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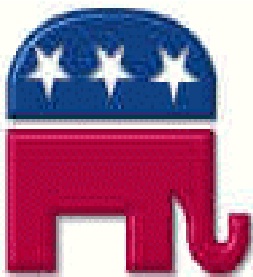
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ♦ **September 21**—Our Monthly Meeting featuring *Gloria Chacon*. An Inside Look at the SCC Civil Grand Jury.
- ♦ **October 19**—"The Ominous Tentacles of Agenda 21" with *Orlean Koehle*, State President Eagle Forum of California.
- ♦ **November 3**—Campaign Workshop with Victor Ajlouny.
- ♦ **December 10**—Last Patriot Party of the Year!

SVARW MONTHLY MEETINGS

La Rinconada
Country Club

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



September 21, 2011 —SVARW Monthly Meeting

"An Insider Look at the Civil Grand Jury"



Gloria Alicia Chacon—Court Manager, Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury

Gloria will be speaking about the important work of the Grand Jury and discuss past cases. She will also provide information about serving on the Grand Jury.

Gloria has been with the Santa Clara Superior Court for over 20 years. She was appointed to the position of Executive Assistant to the Civil Grand Jury in 1993. Now a Court Manager, one of Gloria's biggest responsibilities is the recruitment of prospective Grand Jurors. Through year-round community outreach, Gloria gets the word out to churches, educational institutions, community and service organizations, public officials and the media.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Meeting Information: La Rinconada Country Club,
14595 Clearview Dr. Los Gatos, CA 95032,
Check in: 9:00 AM — Program Begins: 9:30 AM
Cost: \$13 includes Continental Breakfast

...and on October 19, 2011— SVARW's Monthly Meeting

Orlean will be speaking about Agenda 21 – the United Nations' comprehensive plan created in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 that seeks to transform our nation. An expert on Agenda 21, Orlean will specifically be discussing that we do not get to vote and how its tentacles are into society to negatively transform our representative state. Examples include:

"The Ominous Tentacles of Agenda 21"

With
Orlean Koehle

- The Three E's of Sustainable Development - Economy, Equity, and Environment" which are based on Marxist central planning - not a free enterprise system.
- Limiting and redistributing energy via Smart Meters, Smart Grids, etc.
- Transforming schools and universities into propaganda and indoctrination centers.
- Attacking rural property rights by using environmental scare tactics and the cloak of "green".
- Using "urban growth boundaries", "redevelopment districts," and "visioning", regional plans such as "One Bay" in the San Francisco Bay Area, Agenda 21 seeks to transform our cities into crowded "sustainable development communities" with "stack em and pack em housing" and limited parking spaces.
- Transforming transportation to promote the limited use of cars.
- Transforming traditional American society by changing traditional family structure, values and morality; Agenda 21 seeks to destroy the Judeo-Christian foundation of our nation and replace it with secular humanism and a new-age, earth-worshipping religion.



MORE UPCOMING EVENTS...

Campaign Workshop set for November 3rd

Save the Date!

RSVP Today

Thinking of running for office or assisting in a campaign? Don't miss our upcoming campaign workshop scheduled for November 3, 2011. Our first workshop in March proved overall picture of what goes into running a campaign. Ajlouny will provide insights on running for local office.

Victor has served as a political consultant to Chuck Mayor of San Jose, as well as, the successful passage served as a consultant in many other local races in



Reed in his successful election and re-election as of San Jose Measures U and V in 2010. Victor has also Santa Clara County.

Thursday, November 3rd, 2011

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Almaden Community Center, AL Room #4

6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose 95120

If you're motivated to make a difference and get involved at any level, or to sign up for future, more in depth seminars,

please Contact Gail DeSmet:

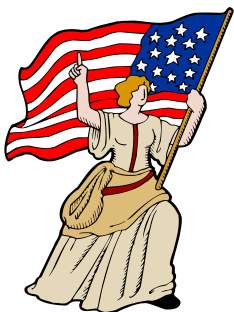
CandidateDevelopment@SVARW.com

Hors d'oeuvres will be served!

PATRIOT PARTY!

If you have attended our Patriot Parties you know it is a great way to have fun with like-minded conservatives. Our last Patriot Party of the year will be very special.

