



# Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SVARW

### Mark Your Calendar!

- ♦ Sept. 15—Rising Tide 2007, 5th Annual Gala, Bay Area's Largest Republican Summer Gala, 5pm
- ♦ Sept. 19—SVARW Meeting Lydia Ortega, Chairman, Dept. of Economics at SJSU
- ♦ Special Date for our October SVARW Meeting:—October 6, Saturday morning—Melanie Morgan Book Signing at Maria Fischer's house.
- ♦ November 14th —SVARW Meeting. Come and hear representatives from the major GOP Presidential Contenders speak on behalf of their candidate.
- ♦ December 12th—SVARW Meeting. Annual Christmas Brunch and installation of officers for 2008

### SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada  
Country Club

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

Cost: \$12 for Continental  
Breakfast



## Dr. Lydia Ortega on Exploitation in Trade

Guest Speaker for SVARW September 19th Meeting

What is exploitation in trade? Join outstanding speaker Lydia Ortega for a lively 45 minutes of interactive discussion considering old ideas in a new way. Be prepared to participate and have fun. Lydia is a returning speaker who entertained the SVARW group previously with thought provoking insights on exploitation.

Lydia Ortega is the Professor of Economics and Chair of the Department of Economics at San Jose State University.

This is her fourth year as Chair of the only free market economics department on the west coast. She says, "we have a unique situation—a majority of faculty votes in a cohesive department—that enables us to strategically build for the future. We envision a future with visiting scholars, post-doctoral appointments, scholarships, international student internships, an endowed chair or two, a renown Masters degree program, development of our Center for Economic Education; training with our Consortium for Latin America Economic Education partners, partnerships with local area universities to offer joint J.D. and M.A. degrees, and eventually, in partnership, a doctoral program."

Dr. Ortega continues, "we have made great strides toward these goals and will reach our objectives by continuing to attract faculty members who pride themselves on exemplary teaching and outstanding applied research. A primary question for me to examine is how will a separate 501c (3) Center for Classical Liberal Studies help us with fund raising, scholarships, and visiting scholars?"



## Special Event with KSFO's Melanie Morgan

October SVARW Meeting – Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>

In place of our regular mid-week SVARW meeting, our October meeting will take place on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for all of our members who are unable to attend during the week. Maria and Larry Fischer have graciously provided their backyard for this sure to be sold out event.

SVARW along with several other organizations will be hosting a book-signing event featuring KSFO's Melanie Morgan. **Complete details and signup form are found on page 7** of this newsletter.

Melanie will be reviewing her book, "American Mourning" along with co-author Catherine Moy. Cost is \$35 and includes continental breakfast, a signed copy of American Mourning and, of course, a Mimosa. Of course, husbands and friends are invited but **everyone needs a ticket!** If you already own "American Mourning" or if you will end up with two copies because your spouse attends the event, the Veteran's hospital will happily accept your extra book as a donation.



## NEWS

### SVARW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2007

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## SVARW ANNOUNCEMENTS

### It's Time to Renew Your SVARW Membership for 2008

Our membership year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership renewals must be received by December 31, 2007, to ensure uninterrupted delivery of your SVARW Newsletter. Dues for 2008 remain the same:

\$20 for members, \$5 for supporting spouse.

To date in 2007, **SVARW** has hosted an impressive lineup of speakers and events including: January's Dr. History from KSFO's Brian Sussman Show.

February's Lance Izumi from Pacific Research Institute with a report card on education in California.

March's trip to Lawrence Livermore Labs for a behind the scenes look.

April's speaker, Barbara Alby, who went from welfare mom to the California Legislature.

May's update on the anti-family legislation going through Sacramento from Capitol Resource Institute's Executive Director, Karen England, confirmed our worst fears.

June's Red, White and Blue meeting featuring National Guard Staff Sgt. Kenneth Weichert revealing his participation in the capture of Saddam Hussein.

August's Stars and Stripes Gala with special guests San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed and City Councilman Pete Constant.

#### ***Upcoming events in 2007 and 2008 include.***

Our October 6<sup>th</sup> event with KSFO's Melanie Morgan.

Return of Barbara Alby, our California representative to the National Republican Party.

Candidate forums...it's an election year and you'll want to hear from local candidates!

