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Mark your calendar

- **June 27:** 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.
- **Aug. 25:** Stars and Stripes Gala, starting at 4 p.m. Early bird tickets available through June 30, \$49 for members; \$60 for non-members. See insert for details and how to order. Special early-bird pricing available through June 30 only.

New Members

Please welcome the following new SVARW members:
Indra Barlow
Brian and Patti Rechten
Michele and Patrick Timmins
Janet De Carli and Bruce Powell

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Upcoming Events at SVARW

Speaker fights for religious freedom

June meeting: Brad Dacus

We are experiencing an unprecedented level of activism in America aimed at undermining the our nation's bedrock foundations of our nation.

Beginning as early as kindergarten, children are being indoctrinated to accept as normal and harmless liberal thinking and deviant behavior. From our schools to our justice department, judicial system, Congress and even the White House, our nation is being infiltrated and influenced by powerful groups that want to destroy the values and rights that made America great. Dacus will be speaking on "The attack on religious freedom and God in America."

In 1997, Dacus founded Pacific Justice Institute, where he serves as president and continues to defend religious liberties and parental rights. The Pacific Justice Institute has a network of hundreds of volunteer affiliate attorneys and handles more cases on the West Coast than any other organization of its kind.

Dacus has been a guest speaker on numerous radio and television programs, participates weekly in several radio talk

show interviews, and has appeared on ABC's Good Morning America, the Today Show, CNN, Hannity, News Talk TV, CBS Evening News, MSNBC, NBC News, NBC Dateline

and many times on the O'Reilly Factor.

Dacus' varied public speaking opportunities include public debate, on two occasions, against the president of the ACLU, and on another occasion, against the president

of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. He has testified before the United States House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. in opposition to H.R. 1592 Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007. He has also testified numerous times before the California State Legislature on legislation affecting religious freedom and parents' rights.



Brad Dacus



Linda Chavez

Linda Chavez endorsed for school Alum Rock board

The SVARW board has endorsed Linda Chavez for the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees. Linda is a member of SVARW and a retired business owner. All four of her children attended Alum Rock District schools. To support Linda, visit her website

at <https://www.crowdpac.com/campaigns/382916/linda-chavez>.

Her contact information is in the SVARW 2018 roster if you want to help out with mailings, phone calls, delivering yard signs or other campaign activities.

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The board meets at 9 a.m. typically on the first Wednesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend board meetings. Contact Jan Soule at President@svarw.com for details.

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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.

Winning essay

Gender act shouldn't be a law

SVARW has awarded a scholarship to Los Gatos student Rachel Bodine, to cover her tuition for this summer's City on the Hill training. Teens who participate learn about how state government works and the mechanics of a bill becoming law. Rachel wrote her essay on "It ought to not to be a law," in which she argues why the Gender Recognition Act, signed into law in 2017, should not have been passed. Here we are proud to present her winning essay.

California Senate Bill number 179, the Gender Recognition Act, ought not to be a law. SB-179 allows for an individual to apply to change the assigned gender marker on their birth certificate to "male," "female," or "nonbinary." According to SB-179, the request to change the gender marker on an individual's birth certificate can be made without an applicant having undergone any clinical gender transition treatment. It will not be required for the applicant to petition for a court judgment to recognize the change of gender, beginning, September 1, 2018. The applicant must simply submit an affidavit attesting, under penalty of perjury, that the request for a change of gender is to match the individual's legal gender to the individual's gender identity and not for any fraudulent purpose. Additionally, SB-179 allows for an individual to change the gender marker on their driver's license. Beginning January 1, 2019, when an eligible applicant for a driver's license applies for an original driver's license or a renewal of a driver's license, they will be able to choose a gender category of "female," "male," or "nonbinary." The Gender Recognition Act will also require the Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt regulations to provide a process for an amendment to a gender category.

Senate Bill 170 should not be a law because of the confusion caused, the personal nature of the content of the law, and the comparatively minuscule population desiring to use this law. Currently, all identification documents issued by the Federal Government only list an individual as "male" or "female" – making discrepancies

between California State and United States Federal identification documents. Additionally, it is not clear as to how perjury could be proved in this case of changing one's own gender identity, since the changing of one's own gender identity does not necessarily manifest itself physically. The bill itself states that "Gender identification is fundamentally personal," the government should not be interfering with something, as they say, is so "fundamentally personal." Lastly, the percentage of the population who would want to use this option is very small. SB-179 admits that the "Upper estimates of number of intersex people are approximately 1.7 percent of the general population." Merriam-Webster defined "intersex" as a "condition where an individual has both male and female genital tissue which only occurs in about one of every 2,000 births." These two very different statistics show how this bill is attempting to fulfill an agenda by stretching the number affected.

— Rachel Bodine

Help SVARW spread conservatism locally

As an all-volunteer association, SVARW relies on its members to keep activities running smoothly. The nominating committee currently is seeking members interested in taking a more active role in SVARW leadership. E-mail newsletter@svarw.com if you are interested in becoming more involved in spreading conservatism in the Silicon Valley.

In case you missed it: May meeting

Transgender lessons taught in kindergarten classes

In a first for SVARW, the May speaker addressed our breakfast meeting in San Jose from her hotel room in Washington, D.C. Using a live audio feed, Karen England, executive director of Capitol Resource Institute, shared some of the incidents taking place in California schools that usurp parents' rights.

