



## Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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### Mark your calendar

- **Feb. 18:** SVARW regular meeting, 9:30 to 11 a.m., **Three Flames Restaurant**, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose.
- **March. 18:** SVARW regular meeting, 9:30 to 11 a.m., **Three Flames Restaurant**.

### New location for SVARW meetings

SVARW monthly meetings now take place at **The Three Flames Restaurant**, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose. We will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month with check-in between 9 and 9:30 a.m. The price is unchanged at \$15.

**Membership:** Contact Martha Snodgrass at 408-402-3512 with updates or to renew your membership. New membership levels apply for 2015, including discounts for young conservatives and premium levels for SVARW sponsors.

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## Upcoming Events at SVARW China's growing global influence

### SVARW Monthly Meeting

**Who:** China analyst Nan Su  
**When:** 9:30 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18  
**Where:** Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose  
**Time:** Check in between 9 and 9:30 a.m. Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$15 includes full breakfast. Purchase tickets online or at the door.  
**Web site:** For more information and to purchase tickets: [www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com)

### China's future

China's recent economic growth has been phenomenal but is that growth sustainable? What can the world expect to see within

the next decade from this rising economic power? With the present state of the world, understanding the true China has never been more important.

Nan Su, SVARW's February speaker, has been educating radio listeners about the secrets of China's economic growth. His talk will discuss the cultural change imposed by the regime during the past 60 years and its ripple effects on social, environmental, political and economic aspects of our lives in America.

A China human rights activist, Nan Su has served as a news commentator for SOH International Chinese Radio Network and NTD International TV network since 2003, commenting on a wide range of national and international news and events.

## SVARW.com gets makeover for 2015; check it out



In 2015 SVARW has launched a revamped website, [SVARW.com](http://www.svarw.com). Designed to be easy to navigate, the key functions that a website visitor needs are right up front:

- **Join email list:** to sign up for SVARW email alerts or to receive The Conservative

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- **Become a member:** to pay your membership for 2015.
  - **Attend an event:** to purchase a ticket to our next meeting or other upcoming SVARW event.
- A really cool feature is the “**What’s hot**” section beginning in the middle of the home page. Not only is the latest information highlighted right up front but it is easy to share that information with friends. Click on any of the topics in the section and you can choose to LIKE it on Facebook, Tweet it out, or Share with your Linked In group. To keep up-to-date on the latest from SVARW, you can also choose to FOLLOW our news feed and receive an email each time new information is posted.

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**Executive Board**

**Debra Janssen-Martinez**, President; **Jane Kearney**, First Vice-President; **Jan Soule**, Second Vice-President; **Sherrill Martinez**, Recording Secretary; **Kirsten Williams**, 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 Debra Janssen-Martinez at [President@svarw.com](mailto:President@svarw.com) and she can provide 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**

# *Common sense actions can halt dangerous liberal agenda*

You never know how a small gesture and common sense can add up to a big shake-up in the larger world. As I read an article detailing President Obama's blatantly redistributionist policies proposed in his State of the Union, I had one of those "Enough!" moments.

More a declaration of war on savers and producers than a strategy for our nation's prosperity, Obama's speech had a boomerang effect on this Republican. I was scared, but furious! I whipped off a letter to the Wall Street Journal pleading to just be left alone to provide for my family without interference from a government I feel evermore threatens us ordinary Americans.

I'd stopped sending letters lately. I'm busy having a life and unrelenting liberal blather in our ecosystem is discouraging. If not for Fox News, the internet and a few, well-researched conservative magazines, and newspapers, the voice of the majority, who do not reside in a fantasy utopia, is drowned out by loudmouth liberal nonsense.

Our letters were published Jan. 29. The conservative press and media simultaneously echoed our "Mad as Hell" and "enough!" expressions. From emails and interviews on Bill O'Reilly to callers on Rush/Sean/Levin to tweets from pols like Scott Walker,

the blowback reached the Ivory Tower/ATM that the Oval Office and Congress have devolved into.

Taxing of 529 College Savings hastily retreated beneath the rock from which it had crawled. The fraudulent scheme of "free" community college was exposed.

Higher taxes on job- and wealth-creating capital will not pass Congress without an epic battle. When our small gestures speak as one, with an unmistakable

message, the fools are toast. This *vox populi* blowback may even give the new Republican Congress a spine to do the job it was elected to do.

Small gestures, our thoughts, our values and our common sense matter. Write, call, tweet, blog and speak your mind face-to-face. Visit SVARW's spiffed-up new website or our Facebook page and opine or send us email. Please offer suggestions on articles, books or website links we can post so members can connect with like-minded conservatives near and far. Our common sense won't remain common if we don't exercise it.

— *Debra Janssen-Martinez*

**Bellarmine College Preparatory.**

You too can spread the word about your business or non-profit group by joining SVARW at the SPONSOR PLATINUM level. Visit our website for complete details: [http://www.svarw.com/?page\\_id=60](http://www.svarw.com/?page_id=60)

We welcome Real Options..

## **Real Options steps up as newsletter sponsor**

SVARW is pleased to announce that Real Options has stepped forward as a sponsor for 2015. Each month you will see a new message from this life-affirming organization in the newsletter and on-line. See the page opposite to learn about Real Options Walk and Run for Life, taking place March 14 at

## Legislative update

# Canadian law invades Santa Clara County libraries

**By Trish Cypher  
SVARW Legislative Chair**

Some things seem silly and innocuous when we first hear about them, thinking these things don't really matter, until in fact, they do matter.