The price of admission will be \$25 per person...but instead of writing a check to SVARW you'll have the opportunity of donating \$25 or more to your favorite candidate. Choose to write your check to your favorite presidential contender, or, even your favorite conservative candidate for a local non-partisan race. Any declared candidate who can legally collect campaign funds qualifies.



More details to follow!! Put December 10th on your calendar today!

Stars and Stripes Celebration a Success!

By Debra Janssen-Martinez

A new and elegant venue, perfect weather and a record attendance all combined for a successful 2011 Stars and Stripes Gala. A new record attendance of 250 enjoyed a delicious three course buffet, spirited dancing and the stimulating company of fellow "right thinkers." Several local elected, former, and prospective representatives added a chance for interaction with their constituents.

SVARW's annual gala is a great way for new and prospective members to mingle with current members and local elected officials in a fun and casual setting. It's also a way for our membership to celebrate and promote our dedication to Conservative principals, issues and candidates.

As the SVARW membership has grown, we've expanded from Maria Fischer's lovely Los Gatos home, to the Los Gatos Elks Club, and finally to this year's **Mission Hills Conference Center**. The Center is also the home of new SVARW member *Suzanna Cody* and her gracious husband *Rob Hills*. Many thanks to them for opening their home and event center for our celebration!



Beautiful Mission Hills Center!

Amongst those local Pols in attendance were: *Mike Wasserman*, County Supervisor, District 1, along with his charming wife Kim. He shared lots of news about the Board and his district's new boundaries, which now include Monte Sereno. San Jose City Councilman, *Pete Constant* and his wife, *Julie*, a member of the Campbell Union Elementary School Board, enjoyed lively input from many of the attendees. *Leslie Reynolds*, Candidate for San Jose City Council, District 10, mingled with friends and potential supporters. The current San Jose School Board member has been endorsed by SVARW, and we're excited to help her add an experienced voice for smart governance to the influential local government entity. Former 12th District U.S. Republican Congressman *Ernie Konnyu* was also in present.

Special thanks to Executive Board Member *Lisa Marshik*, Membership Chair, for her hard work planning and organizing the event, along with all the dedicated Executive Board, Board of Directors, members and family who pitched in with everything from menu planning, decoration, raffle donations, bar/ food prep, and serving to invitations, publicity, donating craft ale, and ticket sales. It was a lot of hard work, well worth it for such a successful gathering!

Welcome New Members!

Debra Kerwin As Debra's 60th birthday approached, she found herself asking herself much more of: "If not now, when?" Finding other conservatives has been on Debra's list for some time. She joined the Conservative Forum about two years ago and although she very much enjoys the speakers, she was looking for more of a connection with other conservative people. Debra was aware of SVARW, saw Stars and Stripes on the Conservative Calendar, and signed up. She wants to spend time with like-minded people who think and read and ask questions! Debra's passion is above all about children – she has four, all working and all paying taxes she says. She is concerned about how many people each of her kids will be expected to support in the future! She is also concerned about illegal aliens' impact on crime, education, healthcare, police, unemployment, and welfare. Currently searching for new employment, Debra is embarking on a new beginning for herself and we are glad that SVARW is a part!

Mel Honda Mel says that SVARW was attractive to him because he wanted to interact with other like-minded people. His passion is to participate in the continuation of Western Civilization as we know it, as he believes that we are witnessing the destruction of it. He explains, "History shows us that the first generation builds it, the second enjoys it and the third destroys it." He is also concerned that our children are not getting decent educations, and that we are allowing a group such as CTA to control education. Mel and his wife enjoy travel, great food and wine – and he notes that it is an ongoing battle to enjoy their lifestyle without giving in to it. . . .

Suzanna Cody Suzanna was born in England of an American father and Canadian mother during WWII. Raised in Toronto, Canada, she moved to the U.S., to attend boarding school and live part time with her American grandparents. Living in other countries made it was clear to her that Americans enjoyed greater "freedoms" than populations in other countries. It took 5 long years of consecutive residence to receive US Citizenship in 2010. Determined to follow family tradition by becoming a Republican once she became a US Citizen, she values the principles of the party, although not always comfortable with the practices. Her mother's family arrived in Jamestown, VA in 1607, her father's family arrived by Mayflower and at least 25 of her ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War. She cherishes the U.S. Constitution and the "Spirit of America" in terms of entrepreneurship, accountable leadership, sustainable community and personal responsibility in governance. Suzanna thanks God that she's now a legal American as well as a genetic one.

