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Upcoming Events at SVARW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ▶ **April 5th**— Dining and Dancing with Frank
- ▶ **April 16th** — SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada. Candidate Forum
- ▶ **May 21st** — SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada.
- ▶ **June 18th** — SVARW Meeting at La Rinconada. Traditional Red, White and Blue Meeting
- ▶ **August 23rd**—Stars and Stripes Gala

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

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April 16th SVARW Candidate Forum

Plus...Explanation of Eminent Domain Proposition on June 3rd Ballot

Candidates for local offices will join us to present their stand on issues and answer our questions. Our forum includes:

Frank Chavez – Santa Clara County Supervisor District 2
Jose Esteves – Santa Clara County Supervisor District 3
Ram Signh – San Jose City Council District 2
Pat Waite – San Jose City Council District 8

Each participant in the forum was invited to submit a statement about their background and candidacy. Please see pages 6 for more information on each candidate.

Two propositions dealing with Eminent Domain will be on the June 3rd ballot. Frank Chavez who was on the frontline of the battle with the City of San Jose over the taking of the Tropicana Shopping Center by eminent domain will provide background on these propositions.

Location: La Rinconada Country Club. Check in: 9:00 AM. Cost: \$13 includes continental breakfast.

May 21, 2008 – SVARW Meeting –Road to the White House

Guest Speaker: Barbara Alby

Last year the Honorable Barbara Alby kept us spellbound by her account of her life from welfare mom to member of the California Legislature. This year she'll provide her exciting insights into the road to the 2008 Road to the Whitehouse. Don't miss this event!

Join us for our Red, White, and Blue meeting Wednesday, June 18th.

Orlean Koehle, California Eagle Forum President, will be discussing the North American Union and the Security and Prosperity Partnership. Orlean is the author of a new book about this issue which is so vital to our sovereignty. Don't forget your red, white and blue outfits as we learn more about our nation's little known plan, that is already being developed for a European-like union with Canada and Mexico.



Frank Chavez

Fun Raiser!!! Dining and Dancing with Frank

April 5th—Don't Miss It!

If you joined us for the "Dining and Dancing with Dean" you know how much fun a "Fun-Raiser" to support the election of local candidates can be! We have more fun in store on April 5th to support the election of Frank Chavez to Santa Clara County Supervisor. Please see Page 7 for details!



NEWS

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The next SVARW Board Meeting will take place on WEDNESDAY, April 30. If you would like an invitation to the Board Meeting, contact Jan Soule at 408-705-2156

Stars and Stripes Gala set for August 23rd Tickets on Sale Now!!

Tickets are now on sale for the annual SVARW Stars and Stripes Gala. This is an event you won't want to miss. You'll enjoy:

- A fabulous buffet dinner complete with appetizers catered by Pat Smith's Extravaganza. Appetizers include Pat's famous crab cakes, bacon wrapped dates, coconut prawns and more! For dinner feast on rack of lamb and salmon.
- Wine and beverages.
- Dancing under the stars to live music.
- Listening to the music as you're comfortably seated at your festively set table
- Having fun with like-minded friends.

The SVARW Stars and Stripes gala always attracts office holders and candidates who are planning to run for office. Last year attendees included San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed, Milpitas Mayor Jose Esteves, Council members Pete Constant (San Jose), Mike Wasserman (Los Gatos), Debbie Giordano (Milpitas) and others, plus SVARW's big supporter: Santa Clara County GOP Chairman, Keen Butcher.

No more than 100 tickets will be sold so get yours today!

Donations for Stars and Stripes Raffle

Last year SVARW raised over \$1700 at our Stars and Stripes Gala through our raffle. That money is being used to put on candidate Fun Raisers. By paying for "fun raiser" expenses from our funds, 100% of the ticket sales at the Fun Raisers go to the candidates. In January, the "Fun Raiser" for Congressional Candidate Dean Andal brought in over \$4,600 to Dean's campaign! With your help, the "Dining and Dancing with Frank" Fun Raiser on April 5th will be a big success as well.

For our Summer Stars and Stripes Social we are once again collecting items for the raffle. Donations may be brought to the April, May and June meetings and given to Lisa Marshik. Among the donations we could use are, baskets, and **NEW items** including wine, gift certificates, Americanism items, theater tickets, new jewelry, non-perishable food and anything else you think you would like to receive in a basket. This is the perfect opportunity to promote your business or a friend's business. Examples would be: Gift Certificates for consultation on interior design, tax preparation, restaurants, hotels or even a basket prepared that we can credit the business for donating. This is an inexpensive way to market your business!

