



UPCOMING EVENTS AT SVARW

Mark Your Calendar!

- ◆ November 14th – SVARW Meeting. Come and hear representatives from the major GOP Presidential Contenders speak on behalf of their candidate.
- ◆ December 12th—SVARW Meeting. Annual Christmas Brunch and installation of officers for 2008

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for more
details
Christmas
Brunch

SVARW
MONTHLY MEETINGS
La Rinconada
Country Club

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
14595 Clearview Drive
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Cost: \$12 for Continental
Breakfast



Nov. 14: Hear About the GOP Candidates

Fred Thompson (FDT)

Senator Thompson's uniquely American life has been marked not only by recognizing opportunity when it arose, but by answering the call to public service and leadership.



At present, the California for Thompson organization is the largest Grassroots effort in California to support Senator Fred Thompson for President. We are all volunteers with a true belief that Senator Thompson will make the Best President and be able to BEAT the Democrats. Our mission, as volunteers, is to build a STRONG BASE that will introduce and educate the voters to a new champion. For more information, visit www.fred08.com

Rudy Giuliani

Rudolph W. Giuliani was born in 1944 to a working class family in Brooklyn, New York. As the grandson of Italian immigrants, Rudy was taught the value of a strong work ethic and a deep respect for America's ideal of equal opportunity.

In 1993, Rudy became the first Republican elected Mayor of the City of New York in a generation. Under Mayor Giuliani's leadership, overall crime was cut by 56%, murder was cut by 66%, and New York City—once considered the crime capital of the country—became the safest large city in America according to the FBI.



For more information, visit www.joinrudy08.com

Mike Huckabee



The former governor of Arkansas, Huckabee has moved into third place in the presidential debates. Receiving high marks from the Values Voter Summit, Huckabee is a social and fiscal conservative. He favors constitutional amendments to protect life and preserve marriage. Huckabee is opposed to amnesty and supports the elimination of the IRS in favor of a simple tax based on wealth. Read more at www.mikehuckabee.com

Duncan Hunter has served in Congress since he came into office in 1981 during the Reagan Revolution, defeating an 18-year Democrat incumbent in what was then considered a safe Democrat district.



Thanks to Duncan Hunter, a 14 mile long fence (a double fence) exists in San Diego along the Mexico-U.S. border to cut down crime. Smuggling (people and drugs) has been reduced by over 90% and the 10-year murder rate of illegal immigrants has been drastically reduced by removing the mobility of the cross border criminal gangs.

For information, visit gohunter08.com

Mitt Romney

Whatever your beliefs, Mitt Romney is the real deal—he has joint law and MBA degrees with Honors from Harvard (so he is a pleasant change just in terms of sheer intelligence), founded and ran what is arguably the most successful private equity firm in the world, got elected as a Republican governor in the most Democratic state in the Union (Massachusetts), has real values that he lives by (been married 36 years with five sons and 10 grandkids), and brought the 2002 Olympic games from a \$350 Million deficit to a \$100 Million in profit while inspiring the nation with his presence, decisiveness, and commitment. For more information, visit www.mittromney.com



Ron Paul

Congressman Ron Paul is the leading advocate for freedom in our nation's capital and is seeking the 2008 Republican nomination for President of the United States. As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Dr. Paul tirelessly works for limited constitutional government, low taxes, free markets, and a return to sound monetary policies. He is known among his congressional colleagues and his constituents for his consistent voting record. Dr. Paul never votes for legislation unless the proposed measure is expressly authorized by the Constitution. For more information, visit www.ronpaul2008.com





NEWS

SVARW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2007

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Parliamentarian

SVARW ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's Time to Renew Your SVARW Membership for 2008

Our membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. Membership renewals must be received by December 31, 2007, to ensure uninterrupted delivery of your SVARW Newsletter.

Dues for 2008 remain the same:

\$20 for members, \$5 for supporting spouse.

It is important that upon renewing your membership that we gather updated information for the SVARW Roster and that we have your signature agreeing to abide by the SVARW Bylaws.

To renew your membership, complete the renewal form and make out your check to SVARW and send to Kyra Hubis at: 1459 Corte De Rosa, San Jose, CA 95120.

