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Mark your calendar

- **Feb. 28:** 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.
- **March 28:** 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.

Membership

2018 dues can be paid at SVARW.com or at any monthly meeting.

New members

Please welcome the following new SVARW members:

Mingi Bodine
Cynthia Everhart
Bea Gunn
Jim Healy
Lynne Kettell and John Hughes
Sandra and Steven Lowe
Sharon McElvain
Ron and Deanna Meyer
Phil and Vilma Reynolds
Maria (Mary) Stanton
Christine and Jim Russell
Anita Tighe

Upcoming Events at SVARW

Take action against voter fraud

February: Orlean Koehle

Now, more than ever, voters must be informed about the voting process. The many pitfalls and areas for fraud are daunting. We can aid the cause of electing conservative candidates if we know how the system works and how it needs to be revamped.

Our February speaker, **Orlean Koehle**, is well-versed on voter fraud and the current state of our voting process. She also comes to us with a long history of advancing the conservative platform in many areas of service.

During the past decade, Orlean has brought cutting edge information to SVARW meetings before the mainstream conservative news covered issues such as Agenda 21 and Common Core. We look forward to the inside scoop on what is happening nationally to finally expose massive voter fraud.

Orlean has served as a leader in several state and national organizations: Boy Scouts of America, President of Concerned Citizens of Sonoma County, Parents Involved in Education and Sonoma County Eagle Forum. Since 2002, she has been serving as the State President for Eagle Forum of California.

March: Steve Frank

Readers of Steve Frank's daily column in California Political Review (www.capoliticalreview.com) know that he always is the first to break the news on the sneaky Democrats and the antics of the establishment Republicans. We are delighted to have him as a speaker on March 28. Steve

is well qualified to speak on political issues, having served four terms as the California Republican Party Parliamentarian, past president of the California Republican

Assembly, past first assistant secretary of the California Republican Party and as founder of the National Federation of Republican Assemblies. Currently, Steve Frank is involved in:

- Advising campaigns and causes on "Netroots," the use of the Internet for building the base, moving the message, broadening the reach of phone banks and voter contact, etc.



- Promotion of ground support efforts
- Development of volunteer organizations in support of candidates and causes, including creating coalitions
- Working with People of Faith in support of candidates and causes
- Advising candidates on local political issues, leadership and potential support

April: Candidate Forum

The April meeting will be a candidate forum from 6 to 8:30 p.m. April 25 at the Campbell Community Center, 1 West Campbell Ave. Plan to attend and meet and learn about candidates for local offices in the Bay Area. There is no charge for the April meeting. Watch the March and April newsletters and SVARW.com for more details.

See page 4 for how you can earn money and prevent voter fraud on election day.

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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
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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.

President's message

Can Silicon Valley be conservative, again?

By Jan Soule

I was born in San Jose, as was my
father, and have seen many changes.
This is one of the questions I like to
ask naysayers who grumble about how
liberal the valley is: "Which candidate
did the San Jose Mercury News
endorse for president in 1964?"

In 1964, the United States was
embroiled in the Vietnam War.
President Lyndon Johnson, who had
assumed office upon the assassination
of John Kennedy, dictated every move
the American military was allowed
to take from the White House. In
other words, the war in Vietnam was
being fought just the way Obama was
fighting ISIS, by tying the hands of the
military.

Barry Goldwater, the five-term
senator from Arizona, was the
Republican nominee. Thanks to
rumors that Goldwater would drop
an atomic bomb on Vietnam, he lost
to Johnson in a landslide. Despite
his loss, Goldwater is credited
with sparking the resurgence of the
American conservative political
movement in the 1960s.

The Mercury and News (they were
separate papers at the time) endorsed
Barry Goldwater over Lyndon Johnson
in 1964.

We have to go back about 70 years
before 1964 to understand why Santa
Clara County was very conservative
for the first part of the 20th century.

The last few years before the turn of
the 20th century saw much corruption
in politics in Santa Clara County.
The culprit was the Republican Party
controlled by the Southern Pacific

political bureau and led by John D.
McKenzie and political bosses that
operated out of the California Club
and supported by the San Jose Evening
News.

To stand against this corruption, a
splinter group of Republicans created
the Good Government League. Led
by the two Hayes brothers (Everis
Anson and Jay Orly), they pledged
to support "pure, honest and fearless
men." Understanding that the local
newspapers were mouthpieces for
corrupt politicians, the Hayes brothers
purchased the San Jose Herald in 1900
and the Mercury in 1901. They also
purchased the San Jose News in 1942.

There is much more to this
fascinating story that I have no room
to cover here. More details can be
found in "The Gem of Edenvale—
The Historic Hayes Mansion of San
Jose, California" (published in 1994).
Everis Anson Hayes went on to serve
in Congress and his brother, Jay
Orly Hayes, was the publisher of the
Mercury News and ran unsuccessfully
for governor of California in 1918,
100 years ago.

Mary Hayes Chenoweth and her
sons, J.O and Everis, had the funds to
purchase the newspapers and change
the atmosphere in Santa Clara County
because they discovered and mined
iron ore in Wisconsin. Iron ore was a
necessary component in the production
of steel.

Let's pray that someone who
supports "pure, honest and fearless
men (and women!)" will again arise in
Silicon Valley to purchase the liberal
media.

