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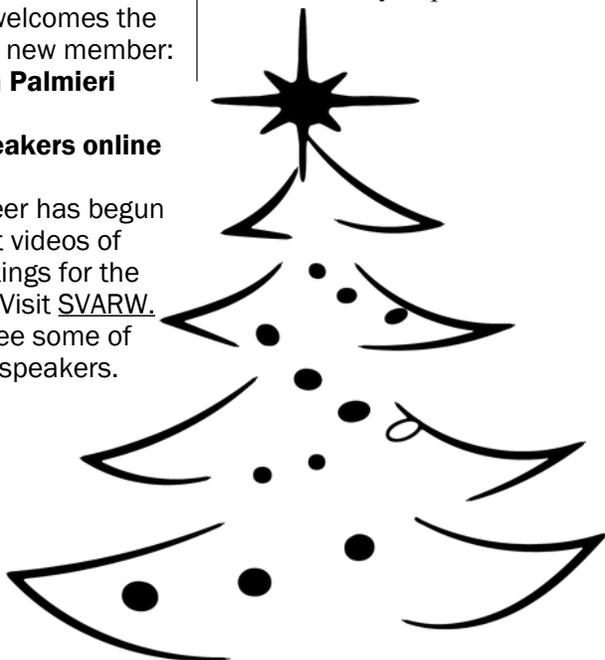
- **Dec. 6:** Christmas luncheon, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Maggiano's, Santana Row, 3055 Olin Ave., Ste. 1000, San Jose, 95128. Cost: \$40.
- **Jan. 24:** SVARW regular monthly meeting, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave. San Jose. Check-in from 9 to 9:30 am. Cost: \$15. First-time guests are free at this meeting.

**New members**

SVARW welcomes the following new member:  
**Maryann Palmieri**

**See speakers online**

A volunteer has begun to format videos of our meetings for the website. Visit [SVARW.com](http://SVARW.com) to see some of our past speakers.



## *Upcoming Events at SVARW*

### Christmas Luncheon; 2018 speakers

#### Christmas Luncheon

SVARW's Christmas Luncheon at Maggiano's on Dec. 6 promises to be a special event with great Italian food, socializing with friends and a message from this year's selected charity, Teen Challenge. Teen Challenge provides successful recovery for men, women, teens, children and families who come from destructive, abusive and addictive backgrounds. The organization provides mentoring, education, training and spiritual direction. An amazing 86 percent of those who have completed the program remain drug-free and are currently employed.

The SVARW officers for 2018 will be installed on Dec. 6. Judge Steven Bailey will officiate for the installation. Elected twice and having served 8½ years in the Superior Court of El Dorado County, Bailey recently retired from the bench to run in the 2018 election for the office of state attorney general.

The last day to purchase luncheon tickets is this Thursday, Nov. 30, so sign up online or contact Lisa Seago to enjoy this festive event.

#### SVARW meetings moving to 4th Wednesday in 2018

Beginning in January, SVARW regular monthly breakfast meetings will move from the third to the fourth Wednesday of the month. As our membership has grown in 2017, our meetings have shown a corresponding increase in the number of attendees. The Three Flames Restaurant can more easily accommodate these larger numbers on the fourth Wednesday than on the third. Everything else, including the price and times, will remain the same.

#### January: Travis Allen

Republican candidate for governor Travis Allen will be our guest speaker at the Jan. 24 meeting. Allen has represented California's 72nd Assembly District (Huntington Beach) since his election in 2012. This meeting will be the perfect opportunity to meet the candidate and find out about his conservative credentials.

Remember, first-time guests are admitted free to the January meeting.



Travis Allen

#### February: Orlean Koehle

Our scheduled October speaker, author Orlean Koehle, had to cancel because of the Santa Rosa fires. She will be our guest at the Feb. 28 meeting, where she will discuss voter fraud.

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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.

Contact Jan Soule at  
President@svarw.com for details.

### Contact your officials

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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

# Much to be thankful for in 2017

By Jan Giordano Soule  
SVARW President

I don't know about you, but every day I get up and thank God that Donald Trump is president.

In 10 short months, President Trump has restored respect for America among the nations of the world. While previous presidents just kicked the can down the road regarding North Korea, Trump has shown true leadership in tightening the noose around the rogue regime. I pray that Mr. Trump has similar success in dealing with the Republican establishment.

Closer to home, I am very thankful for the support of the SVARW board and members in growing our organization. In January of 2015, we held our first meeting at Three Flames in Willow Glen. Having spent the first seven years of our existence meeting in Los Gatos, the SVARW board was concerned about how the move to San Jose would affect attendance.

At our first meeting in 2015, we had 60 attendees and our speaker was Assemblywoman Shannon Grove. Our meetings in 2017 have averaged 80 to 90 attendees. Some of our speakers this year included:

- Terry Turchie, former Deputy Assistant Director of Counterterrorism Division of the FBI whose leadership led to the capture of domestic terrorist Ted Kaczynski, better known as the Unibomber. He spoke on links to terrorism in Silicon Valley, which included Egyptian immigrant Ali Mohamed who joined the U.S. Army and was living a double life acting

as the Egyptian Islamic jihadis' key recruiter in Silicon Valley.

- Lila Rose, often featured on Fox News, who has gone underground to Planned Parenthood since she was 15 years old. Lila demonstrated that the vast majority of Planned Parenthood locations only perform abortions and have nothing to do with women's health.

