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**Mark your calendar.**

**March 27:** 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

**April 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 a.m. Cost: \$15

**May 5:** Packing day for Operation Care & Comfort, 10 a.m., Avaya Stadium, 1145 Coleman Ave., San Jose

**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.

**Welcome to new SVARW members:**

- Sandra Gray
- Diane and Gene Griggs
- Maureen Hogan
- Karen McKellar
- Sheri and Ken Rosen

# How Bill Clinton risked national security

## Former military aide carried ‘nuclear football’ for president

SVARW’s March speaker was once the man responsible for carrying the “nuclear football” for President Bill Clinton. With that responsibility, Lt. Col. Robert “Buzz” Patterson, United States Air Force (Retired), got a major view into the Clinton presidency. He is the author of “Dereliction of Duty,” a best-selling book that shows Clinton’s distain for the military and how the president compromised national security.

Patterson served 20 years as a pilot on active duty in the United States Air Force and saw tours of duty world-wide including combat operations in Grenada, Bosnia, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Rwanda, and Haiti.



Buzz Patterson

From 1996 to 1998, Patterson was Military Aide to President Bill Clinton. During that time, he served at the right hand of President and Mrs. Hillary Clinton and was responsible for the President’s emergency satchel, otherwise known as the “nuclear football,” the black bag with the nation’s nuclear capability that accompanies the president at all times. As such, Patterson had an office and a bedroom in the White House and accompanied the president at all times. In addition, Patterson was operational commander for all military units assigned to the White House, which included Air Force One, Marine One, Camp David, and the White House Transportation Agency.

It was during these years that Patterson, disgusted and appalled with what he’d personally witnessed in the Clinton White House, developed his conservative vision. Today, he believes in restoring our nation’s

### Event details

**Date:** Wednesday, March 27

**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.

constitutional principles and returning our nation to its rightful place as the “shining city on a hill.”

He’s a frequently requested public speaker and guest on talk shows across the country, including television appearances on Sean Hannity and Fox and Friends. He’s also been heard on radio shows such as Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Laura Ingraham.

In addition to “Dereliction of Duty,” Patterson is the author of “Reckless Disregard,” and “War Crimes and Conduct Unbecoming.”

### Don’t get left out!

Don’t miss a single issue of SVARW’s newsletter. This is the final issue for those who have not renewed membership for 2019. The annual roster of members will be published soon and you must renew in order to be included.

Email membership@svarw.com, visit the website or ask at the membership table at the next meeting to renew.

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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. Email [President@svarw.com](mailto:President@svarw.com) for details on location.

**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 previous speakers.

Newsletter email: [newsletter@svarw.com](mailto:newsletter@svarw.com)

**President's message**

**Never-Trumper leads state Republicans**

How did *this* happen?

By Jan Soule  
SVARW  
President

Year	Democrat	Republican	Decline to state	Other
2006	42.5	34.3	18.7	4.4
2010	44.1	31	20.3	4.6
2014	43.3	28.1	23.3	5.3
2018	43.5	24	27.5	5

Percent of total voter registration by party. Statistics from California Secretary of State website.

I was very excited to be appointed a delegate to the California Republican Party (CRP) organizing convention held Feb. 22-24 in Sacramento. The CRP holds two conventions a year in non-election years and one convention in an election year. Every two years they hold an organizing convention where the state party's chairman is elected. In other words, every two years there is an opportunity to change the leadership and direction of the California Republican Party.

Any Republican who is awake in California knows that the party has been headed in the wrong direction. Republican voter registration has declined steadily to the point that we are now a "third party" trailing behind those that declare no party preference (see table).

The result in the 2018 election:

- Seven congressional seats in Orange County go blue.
- John Cox, with only 38.1 percent of the vote, had the worst performance by a Republican Gubernatorial candidate since 1978.
- The California Legislature is in complete Democrat control.

With the California Republican Party going deeper into the toilet with each passing election, what kind of party leadership would you cast a vote for?

