2567 will set aside May 22nd as a special day to celebrate the life of homosexual politician Harvey Milk in the public schools. . **Oppose**

SB 1729 (D.Migden) requires sensitivity training for long term health care workers. Nurses and physicians must participate in training that focuses on eliminating discrimination of the homosexual. Violation of this bill is a misdemeanor. **Oppose.**

AB 2747 (D. Berg) If diagnosed as terminally ill, at the patient's request, the patient may be presented with various means of ending their lives. **Oppose.**

SB 1322. (D. Lowenthal) This bill will banish from current law the ability of schools to fire teachers for being Communists. **Oppose**

AB 3015 (D. Brownley) SB 777 for Foster Parents

Last year lawmakers passed SB 777, which requires schools to positively portray homosexuality, transsexuality, bisexuality and transgenderism. **Oppose.**

Immigration

WASHINGTON IMMIGRATION CONFERENCES

By Carol Joyal

On October 4th and 5th I attended the Federation of Americans for Immigration Reform (FAIR) meeting and the Social Contract (immigration magazine) conference. It was a busy and stimulating two days. I was impressed with Julie Meyers, head of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE). She reported on some enforcement actions against employers and the E-Verify system for employers to check the authenticity of work documents.

Another highlight was the speech by Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX). Years ago he began trying to educate members of Congress about the problems with runaway immigration and lack of enforcement. He gave us some hope that amnesty could be stopped in the next 2009 Congressional session. There were speakers on birthright citizenship, removing the jobs magnets for illegal entrants, violence on our southern border, state and local immigration legislation, and more.



Announcements

The next SVARW Board Meeting will take place on WEDNESDAY, December 3rd at La Rinconada Country Club. If you would like an invitation to the Board Meeting, contact Jan Soule at 408-705-2156





Featured Charities

Each year at Christmas, SVARW features a charity at our Christmas Party. Members are encouraged to consider making a contribution to this charity. T

his year we have two great charities for you to consider. Each charity will be providing a speaker who will provide an overview of their activities.

Community Pregnancy Centers

Speaker: Valerie Hill

Community Pregnancy Centers has existed since 1981 to provide information, compassion and practical support for women and men facing unplanned pregnancies or dealing with pregnancy issues.

Find more information at:
<http://www.mycpc.org/>

Emergency Housing Consortium

Speaker: Ray Bramson

EHC LifeBuilders champions quality of life in our community and stability for people in need by providing housing, hope, and opportunity.

Find more information at:
www.ehclifebuilders.org/

Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 10th
10:00 AM—Noon

Reserve your place today for SVARW's annual Christmas Party today! Our program includes:

- Installation of SVARW Officers for 2009
- Two featured charities:
 - Community Pregnancy Centers
 - Emergency Housing Consortium
- Music provided by a string quartet from the San Jose Youth Symphony
- Delicious brunch include salad, your choice of either Pumpkin Ravioli or Stuffed Chicken Breast, and dessert.

Cost: \$30

Location: La Rinconada Country Club, 14595 Clearview Drive, Los Gatos

Husbands and Guests welcome!

Questions? Contact Maria Fischer at (408) 395-0335

Christmas Party Reservation

Make check payable to SVARW—\$30 per person

Mail to: LISA MARSHIK, 319 Blossom Valley Drive, Los Gatos, 95032

Member Name:

Guest/Supporting Member Name:

Circle Lunch Choice

Pumpkin Chicken
Ravioli Breast

Pumpkin Chicken
Ravioli Breast

Save the Date!

January 14th, 2009
SVARW Meeting

First SVARW meeting for 2009 features Dr. History!!

Dr. Charlie Self, "Messenger to the Thoughtful", is a leader with a unique gift of clarity. He offers "insights for impact" that encourage and empower all people to dream and do above and beyond the norm. Charlie's speaking and writing offers an unusual blend of depth and simplicity. Hearers and readers are invited to live with passion and principle, avoiding the traps of self-destruction and self-promotion. Charlie is a coach, a communicator, a minister and a professor, with over two decades of experience in business, education and service in Europe and the USA. Charlie is a regular guest on the Brian Sussman talk-radio show on KSFO 560 AM. (www.ksfo.com). He is 'Dr. History', providing humorous and insightful facts to guide the perplexed toward sanity.



Charlie Self
Dr. History

Invite your friends!

First time guests are free for our first meeting of 2009!

The Amazing Democratic Gravy Train at Fannie Mae

From Dick Morris's book, "Outrage"

- Franklin Raines, Fannie Mae's CEO. Collected \$90 million in bonuses and salary
- Jamie Gorelick, its vice chair, got \$25 million
- Jim Johnson, its former CEO, got \$2.9 million
- Hundreds of liberal nonprofits were given \$35 million a year in grants

Rains, Bill Clinton's former budget director, was forced to resign, but kept his \$90 million; now he ekes out a meager living on \$114,000 monthly pension, part of a total retirement package estimated at \$25 million! According to the Rocky Mountain News, former Clinton assistant attorney general Jamie Gorelick got more than \$25 million in compensation, including \$15 million in bonuses. Jim Johnson, a Democratic insider who served as Walter Mondale's 1984 campaign manager, received \$996,000 in salary and a \$1.932,000 bonus in 1998.

According to federal regulators, however, if Fannie Mae had been keeping accurate accounting, it would have paid no bonuses at all that year!



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It's Time to Fight Back!!!

By Jan Soule'

The election of Barack Obama as our next president, is quite frightening. We have a choice, we can act like victims, bury our heads in the sand and go about our busy lives....***OR, we can go on the offensive.*** I, for one, choose to go on the offensive. Not only did Obama win, but local incumbent conservative school board members including Randy Scofield (Cambrian) and Garry Rummerlhoff (Santa Clara County Board of Education) were taken out and Pat Waite lost by a very slim margin. While we may be at a loss of what to do nationally, we can begin today to target non-partisan local races.

On a happy note, several local Republicans were victorious:

- Chad Walsh, Chris Constantine and Frank Jewitt were elected to the West Valley School board.
- Steve Rice was elected to the Los Gatos Town Council
- Debbie Giordano was re-elected to the Milpitas City Council

AND...Proposition 8 appears to have been successful!!!!!!!!!!!!