Updates on the ballot initiatives.

And more!

***To renew your membership, make out your check to SVARW and send to Kyra Hubis at: 1459 Corte De Rosa, San Jose, CA 95120.***

### Republican Affairs

Conservative Republican to Run in 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

The 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District is seat that Richard Pombo lost in 2006. The district covers a very wide area including portions of San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Santa Clara and Alameda Counties. For 2008, the RNC (Republican National Committee) has targeted 14 congressional districts across the US in a bid to win back the House of Representatives (can we all say bye bye to Nancy Pelosi!!).

This seat should be in Republican hands. Pombo lost to McNeary, 53% to 47%. The Republicans have the registration edge in the district with 43% of the registered voters. There are 4 swing areas in the 11<sup>th</sup> district that will determine the election—one of those is Morgan Hill.

Dean Andal, a Republican who served in the State Assembly and on the California Board of Equalization, is a terrific candidate with a great track record. Although most SVARW members do not live in the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, we can impact the makeup of the US House of Representatives! ***If we help turnout the Republican vote in Morgan Hill, we can impact this election!***

Find more information about Dean Andal on the SVARW Website.

## SVARW Board of Directors

The SVARW Board of Directors is the governing body of the Association and conducts all necessary business between general meetings. The Board of Directors includes three "Members at Large" nominated by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. Members at Large serve as advocates for the general membership. If a member of the Association wishes to have the Board of Directors address an idea, issue, concern, etc, they should contact one of the Members at Large.

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\* Executive Committee Members



### SVARW Nominations for 2008 Officers

At the September meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor for the election of SVARW 2008 Officers. The nomination committee chaired by Maria Fischer has nominated the following people:

**President — Jan Soule**

**Vice President — Lisa Marshik**

**Recording Secretary—Laurette Mayo-Blasig**

**Corresponding Secretary — Gail DeSmet**

Since our October meeting is a special event with Melanie Morgan, the SVARW Board of Directors has decided to hold the election of officers for 2008 on October 31st prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors. An absentee ballot will be printed in the October newsletter for use of members who will be unable to attend the October 31st meeting. Absentee ballots are due October 24th.



## Welcome New Members!

**Lisa Gould**

**Jan de Carli**  
upporing member -  
**Bruce Powell**

**June Valentine**

**Susan Reyes Esteves,**  
**Husband: Jose.** Jose is  
the Mayor of Milpitas  
and plans to run for  
County Supervisor

**Kathleen Herington,**  
**Husband Bill**

**Lisa Billiet**

**Glenda Corsmo, Sup-**  
**porting Husband - Tim**

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**Victor Ajlouny —**  
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## LEGISLATION UPDATE

BY CLAUDETTE AVERILL

### STATE

#### **We must ask the Governor, to veto SB 777. AB 394 Has Died.**

The passage of the California State budget clears the way for a raft of anti-family bills to work their way to the Governor's desk. They include:

AB 43 (Leno) – licensing full-blown homosexual "marriages" and imposing them on every community

SB 11 (Migden) – awarding all the rights of marriage to heterosexual couples who shack up and refuse to get married

AB 102 (Ma) -- awarding the public image of marriage to homosexual partners (e.g., allowing registered gay partners to automatically get the same last name, and call themselves "Mr. and Mr. Jones.")

SB 564 (Ridley-Thomas) – spending millions of taxpayer dollars per year for school-based clinics, which will distribute contraceptives and refer out for abortions, without parental knowledge or consent

AB 16 (Hernandez) -- pressuring public school parents of 11- and 12-year-old girls to be injected with the controversial vaccine targeting HPV, which is spread exclusively through sexual contact

But the worst bill of all, in my opinion, are SB 777 (Kuehl). This bill would force children as young as kindergarten to believe that homosexuality, bisexuality, and trans-sexuality are good, natural and maybe for them. This bill is based on the California Penal Code definition of "sexual orientation," which includes homosexuality and bisexuality, and "gender," which includes trans-sexuality and sex changes.

**Please take immediate action:** Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger must receive a new "flash flood" of opposition phone calls and emails demanding that he veto SB 777. Act now. There are just over two weeks before the end of the legislative session, when these antifamily bills are expected to land on Schwarzenegger's desk.

