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Mark your calendar.

June 26: 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

No monthly meetings in July and August

Aug. 24: Stars & Stripes, 5 to 9 p.m. in Saratoga. Early bird discounted tickets are now on sale. Buy online or see separate mailing from SVARW.

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:

Jill and Chris Hygelund
Julie and Michael Overfield
Grace Russo

See speakers online

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

GOP can win back minority voters

Founder and President of GOPBuzz.com, an internet portal for Republican-centric events nationwide, Karen Watson has written and recently completed her second book, *How the Democrats Stole the Black Vote and How the Republicans Can Win it Back*. Her first book, *Being Black and Republican in the Age of Obama*, remains a huge success and has gone a long way in restoring the brand of the party of Lincoln.



Karen Watson

While a high school student in 1984, Watson attended her first Republican National Convention to nominate Reagan/Bush and has remained active in the Republican Party. A keynote speaker at various Tea-Party and Republican clubs, Watson communicates her message that "conservative values are the right values for all Americans, regardless of race or gender." Watson is a native Texan and lives in Dallas.

Event details

Date: Wednesday, June 26

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.

Watson has been interviewed on numerous radio and television shows and has spoken at more than 200 events across the country. She has recently been added as a columnist with the Politichicks website.

Watson majored in English with a speech minor and a language concentration in Russian, at the University of Texas in Austin.

Get ready for Stars & Stripes

Don't miss SVARW's Stars and Stripes Gala taking place Saturday August 24. Early-bird ticket price ends June 30.

Tired of living among liberals? Attending the SVARW Annual Stars and Stripes Gala is the perfect opportunity to relax and have fun with other like-minded conservatives.

Taking place at the beautiful Saratoga Estate of Suzanna Cody and her husband Ron Hills, the evening begins as you are greeted with a glass of champagne and invited to enjoy appetizers. As you meet and mingle with the other guests, take a stroll around the lovely surroundings as you find your assigned table. A catered gourmet dinner will follow. Wine and non-alcoholic

beverages will be served. Valet parking is included in the price of your ticket.

Candidates

SVARW's Stars and Stripes Gala is always graced with many office holders and candidates. Candidates find Stars and Stripes to be an excellent venue to meet potential supporters.

You will have an opportunity to support the candidates of your choice through our famous Stars and Stripes raffle. This year our endorsed candidates will have the opportunity to hand out raffle tickets

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The board meets at 9 a.m.
typically on the first Wednesday
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President's message

We're to blame for loss of freedoms

Who is the enemy of freedom in California? For those of us who pay attention, it seems that every day there is news of some action taken by the governor or state legislature that steals one more freedom from the citizens of California. This past week I was shocked that California is moving ahead with draconian water rationing despite the fact that the drought is over.

But that was only the tip of the iceberg! At first I was relieved that SB50 was set aside but then learned that another bill was also targeting taking control of zoning away from cities and putting it in the hands of the state. In case you haven't followed SB50, it would remove R1 zoning. This means that your neighbor could tear down their house and build a multi-unit dwelling right next door to you and devalue your property. Oh, and if that is not enough, the legislature is considering a bill that would force a priest to alert the government to certain statements made during a private confession. Don't even know if that is a law in Cuba or Venezuela.

Before you start jumping up and down and complaining about the Democrat members of the California State Legislature, consider this headline in the May 24 issue of the

California Globe:

- *Two Assembly Republicans Join Super Majority Dems and Vote for Tax Increase*

You can read the article at: <https://californiaglobe.com/fr/two-assembly-republicans-join-super-majority-dems-and-vote-for-tax-increase/>

Surprisingly, I did not hear or read any condemnation of the two Republicans, Chad Mayes or Jordan Cunningham, by the Chairman of the California Republican Party, Jessica Patterson. Where is the outrage?

I can conclude that the elite/progressives that currently control the California Republican Party are okay with the Dem's plans to steal our basic freedoms.

Who is the real problem?

We conservatives are the real problem! As our speaker Linda Paine from Election Integrity aptly stated, we get mad at our TVs, complain to our friends, and then go back to our lives. My dear friends, we are losing our freedoms. We need to be involved and show up whether that is a school board meeting, a city council meeting, making phone calls to legislators, showing up in the local office of our legislators, etc.

— Jan Soule
President, SVARW

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to guests who make donations to them. For each \$10 you donate to a candidate, you receive a raffle ticket. Donate \$50 and get six raffle tickets. Donate to as many candidates as you like.

Raffle prizes

SVARW guests always walk away with wonderful raffle prizes such as:

- A wild game dinner for 8
- Handcrafted jewelry
- Trips to the shooting range
- Weekend at Tahoe

- Tickets to sporting events
- Wine tasting adventures

We need your help

Last year candidates attending Stars and Stripes collectively raised over \$5,000 for their campaigns. Many of our raffle prizes come from our members. Do you have anything that you are willing to donate for this effort? Examples:

- Tickets to sporting events.
- Weekend at your cabin.
- A stay at your timeshare.
- Smaller items that can be packaged into themed baskets.