For example, Karen explained that a male kindergarten student in Rocklin decided he wanted to be a girl. His fellow students were told to address him by a new girl name. When the same boy returned to school after the summer, another student was reprimanded for calling him by his boy name instead of his new girl name.

This is just one incident illustrating the efforts by progressives to introduce sex education and the LGBT agenda into the earliest grades, she explained.

In many cases, parents are not allowed to opt-out their children from these sessions, and school officials are not telling parents the truth about this curriculum, Karen reported. She urged people to review the sex eduation materials now being used in public schools and to share that information with others to raise awareness about this progressive trend.

Learn more at www.capitolresource.org

— Joyce Hall

Service members benefit from SVARW donations

At each of our regular monthly meetings, SVARW members generously contribute items for U.S. service members. This collection of items gets merged with other personal care supplies from around the Bay Area into care packages sent by the all-volunteer Operation Care and Comfort organization.

SVARW member Kathy Imamura coordinates the collection and delivery of our organization's donations every month. Look for Kathy at the next meeting. She'll be the person at the table with all the red, white and blue decorations.

Operation Care and Comfort thanks SVARW members for their continued support of deployed service members.



**OPERATION:
CARE AND
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The military doesn't provide personal care items for its members; service members in areas such as Afghanistan don't have access to a PX store where they can buy items such as toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant and more, which makes your donations appreciated.

For a list of what is needed, visit www.occa-usa.org. Financial contributions are also welcome to help with shipping.

SVARW sponsor: RealOptions Obria Medical Clinics

Using a compassionate, professional medical model, **RealOptions Pregnancy Medical Clinics** operate four strategically located medical clinics in Silicon Valley. We provide real options for women facing unplanned pregnancies. The 2018 Ignite Life evening is scheduled for Nov. 3 at the Computer History Museum with special guest speaker Lila Rose.

Find out more at www.friendsofrealoptions.net
— Valerie Hill, CEO



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RealOptions | Obria Medical Clinics is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All contributions of materials & finances are tax deductible.

SVARW sponsor: Pinnacle 1 Insurance

Pinnacle 1 Insurance has been protecting the Bay Area and Californians for 30 years. Agency owner **Robert Varich** has been in the insurance business since 1987 and is proud to be at the helm of three busy offices in San Jose, Milpitas and Santa Cruz. His offices provide a complete line of insurance: auto, home, business and life. Pinnacle 1's goal is to help clients feel better prepared and more in control of their future than ever before. Robert is a lifelong San Jose resident, active in community service and is also a sponsor member of SVARW.

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Legislative news: AB 2943

Law could ban sale of books about sexual orientation

Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable. Lev. 18:22

This verse, along with several others like it, could outlaw sale of the Bible, Torah, or Quran in California.

Assembly Bill 2943, authored by local Assemblyman Evan Low, is wending its way through the state legislature right now. This bill, titled “Unlawful business practices: sexual orientation change efforts,” would outlaw the sale of resources, conferences, or paid counseling, for anyone with unwanted same-

sex desires or gender identity confusion. AB 2943 has already passed the Assembly 50-18, and next will be considered by the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 25.

This is clearly censorship. It would be illegal for Amazon to sell books aimed at helping those with same-sex struggles. Proponents of the bill claim outlawing the sale of the Bible is a far stretch, but the debate is raging.

In 2012, SB 1172 outlawed healthcare professionals from counseling minors on sexual orientation. This latest bill would outlaw sought-after sexual orientation

counseling, and even books or media on the subject, for anyone of any age.

Call to Action

If you agree this is a step too far, here are actions you can take:

- Call, write or email your State Senator; you can find their contact information at <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov>
- Follow the California Family Council and be ready to go to Sacramento when this bill comes before a committee. The council has been organizing action days, calling on concerned citizens to come to the state capital to lobby representatives to oppose this law. Follow the council at <http://www.californiafamily.org/tag/ab2943/>

— Wendy Brukwinski



Image source: Pixabay

Your efforts were noted! AB 2943 status as of June 12

Note: SVARW President Jan Soule traveled to Sacramento on June 12 to monitor the progress of Assembly Bill 2943.

Many thanks to all of you who called members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and especially to those who showed up in Sacramento on June 12 to rally in opposition to AB 2943. Although the outcome of passing the bill on to the Senate Appropriations Committee was a forgone conclusion with the Judiciary Committee consisting of five Democrats and two Republicans, **your efforts were**

noted. One of the Democrat senators on the Judiciary Committee noted that his office received 1,000 phone calls in opposition while the chairman (another Democrat) noted that people had come to the meeting from all over California and that they had more people speak at the hearing in opposition to the bill than they had seen before. Amendments had been added to AB2943 to more narrowly define that it applied to someone who advertised that they offered gender dysfunction counseling services and accepted money for services. The

chairman of the Judiciary Committee went to great length to explain that neither the Bible nor any books would be banned. The two lone Republicans, Senators Joel Anderson (El Cajon) and John M. W. Moorlach (Costa Mesa), should be commended for their very probing questions to pinpoint inconsistencies in what Evan Low, the bill’s author, was attesting.

Although attending the rally and hearing made for a long day, it was well worth the effort!

— Jan Soule