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Mark your calendar

- **Dec. 7:** Christmas Luncheon and installation of officers for 2017. A Bellagio restaurant, 33 S. Central Ave., Campbell. Check-in begins at 10 a.m. Cost: \$40.
- **Dec. 31:** Last day of membership for 2016. Time to renew.
- **Jan. 18:** SVARW regular monthly meeting, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave. San Jose. Check-in from 9 to 9:30 am. Cost: \$15.

2017 Membership

SVARW has several levels of membership. Contact Gail Desmet with questions. Email Gail at membership@svarw.com. See page 4 for membership application for 2017.

New SVARW members

Joyce Duffy
Margo Fergoda
Virginia Fiorentino
Marilyn Goble
Anne Kucklick
Sandy Martin
Nancy O'Claire
Mary Pearne
Diane Smyser
Marlene Trapani

Upcoming Events at SVARW

Celebrate Christmas Luncheon with SVARW



Our Christmas Luncheon is always a special event. The deadline to purchase tickets and select your entrée is Friday, Dec. 2. But don't worry; it's simple to do both by visiting SVARW.com. The site is encrypted for security.

This year Santa Clara County Supervisor, Mike Wasserman will administer the oath of office to our incoming SVARW Executive Officers for 2017. Mike will also provide an update on issues affecting Santa Clara County.

After a delicious lunch, we will hear from Greg Von Gehr and Major Gaylene Yardley representing our selected charity for this year, the Salvation Army. As is our practice, guests will have an opportunity to make a donation to the Salvation Army.

For 2017, our incoming executive board members who will be sworn in at the luncheon are:

- President: Jan Soule
- First Vice President: Rosa Brown
- Second Vice President: Debra Janssen-Martinez
- Recording Secretary: Sherrill Martinez
- Corresponding Secretary: Susan Calderon
- Treasurer: Lisa Seago



Bring a friend in January

For several years, SVARW has encouraged members to bring a FIRST TIME guest for FREE to the first meeting of the new year. This tradition continues in 2017 for the January meeting. This is a great way to introduce new people to SVARW.

Luncheon details

Time: Check-in begins at 10 a.m.

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 7

Place: A Bellagio Restaurant, 33 South Central Ave., Campbell 95008

Cost: \$40, which includes appetizers, choice of entrée, coffee, tea, soft drinks and dessert. A no-host bar will be available.

Deadline: Must buy tickets and make entrée selection by Dec. 2.

Menu: Appetizers include Fritto Misto (calamari, prawns, zucchini with spicy marinara), bruschetta, and caprese (fresh mozzarella, basil, sliced tomato and olive oil)

Entrée selections:

- Penne Al Salmone – smoked salmon, brandy cream sauce
- Gnocchi Pomodoro – Homemade potato gnocchi, marinara sauce, mozzarella cheese
- Pollo Al Carciofi – Wayne's Ranch chicken breast, tomato, basil, artichoke, white wine reduction

Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

P.O. Box 3194
Saratoga, CA 95070

Executive Board

Jan Soule, President
Jane Kearney, First Vice-President
Debra Janssen-Martinez, Second
Vice-President
Sherrill Martinez, Recording
Secretary
Susan Calderon, Corresponding
Secretary
Lisa Seago, Treasurer
Diane Owen, Parliamentarian

The board meets at 9:30 a.m.
typically on the last Wednesday
of each month. All members
are welcome to attend board
meetings.

Contact Jan Soule at
President@svarw.com for details.

SVARW sunshine

Norine Bacon is SVARW's
official ray of sunshine. When a
member is ill or has lost a loved
one, Norine reaches out to them
with a card and a personal call.
Please don't hesitate to call her if
you know someone in need. Her
number is 408-377-7111.

Contact your officials

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President's message

Mayor does not 'have our backs'

The following email was sent to
Mayor Sam Liccardo on Friday,
Nov. 18. That evening around 6
p.m. I received a phone call from a
member of the Mayor's staff. The
essence of the conversation was that
we misunderstood what the mayor was
communicating and that in the future
the communication staff needs to be
more aware of the effects on Trump
supporters. If you are familiar with
the Peanuts cartoon, it was like the
"wa wa wa" you hear when adults are
speaking.

