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Mark your calendar

- **Sept. 17:** SVARW Candidate Forum. This is an evening meeting. See information at right.
- **Oct. 15:** SVARW monthly brunch meeting.
- **Nov. 4:** Election day.
- **Nov. 19:** SVARW evening meeting at Los Gatos Lodge. Check-in at 6:30 p.m., meeting begins at 7 p.m.

SVARW meetings

When: 9 to 11 a.m., third Wednesday of the month. Check-in begins at 9 a.m.; meeting begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Garden Room, Los Gatos Lodge, 50 Los Gatos-Saratoga Road, Los Gatos, 95032

Cost: \$15, buy online at www.SVARW.com or pay at the door.

Membership: Contact Martha Snodgrass at 408-402-3512 with updates or to renew your membership.



Upcoming Events at SVARW

Candidate Forum kicks off fall meetings

SVARW Monthly Meeting

Who: Candidates running for office on Nov. 4 ballot.

When: 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 17

Where: El Gato Room at Los Gatos Lodge, 50 Los Gatos-Saratoga Road, Los Gatos near Highway 17.

Time: Check in between 6:30 and 7 p.m. Forum begins at 7 p.m.

Cost: \$15 includes hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages. You may purchase mixed drinks, wine and beer in the Lodge bar and bring them into the El Gato Room. Purchase tickets online or at the door.

Web site: Visit our website for more information and to purchase tickets: www.SVARW.com

September 17

Following the successful Candidate Forum in April, SVARW has organized a fall forum where members will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of candidates on the Nov. 4 ballot. Note that this is an evening meeting, with check-in between 6:30 and 7 p.m. and the meeting starting right at 7 p.m. Each candidate will have a few minutes to address the audience and then audience members will be able to ask questions of the candidates.

As of press time for the newsletter, the following candidates had confirmed their attendance at the forum:

Dr. Richard Fox, 18th U.S. Congressional District

Greg Conlon, California State Treasurer

Peter Kuo, State Senate District 10
Palmer Kain, Assembly District 28
Matt Harris, Superior Court Judge,

Seat 24

Phil Reynolds, Campbell City Council
Van Le, East Side Union High School District

Laura Tillett, Saratoga School Board
Yongjian Wu, Saratoga School Board

October: Great Depression of 2014

Where does the money really go? What do Jerry Brown's strategies from the 1970s have to do with our lack of water today? Come hear Steve Frank, Senior Editor of California Political News and Reviews, discuss the truth about what is killing California's economy and what we can do to roll back the bad policies that have left us with a collapsing pension system, bankrupt cities and counties, and businesses fleeing the state. Heard regularly on Wednesday's KSFO's morning show, author, veteran, political consultant Steve Frank dedicates himself to keeping us well-informed on California politics.

November: Confronting Global Jihad

Popular speaker Charlie Self returns to SVARW on Nov. 19 for an evening meeting. An author and minister, Charlie Self is known as "Dr. History" to KSFO radio listeners. See page 3 for details on his background and more on his topic for the SVARW talk.

The evening meeting time has been set to allow those with daytime commitments the opportunity to hear this inspiring speaker.

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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.
on the last Wednesday of each
month at the Los Gatos Lodge. All
members are welcome to attend
board meetings.

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.

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President's message

Remember Reagan's message when evaluating candidates

I wish every American could visit
the Reagan Presidential Library and
Museum. The unbelievably beautiful
Southern California site catalogs
Reagan's stirring messages and
philosophy. Reagan's monumental
redirection of the country culminated
in three decades of American
international leadership, unprecedented
wealth creation at all income levels
and a fundamental pushback against
an overreaching government. On a
recent visit, it wasn't just reliving of
Republican glory days for my husband
and me, it was a jarring reminder of
how far our present "big" government
has strayed, not only from our founding
principles, but also from Reagan's
vision of peace, prosperity, and
freedom.

One of my favorite Reagan quotes
is "The American dream is not that
every man must be level with every
other man. The American dream is
that every man must be free to become
whatever God intends he should
become." Contrast that with the left's
mantra of income equality, laws that
apply only to certain races or groups,
like speech codes and racial quotas on
college campuses, and a president who
is completely disengaged, except when
an opportunity to pit Americans against

one another arises. The contrast between
the two philosophies is stunning. Even
more stunning is its wholesale adoption
by so many of our leaders and a passive
citizenry.

Times and the challenges are different
today, but Reagan's absolute faith in
an America that is divinely driven,



based on a few
fundamental
principles
that cannot be
marginalized by
petty tyrants,
and political
opportunists,
endures. We
should keep the
Reagan legacy
in mind as we

attend this month's Candidate Forum
and hear their vision of government.
We should remember his words as we
consider invasive legislative issues and
candidates who support them.