A Recovering Soldier

When you are making out your Christmas card list for this year, remember to send several cards to the following:

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001



SVARW Nomination and Election of 2008 Officers

November has been designated the annual meeting of SVARW for the purpose of electing officers for 2008.

At the November 14th meeting, additional nominations will be taken from the floor and the election will be conducted.

- President – Jan Soule**
- Vice President – Lisa Marshik**
- Recording Secretary—Laurette Mayo-Blasig**
- Corresponding Secretary – Gail DeSmet**
- Treasurer – Helen Gaetano**

SAN JOSE YOUTH SYMPHONY

The San Jose Youth Symphony (SJYS), now in its 57th season, is one of the oldest and finest youth orchestras on the West Coast. Founded over five decades ago as part of the former San Jose Symphony, SJYS has a rich tradition of musical performance and education.



The mission of the San Jose Youth Symphony is to provide the youth of our culturally diverse community with exceptional orchestral music education and performance experiences that foster and encourage the study, appreciation and love of music throughout the entire community.

The musicians of the SJYS, ranging in age from 8 to 21, are chosen from more than 400 applicants in annual auditions. The SJYS comprises seven distinct performing ensembles: two full orchestras, two wind ensembles, a flute choir, and two string ensembles. Each ensemble performs three subscription concerts every season in San Jose.

As part of its outreach activities, SJYS offers after school instrument lessons at four local schools in San Jose through its Music Matters project.

The Philharmonic Orchestra is the premiere ensemble of SJYS, led by Music Director and Conductor Yair Samet, former Associate Conductor of the San Jose Symphony Orchestra. Membership is reserved for outstanding players who demonstrate strong musicianship and technical ability, and are capable of the discipline necessary to perform in a pre-professional orchestral setting.

The Philharmonic Orchestra will perform their season opening concert at the California Theater in downtown San Jose on Saturday, December 8th at 2:30 pm. The orchestra also performs an annual concert at St. Joseph's Cathedral Basilica as part of the "Season of Hope" Holiday performance series on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 and 8:00 pm. Please join us!



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They're on our website!

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Need contact information for Congress or the State Legislature?

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LEGISLATION UPDATE

BY CLAUDETTE AVERILL

Legislation - Nation

Labor, Health, and Human Services Appropriations bill: President Bush requested an increase of \$28 million for Community Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) above last year's request. The House supported the President's request, and provided \$141 million for CBAE, and protected the "A-H" guidelines which govern abstinence education programs to ensure it goes to true abstinence programs (not counterfeits by abortion groups). The Senate Appropriations Committee proposed a reduction of \$28 million below last year, and gutted the "A-H" guidelines. Senator Sam Brownback (R-Kansas) has introduced an amendment that would restore funding for CBAE in the Senate bill and restore the "A-H" requirements for CBAE. Please call your Senators today at 202 224 3121 and urge them to support the Brownback amendment.

Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA): ENDA passed out of the House Education and Labor Committee late last week and Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA.), pandering to the activists, is keeping her word to move it to the floor quickly. The House is now scheduled to vote at any time. In addition to spearheading efforts to get this to the floor quickly, Speaker Pelosi has also promised homosexual activists that an amendment by Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin) to include "gender identity" will also be considered. Please call your Representative at 202 225 3121 and urge him to oppose ENDA and the Baldwin amendment. Also, it is crucial that Congress hear from business owners with more than 15 employees to state that they oppose ENDA.

Legislation - State

Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB 777 into law. This is the bill that we worked so hard to kill. Between SVARW and Venture Christian Church, over a 1,000 letters were sent to the governor asking him to veto this bill.

Capitol Resource Family Impact (CRFI) has filed a referendum with the California Attorney General's office to stop the implementation of this outrageous bill. Karen England, executive director of CRFI, is asking for help in the battle to defeat SB 777's shocking policies. This referendum allows the people to make the policy decision for themselves.

The following organizations have all come together to help "Save our Kids:"

Focus on the Family, California Family Council, California Republican Assembly, Pacific Justice International, Concerned Women for America of California, Eagle Forum of California, Values Advocacy Council, Public Awareness Ministries, Family Leaders Network, and Traditional Values Coalition.