Mayor Liccardo does not have our
back!

Dear Mayor Liccardo:
We respected your willingness to
speak to the Silicon Valley Association
of Republican Women on June 29th
after Republicans were beaten at the
Trump Rally in San Jose on June 3rd.
At that meeting you again repeated
that the reason for violence was
Trump's rhetoric. Of course since
then it has been proved by Project
Veritas <http://www.svarw.com/?p=621>
that members of the Democratic
Party were instigators. In the video,
DNC operatives brag about hiring
people including mentally ill to create
disturbances. It is well-documented
that post-election riots were led by
George Soros' funded activists. It
would be appropriate to receive an
apology from you for your statements
at our meeting.

I do hope that the "Protect our
Community Unity Gathering at San
Jose City Hall" co-sponsored by every
local leftist organization and set for
this coming Sunday, Nov 20th is a
peaceful event. President Obama in
a statement from Germany yesterday
certainly encouraged "peaceful"
demonstrations. Should the event turn
violent, I trust that we will not see
you on national TV blaming Trump
but have the boldness to call out the
Democrat operatives who want to see
violence.

The purpose of this email
is to address the FEAR and

INTIMADATION faced by Republican
Women in your city. As women who
voted for Donald Trump we are
an unprotected minority. Since the
San Jose Police Department under
Chief Garcia failed to protect us
at the Trump Rally; no one in our
organization feels safe on the streets of
San Jose wearing their Make America
Great hats or their Trump T-shirts.

The news is filled with post-election
incidents of people being beaten
just because they supported Donald
Trump. We have seen a white man
pulled from his car in Chicago after
a minor fender bender and beaten by
three African Americans yelling at
him for supporting Trump. Closer to
home we have all seen the news report
[https://www.rt.com/usa/367175-
trump-student-attacked-racist/](https://www.rt.com/usa/367175-trump-student-attacked-racist/) of a
Woodside High School girl who was
beaten for posting her excitement over
the election of Donald Trump. How
would you feel walking in our shoes?

Your recent "We've Got Your
Back" rhetoric ([http://www.svarw.
com/?p=644](http://www.svarw.com/?p=644)) has further emboldened
Democrats to believe that they have
nothing to fear in attacking Trump
supporters. When you imply that
something like a "Muslim Registry"
might be applied to residents is fear
mongering. Registries were used after
911 and until 2011 to track visitors to
the US coming from countries known
to harbor radical Islamic terrorists, a
phrase your party still finds difficult to
say. We don't need San Jose to be the
next San Bernardino.

Your message consistently
reinforced the rhetoric of the left
branding every Trump supporter as
a racist. Do you really believe that
any member of the Silicon Valley
Association of American Women is a
racist? Our club and the Republican
Central Committee supported many
candidates of many races, varied
backgrounds, and both sexes, because
we share their principals. We

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In case you missed it: Jim Brulte

Ways to advance conservatism

By Joyce Hall
Newsletter editor

Republican women have tremendous power to influence others and affect elections. At the Nov. 16 SVARW brunch meeting, guest speaker Jim Brulte, chairman of the state GOP, gave concrete examples of how members can advance Republican principles. Before hearing from Brulte, however, the overflow crowd paused to raise a champagne toast to President-elect Donald Trump.

“Don’t underestimate your power to influence others,” Brulte said. “It was a Republican woman who in 1966 invited a 10-year-old boy to get involved in a campaign for a man named Ronald Reagan, who was running for governor.” The 10-year-old Brulte helped paint the campaign office and paste bumper stickers on cars. Since that first foray into politics, Brulte has worked for three American presidents, served as the minority leader in California’s State Assembly and Senate and now serves as chairman for the state party.

When asked for specific advice, Brulte said, “You can start by telling all of your friends that it was actually a Republican woman (Kellyanne Conway) who successfully managed the (Trump) campaign.”

He also urged members to renew their memberships in SVARW for 2017 or to join for the first time and invite others to the meetings. “Join and invite someone to be part of this revolution.”

Brulte delineated the qualities that make for a good candidate. In California, any Republican seeking elected office must be “right on the issues, able to raise a lot of money and inspire a lot of people to volunteer,” he explained. A candidate who lacks just one of those characteristics will not be a good candidate in Democrat-dominated California.