There were three candidates for Chairman of the California Republican

Party:

- Jessica Patterson, a political consultant.
- Travis Allen, California Assemblyman who ran for governor in the primary.
- Steve Frank, former chairman of the CRP and active in promoting the conservative message.

Both Allen and Frank have spoken at SVARW and in my estimation either one of them would have made a fantastic chairman for the CRP. They both have articulated the fact that change is needed in the Republican Party. Both are supporters of President Trump. Before declaring a run for CRP chairman, Patterson had to delete hundreds of anti-Trump comments she had posted to her Twitter account. Although very much involved in the last election, her big consulting company, backed by moneyed interests and big donors, failed totally to stem the slaughter of Republican candidates, although she still made thousands of dollars in consulting fees.

In a candidate forum held the day before the vote, each of the three candidates was asked the same question: "What would you do if elected Chairman of the CRP?" The three answered:

**Steve Frank:** "I have been publishing my Back to Basics plan to turn California around."

**Travis Allen:** "I have a four-

# SVARW members join Walk for Life



Eddie Byun, above, of Venture Christian Church, delivers a prayer before the Walk for Life on March 9.



SVARW was a sponsor at RealOptions Obria Medical Clinics' annual Walk for Life on March 9 at Marshall Cottle Park in San Jose. Not only did SVARW field a team of walkers, members also braved a cold morning to staff tables where they registered voters and informed people about our group.

RealOptions Obria Medical Clinics provide a safe place for pregnant women to learn about alternatives to abortion.

## Never-Trumper

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point plan to turn California around including a bounty program to increase Republican registration."

**Jessica Patterson:** "I will continue the wonderful work of our current

Chairman Jim Brulte."

Patterson was elected chairman. Were the majority (54 percent) of the 1,300 delegates swayed by her credentials and plan? Oh, wait, only 1,100 delegates attended the convention. The rest of the votes

were proxy votes harvested by Patterson and those "Democrat light" Republicans who support her.

Is there any hope for the Republican Party in California? I think yes, but it will take all of us to get involved and not just sit back and complain.



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## In case you missed it: February meeting

# Speaker highlights nation's Godly heritage

By Debra Janssen-Martinez  
SVARW Social Media Chair

Sometimes it takes an immigrant to help us realize the exceptional nature and Godly heritage of America. Malcolm McGough is an Australian citizen, but a permanent legal resident and enthusiastic booster of our American system of self-government. A former CEO of the Election Integrity Project California, McGough informed an enthusiastic SVARW February meeting how a recently decided landmark Judicial Watch lawsuit forced the removal of 1.5 million inactive voters from the Los Angeles County voter rolls and opened the door for more lawsuits challenging voter fraud across the country.

Candidate Donald Trump recruited McGough to help rally Californians to become active in key midwestern and southern states that might be persuaded to flip to the Republican candidate, even if the overwhelming numbers of California's "winner take all" invalidated conservative votes. The key to mobilizing Californians in 2016, and hopefully in 2020, is the 108 million evangelicals who didn't participate in the election. Trump's growing popularity with evangelicals because of his support for abortion restriction, alliance with Israel, First Amendment protections of religion and speech will drive voters who are disgusted with both parties to

register and vote Republican if they understand the stakes of the next election.

The key to winning elections, he opined, is to engage those who are sitting out elections, using voter registration, church/synagogue activism and strong voter integrity lawsuits. Abortion, immigration, jobs and taxes can motivate dispirited or new voters to register and turn out when issues such as a socialist agenda, late-term abortion and Supreme Court nominees are at stake. He says a wedge can be driven between openly socialist, radical Democrats and moderate Democrats, if Trump is the alternative.

"America was never meant to be a secular democracy," said McGough. "From the Mayflower Compact to the Constitution, America's founding documents are a moral compass, guiding us to prosper." The left has sought to remove God from our society since 1963, with the ban on prayer in school. That removal paved the way to infanticide, speech codes and anti-Semitism. Trump encourages faith in civic life, along with active participation by Christians and Jews. That is how McGough claims Republicans can win in 2020 and reclaim meaningful political power locally.

McGough is currently writing a book on his personal faith journey called "God's Infinite Mercies."



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