Reagan's words were true and
inspiring 30 years ago and amazingly
forward looking in today's environment
of feckless foreign policy, out of control
spending, burdened economy and
divided electorate. Sound principals,
which come honestly from the heart,
will always resonate with Americans.

— Debra Janssen-Martinez

Support our 2014 charity: The Nest

The Nest is a home for minor-aged
girls who have been rescued from
human trafficking. This important
facility has been designated as our
SVARW charity for 2014. Both cash
donations and specific items are needed.
Please go to www.freedomhousesf.org
to find out how you can give.

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you would like to contribute an article or
photo to the newsletter.

SVARW board news

Trish Cypher joins SVARW board as legislative chair

The SVARW would like to welcome Trish Cypher to the SVARW board as our new legislative chair.

Her initial efforts on the board for legislation are to first hear from you about your priorities and to let us know what is going on in Sacramento and Washington D.C. and how it might impact us. She is also hoping to work with interested members on raising awareness and educating people on our government and how they can be involved.

Our new legislative chair plans to include gauging the interest of the members to form an action group to make the most of the voices in our organization.

Trish has degrees in environmental studies, geology and public administration with a technical and management background in both the private and public sector.

Future newsletters are planned to include some top priorities and actions you can take to make your voice heard. If you are eager to take action right away, please consider calling, writing or emailing your federal, State, county and city legislators to introduce yourself and ask them about sustainable development and regionalism and the possible impacts on you.

If you are interested in contacting our new legislative chair, please email Trish at advocacy@svarw.com

Trish is looking forward to getting to know the many members of SVARW and helping those members' voices be heard.

Opening on Board of Directors

Social Media/Public Relations needs a dedicated Chairperson. If you're interested in writing, promotions and communicating, this is a job where you will be able to enhance our outreach to a wider audience, especially those who are looking to become informed and involved in political issues of the day.

If you don't have time to be a chairperson, we need several smaller projects completed in Events, Membership Roster, Social Media posting and Promotion. To learn more about any of these openings, or if you have another area of interest, call Debra Janssen-Martinez at (408) 410-8213. Students are encouraged to volunteer, especially for social media and technical assistance.

November speaker Charlie Self to discuss global jihad

Charlie Self, known to KSFO listeners as "Dr. History," will address the SVARW in a special evening meeting on Nov. 12. His presentation, "Confronting Global Jihad: The Necessity of Moral and Political Courage," is especially timely. Charlie Self is an author and minister and is effective at stimulating people of all perspectives to "think deeply and act decisively."

Self is a senior advisor for the Acton Institute for Religious Liberty in Grand Rapids, Mich. The institute is a think tank dedicated to good intentions and sound economics as well as Biblical principles integrated with free market economics. He is an ordained



Charlie Self

minister with the Assemblies of God and has served as a pastor in several congregations in California, Oregon and Washington, D.C.

He earned bachelor's and master's

degrees in history from the University of California, Santa Cruz. His graduate studies include a doctorate in modern European history with a focus on Belgian Protestantism and studies in virtue ethics of the Holocaust and a master's in philosophical and systematic theology, from the Graduate Theological Union Seminary in Berkeley.

We moved our meeting to an evening timeframe in hopes of welcoming a wider audience of friends, spouses, and specifically encourage college students to listen, learn and engage with Self, who is one of most enriching and inspiring speakers of our time.

Summer Patriot Party raises funds for candidates

Candidates Chuck Page, left, and Dr. Richard Fox, second from left, pose for a photo at SVARW's summer Patriot Party. The event was created to help raise funds for local candidates. Guests donated more than \$3,500 to local candidates at the party, which was held at the home of Tom and Martha Snodgrass.



Local candidates earn endorsements from SVARW board of directors

The following candidates on the Nov. 4 ballot have been endorsed by the SVARW board. Their web sites have been included for you to learn more about each candidate and to make donations to their campaigns.

Dr. Richard Fox, U.S. Congress District 18; www.drfox4congress.com

Peter Kuo, State Senate District 10; www.kuoforsenate.com

Chuck Page, State Assembly District 28; www.chuckpage.org

Matt Harris, Superior Court

Judge, Santa Clara County; www.matthewharrisforjudge.com

Phil Reynolds, Campbell City Council; www.philreynoldsjr.com

Pete Constant, West Valley Mission Community College Board; www.peteconstant.com

Van Le, East Side Union High School District Board; www.vanleforkids.com

Peter Fung, El Camino Healthcare District; www.votepeterfung.com

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Voter registration, vote-by-mail dates

Oct. 20: Voter registration must be postmarked by this date or you must have registered electronically by this date to vote in the Nov. 4 election.

Oct. 28: Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot for Nov. 4 election.

Website: registertovote.ca.gov

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