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Mark your calendar

- **Sept. 20:** 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.
- **Oct. 18:** Regular monthly meeting
- **Nov. 15:** Regular monthly meeting,
- **Dec. 6:** Christmas luncheon, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Maggiano's

Welcome

SVARW welcomes the following new members:

Special welcome to our newest Sponsors, Bob and Jil Nunez.

- Matti Asgarian**
Linda and Frank Chavez
Larry and Christina Ciardella
Sandee DeBella
Jane and Kenneth Hathaway
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Gae La Torre
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Victor and Pearl San Vicente
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April Vanderbilt
Juanita Weibel

Upcoming Events at SVARW

Truth behind Planned Parenthood

Speaker's videos exposed clinics' deceptions, abuses

Our September speaker, **Lila Rose**, first went undercover as a teenager in 2007 to expose the travesties of the abortion industry. She has exposed the cover up of sex abuse and human trafficking, medical misinformation and other abuses. Planned Parenthood's revenue is more than \$1 billion per year and they receive more than \$500 million in taxpayer dollars each year, yet their claim to provide a wide range of health services for women is a lie. The truth is that 98 percent of women have never stepped into a Planned Parenthood clinic; this is because they don't do mammograms or any other cancer screening.

For her efforts on behalf of the most vulnerable, Lila Rose's free speech rights were abridged when Twitter cut off her account. Evidently defending life has become hate speech.

Lila Rose is an entrepreneur who founded the human rights organization Live Action at the age of 15. Dedicated to inspiring a culture that respects and protects life, Live Action has grown to have the largest social media following of any pro-life organization, with more than 2.5 million followers across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. As a media and news organization, Live Action's video content receives an average of 15-25 million views per month.

Lila, who grew up in Silicon Valley, has gone on to national prominence. Lila's media appearances include CNN, ABC's Nightline, Fox News' The Factor, The Sean Hannity Show, Tucker Carlson, Dr. Drew, Crossfire and many other national television and radio programs. Her work has been

DETAILS

Time: Check in begins at 9 a.m.; program begins at 9:30 a.m.
Date: Wednesday, Sept. 20
Place: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose 95125
Cost: \$15 includes buffet breakfast
Purchase tickets online: SVARW.com Free to premium SVARW members: Sponsor, Gold, Reagan



Lila Rose

featured in most major news outlets, including CBS, ABC, the Los Angeles Times, and the Washington Post.

Lila has been named among Red Alert's "30 under 30," National Journal's "25 Most Influential Washington Women Under 35," and Christianity

Today's "33 under Thirty-Three." Lila is a highly sought after international speaker on family and cultural issues, and has addressed members of the European Parliament and spoken at the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women.

Read more at liveaction.org.

Coming in October

On Oct. 18, we will welcome author and educator **Orlean Koehle**, president of California's Eagle Forum. Next month she will be discussing the problem of voter fraud in our election process.

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

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SVARW Sunshine

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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.

President's message

Christopher Columbus vs. dog poop

By Jan Giordano Soule
President, SVARW

While many "snowflakes" retreat to their college campuses for "safety," I can attest to the fact that the campus of San Jose State is not a safe place at night for a young female student walking alone to the parking garage. For that reason, I often accompanied my sister-in-law as we rode with my niece to her night class and spent the evening walking around campus and downtown San Jose while the class was in session.

Multitasking, my sister-in-law would also bring her dog to get in the dog-walking time. Killing time we were easily amused by posing the dog for photos atop the statue of Quetzalcoatl, an Aztec god, paid for by redevelopment funds (taxpayer dollars) and enshrined in Cesar Chavez Park across from the Fairmont Hotel. If you have not seen the statue...just imagine a pile of dog poop...you'll get the idea. Somehow the City of San Jose believes it was just fine to erect this image of Latino culture. Where was the ACLU crying out about the separation of church and state?