Vilma Reynolds Vilma has always been a conservative thinking person. She immigrated from the Philippines in 1980 when she married her husband. She became a citizen in 1985 and immediately registered as a Republican. Vilma is most concerned with issues affecting the aging population, especially veterans, and how our government is taking care of both, in regards to retirement health care. She is also concerned about our economy, and a fears tax increases, and wasteful government spending. She is a very friendly person that loves to laugh.



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Legislation

By Claudette Averill

STATE LEGISLATION

As the California legislative session draws to a close, several of the bills could be considered at any time on the Senate and Assembly floors. After September 9, all bills that pass their second house will be in the hands of Gov. Brown, who will have 30 days to sign or veto them. Bills the governor does not veto will automatically become law October 9.

SB 48 FAIR (Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful) Education Act. Has been signed by the governor. A stay has been put on SB 48 and a petition to rescind the bill will be on your table to sign.

AB 90, an anti-trafficking bill we support, and which we expect to pass the Senate floor. This bill expands the current definition of trafficking under CA. law to bring it into conformity with federal law. Specifically eliminates the prior requirement to prove force, fraud and coercion for minors under 18. In stead, the law enforcement must only show that the defendant caused, induced, encouraged, or persuaded the victim who, when under 18, cannot legally consent to sexual acts. **ACTION:** Ask Gov. Brown to sign this bill. *Phone: (916) 445-2841; Fax: (916) 558-3160; Web mail:*

AB 499 will allow minors as young as 12 to seek medical services for the prevention of sexually-transmitted diseases without parental knowledge. This includes the dangerous three-injection Gardasil vaccination for the prevention of some strains of human papillomavirus. **ACTION:** *Ask your state senator to oppose AB 499.*

SB 747 requires medical personnel to participate in special sensitivity training for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender patients. As with all the above bills, a floor vote is expected at any time. *Please ask your assembly member to oppose SB 747.*

AB 12 Abolition of Child Commerce, Exploitation, and Sexual Slavery Act of 2011 The measure increases the fine for persons convicted of a crime involving the solicitation or procurement of a minor under 16 years of age for sexual purposes, including prostitution. In addition to imprisonment, those convicted will be ordered to pay a fine of \$25,000 to be deposited in the Victim-Witness Assistance Fund. The current fine is \$5,000. **ACTION:** This bill has been signed by the governor.

PROP 8 - California Supreme Court is set to hear arguments on Prop 8. 31 states have passed laws that marriage is between one man and one woman.

Reminder: SB 48 Referendum in Process

The California Constitution provides for the repeal of a recently enrolled law by the referendum process. For a referendum to reach the ballot, sufficient valid signatures must be gathered within 90 days of enrollment. A group of California pro-family organizations has launched a referendum to repeal SB 48. To reverse the law, 504,760 valid signatures must be gathered by **October 12, 2011**. To find out more and download or request petitions, visit StopSB48.com. Because the StopSB48 referendum involves an issue and not a candidate, churches may encourage their congregants to participate in signing and circulating petitions. Petitions for more than 2 signatures can be picked up at the Chinese Church in Christ at 1490 Saratoga Ave. 364-2242 ex 112

The PDF version of this petition can be downloaded at:

<http://stopsb48.com>

PLEASE, download, sign and return petitions to:

STOP SB48, 660 J Street Suite 250, Sacramento, CA 95814

Referendum Against an Act Passed by the Legislature.

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

REFERENDUM TO OVERTURN NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL INSTRUCTION. If signed by the required number of registered voters and filed with the Secretary of State, this petition will place on the statewide ballot a challenge to a state law previously approved by the Legislature and Governor. The law must then be approved by a majority of voters at the next statewide election to go into effect. The law would require school instructional materials to recognize societal contributions of various groups; and would prohibit school instructional materials that reflect adversely on persons based on their ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and other characteristics. (11-0023.)

To the Honorable Secretary of State of California

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of _____ County (or City and County), hereby propose a referendum to the electors to approve or reject Chapter 81, Statutes of 2011, an Act passed by the Legislature and approved by the Governor, and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election or otherwise provided by law.

The full title and text of Chapter 569 are set forth as follows:

An act to amend Sections 51204.5, 51500, 51501, 60040, and 60044 of the Education Code, relating to instruction.