- Likewise Nick Adams, also frequently on Fox, is from Australia and spent seven years trying to get a green card because he is a champion of American Exceptionalism. One of his books, "Green Card Warrior," was even promoted by Trump in a tweet just before our meeting.

As many of you have experienced, 80 to 90 people is a tight squeeze in the back room at Three Flames. For 2018, we are moving our meetings to the *fourth* Wednesday of the month, when we can have a larger room at Three Flames.

2018 is an election year so we will be kicking off our first meeting of the year with gubernatorial candidate Travis Allen as our speaker. Travis Allen has served in the California State Assembly for five years. If elected California's 40<sup>th</sup> governor, he promises to defund every city and county in California that claims to be a sanctuary for illegal aliens.

Our meeting will be January 24, 2018, and every member is entitled to bring a first-time guest for free to that meeting.

Looking forward to a great year in 2018!

## Keep collecting for service members

Please continue to collect and donate items for Operation Care and Comfort by bringing items to any SVARW meeting. Operation Care and Comfort is an all-volunteer organization supporting deployed service members and their families with shipments from home. Every two

months, volunteers pack and ship care packages to service members.

The organization needs personal care items, snacks, condiment packages, blank greeting cards and more. See the full list and see other donation locations at the website at [www.occ-usa.org](http://www.occ-usa.org).

# How to renew SVARW membership for 2018

Membership in SVARW runs for the calendar year and 2017 memberships expire Dec. 31. Men are invited to join SVARW as Associate members. We are encouraging young conservatives to join SVARW at a special low-cost membership level. In addition to our regular basic

membership, premium memberships are available for 2018 to support the organization.

Also available for 2018 is a SPONSOR level which will provide a business or organization with visibility to the 1,300-plus conservatives on our email list, website visitors and in our

newsletter.

You can renew membership online at SVARW.com or by sending your check with the form below to SVARW, P.O. Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95070. Renewals also will be accepted at the next regular meeting.

## Membership Levels

### Regular or Associate: \$30

#### Spouse: \$10

Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts and Membership Roster.

### Reagan Premium: \$150

#### Regular or Associate and spouse

Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster, AND \$15 admittance charge to all regular SVARW monthly meetings is waived for both member and spouse. (Christmas Luncheon and Patriot

Parties NOT included)

### Patriot Gold: \$250

#### Regular or Associate and spouse

Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster, \$15 admittance charge to all regular SVARW monthly meetings is waived for both member and spouse, AND admittance charge to Patriot Parties is waived. (Christmas Luncheon NOT included)

### Sponsor Platinum: \$500

#### Regular or Associate and spouse

Includes electronic and/or

printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster, AND admittance charges to all SVARW monthly meetings, Christmas Luncheon, Patriot Parties and Stars and Stripes gala are waived for both member and spouse.

### Young Guns: \$10

#### Young Conservatives under 25 years old

Includes Electronic Newsletter only. Questions?

Contact: Gail DeSmet  
membership@svarw.com  
(408) 997-2482

## Membership Application

Membership in SVARW is for a calendar year ending on Dec. 31.

*Regular Membership for Women*  
*Associate Membership for Men*

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I agree to abide by the SVARW By-Laws. I understand that the SVARW Roster is for SVARW member use, projects & events only; it cannot be sold or distributed. I understand that membership in SVARW is subject to approval.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Circle membership type

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\$30 Regular  
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\$250 Patriot Gold  
\$500 Sponsor Platinum

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: November meeting

# SJ police chief vows to protect rights of illegal aliens

**By Joyce Hall**  
Newsletter editor

The San Jose Police Department is growing again, Chief Edgardo (Eddie) Garcia said during his talk to SVARW members during the Nov. 15 breakfast meeting. Staffing has been a key priority of Garcia, who became chief in early 2016. The force fell from nearly 1,400 officers in 2008 to just under 1,000 in 2014.

Police union representatives blamed pension reform efforts and cut-backs by the city for retirements and resignations.

In November 2016, San Jose voters approved Measure F, which modified the pension reform efforts, making them more acceptable to the police and public employees unions. Garcia said that some of the officers who left for other departments are now applying to return to the San Jose force.

The most recent San Jose police academy class had more than 100 recruits, a vast improvement over the seven who enrolled in the February training, Garcia said. San Jose’s compensation and retirement benefits need to be competitive with other similar-sized cities to attract and retain its police officers, he added.

SVARW members were particularly interested in Garcia’s views on “sanctuary cities,” those municipalities that refuse to cooperate with federal agents seeking to enforce immigration law.

“San Jose is not a sanctuary city,” Garcia said. “The title ‘sanctuary state’ seems to say we are softer on crime. I am here to protect the rights, the human rights, of every undocumented immigrant that is not committing crimes and are working hard for their families and to make this country better. I am not here to

protect those who are preying on those same communities. But I am here to tell you that I am willing to defend, and the city is willing to defend, the human rights of those undocumented immigrants who are working hard for their families.”

When an audience member asked about calls to the non-emergency number going unanswered, Garcia admitted that is a problem he plans to address. Unfilled dispatcher jobs contribute to the problem, he said.

Garcia was unable to answer questions about the June 2, 2016 Donald Trump rally in downtown San Jose during which departing attendees were attacked by protesters. San Jose’s handling of security for the rally is currently in litigation, preventing Garcia from answering questions about his decisions surrounding the event.



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