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Mark your calendar.

May 22: 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

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

Aug. 24: Stars & Stripes, 5 to 9 p.m. in Saratoga. Early bird discounted tickets are now on sale. Buy online or see insert included in this newsletter.

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:

JoAnn and Anthony Destro
Nicole Lance
Lynn Lehmann

Retired border agent to share views

SVARW's May speaker, Christopher Harris, has been a go-to source for media outlets across the political spectrum, from Tucker Carlson and Breitbart News to CNN and BBC. He represents those who work for a federal agency that's often recalcitrant and standoffish with reporters, but he believes a pitbull press is the only way to preserve democracy. He will reveal more issues going on at the border than you can imagine.

Before he retired last year, Harris served more than 21 years as a Border Patrol agent. His career for almost 36 years has been as a law enforcement sworn officer of one sort or another (correctional officer, police officer/detective, federal officer and federal agent) at the municipal, state and federal levels.

In 1997, he moved from New York to California to work for the U.S. Border Patrol. He had previously worked as a federal officer with the U.S. Treasury Department.

Harris is a member of Local 1613, National Border Patrol Council, American Federation of Government Employees, affiliated with the AFL-CIO, located in and representing membership in San Diego, Riverside, Orange and San Bernardino counties.

Event details

Date: Wednesday, May 22

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.

He encapsulates a host of contradictions. When his union endorsed Trump, Harris had misgivings about how it would politicize border security. He is married to a woman whose parents came to the country illegally, meaning they broke the same laws he was responsible for enforcing.

Harris recently retired from his appointed position as director of legislative and political affairs, and from the elected position as secretary for Local 1613 Executive Board. Most of his work has occurred in the legislative and political arena, with some media involvement.

Getting to know SVARW members

Every SVARW meeting this year has seen more than 130 guests. With such a large crowd it is difficult to get to know your fellow SVARW members.

Thanks to member Betty Sakai, you will now have that opportunity. Betty is interviewing our members and writing their stories.

The first one is on our website (www.SVARW.com) under the tab: Meet Our Members. This one is entitled: Getting to know SVARW Member Linda Chavez, President of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School Board.
https://www.svarw.com/?page_id=1529

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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 for details on location.




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President's message

Local party leaders keeping secrets

In a place like Silicon Valley, there are many secrets that large technology companies hold close to their vest. If their secrets got out, they could lose an economic or marketing advantage.

Ask the 151,000 registered Republicans in Santa Clara County; "Who represents you to the Republican National Committee (RNC) or the California Republican Party (CRP)?" Most likely you would get a blank stare. For our local party, the Santa Clara County Republican Party, there is certainly no economic or marketing advantage to being a secret.

A political organization needs to be known in order to raise money. Barack Obama raised big bucks with millions of small donations. If just half the registered Republicans gave the local party \$5 this year, that would be more than \$375,000, a miracle fundraiser for the local party.

According to the bylaws of SVGOP, the purpose of the local party is to:

- Register voters and turn out Republicans to vote
- Campaign for election of Republicans
- Serve as liaison between Republicans in Santa Clara County and the CRP and RNC
- Recruit volunteers
- Recruit competent Republican candidates to run for public office and train future leaders

The Santa Clara County Republican Party is run by a central committee.

The central committee is composed of 23 members elected by supervisorial district every four years. In addition to the elected members, the Republican nominee for each partisan office in the county in the most recent election becomes an ex-officio member of the Committee.

Ex-officio members have the same voting rights as elected members. The Republican nominee is the Republican in the race with the highest number of votes. In other words, they don't need to win the seat, only be the Republican with the most votes.

In the 2018 general election, the central committee boasted that eleven of the 18 candidates they supported for non-partisan positions (school boards, city councils) were elected. That sounds pretty good until you consider that there were 190 open non-partisan seats available in Santa Clara County and Republicans were only recruited for 18 seats. Note that for non-partisan seats, candidates do not have an "R" or "D" after their name.

