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Mark your calendar.

Oct. 24: SVARW annual meeting, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose. Check-in from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$15.

Nov. 6: Election day

Nov. 14: 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 a.m. Cost: \$15

Dec. 12: Christmas luncheon, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Maggiano's, Santana Row. Cost: \$39 through Nov. 21; \$45 after Nov. 21. Order tickets at SVARW.com.

Welcome to new SVARW members:

Stephanie Bernal
Michelle Meeks
Jennifer and Chris Morris
Lydia Norcia

Time to renew

Membership in SVARW expires Dec. 31 of each year. You can renew membership online or by returning the application on page 4. Questions? Email membership@svarw.com

Upcoming events at SVARW

Socialism threat grows in U.S.

Ex-communist party member raises alarms

October

A former member of the Chinese Communist Party, June Gilliam shares her journey from indoctrination by the Chinese government to an unvarnished understanding of American freedom and liberty. At October's breakfast meeting, Ms. Gilliam will discuss her own experiences, and sound a warning signal to all Americans about the ever-encroaching threats of socialism and communism.

Socialism and its big brother, communism, has been tried for more than 100 years by hundreds of millions of people, and the results are always the same: Its fruits are death, destruction, and despair.

While the threat of terrorism is visible to Americans as they are forced through more and more security screenings, infiltration of socialism and communism in our country is mostly hidden. Silently and effectively, they have eroded the foundation of America through systematic attacks on the education system, economy, morality, and traditional culture. As the nation is horribly divided, it is vital for all of us to recognize this new form of evil in order to defeat it.

Born and raised in Shanghai, China's largest city, Ms. Gilliam graduated from one of the top universities where she became a member of the communist party. In 1998 she came to the U.S. hoping to advance her career. She has been involved in public speaking to offer honest insights of China and to raise awareness of China's human rights issues.

In addition to her public involvement, Ms. Gilliam has a Master's degree in

Event details

SVARW annual meeting; nominating meeting for executive board members.

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 24

Time: Check in begins at 9 a.m.; program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave. San Jose, CA 95125.

Cost: Tickets are \$15 each and include buffet breakfast. Event is free to Reagan, Patriot Gold and Sponsor members but please RSVP through the SVARW website.

Management of Information System. She has been working for a Fortune 100 company in Silicon Valley for the past 17 years as a business operations management professional. She currently resides in Santa Cruz with her husband and two young children.

Executive board elections

At the annual October meeting, SVARW members nominate qualified candidates to serve on the executive board. A nominee needs to be present at the October meeting in order to accept nomination. Executive board positions include President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

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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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President's message

Liberal legislation defeated in Sacramento

More than 100 guests attended SVARW's Sept. 26 meeting at Three Flames and heard California State Senator Mike Morrell speak about why there still is hope for California. Among the reasons he gave was the ability of conservatives to stop at least three pieces of liberal legislation in the California Legislature's 2018 session. In the previous four years, conservatives failed to stop even one similar piece of legislation.

As I reflected on this tiny dent in the unleashed liberal crusade to destroy California, I realized that SVARW members should feel empowered because we played a part in this effort. One of the major pieces of legislation that did not pass was AB 2943, Evan Low's "stay gay" bill that could have made the sale of the Bible illegal in California and would have prevented anyone from counseling LGBT adults who were looking to leave the gay lifestyle. It is already illegal to counsel any child under 18. Due to the mounting opposition from people of faith, Low pulled the bill at the last minute, although he plans to bring it back next year.

In opposing AB 2943, SVARW members made phone calls to legislators and many of us traveled to Sacramento to speak in opposition. Locally, some 30 SVARW members lobbied State Senator Jim Beall's Campbell office. (You can watch that video online at the SVARW Video

Channel. Find the link on our website.)

We must start now to oppose Evan Low's planned efforts for next year! Sen. Morrell spoke to members of the board privately and explained how he is working to gather pastors and other members of the faith community to stand against this bill. Alarming, Evan Low has been able to persuade some faith-based colleges and pastors in California to see it his way.