If you have anything to donate, please contact our Events Chair, Lisa Marshik, at 408-348-5238 or lmarshik@comcast.net

To purchase tickets

Visit the SVARW website at www.svarw.com and click on ATTEND an EVENT. Early-bird tickets are \$59 for members and \$69 for non-members. Non-members can join SVARW today and get the member rate, plus their membership is good until Dec. 31, 2020. That's 18 months of membership for the price of 12.

In case you missed it: May meeting

Speaker: Border patrol dangerously understaffed

By Debra Janssen-Martinez
SVARW Social Media Chair

SVARW’s May general meeting was full of enthusiasm and spirited engagement with our members and their guests. From questions about border apprehensions and visa overstays, to concerns about public health and national security, former Border Patrol Agent Christopher Harris informed and inspired our group to become engaged regarding border security and immigration reform. The subject is complex and fraught with conflict between and within both parties and within the states, no matter their distance from either of our vast northern and southern borders. To inform yourself responsibly, Chris Harris’ entire talk is posted on our website (www.svarw.com).

Harris began his talk with a history of how our country got in such an immigration, border and cultural conflict. He discussed how people come to our country, how they enrich or erode our national interests, and which groups benefit from legal or illegal immigration. He explained how our system works, or doesn’t work, to enforce our federal immigration and national security laws. Sanctuary cities, posturing politicians and congressional cowardice all contribute to a situation which both impedes and endangers our citizens.

The Department of Homeland

Security was formed after 9/11 in response to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Harris said the department is a “smoothing together” of FEMA, Coast Guard, Border Patrol and Immigration and Naturalization federal agencies into a sometimes conflicting and chaotic organization. Today’s crisis at the southern border reflects a lack of legislation from congress, conflicting executive orders from Presidents Obama and Trump, plus federal judges weighing in. and unending news coverage of South American families trudging north, confined in overwhelmed processing centers along our border.

Solutions, in Harris’s opinion, are straightforward, but the political will is missing. He posits that spending money on infrastructure, including many types of barriers, cameras and vehicles, is critical in securing the border.

Border patrol staffing is dangerously low, Harris warned. Currently ,the Border Patrol is 2,000 agents short of its mandated minimum. Drones and cameras are useless if the agents can’t move to arrest or deter illegals.

Technology in the form of infrared cameras, satellites, and drones when combined with appropriate barriers and well-staffed entry ports, can leverage agents and protect our borders. But currently, the money and guidance are missing as the three legs of infrastructure, manpower and

technology cannot be put in place without support from our nation’s leaders.

Harris travels the country enlisting support for President Trump’s policies of immigration reform and border security. He suffered a traumatic brain injury from a drug cartel member throwing a rock at him as he was enforcing federal law. His hope is that the government will fund, support and encourage the brave agents who risk all to protect our homeland.



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Meet our members

SVARW members come from all different backgrounds. Do you ever wonder about other members' backstories? Check out the profiles of three members now published at SVARW.com, under the "meet our members" tab.

New articles now feature members Mingi Bodine and Betty Sakai. You'll find out how Mingi, a native of Taiwan, always felt like an American "born in the wrong country." She learned her conservatism in the heartland of the Midwest and became a U.S. citizen in 1999.

You might be surprised to learn that Betty Sakai has a black belt in jujitsu and was the first woman elected to the Alum Rock Union School District Board of Trustees. An accomplished writer, Betty is contributing these profiles to SVARW.com to help us all get to know our fellow members.



Happy Birthday, President Trump

SVARW board members gather to sign a birthday card for President Trump, who celebrated his 73rd birthday on June 14.



OPERATION: CARE AND COMFORT

Military members and their families are eligible for free tickets to local sporting and entertainment events. Operation Care and Comfort, which sends care packages to deployed service members, makes tickets available to veterans, active members and their families. Contact OCC at

occ-usa.org for information.

On June 22, OCC will be hosting a fundraising poker tournament. This local all-volunteer organization has many ways it supports U.S. service members. Please consider helping with the next packing event in August or making a financial contribution to help with the overseas shipping costs. Go online at occ-usa.org or contact SVARW member Kathy Imamura for details.



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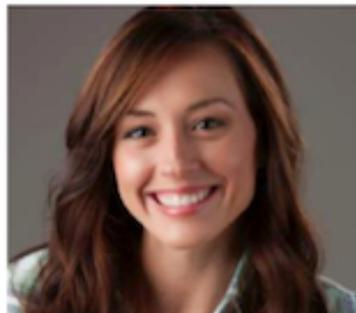
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from the movie, "Unplanned"

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