On the other hand, there were 11 partisan seats open in 2018 election for State Senate, State Assembly and U.S. Congress with 10 of those seats having Republican candidates. Why did the central committee work so hard to find candidates for unwinnable seats? That is a secret that they do not want to share! If you are interested... ask me!

— Jan Soule
 President, SVARW



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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.

Newsletter email:
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In case you missed it: April meeting

Speaker outlines history of election, voter fraud

By Debra Janssen-Martinez
SVARW Social Media Chair

A large crowd at SVARW’s April 24 breakfast meeting learned about the many weaknesses in California’s election system. Following a rousing violin rendition of the “Star Spangled Banner” by Peter Kuo, who is the newly elected California Republican Party Vice Chair, speaker Linda Paine laid out the case for exposing and correcting massive voter fraud, registration irregularities and corruption vulnerabilities in the vote counting system in California.

Paine, president of the Election Integrity Project California, described the massive failure at the California Department of Motor Vehicles in registering voters as they apply for driver’s licenses and government identification. She described a progression of California legislation that paved the way to circumvent federal mandates of the election process, weakening the integrity of the whole election process.

By 2020, California is set to shift to a system where every registered voter gets a vote-by-mail ballot. Paine posited that vote-by-mail balloting is the least secure voting method, and as California is the most populous state, we set the standards for other states. In 2012 California cast 40 percent of the provisional ballots in the United States. Provisional ballots are those that are cast in person with an incomplete vote-by-mail ballot turned

in, a voter’s ID hasn’t been matched to the registration signature on file, voter is voting out of registered precinct, or other registration/ballot issues. Paine reported that 60 to 70 percent of the 2016 vote-by-mail ballots issued in the United States were not received. She further offered that 60 to 70 percent of provisional ballots are typically counted, nationwide, but 90 percent of provisional ballots in LA were counted in 2016.

EIPCa’s efforts to document and thwart vote fraud and corruption were rewarded when Judicial Watch, using EIPCa evidence, filed and won a lawsuit against the California Secretary of State and the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters. The case was settled out of court with a settlement agreement that requires the state to purge the registration rolls of those who have moved, died or not voted in the last two federal elections.

It’s a modest start to stop suspected fraud, both at the ballot box and in the many local registrars of voters around the state where the ballots are counted. Flawed electronic ballot counting machines, human “correction” of crushed or folded ballots, failure to turn in collected ballots is likely responsible for significant numbers of ballots being discarded or altered. Such mischief can only be spotted by citizen oversight, much of which is being discouraged by election officials.

Paine offered that our republican form of voting, namely giving the

states power over elections and the Electoral College, protects minority voters from a volatile and easily controlled majority.

“We’re losing our Republic as we move toward greater democratization of the vote. We must return to self-governance,” said Paine.

How can we stop and reverse this wave of usurpation of our Constitutional Rights? As with the fight against the erosion of our other Constitutional rights, it means getting out of our chairs, maybe even our comfort zones. Making phone calls, writing letters, and donating to groups such as EIPCa all help protect our rights. EIPCa forms were passed out for volunteer signups for leadership and organizing coordinators, research (media, data, social media legislation), letter writing and poll observing. If you missed the meeting, you can learn more about EIPCa, donate and sign up at www.EIP-CA.com.



Every meeting: Remember to bring donation items to any SVARW meeting for Operation Care and Comfort, the all-volunteer group that sends care packages to deployed service members. Ask member Kathy Imamura for details.



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Conservatives taking action

JW House chefs

SVARW members volunteered May 3 to cook a dinner for guests at JW House, a home-away-from-home for families of hospitalized patients. Preparing dinner, from left, are Sherrill Martinez, John Avery Palmer, Mary Pound and Kathy Imamura. JW House was the featured charity at our Christmas Luncheon.



Election integrity workshop

Linda Paine, standing, addresses a crowd of voters on April 24 at the Campbell Community Center. The workshop taught more than 100 people about how to combat election fraud. SVARW will keep you informed on how you can participate in this process. Critical tasks include stopping bad legislation in Sacramento that is intended to further dilute your vote and cleaning up voter rolls.

Contact your officials

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GUEST SPEAKER

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