Less than 90 days exist to collect enough signatures to qualify the referendum for the upcoming election ballot after filing the papers with Attorney General Jerry Brown.

To order petitions for your church, family, friends, and neighbors to sign, send an email to kengland@capitolresource.org. Since announcing the referendum, CRFI has received 40,000 requests for petitions to overturn SB 777.

Donations to the Referendum on SB 777 should be mailed to CRFI, 660 J Street, Suite 250, Sacramento, CA 95814. Donations to CRFI are not tax deductible.

Pornography Filters for our Library Computers

On October 24th a group from SVARW and various churches went to the Martin L. King Library to hear Councilman Pete Constant and VAC president Larry Pegram speak on the dangers of viewing pornography on our library computers. We then attended a City Council Rules Committee meeting. Jan Soule, me, and a few other people spoke asking for filters in the libraries. Enough children have been damaged, and accordingly asked for quick action regarding this issue. The Rules Committee referred the proposal to the City Staff for review and asked them to report back on November 14th.

Ten years ago, the issue failed stating that filters went against freedom of speech. We now know that pornography inspires crime. Most child molesters admit they watch hard-core porn on a regular basis. Chuck Colson of Breakpoint claims that those who create porn are now victimizing very young children. Police who seize pornographic films and pictures note that they are seeing X-rated images of toddlers and even babies. Doctors believe that males who view porn have serious problems in their marriages. Surveys reveal that one in five children on the Internet receives a sexual solicitation.

Arrests have been made at some of the libraries for lewd acts being committed during the viewing of pornography on the computers.

Mayor Chuck Reed, Councilmember's Pete Constant; 1st district, and Nancy Pyle, 10th district are on board with us. The rest of the City Council needs to know how important this is when it's time to vote. We must fill all 300 seats in the City Council chambers with parents and grandparents wishing to protect their families from internet pornography.

Both positive and negative articles have been written in various newspapers regarding this issue. Go to mercurynews.com and hit newsletters or letters@mercurynews.com. Letters must be 125 words or less. Include your name and address. This is one area where we can make a positive difference in our city.

IMMIGRATION UPDATE

BY CAROL JOYAL

The DREAM Act, a measure to grant amnesty to students, without provisions to eliminate fraud or a limit on numbers, failed to obtain enough votes in the Senate to close debate. It is still possible the farm amnesty bills will be attached to a farm bill extension measure, HR 2419. Farm worker amnesty bills include S. 237 and S.340. One was sponsored by Sen. Feinstein, even though she knew it is an open invitation to fraud. CALL HER AT 1-202-224-3121 and tell her NO fraud prone farm amnesty bills.

Rep. Shuler (D-NC) is sponsoring the SAVE Act, Secure America with Verification and Enforcement, and so far has bipartisan support. It is not known if Rep. Pelosi will allow this bill to proceed to the floor for vote. This is too new for a number. Please follow the bill on www.numbersusa.com.

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BUYING AMERICAN

Many websites have lists of American made products, and in the December the 3rd edition of *How Americans Can Buy American*, these products will be available for purchase. If you are concerned about the trade imbalance and the safety of some foreign made products, check out these sources.

Websites include:

www.howtobuyamerican.com

www.BuyAmerican.com

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Endorsement

The SVARW Board of Directors has voted to endorse **Dean Andal** for the California 11th Congressional District Seat.



Dean Andal
Candidate for Congress
District 11

California Republican Convention Plan to attend!

The California Republican Party holds two conventions per year, the winter convention is in Northern California and the fall convention is in Southern California. Mark your calendar...the CRP Convention will take place February 22-24, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco.

Unlike the national Republican convention held every four years, every registered Republican in California is welcome to attend the state convention. This year, SVARW is organizing a group to attend the convention on Saturday, February 23rd.

There are many aspects to the convention and you can choose how much or how little you want to be involved. Here's what to expect:

Anyone can walk through the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco. You'll be able to visit the areas set aside for vendor booths. If you want to shop for Republican "stuff"...here's the place to do it.