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supported you for those reasons, even though we do not agree with your party’s platform or tone.

With Republicans being targeted in liberal communities, our members have been asking whether SVARW should provide some type of security at our breakfast meetings even suggesting that we increase the cost of attendance to pay for security. This past Wednesday (Nov. 16), an incident took place in the parking lot at Three Flames Restaurant in Willow Glen that has sent fear into the members of our organization. Somewhere between 8:30 and 11 a.m., a member’s car was vandalized during our meeting featuring California Republican Party Chairman, Jim Brulte. A large patch was keyed in circles and a back tail light smashed (a police report was filed). We had plenty of signage in the area directing people to our meetings. It was clear that there were Republican Women there. While there is no way to prove who did this act of vandalism, there is a lot to point to it as a political statement.

Immediately after the incident at Three Flames, I contacted your office on Wednesday around 12:30 p.m. to seek some assurance that we, as a minority, would be protected. I was transferred over to a staff member and left a voice mail asking for a return call. I have yet to hear from anyone in your office. If a “Dreamer” had called to report a suspected incident by a Trump supporter...would your lack of response be the same?

We are asking that you address the fear felt by Republican Women who supported Trump. Holding a press conference in which you and Police Chief Garcia let it be known that the City of San Jose will not tolerate hate crimes against Republicans would be a start.

As Republicans we do not go out into the streets and riot but we do go to the ballot box. You are Mayor of San Jose because Republicans were persuaded to vote for you. I think you need to stop throwing us under the bus.

Sincerely

Jan Soule, President, SVARW



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How to renew SVARW membership for 2017

Membership in SVARW runs for the calendar year and 2016 memberships expire Dec. 31. Men are invited to join SVARW as Associate members. We are encouraging young conservatives to join SVARW at a special low-cost membership level. In addition to our regular basic membership, premium memberships are available for 2017 to support the organization.

Also available for 2017 is a SPONSOR level which will provide a business or organization with visibility to the 500-plus conservatives on our email list, website visitors and in our newsletter.

You can renew membership online at SVARW.com or by sending your check with the form at right to SVARW, P.O. Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95070. Renewals also will be accepted at the next regular meeting on Oct. 19.

Have you considered?

Do we ever ask ourselves, "What is society?" Consider the following answer:

Society includes business, charity and religion. People participate in society voluntarily and they choose how to participate. By contrast, government mandates participation and removes choice.

SVARW's QR code

Use your smart phone's bar code scanner on the image below to **SVARW.com**, to RSVP for events or order tickets.



Membership Application

Membership in SVARW is for a calendar year ending on Dec. 31.

*Regular Membership for Women
Associate Membership for Men*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Please add a spouse member.

Name _____

Please send my newsletter by:

Email Snail Mail

I would like to receive email updates.

I agree to abide by the SVARW By-Laws. I understand that the SVARW Roster is for SVARW member use, projects & events only – cannot be sold or distributed. I understand that membership in SVARW is subject to approval.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please attach a check for your dues and mail to: SVARW, P.O. Box 3194 Saratoga, CA 95070 OR apply online at www.svarw.com

Membership Levels

**Regular or Associate: \$30
Spouse: \$10**

Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts and Membership Roster.

**Reagan Premium: \$150
Regular or Associate and spouse**

Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster, AND \$15 admittance charge to all regular SVARW monthly meetings is waived for both member and spouse.
(Christmas Luncheon and Patriot Parties NOT included)

**Patriot Gold: \$250
Regular or Associate and spouse**

Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster, \$15 admittance charge to all regular SVARW monthly meetings is waived for both member and spouse, **AND** admittance charge to Patriot Parties is waived.
(Christmas Luncheon NOT included)

**Sponsor Platinum: \$500
Regular or Associate and spouse**

Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster, **AND** admittance charges to all SVARW monthly meetings, Christmas Luncheon, Patriot Parties and Stars and Stripes gala are waived for both member and spouse.

**Young Guns: \$10
Young Conservatives under 25 years old**

Includes Electronic Newsletter only.
Questions?
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