See speakers online

A volunteer has begun to format
videos of our meetings for the
website. Visit SVARW.com to see
some of our past speakers.

Teens gather for mock legislature

The annual City on the Hill Youth Leadership Conference is a great opportunity for California high school students to learn about state government.

City on the Hill is a week-long summer camp sponsored and operated by Capitol Resource Institute, a Sacramento-based non-profit whose mission is to educate and strengthen families by working to influence public policy. CRI's President Karen England will be SVARW's guest speaker at the May 23 meeting.

During the leadership conference, students engage in hands on learning by becoming mock legislators. Students must argue for and against bills currently being considered by the California legislature. At the end of the week students spend a day on the actual floor of the California senate and assembly, enabling them to get a better feel for what it is like to be a legislator. This process enables students to thoroughly learn

Who: High school students

What: City on the Hill Youth Leadership Conference

When: July

Where: Rocklin and Sacramento

Cost: \$400

Learn more: <http://cityonthehill.org/>

Details: See SVARW.com for scholarship details, essay deadlines

the ins and outs of state government.

All high school students and their parents are encouraged to explore this great opportunity to help shape tomorrow's leaders.

Additionally, this year SVARW will be sponsoring two students to this summer's conference in Rocklin. The SVARW board recently voted to fund two scholarships for local students who submit winning essays to the selection committee.

June primary endorsements

The SVARW board has endorsed the following three candidates in the June primary election:

- State Assemblyman Travis Allen is running for governor. He is a small businessman from southern California and was elected in 2012. His campaign website is jointravisallen.com
- Retired Superior Court Judge Steven Bailey is running for California attorney general. Bailey recently retired from the bench in El Dorado County to run full-time for the statewide office. Learn more about him at baileyforag.com
- South Bay resident Peter Kuo is seeking the office of state insurance commissioner. Kuo has a professional background in the insurance industry and also runs a marketing firm, True 3D. His website is peterkuo.org

Pack care kits for service members on Feb. 25 at Avaya

The local, all-volunteer organization Operation Care and Comfort sends packages to deployed service members every few weeks. Volunteers are needed on packing day, which is next scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25 at Avaya Stadium, 1123 Coleman Ave., across from the San Jose

International Airport.

All are welcome and encouraged to come to help sort, pack and write letters to our service men and women. Students who need community service hours should bring their school form to receive credit for their time.

See the full list of items needed and

donation locations at the website at www.occ-usa.org.

Donations can be brought to the next SVARW meeting on Feb. 28 or directly to the packing event. Operation Care and Comfort can always use monetary donations to help pay for postage.

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Prevent voter fraud by working election day

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is hiring election officers to help on election day, June 5. These positions pay for both training and for hours worked on election day, \$145 for clerks and students and \$200 for precinct inspectors.

Even high school students are encouraged to apply.

Here are some details about being an election worker:

Before June 5, election officers:

- Attend a training class
- Conduct partial setup the day before the election

On election day, before polls open:

- Arrive at the assigned polling site by 6 a.m.

- Complete opening procedures and help setup polling site, ensuring it opens for voting by 7 a.m.

On election day during voting:

- Follow procedures to establish a voter’s right to vote
- Work with a team of other officers to assist and process voters
- Demonstrate how to mark ballots

After the polls close:

- Assist any voters remaining in line to vote after the polls close at 8 p.m.
- Complete closing procedures and pack up voting supplies and equipment

Qualifications: Election workers must be at least 18 years old and be U.S. citizens and California registered voters, or U.S. legal permanent residents.

High School poll workers must be at least 16 years old, enrolled in high school, have a GPA of 2.5 or better and be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.

To sign up, call 408-299-7655 or go online at www.sccvvote.org

The Registrar of Voters also needs poll workers who speak a second language: Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

Candidate Travis Allen fires up SVARW members

A large and enthusiastic crowd greeted gubernatorial candidate Travis Allen at SVARW’s January meeting in San Jose. A Republican assemblyman from Huntington Beach, Allen told the sell-out audience at Three Flames about what he will do if elected California governor in November 2018: focus on bringing down taxes, fixing the state’s roads, improving education and directing construction of water storage facilities.

He challenged the idea that California needs a full-time legislature.

“I don’t believe that legislators should be full-time. These guys have

to constantly justify their existence. They have to write more and more laws,” he said.

“I think it’s about time for politicians to live in the real world. To live under the same laws and pay the same taxes as the rest of us. If it works for Texas and Florida, it can work for California. Let’s let these guys work three months out of the year.”

Democrats have had control of the state legislature for the last 39 of 40 years, giving California the highest poverty rate, the highest unsheltered homeless rate, a failure to provide water storage for droughts and an inadequate education system, he said.

Allen is the only one of the three major Republican candidates for governor who publicly supported and voted for Donald Trump.

Even though California is heavily weighted toward Democrats, Allen said the numbers show that he can win. Gov. Jerry Brown was re-elected in 2014 with 4.3 million votes. In 2016, 4.4 million Californians voted for Trump.

“All we have to do is turn out the Trump voters and we take the governor’s seat in 2018,” he said. “If you win the governor’s seat, you win the state for a generation.”

— Joyce Hall

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