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Mark your calendar

- **Dec. 16:** SVARW Christmas luncheon, 10 a.m. check-in, California Cafe, 50 University Ave., Los Gatos. Cost: \$40, free to sponsors. Reserve by Dec. 12.
- **Jan. 20:** SVARW regular meeting, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose. Check-in from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$15

2016 Membership

SVARW 2015 memberships expire on Dec. 31, 2015. If you did not pay for your 2016 membership yet, you may pay online at SVARW.com, at the December meeting, or mail a payment to SVARW, PO Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95040. There are several levels of membership. Contact Gail Desmet with membership questions. Email Gail at membership@svarw.com.

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Upcoming Events at SVARW

Join us for Christmas festivities

Time: Check in at 10 a.m.

Date: Dec. 16

Location: California Café, 50 University Ave., Los Gatos

Cost: \$40, free to sponsors

Parking: There is parking adjacent to the restaurant and several parking lots between University and Santa Cruz avenues.

The SVARW Christmas Celebration is always a sell-out event. This year the event features:

- Installation of SVARW Officers for 2016 administered by Santa Clara County Supervisor, Mike Wasserman
- Delicious lunch with soup, choice of one of three entrees, dessert, coffee, tea and soft drinks.
- Carol Patterson, VP of Cityteam speaking on behalf of our featured charity

About Cityteam

Cityteam was founded in San Jose in 1957 and provides a variety of life-changing programs that help people truly change their lives out of poverty, hunger and addiction. Cityteam also has locations in San Francisco, Oakland, Portland, Philadelphia and 51 international countries.

Cityteam San Jose serves more than 650 hot meals a day, 1,500 emergency food boxes a month, along with safe shelter, showers, clean clothing, youth mentorship, and long-term recovery for men, women and children.

Cityteam is known for their high success rates with their long-term recovery programs along with education and career centers. Cityteam is privately funded by compassionate individuals, volunteers, churches and corporate partners here in Silicon Valley.

Purchase tickets online at www.SVARW.com, or download flyer and pay by check.



Join other SVARW members for the annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 16 at the California Cafe in Los Gatos.

Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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Executive Board

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President;
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Secretary;
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The board meets at 9:30 a.m.
typically on the last Wednesday
of each month. All members
are welcome to attend board
meetings.

Contact Debra Janssen-
Martinez at President@svarw.com
and she can provide details.

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.



Norine Bacon

President's message

War on freedom demands our action

While terrorists slaughtered innocent Parisians enjoying freedom paid for, in part, by American soldiers, spoiled college students demanded university presidents resign in shame, and atone for their "sins" of allowing dissenting thought and speech on campus.

The students' demands include more gender (all five types) accommodation, free tuition, more multicultural course offerings/majors and \$15 campus minimum wages. College football teams threatened to strike, classes were cancelled, professors fired, and free speech was stifled.

Parisians were killed because of their freedom. Western Judeo/Christian nations value freedom in speech, religion, and political discourse. American college students are being deprived of their rights to free speech, to debate the issues of the day, bullied by the "politically correct" thugs. Both the actual death brought by terrorists and the death of free speech, expression of religion and political discourse are truly un-American.

Our president is tepid in his condemnation of the jihadists, and openly supportive of the campus and street chaos. He and his would-be successor think Republicans and climate change are the greatest enemies of America. His passion is reserved for the death of Michael Brown, whose shooting was deemed justifiable.

In my opinion, the dangerous ones are those who invite chaos and bullies at home and abroad. They divide and dispirit us.

Those who allow terrorists to flourish and kill, and those who allow speech, religion and political opposition to be suppressed, are guilty of attempted murder of the soul of America. The soul of America accepts the true refugee, but not those bent on our destruction. Our soul allows even hateful speech to be uttered and disputed. Our soul demands those from foreign lands abide

by our laws and values. Our soul loves diversity of thought, innovation and expression.

President Obama does not seem to understand those things about Americans. The elite universities and their spoiled, brainwashed brats either haven't been taught or haven't had their freedom or safety threatened enough



to understand their worth or uniqueness. But most Americans do, at a very deep level. We're reminded by the Paris horror, the campus demonstrations, murdered cops,

Black Lives Matter marches and a very ugly election season looming, that we're in what Ronald Reagan called "a long, twilight struggle" for our freedoms. There are no civilians in this war. No matter how much our president tries to wish it away, jihad is here, bent on destruction of our freedom and of our soul. We need leaders of courage and conviction to overcome the threatening darkness.

We'll be hearing from more fine speakers like Brad Dacus, of Pacific Justice Institute, who is winning cases protecting religious freedom and civil rights. We'll be speaking out on all our freedoms and supporting legislation, organizations and candidates who promise to fight hardest to protect and nourish those freedoms. But our freedoms can only survive when good people fight for them. Join up. Come to our events, write letters, teach children, and support brave people who sacrifice to be good leaders.