Call Governor Schwarzenegger at (916) 445-2841 and his six other offices

Send a powerful, prewritten email message to Schwarzenegger and every state legislator

Print and distribute information to your churches.

I will have a letter to the Governor at the next meeting regarding SB 777 that you may fax to him

The following bill may be voted on by the Senate at any time:

AB 14 Homosexual 'Discrimination' (Laird) This legislation would grant more special privileges to homosexuals by enacting the "Civil Rights Act of 2007." By changing over FIFTY areas of the law, this a sweeping piece of legislation that continues to advance the radical homosexual agenda.

Action-Contact your Senator and tell him/her to vote "NO" on AB 14.

#### **The following bill may be voted on by the Assembly at any time:**

SB 37-Abolishing the Electoral College (Migden) After the controversial 2000 election, some disgruntled politicians have argued that the presidential election should be won by the popular vote. (remember that John Kennedy did not win by the popular vote). However, the Founding Fathers established the Electoral College to ensure that those living in less populous regions have an equal voice to those in more populous areas.

### NATION

AR 1592 Local Law Enforce Hate Crimes Prevention Act (Conyers-D-MI) This bill provides Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute any speech against homosexuality. This bill passed the House with 93% of Democrats supporting and 87% of Republicans opposing.

HR 1074 Ryan-DeLauro Bill has been reintroduced in Congress. This bill is lauded as a way to prevent unwanted pregnancies. The reality of this bill is to double the funding for Title X, which provides money to organizations like Planned Parenthood, which is an abortion machine. The Administration strongly opposes House passage of this bill. Action-Ask your Congressman to oppose this bill.

# A REPUBLICAN LOOKS AT PRESIDENT HILLARY

BY ERNIE KONNYU

You probably won't like my conclusions about President Hillary but you'll be fascinated with her march to the White House.

To some, Hillary is a scolding, calculating, bad tempered woman. To others she is a champion admired for her deeds and is a model for the modern career woman. To yet others she is one who failed to follow the established principles of liberal womanhood. To all she is well known. Half like her while most of the rest don't.

So who is Hillary really?

In a high school letter, Hillary wrote, "I am a heart liberal but a mind conservative!" In another letter she identified herself as a, "compassionate misanthrope". One of her biographers, Gail Sheehy, described her ideology in *Hillary's Choice*. Along with her goals on women's rights, this pro choice advocate is personally opposed to abortion, supports the death penalty and, despite her advocacy for gay rights, believes that homosexuality is not natural.

Sheehy continues about Hillary, the 1964 high school Young Republican and Barry Goldwater girl. Sheehy explains Hillary's personality through her Chicago suburban upbringing by a dominant Republican father. Her dad, "...rose from the coal mines of Wales to become successful in America" and, "taught his children that life is tough, emotion is a sign of weakness and you must compete and win."

Her Wellesley College thesis was titled, "There is only the fight." In it she championed the leftist radical, a Communist according to some, Saul Alinsky who believed in the politics of personal destruction. Alinsky, who wrote in *Playboy* that he wanted to go to Hell where there are more who need to be organized, advocated the, "end of achieving power justifies a range of means."

Her work making Bill the governor resulted from burning personal ambition generated by a Yale Law School degree mixed with self-doubt about how to satisfy that ambition. Hillary's U.S. Senate race, writes Sheehy, was based on redemption for her husband's tarnished presidency, the sullied family name caused by his women problems and lying under oath, and the pain of her highly publicized failure to reform health care.

The central ideological goal of this compassionate misanthrope was best described by her keynote address at the Vital Voices Conference in Vienna, Austria on July 11, 1997, "We are here to advance the cause of women and to advance the cause of democracy and to make it absolutely clear that the two are inseparable. There cannot be true democracy unless women's voices are heard. There cannot be true democracy unless women are given the opportunity to take responsibility for their own lives."

Jack Hitt writes in *Mother Jones* magazine that, "Bill's wife is the secret identity of Wonder Woman." Hitt explains his quote with a joke. Bill, seeing Hillary chatting with an old boyfriend pumping gas at a filling station says to her, "Just think, if you'd married him, you could have been the wife of a gas station attendant," to which Hillary replies, "Bill, if I married him, he would have become president."