Do you have a hidden talent? Maybe you do scrap booking or can make sushi. Get creative and offer a gift certificate for your services. Do you have a vacation home you would be willing to offer? Are you crafty—knit an Americana scarf, quilt or jewelry. Last year the popular raffle items included: a Greek dinner for eight, a Hungarian dinner for eight, all day sailing trip on San Francisco Bay, a shooting lesson at JP Puette's ranch, three days in Maui...and much more

Marriage Protection Act

We still have time to obtain more signatures to keep marriage between a man and a woman. Some of my friends are standing at markets; I plan to do the same. Make sure that you mail your petitions by April 11 to the Values Advocacy Council. That will give them time to check them over before they are due in Sacramento. Their address is:

735 Capitol Expressway Auto Mall—San Jose, CA 95136—408-267-0800



The Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women Presents

Stars and Stripes Celebration

Dinner and Dancing Under the Stars

Saturday, August 23, 2007

6:00 - 10:00 P.M.

At the beautiful home of Larry and Maria Fischer at 105 Kathy Court, Los Gatos

Live Music and Dancing

Spectacular Gourmet Dinner Catered by Pat Smith — Wine Included

Fantastic Raffle Prizes!!!!

Dress is Casual Elegant

Questions? Maria Fischer, 408-395-0335 or Lisa Marshik, 408-358-0828

This event is always a sell out and reservations are on a first come first served basis.

All reservations must be accompanied by payment.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Checks received by 6-18</u>	<u>Checks received after 6-18</u>
SVARW Member (including husband Supporting member)	\$60 per person	\$67 per person
Non-members*	\$70 per person	\$75 per person

*Non-members may join SVARW today and pay the member rate. Dues are \$20 with this form only and will apply to the remainder of **2008 & 2009**. Husband Supporting Member dues are \$5.

STARS & STRIPES GALA — TICKET ORDER

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SVARW AND MAIL TO: LISA MARSHIK, 319 BLOSSOM VALLEY DR.,
LOS GATOS, CA 95032

Reserve Tickets For: Name	Member/Supporting Member _____ \$60**	Non-Member # _____ \$70**
Reserve Tickets For: Name	_____ \$60**	_____ \$70**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

☐ New Member?

☐ New Supporting Member-Spouse?

#Non-members may join SVARW today and pay the member rate. Dues are \$20 with this form only and will apply to the remainder of **2008& 2007**. Husband Supporting Member dues are \$5. Members: If your husband/date is not a member, he pays the non-member price.

**For orders received after JUNE 18, 2008, Tickets are \$67 for members, \$75 for non-members—NO EXCEPTIONS!

Invited Guests include:

San Jose Mayor
Chuck Reed
San Jose
City Councilman
Pete Constant

GOP County Chairman,
Keen Butcher



Phone Numbers
Local Assemblyman

Ira Ruskin
(650) 691-2121

Jim Beall
(408) 282-8920

Local State Senators
Abel Maldonado
(408) 277-9461

Liz Figueroa
(510) 413-5960

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(650) 688-6384

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Legislation

Home school Outlawed

ACR 115-Restoring Home school Freedom

The California Court of Appeals rule states that home schooling without a teacher's credential is illegal. Assemblyman Joel Anderson (R-El Cajon) has introduced ACR 115 to protect parental rights and help restore home school freedom.

The resolution affirms home schooling as a quality form of education and calls on the California Supreme Court to reverse the lower court's decision, stating that it was a "misguided interpretation" of state law. The resolution also cites United States Supreme Court decisions stating that parents have a "fundamental constitutional right to direct the education and upbringing of their children." **All Republican legislators, with the exception of Assemblyman Niello have asked to co-author ACR 115. Please contact his office and urge him to join his fellow lawmakers in co-authoring the resolution.**

Please call your legislators and thank them for supporting parental rights and home education. You may also go to HSLDA's website that stands for Home School Legal Defense Association and sign their petition to overturn the anti-home schooling petition!