On Aug. 23, we learned that a group called the San Jose Brown Berets were launching a petition to remove the statue of Christopher Columbus from the San Jose City Hall because "he brought rape and genocide." Really? The group is lead by Peter Ortiz, a 27-year-old labor organizer and trustee at Mount Pleasant Elementary School District. (Can we please get someone to run for the Mt. Pleasant school board?)

Clearly the San Jose Brown Berets do not care about Making America Great Again; they want to erase American history. They epitomize many Latinos who did not come to America to assimilate and become Americans. Lest my words be taken out of context, many Latinos have come to America to become

Americans and believe it is a privilege to have the opportunities that America affords. I have a cousin through marriage who was born in Mexico and came here as a child. She was raised by parents who instilled the fact that it is a privilege to live in America and to never take anything from the government. My cousin was a Trump supporter before I was!

The statue of Christopher Columbus was not paid for by taxpayer dollars. It was donated by the Italian-American organization. I urge EVERYONE to call EVERY member of the San Jose City Council, whether you live in San Jose or not, and tell them you are opposed to erasing America's history by removing Christopher Columbus.

At our next meeting, you will have a chance to sign a petition opposing removal of the Columbus statue.



At left,
Christopher
Columbus
statue stands in
San Jose City
Hall. Below,
Quetzalcoatl
sculpture in
Cesar Chavez
Plaza in San
Jose.



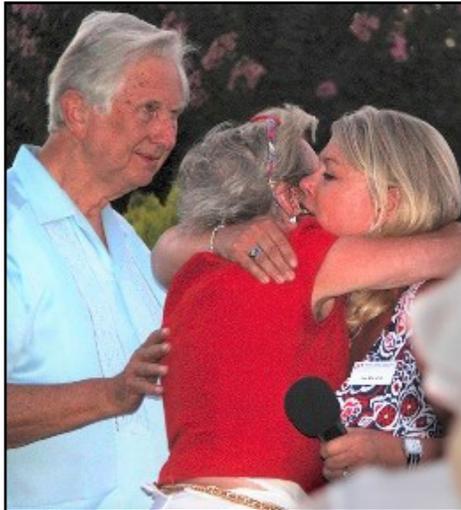
Stars & Stripes 2017 in pictures

SVARW members and their guests enjoyed a warm evening of fine food, wine and music at the 2017 Stars and Stripes Gala, held Aug. 26 in Saratoga. The event was a chance to meet with elected officials and several candidates who will be running for office in 2018.

Lisa Marshik, SVARW events chair, spearheaded planning for the annual event. She was assisted by a small group of volunteers. If you'd like to help plan the 2018 Stars and Stripes Gala, contact Lisa or Jan Soule at president@svarw.com.



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In case you missed it: June meeting

Tim Donnelly sees hope for California conservatives

By Joyce Hall
Newsletter editor

Conservatives should smile whenever they hear the media attack President Donald Trump.

“The minute they stop attacking him (Trump), is the minute he is no longer a threat to them, the attacks guarantee his re-election,” speaker Tim Donnelly told SVARW members at the June 21 meeting.

Donnelly ran unsuccessfully to

represent the California Republican Party in the 2014 gubernatorial race. He said establishment Republicans worked to make sure he lost the primary, including sending mailers filled with false information.

Donnelly has written a book about his experiences following the election. Titled “Patriot Not Politician: Win or Go Homeless,” he shares stories about his time as an assemblyman from southern California’s 33rd District and his run for governor.

Even though Democrats dominate state politics, Donnelly told his audience that “We have a chance in California because the Democrats are in a civil war.”

Candidates need to be willing to destroy the media’s left-leaning narrative, he said. “If you don’t fight back, you don’t smash the narrative.”

Conservatives need to send “culture warriors into the media, into entertainment” to counteract the prevailing progressive culture.



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Here are some ways to help:

- Tax-deductible financial donations can be made online at www.occ-usa.org or mail a check to Operation Care and Comfort, 3173 Pebble Beach Circle, Fairfield, CA 94534.
- Collect items from the wish list and drop them off at the next SVARW meeting or at one of the centers listed on the occ-usa.org webpage.
- Volunteer to help at the next monthly packaging event.

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