Register to attend the convention. The cost is around \$60 (we'll provide more info as it becomes available). By registering for the convention, you can attend the workshops that take place on Saturday as well as visit the numerous receptions and hospitality suites.

Attend banquets. There are lunch and dinner banquets with a featured speaker. Cost varies...usually somewhere between \$50-\$60 per event. It is best to pre-register for the convention and sign up for the banquets early. There is usually one "hot" speaker that sells out. Last winter, it was the luncheon featuring Rudy Guiliani.

Attend meetings of the California Republican Party (CRP). You must be a delegate or an associate member of the CRP to attend the business meetings. Associate dues are approximately \$45. Barbara Alby will nominate any SVARW member who wishes to become an Associate member of the CRP.

Signup at the November meeting to indicate your interest in attending the California Republican Party Convention in San Francisco on February 23. Contact Lisa Marshik for more information.



Dean Andal for Congress

A Fiscally Conservative Republican

As Republicans living in Santa Clara County we often feel that we have no representation in Congress because...we don't! All four of the gerrymandered congressional districts that include portions of Santa Clara County are currently held by tax-and-spend liberal Democrats. Electing Dean Andal to the 11th Congressional District seat will give Santa Clara County a fiscally conservative Republican Congressman.

Dean Andal
Candidate for Congress
District 11

Winning back the California 11th Congressional District seat has nationwide attention. The Republican National Committee views this race as a must win to take back the majority in the House. In 2006, Republican Congressman Pombo lost this seat by a little over 13,000 votes out of the 206,264 votes cast. With Republicans outnumbering Democrats by 21,000 voters in the 11th district, Dean believes that he can retake the seat from Democrat Jerry McNERney, an unabashed liberal who recently voted for a \$400 billion federal tax increase.

Dean knows how to win elections. He served in the California State Assembly from 1991-1994 and then was elected to the California Board of Equalization where he served from 1994 to 2002. And...he knows that he must win Morgan Hill.

Dean understands that Republicans are disappointed. We had a majority in Congress who were not careful with tax-payer dollars and a president unwilling to use his veto. Dean believes that we must return to basic Republican principles. He stands for:

- Beefing up national security and intelligence. Our armed forces are stretched too thin. We need to put more resources into intelligence to counter the increased spying, especially of targets in Silicon Valley and Lawrence Livermore Labs.
- Economic growth enhanced by lower taxes and less regulation. Dean walks the walk. As an Assemblyman, he never voted to raise taxes or his legislative salary, and routinely returned up to 30 percent of his office budget to the state treasury. As a member of the Board of Equalization, his efforts to increase efficiency, streamline operations and improve service saved California taxpayers over \$40 million.
- Higher ethical standards. Republicans should never accept bad behavior by members of either party. People have a right to hold their elected representatives to their campaign promises. Dean would expect that we hold him to his promises.

Dean Andal is no novice when it comes to federal issues that affect Silicon Valley. He was chosen to be one of nineteen members of the US Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce (1998-2000). This commission, headed by former Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore included CEOs of companies like Time Warner, Gateway and AT&T. By one vote, the commission recommended to Congress a moratorium on Internet access taxes and discriminatory or duplicative taxes on e-commerce. The moratorium was established to encourage universal access to the Internet as well as help promote e-commerce. The majority opinion adopted by Congress was crafted by Dean.

You can help elect Dean Andal to Congress by joining with other Santa Clara County Republicans to turn out the Republican vote in Morgan Hill. Yes...that's it! Sign up on the SVGOP website to volunteer. To learn more about Dean, visit his website at <http://www.deanandal.com/>.



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SVARW Christmas Party & Installation Brunch



*Delicious full brunch . . . Wonderful Christmas Music . . . a stellar Installation . . .
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**Wednesday, December 12, 9:30 AM
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**Donations will Benefit
The San Jose Youth Symphony**

ONLY \$30, INCLUDES BRUNCH AND DOOR PRIZE TICKET

**Reservation Deadline December 3
Husbands and guests are welcome!**

Make check payable to **SVARW** and mail reservations to Maria Fischer, 105 Kathy Ct., Los Gatos, CA 95032. Seating is limited.