National Guard Tuition Assistance Bill

AB 1758-Giving Back to Those Who Protect Us

AB 1758 is by Assemblyman Chuck Devore (R-70); The California National Guard Tuition Assistance Bill would repeal AB 540 by (Firebaugh) which was passed in 2001. AB 540 gives illegal students an exemption from paying higher, out of state, tuition fees. Instead, illegal students pay tuition as though they were legal, California state residents. Repealing taxpayer funded benefits for these illegal students would provide funding for our brave National Guardsmen. California is the only state in the union that offers no educational benefits for National Guard members. The women and men of the National Guard give their lives to keep us safe here at home and abroad. Most states offer generous benefits, CA does not. **Action, call your assemblyperson and tell them that you support this bill.**

SB 1066-A Proposal to Award Homosexuals, Single men and Single Women, Marital Rights!

SB 1066 proposes to take all marriage rights – some 300 spousal rights bonding together a husband and wife in the law – and award them to unmarried men and women who refuse to marry. The bill's author, lesbian state senator Carole Migden, a San Francisco Democrat, won't admit that SB1066 rewards co-habitants for not getting married. [Here's what Migden told Associated Press:](#) "Families are changing. Young people are often having children and not rushing to marry. Straight couples and families should have the same rights as gay couples and families." SB 1066 would functionally abolish marriage. **If SB 1066 becomes law, young couples will go to county government offices and be asked whether they would like a marriage license or a "domestic partnership."** The domestic partnership will be "easier." Why get married, if you can get all the benefits of marriage without the commitment of marriage? **Don't allow the State of California to send the message that marriage isn't special and doesn't matter.** SB 1066 equates fornication and cohabitation with marriage. What a terrible legacy to leave the next generation. **ACTION: Call your CA state senator, CA assembly member, and Governor Schwarzenegger to oppose SB 1066.**

Second Amendment Rights

By SVARW Member JP Puette

I invite the members of SVARW to join the National Rifle Association.

At the March meeting spoke on the 2nd Amendment. I had intended to talk about hunting and how hunters are THE leading conservationists (see Nov 2007 National Geographic). However, in the light of the Supreme Court hearing oral arguments on the 2nd Amendment for the first time in 70 years I thought it more important to address how ALL of our constitutional rights are under attack. Remember the "spanking bill" last year proposed by a single woman and the "neutering" bill proposed by a non-pet owner. A new bill proposes taking obese children away from their parents! We cannot allow these irresponsible, intrusive laws to be enacted. The Framers of the Constitution must be rolling in their graves as most of what the federal government is doing today is unconstitutional because done without constitutional authority.

The 2nd amendment "right to bear arms" may not be your first concern. It should be. Only an armed person is a citizen, a disarmed person is a subject. Criminals fear honest citizens with guns. A grandmother with a .38 Colt Cobra is more powerful than a 250 pound mugger. Since the ban on handguns in Washington D.C., crime there has tripled. You may not want a gun right now. But who is to say that the day may not come when you will want to exercise that right.

Founded in 1871 by Union veterans, Col. Wm. C. Church and Gen. George Wingate, dismayed by the lack of marksmanship shown by their troops, today the NRQ has over 3 million members and 50 million supporters. Promoting accuracy and safety, today over 6,000 participate the in annual shoot; over one million young people participate in youth programs; there are more than 10,000 NRA-certified police and security firearms instructors; and over 50,000 certified civil instructors who train about 750,000 gun owners a year.

I am 62, I've hunted since I was 4 and a half; I didn't know you could buy a turkey at the grocery store till I was in college. I know meat does not come from a plastic-wrap dispensing machine at Safeway. I appreciate what animals give up to feed and clothe us.

I invite the members of SVARW to join the National Rifle Association. We are intelligent, forward thinking, people who care what happens to our country. And what is happening is that our "rights" are being eroded by the relentless assault of the liberal left. The NRA has the moral integrity and the will to fight to defend our constitution, they work to elect conservative candidates who are not just pro-gun, but pro-constitution. Join me to help the NRA influence the course of politics, especially to control the Senate so we prevent the appointment of another liberal to the Supreme Court.

To learn more go to...

www.NRA.org



Senator Boxer
(415) 403-0100

Senator Feinstein
(415) 393-0707

Pledge Protection Act

H.R. 699, A New Hope

Representative Todd Akin a Republican from Missouri has once again introduced the Pledge Protection Act, H.R. 699. This bill would protect the Pledge of Allegiance from judges by removing jurisdiction from federal courts and appellate jurisdiction from the Supreme Court to hear cases involving the Pledge.

ACTION: Please call your Representative and ask him to co-sponsor H.R. 699.





Please
consider
volunteering for
this project!!

SVARW has been given an opportunity to earn **\$1,000** for our projects. A local business needs 10,000 envelopes hand addressed and stuffed.