And if there are no civilians in this war, I hope the uniforms are cute. No pantsuits, please!

— Debra Janssen-Martinez

New meaning for ‘coming out of the closet’ in Silicon Valley

Fear, uncertainty and doubt are useful tools

**By Jan Soule
SVARW President-Elect**

Let’s face it... if you are talking about Silicon Valley and “coming out of the closet,” you are not talking about a revelation regarding your sexuality. So many conservatives closely guard their deeply held political beliefs because keeping their jobs and friends is important.

Although I consider myself to be “out of the closet,” I still hesitate to say anything that would cause my liberal neighbors to run the other way when they see me or refuse to put out our garbage bins when we are away. That is, until the recent terror attacks in Paris. Unable to control myself, I blurted out that more people are killed by ISIS than climate change. Although my neighbor’s eyes got big, he had to nod in agreement

This incident brought to mind something that sales reps have used for decades and perhaps closet conservatives can take advantage of:



FUD. The letters stand for “fear,” “uncertainty” and “doubt.” A good sales representative will create those emotions regarding a competitor’s product. Our “product” is our conservative ideals. The “competitor” is liberal ideals.

The 2015 Climate Change Conference is taking place Nov. 30 to Dec. 11 in Paris. The conference objective is to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate, from all the nations of the

world.

If you are ready to stick your toe out of the closet, jot down some talking points to use with liberals that might create FUD regarding the priorities of the current administration. Something like:

- “Do you really think that the world leaders should be focused on climate change in Paris? Is that really the best use of their time?”
- “Wow, the president went to Paris to discuss climate change. Aren’t you bit more concerned about ISIS?”

Note from the author: I am looking forward to serving as president of SVARW in 2016. As conservatives we have a big job ahead of us in this election year but I truly believe that we have the right “product” and that we can use our stealth to sell it.



Gifts That Give Back!

Share a wonderful giving opportunity with friends and family in your Sunday school classes, community groups, organizations, businesses, bible study classes, and at company parties during the holiday season!



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In case you missed it: November meeting

Pacific Justice Institute attorneys keep First Amendment rights alive

By Joyce Hall
Newsletter editor

For attorney Brad Dacus, no legal case is too small. President and founder of the Pacific Justice Institute, Dacus and his legal team work daily to preserve Americans' constitutional rights, especially those enshrined in the First Amendment, which guarantees our freedom of speech and of worship.

Dacus told the audience at

SVARW's November meeting about many of the successful legal cases his organization has handled. When one Bay Area city placed burdensome land use restrictions on a synagogue, Pacific Justice Institute was able to have those restrictions removed. PJI also joined in defending the national motto "In God We Trust." In March 2010, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously agreed with PJI's position that the motto is constitutional.

In explaining his philosophy, Dacus

compared PJI to a baseball batter who makes contact with every pitch.

"We don't let anything go over the plate," he said.

PJI's willingness to take on small, local cases ensures that everyone has a place to turn when their First Amendment rights are under attack.

Pacific Justice is supported by donations and does not charge those clients it represents. To donate or learn more, visit www.pacificjustice.org.

Membership Application

Membership in SVARW is for a calendar year ending on Dec. 31

Regular Membership for Women
Associate Membership for Men

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Please add a spouse member.

Name _____

Send newsletter by: Email US mail

I would like to receive email updates.

I agree to abide by the SVARW By-Laws. I understand that the SVARW Roster is for SVARW member use, projects & events only – cannot be sold or distributed. I understand that membership in SVARW is subject to approval.

Signature

Date

Please attach a check for your dues and mail to: SVARW, P.O. Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95070 OR apply online at www.svarw.com

Membership Levels

Regular or Associate - \$30
Spouse - \$10

- Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts and Membership Roster.

Reagan Premium - \$150

- Regular or Associate and spouse
- Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster
- PLUS \$15 admittance charge to all regular SVARW monthly meetings is waived for both member and spouse.
- (Christmas Luncheon and Patriot Parties NOT included)

Patriot Gold - \$250

- Regular or Associate and spouse
- Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster
- \$15 admittance charge to all regular SVARW monthly meetings is waived for both member and spouse
- PLUS admittance charge

to Patriot Parties is waived.

- (Christmas Luncheon NOT included)

Sponsor Platinum - \$500

- Regular or Associate and spouse
- Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster
- Admittance charges to all SVARW monthly meetings and Patriot Parties are waived for both member and spouse.
- PLUS admittance charge for Christmas Luncheon is waived for member and spouse.
- PLUS opportunity to advertise in SVARW newsletter

Young Guns - \$10

- Young Conservatives under 25 years old
- Includes Electronic Newsletter only.

Questions?

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