A case in point is the Santa Clara County Library BiblioCommons on line account: Terms of Use which can be found on line at this site URL: <http://sccl.bibliocommons.com/info/terms>

The County of Santa Clara in their agreement with Bibliocommons allows this company to invoke Canadian law for on-line users of the Santa Clara County libraries.

Read for yourself what you are agreeing to when signing up for the Santa Clara County BiblioCommons on-line library services. From that website section titled: "Jurisdiction and Forum" it states:

*"Your use of the Service and these Terms of Use shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada, excluding (a) its conflicts of law rules and (b) the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (including all related protocols). Any dispute, claim or action related to your use of the Service or under these Terms of Use shall be resolved by arbitration under the Arbitration Act (Ontario) by*

*a single arbitrator sitting in Toronto, Ontario, in the English language, and you further agree and submit to the exercise of personal jurisdiction of such arbitrator(s) for the purpose of litigating any such claim or action.*

*"Notwithstanding any provision of this section of the Terms of Use, BiblioCommons shall be free to seek interim or injunctive relief before any court of competent jurisdiction for a breach or a threatened breach of any provision of these Terms of Use that may, in our absolute discretion, require an urgent remedy. For the purposes of the foregoing, you expressly attorn to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of Ontario and the Federal Court of Canada sitting in Toronto, Ontario and waive any claim or defence of inconvenient forum.*

*"You agree that the limitations on liability, disclaimer of warranties and indemnity provisions of this Terms of Use are for the benefit of BiblioCommons, our Participating Libraries and their successors."*

Like a fire extinguisher, it doesn't seem to matter if you have one, until you need it, and then it's important to have. I doubt the Santa Clara County Library has the legal authority to offer the people of Santa Clara County on-line services that literally take away their rights and legal jurisdiction under their government.

I have been notified that the Santa

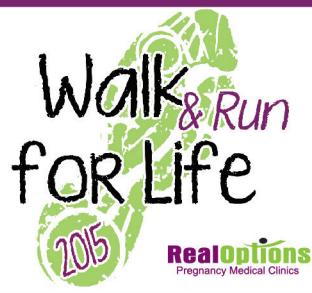
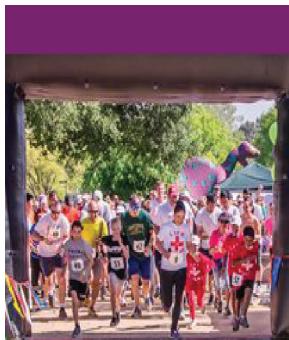
Clara County library staff has reached out to BiblioCommons to request that they would consider changing the terms of the contract to represent our locality, but have not heard a response.

There is another Santa Clara County website to access on-line services without signing up for the BiblioCommons terms of use. This alternative site address is: <http://146.74.92.18/ipac20/ipac.jsp?profile=scco>

Preserving the rights of we the people is the proper role of our government, in fact the only reason our government was set up. That government has no right to invoke the Roman maxim of law: "for he who would be deceived let him" but it seems they are.

Contact your Santa Clara County library branch and Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to remind them that it is their job to recognize, respect and uphold the laws and rights of the Santa Clara County public and the jurisdiction of our county, state and nation. Santa Clara County needs to require BiblioCommons to revise their terms of use to respect our county, state and federal jurisdictions or void this contract and find another company to do business with that will. Please conduct your necessary due diligence before agreeing to on-line terms of use.

Freedom is not free.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2015**  
2 mile Walk and 5K Run  
BELLARMINE COLLEGE PREPARATORY



**Make A Difference!**



REGISTER AT [WWW.FRIENDSOFREALOPTIONS.NET/WALK](http://WWW.FRIENDSOFREALOPTIONS.NET/WALK)

## Renew membership for the new year

You can renew SVARW membership online at [SVARW.com](http://SVARW.com) or by sending your check with the form below to SVARW, P.O. Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95040. Memberships begin as low as \$30 per year. Several new membership levels have been added for 2015. See [SVARW.com](http://SVARW.com) for details. Membership must be current to continue receiving the newsletter.



### Membership Application

**Membership in SVARW is for a calendar year ending on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.**

*Regular Membership for Women  
Associate Member for Men*

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

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Please add a spouse member.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please send my newsletter by:

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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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](http://www.svarw.com)

In case you missed it: January speaker

## Shannon Grove fires up SVARW crowd

Our first meeting of 2015 on Jan. 21 drew a big crowd as conservatives came from miles away to hear from California Assemblywoman Shannon Grove, a Republican representing Kern County. They were not disappointed. Her message to the audience was to stand up and be the party of Reagan. We can win without becoming the “Democrat-light” party.

“The best poverty program we can give anyone is a job,” she told the audience, spotlighting key conservative values of hard work and self-sufficiency.

Grove urged Republicans to get back to the party’s roots.

“We are the party of morality. We are the party of ethics,” she said. “Our party was built because we abolished slavery. We were the ones talking about integration.”

Yet the GOP has failed to put up candidates who will stand for solid conservative values, she said. Grove urged members of the audience to get



involved and work or campaigns or seek office themselves.

You can keep up with Assemblywoman Grove by visiting her website, [ad34.assemblygop.com](http://ad34.assemblygop.com) and then signing up for her newsletter.

Attendees enjoyed SVARW’s new meeting location at The Three Flames restaurant on Meridian Avenue in San Jose’s Willow Glen neighborhood. If you missed the January meeting, don’t miss the Feb. 18 speaker, Nan Su. You also will enjoy a great hot breakfast, including eggs, bacon, sausages, toast and fruit, prepared by Three Flames staff.



Assemblywoman Shannon Grove, second from left, pauses for a photo at the Jan. 21 meeting with SVARW board members Jan Soule, Debra Janssen-Martinez and Jane Kearney