The more volunteers we have, the easier it will be on all.

From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday, April 9th we will be meeting at Pam

Bonhomme's home to complete the project.

Any time between those hours you can help would be appreciated.

Pam lives at 2782 Custer Dr. in San Jose. Please bring a pen with blue ink and something to seal envelopes if you have something.

Please contact Pam and let her know that you will help.

408-269-1410

Candidate Profiles

Frank Chavez

Santa Clara County Supervisor District 2

[See last month's issue for details on Frank's background]

Jose Esteves

Santa Clara County Supervisor District 3

Jose Esteves currently serves in his third term as Mayor of Milpitas, California, a city with a population of over 67,000 people located in the heart of Silicon Valley. Mayor Esteves has built a strong record of successes in Milpitas, making it a great place to live and to do business. During his tenure and under his leadership, numerous projects have been initiated to ensure city residents have an excellent quality of life—a new library, new market rate and affordable housing, new Senior housing, a county medical clinic, a revitalized Town Center, the relocation of several Fortune 500 companies into the City, and many others. His commitment to fiscal responsibility has resulted in a City in excellent financial condition, the financial strength to move forward with Downtown development, and a record of fighting against uncontrolled expenditures.



Pat Waite

San Jose City Council District 8



Pat Waite and his wife, Ginny, moved to San Jose in 1984. Married for over 26 years, they have a son and a daughter, both in college. Pat worked in finance in Silicon Valley high tech companies for twenty years, culminating as Vice President of Finance at Seagate Technology.

"San Jose is a wonderful city. Evergreen is a great place to live and raise a family," he notes. "However, we face significant issues. I'm running for city council because my financial experience will be a valuable asset for the business of our city government."

Find out more at www.PatWaite.com.

Ram Singh

San Jose City Council District 2

Dr. Ram Singh is retiring after serving as a professor in civil and environmental engineering at SJSU for 40 years. Based on his qualification and experience, Governor Schwarzenegger appointed him to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. He has been a leader and has held many leadership positions. He has been recognized many times for his services. Ram Singh is fully knowledgeable about issues confronting San Jose.

www.ramsingh.org



Dining and Dancing with Frank

You're Invited to a **"FUN-RAISER"**!

*Eat, Have Fun, and Help Elect a
Republican to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors*

Where can you:

- Have a blast with like-minded Republicans?
- Listen to the Big Band sounds of the 26 piece Sons of Jubal Band?

Right here!

April 5th — 6:00-8:30 PM

Elks Lodge, 105 Newell—Los Gatos, CA 95032

Ticket Information

\$35 in advance

\$45 at the door

To sign up, complete the form
below making checks payable to

Friends of Frank Chavez

Mail to:

120 Talmadge Ave
San Jose, CA 95127

Frankly, \$35 is a terrific deal for:
Dinner, Dessert and
a Terrific live Band!

**We hope you will come and
contribute to Frank Chavez's
campaign for Santa Clara
County Supervisor.**

**To make it fun, we'll have
great raffle prizes!!!**

Questions? (408) 997-6642

**100% of money collected
goes to Frank's campaign!!**

Dining and Dancing with Frank — April 5, 2008

_____ Tickets @ \$35 per person (\$45 and the door)

I cannot come but here is my donation of \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Occupation _____ Phone: _____

Business Name: _____



Frank Chavez

President of the Alum Rock
Elementary Union School
District Governing Board.

Member of the Chuck Reed
Mayoral Transition Team on
Education.

Current member of the Mayoral
General Plan Task Force.

Former Three Term President,
Secretary and Secretary
Treasurer of the Story Road
Business Association.

Commander of the East Valley
Chapter of the American GI
Forum.

Current Member of the
680/East and King/Ocala
Strong Neighborhood Initiative
Committees.

Learn more about Frank at:
www.ElectFrankChavez.org

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Dining and Dancing with Frank Chavez April 5th—Don't Miss It!



Frank Chavez
Candidate for
Santa Clara County
Supervisor of
District 2

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We have more fun in store on **April 5th** to support the election of Frank Chavez to the position of Santa Clara County Supervisor of District 2. Please see **Page 7** for **more details!**

The event will be held at the Elk's Lodge in Los Gatos, so we'll have plenty of room for fun and dancing to the Big Band Sound of the Sons of Jubal. We also have great raffle prizes in store for you, including a beautiful piece of hand-crafted jewelry from Chavez Jewelry Design.

Don't miss this event!!