Hitt further explains why so many liberal career women dislike Hillary. They wanted her to take a stand against "male grossness", against "Lewinsky-gate." These liberals wanted her to step out of the marriage because of Bill's unfaithfulness, which is, "...a complete denial of her womanhood, an essential insult." Hillary explains in her autobiography, *Living History*, that she had a choice, something these same liberals say a woman must have, and she chose her marriage.

Another liberal problem is Iraq and her former strong support of President Bush on that score. She attacked that head-on by joining Democratic forces in calling for an early withdrawal. She added in the first Democratic televised debate that, if the President does not get us out of the war before he leaves office, she will when she is President. The left still grumbles but most Democrats accepted her stand.

Her biggest unsolved problem is how to get Congress to pass full healthcare reform so that the poor and the uninsured and underinsured middle class would obtain needed medical care. The root of her dilemma was best explained by her friendly commentator, former Senator Barry Goldwater. He said in a *Washington Post* article, "If you made it (her health care bill) law it would cost as much as the whole country is worth." (continued on page 8.)



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**Rising Tide 2007  
5TH ANNUAL GALA -  
Sept. 15th, 5pm.**

Premier Republican Summer Gala for San Francisco Bay area. Join more than 300 people for networking, speakers, live entertainment and BBQ at the Home of Atherton Town Council Member and Former Mayor Charles Marsala.

**Register Now**  
**[www.RisingTide2007.us](http://www.RisingTide2007.us)**  
**\$45 per person**

## What a Party We Had on August 25!

On a pleasant summer evening, over 100 people attended the August 25<sup>th</sup> SVARW Stars and Stripes Gala at the beautiful home of Maria and Larry Fisher. Members, who have regularly attended our Stars and Stripes Gala over the past years, vowed that this year was the best event ever! Both "old timers" and "first timers" were wowed by:

### The dignitaries who honored SVARW with their presence:

San Jose Mayor **Chuck Reed** and his wife Paula who can really dance up a storm. Mayor Reed asked SVARW to help elect more people like Pete Constant.

San Jose City Councilman **Pete Constant** and his wife Julie. Pete thanked our group for being one of his very early supporters in his successful race to break the Democrat stronghold on the San Jose City Council.

Santa Clara County GOP Chairman, **Keen Butcher**, who thanked SVARW for their continuing support for the Party and local candidates.

Milpitas Mayor **Jose Esteves**, who is planning to run for Santa Clara County Supervisor.

Milpitas City Councilmember **Debbie Giordano**

Los Gatos Town Councilmember **Mike Wasserman** and his wife Kim

Former US Congressman, **Ernie Konnyu** and his wife Lillian

Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce President and former San Jose City Councilmember **Pat Dando** and her husband Richard.

**The raffle.** Our event this year featured terrific raffle prizes plus every non-winning ticket went into a second chance drawing for baskets laden with goodies. Our featured prizes included:

Sailing trip and lunch for 6 on San Francisco Bay courtesy of Ken Geiser.



Former US Congressman Ernie Konnyu and wife Lillian chat with SVARW newsletter editor Judy Cziprian.

Greek Dinner for 8 courtesy of Maria Fischer

Hungarian Dinner for 8 courtesy of Judy Cziprian. [Note to Ernie Konnyu—better luck next year!]

Three-night Bed and Breakfast stay in Maui courtesy of Maria and Larry Fischer.

Four-night stay in Kings Beach Tahoe Condo—Susan Silver got this one for us!

Shooting Lesson and lunch on working cattle ranch courtesy of J.P. Puette

Rio Del Mar Bed and Breakfast— Susan Silver got this one for us!

Relationships in Black and White Portrait sitting courtesy of Delgado Photography.

**The music.** Former Doobie Brother, Danny Hull and Kurt Andersen, the singing architect, played and sung while we danced on the Fischer's tennis court. Danny's "one more song" turned into about six more songs...no one wanted to leave.

**The food.** Pat Smith's Extravaganza hit a bull's eye once again. After unbelievable appetizers, most attendees couldn't imagine there was still more to eat and drink!