SECTION 1. Section 51204.5 of the Education Code is amended to read:

51204.5. Instruction in social sciences shall include the early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of both men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups, to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States of America, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society.

SEC. 2. Section 51500 of the Education Code is amended to read: 51500. A teacher shall not give instruction and a school district shall not sponsor any activity that promotes a discriminatory bias on the basis of race or ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, nationality,

sexual orientation, or because of a characteristic listed in Section 220.

SEC. 3. Section 51501 of the Education Code is amended to read: 51501. The state board and any governing board shall not adopt any textbooks or other instructional materials for use in the public schools that contain any matter reflecting adversely upon persons on the basis of race or ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, nationality, sexual orientation, or because of a characteristic listed in Section 220.

SEC. 4. Section 60040 of the Education Code is amended to read: 60040. When adopting instructional materials for use in the schools, governing boards shall include only instructional materials which, in their determination, accurately portray the cultural and racial diversity of our society, including:

(a) The contributions of both men and women in all types of roles, including professional, vocational, and executive roles.

(b) The role and contributions of Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural

groups to the total development of California and the United States.

(c) The role and contributions of the entrepreneur and labor in the total development of California and the United States.

SEC. 5. Section 60044 of the Education Code is amended to read:

60044. A governing board shall not adopt any instructional materials for use in the schools that, in its determination, contain:

(a) Any matter reflecting adversely upon persons on the basis of race or ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, nationality, sexual orientation, occupation, or because of a characteristic listed in Section 220.

(b) Any sectarian or denominational doctrine or propaganda contrary to law.


SEC. 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that alternative and charter schools take notice of the provisions of this act in light of Section 235 of the Education Code, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other specified characteristics in any aspect of the operation of alternative and charter schools.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER OR A VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK.

All signers of this petition must be registered in _____ County.

This column for official use only.

Write in the name of the county.

REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY	1.	Print Your Name: _____	Residence Address ONLY: _____	 Print your name and address. Then sign as you are registered to vote.
		Signature as Registered to Vote: _____	City: _____ Zip: _____	
	2.	Print Your Name: _____	Residence Address ONLY: _____	
		Signature as Registered to Vote: _____	City: _____ Zip: _____	

DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR (To be handwritten by the circulator after above signatures have been obtained)

I, _____, am registered to vote in the County (or City and County) of _____, or am qualified to register to vote in California. My residence address is _____.

I circulated this section of the petition and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this petition is, to the best of my information and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. All signatures on this document were obtained between the dates of _____ and _____. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, at _____.

SIGNATURE: _____ Email (optional): _____

Return petitions to: Stop SB 48, 660 J Street, Suite 250, Sacramento, CA 95814

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

HR 217 *Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act* – will stop federal dollars from going to groups that perform and promote abortions. This bill is in the House Sub-committee on the Judiciary. Bill in Subcommittee on Health 2/1/11. [Support](#).

S 91 & HR 374 *Life at Conception Act* – defines personhood from the moment of conception. In the Senate & House Committees on the Judiciary. [Support](#).

HR 3 – This bill would prohibit public funding of abortion in all federal programs and would ensure that no federal funds would be used for elective abortions. It would also codify the Hyde and Helms amendments, which currently must be renewed every year, and would further protect the conscience clause for medical professionals and institutions found in the Hyde-Weldon amendment. Passed the House. **ACTION:** [Call Senators Feinstein and Boxer to support HR 3.](#)

HR 1681 – *Every Child Deserves a Family Act* would prohibit any entity that receives Federal child welfare funds from denying or delaying adoption or foster care placements based solely on the prospective parent's marital status or sexual orientation. States and child welfare agencies that fail to end discriminatory practices would face financial penalties. In House Committee on Ways and Means. **ACTION:** [Ask your representative to oppose HR 1681.](#)

HR 98 builds on the E-Verify program by creating an easy to use electronic verification system based on a secure, tamper-proof Social Security card, which employers can use to electronically verify the work authorization status of prospective employees. Also increases penalties for employers who hire illegal immigrants by increasing fines to \$50,000 from \$ 2,000, applying jail sentences and requiring the employer to pay for deportation. **ACTION:** [Support](#).