Several SVARW members attended Low's Town Hall meeting on Sept. 24. Personally, I found it very revolting and had to leave before it was over. I'm running out of room so can't go into detail. But, one interesting invitation was issued that SVARW members should consider:

Holiday Open House

Visit Assemblyman Low's District Office and meet the team during our annual Holiday Open House! Garnish our holiday tree with your bill ideas and enjoy some delicious treats.

*Thursday, Dec. 13, 4 to 6 p.m.
District Office, 20111 Stevens
Creek Blvd., Suite 220, Cupertino,
CA 95014*

What if we all show up and trim his tree with *our* bill ideas and enjoy treats on the taxpayer's dime? We won't have to say anything but I am sure he would get the message.

— Jan Soule, SVARW President

SVARW sponsor: Pinnacle 1 Insurance

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In case you missed it: September meeting

Millennials, pastors valuable in effort to restore conservatism

When your opponent is reduced to attacking and accusing, you know he is about to lose. Democrats' current attacks on conservatives show they are desperate, according to California State Senator Mike Morrell, who represents District 23 in southern California. Morrell was SVARW's guest speaker at the Sept. 26 monthly meeting.

Morrell said two other indicators give him hope that conservatives can regain control of California state politics. Young people are ready for the message of conservatism. Morrell hires and trains large numbers of interns through his office. They all participate in Hillsdale College's class on the Constitution, the Federalist Papers and ethics training.

"If we're not out there making a compelling case, they'll follow Bernie Sanders," he said. "I believe

the millennials are in our court but we have to make the case to them."

Morrell has spoken to more than 700 pastors across the state. Those faith leaders have signed on to help block some of the liberal bills written in Sacramento that threaten free speech and free exercise of religion.

"For the last 50 to 60 years, pulpits have gone missing in action. They're silent on the issues we care about," he told the SVARW members. "You guys need to push your pastors in a very polite way."

To follow Morrell's efforts to restore conservatism in California, visit his website at morrell.cssrc.us and sign up for his email alerts. You'll be notified of critical times to contact state senators and assembly members about pending legislation.

— **Joyce Hall**



Operation Care and Comfort provides support and comfort to "adopted" units of deployed U.S. military service members, serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflict regions. Working within the community and through donations received from all over the country, volunteers assemble and ship care packages to those units until they return home.

Become a part of OCC's mission by helping at the next packing event, scheduled for Nov. 3-5 at Avaya Stadium, 1123 Coleman Ave., San Jose. Email julie@occ-usa.org for details. Julie can also help you sign up for OCC's Adopt a Military Family program, which assists local military families with one-time support. Many military families struggle just to purchase groceries, gasoline and other essentials.



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

COMPUTER HISTORY MUSEUM
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA

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GUEST SPEAKER
Lila Rose, Founder and President, Live Action

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Valerie Hill, CEO, RealOptions

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Voter guides, deadlines

It's not too late to register for the Nov. 6 election. California offers online voter registration and in-person election day registration. Here are critical dates:

- Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 6.
- The deadline to register online is Monday, Oct. 22.
- The deadline for registering to vote by mail is Monday, Oct. 22.
- The deadline to register to vote in person is Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Conditional voter registration is a safety net for Californians who miss the October 22 deadline to register to vote or update their voter registration information. Voters can use the conditional voter registration process from October 23 all the way through Election Day.

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Choose Membership Levels

- _____ Young Guns **\$10** –For those 25 and under.
- _____ Regular or Associate **\$30** per year. Add **\$10** for spouse.
- _____ Reagan Premium **\$150** (includes spouse)*
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Admittance charge to Patriot Parties also waived
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Membership includes:

- Interesting monthly speakers
- Candidate forums
- Monthly newsletter
- Email updates
- Invitations to special events
- Roster of Members
- Website: www.SVARW.com

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I am a registered voter and agree to abide by SVARW By-Laws. I understand that the SVARW Roster is for SVARW member use only and only for SVARW projects and events. I understand that membership in SVARW is subject to approval.

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Applicant

Voter guides

SVARW's Voter Guide to propositions and candidates is included in this newsletter. Extra copies also will be available at our Oct. 24 meeting. Feel free to share these with friends and neighbors. The guide also is online at SVARW.com

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.

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.

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