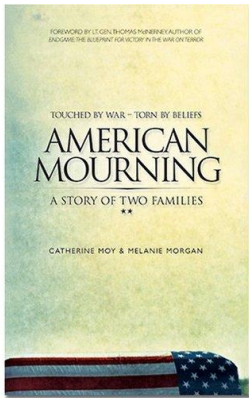
Check out the SVARW website for more photos of the event!



(l-r) Lisa Marshik, Jan Soule, Julie and Councilmember Pete Constant and Maria Fischer, whose house hosted this event.



Jan Soule with Milpitas Mayor, Jose Esteves.



Conservative Women's Group (CWG)  
West Valley Republican Women (WVRW)  
Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women (SVARW)  
Present

## **Mimosas With Melanie**

### **Book Signing Event with Melanie Morgan**

**Saturday, October 6, 2007**  
**11:00 AM**

Come hear Melanie Morgan review her book, *American Mourning*, with co-author Catherine Moy. Melanie, will of course, sign each book!

**American Mourning:** The Intimate Story of Two Families Joined by War, Torn by Beliefs. The book highlights stories of American heroism in operation Iraqi freedom. Rated 4 1/2 out of 5 stars (on KSFO website) the list price is \$22.95.

Tickets for the event include **Continental Breakfast** with a **Mimosa** plus a **copy of American Mourning**. **Pre-event tickets are: \$35 [\$40 at the door]**

**Questions?** Lisa Marshik 408-358-0828

**Location:** Home of Larry & Maria Fischer, 105 Kathy Court, Los Gatos 95032

Please consider carpooling. Also consider making a voluntary cash donation to Melanie Morgan (\$10) because she has generously waived her \$1500 speaking fee for our group.

**Orders for Pre-Event Tickets Must be received by**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 3rd**  
**Price at Door: \$40**

### *MIMOSAS WITH MELANIE — PRE-EVENT TICKET*

*FORM — MAKE CHECK FOR \$35 PAYABLE TO SVARW AND MAIL TO: SVARW, P.O BOX 3194, SARATOGA, CA 95070*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If you are order multiple tickets, please provide the names of the additional guests here:



**Melanie Morgan**

Melanie Morgan, a conservative activist, co-hosts popular KSFO 560 morning HOT TALK radio show with Lee Rodgers. She is co-founder of conservative, pro-troop, non-profit organization Move America Forward. MAF raises and donates more than \$1M annually for the troops.

Melanie led the popular 'You Don't Speak for me Cindy' counter protest of anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan. She also led the effort to recall Calif. governor Grey Davis.

**Questions? Lisa Marshik 408-358-0828**



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(cont'd from p. 5) Her successes to date in her march to the presidency are undeniable. Whether it is fundraising, her excellent debate performances, or her poll numbers, they all spell victory over the Democratic field. She is leading her top challenger, the inexperienced liberal Senator, Barack Hussein Obama, by mostly double digit numbers. The Democrats are not going to nominate for president somebody with a middle name of Hussein. The other hopefuls are out of it for all intents and purposes. Barring major Clinton mistakes, and it looks like it would take more than one, she will win the Democratic nomination.

Her likely general election opponent will be the tough talking, crime fighting prosecutor and former New York mayor, Rudy Giuliani. Interestingly, they both worked on the Watergate prosecution team. This thrice married nominal Catholic has led her in the national polls by a couple of points throughout this year despite Hillary's clear lead among women. On the other hand, she has a wide lead over him in the two largest states, New York and California.

Carl Rove is once again wrong in positing that Hillary is fatally flawed due to her near 50% poll negatives. In a Giuliani-Clinton showdown every poll indicates that the independent voters will break for her so the key will be her ability to unite the Democrats. With reasonable success, something pretty well predictable, she will not need a single Republican vote to win and to do so convincingly.

New York and California, Washington and Oregon as well as New England and Ohio will be Clinton's. She will not need a lot more from the Midwest to clinch it. And whenever doubt sets in for Hillary, all she has to do for recovery is look in the Democratic-friendly sky for the winning sign, "Iraq! Iraq! Iraq!"

The vision is clear. It is uncomfortable for this Republican to write the seemingly inevitable so let me ring the alarm bell to our side and shout, "President Hillary is on her way! What are you doing to stop her?"

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