HR 152 *The National Guard Border Enforcement Act* authorizes the Secretary of Defense to make 10,000 National Guard troops available upon request of the US Governor. Legislation authorizes the troops to conduct: armed vehicle and foot patrols of the US southern border. In the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities. [Support](#).

STEM CELL RESEARCH

Claudette Averill

Even though it has been proven that only adult stem cells are treating patients, research continues on embryonic stem cells. President Obama issued an executive order, (do you notice how many executive orders he uses to get his way) on March 9, 2009, to force Americans to pay for destructive embryonic stem cell research. Researchers were happy to receive the money even though they do not produce treatments that work.

On August 18, 2011, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Francis Collins approved four more destructive human embryonic stem cell lines, bringing the total number of approved lines to 132 after the NIH's deadly push for approvals earlier this year.

It is unconscionable that Obama bureaucrats are ignoring the facts. The truth is that while NIH continues to waste more taxpayer funds on embryo-killing research, only adult stem cells are treating patients. Over the past few months, there has been research and treatments for adult stem cells. It has helped patients with angina pain, aggressive multiple sclerosis, enlarged hearts, and systemic sclerosis. Over 75 diseases are treated with adult stem cells including: Type 1 Diabetes, Systemic Lupus, Acute Heart Damage, 26 cancers including breast cancer, Parkinson's spinal cord injuries, and Liver Cirrhosis.

The federal government has spent more than half a billion dollars on deadly embryonic stem cell research since 2002, and funding for this controversial research has increased more than 40 percent since 2008. Funding for adult stem cell research increased only 20 %.

Reps. Randy Forbes (R-Virginia) and Dan Lipinske (D-Illinois) are preparing to reintroduce their bill, the Patients First Act, this month. This bill would prioritize stem cell funding for projects that have the greatest chance for near-term benefit for patients based on the scientific evidence.

At a time when our nation is combating rising health care costs, investing in effective ethical adult stem cell research is the responsible thing to do.

ACTION: [Please call your representative and ask him/her to be an ORIGINAL CO-SPONSOR on this important legislation.](#)



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Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 28th
@ 9:30 AM

Sunshine

Norine 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 Bacon and let her know who needs a special call or card.
408-377-7111

SECURE COMMUNITIES MEETING WITH POLICE CHIEF

By Carol Joyal

Don Barich was upset by the San Jose Police Department's kowtowing to certain groups demands to end cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and he organized a group of representatives from local conservative organizations to talk with Chief Chris Moore. The chief informed us that in job interviews the City Council candidates promised not to cooperate in deportation of illegal aliens who hadn't committed serious felonies. The familiar excuses are that aliens would not report crime and battered women would be afraid to come forward, etc. Chief Moore said the decisions are at the Council level and we should pursue them there.

We assured the Chief that we supported the Department, and thanked him for the recent success of the special gang task force with ICE agents. He assured us ICE could be called in another situation such as this. Meanwhile we need to send letters of support to the Police Department, pursue this matter with our Council members, and organize conservative group members to monitor the situation. The majority of the Council members need to feel the safety of the San Jose area should come before protecting those here illegally.

The following is the slate for the Executive Committee elections.

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Support Our Military

Overseas Coupon Program

Send your coupons to soldiers overseas! This program serves military families by assisting us to forward "manufacturer's coupons" to overseas military bases. **To date, we have sent \$12,936.39 in coupons to the U.S. Navy base in Gaeta, Italy.**

These bundles of coupons are placed on tables, at the PX and Commissary, or handed out for use by military members and families on base. This helps a military family save valuable dollars and stretch their budget. Please follow these four easy steps:

1. Clip your "manufacturer's coupons" with expirations dates that are **no more than one month** past their expiration date.
2. Please sort your coupons into "food" and "non-food" bundles and place them into Ziploc baggies.
3. **Tally the dollar total for each bundle and mark on each baggie with a felt tipped pen.**
4. Bring them to the next SVARW meeting and give them to Christina Sand.

Christina will add up all the tallies and send the coupons overseas.

Remember: the magic words are "manufacturer's coupon". Do **not** send restaurant coupons, assistance vouchers, food stamps, or any other assistance items, which generally have a personal name on them or are issued for a specific person to use. Do **not** send store coupons, which are only good at the store named, and cannot be used on a military base overseas.

Any questions? Contact Christina Sand.