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Mark your calendar

- **March 16:** 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
- **April 13:** SVARW regular meeting will be a candidate forum. Watch the newsletter and SVARW.com for specific time and place.
- **May 18:** 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. Cost: \$15.

2016 Membership

SVARW has several levels of membership. Contact Gail Desmet with questions. Email Gail at membership@svarw.com.

New members

SVARW welcomes the following new members for 2016: **Lowell Carlstrom, Pat Forst, Richard Fox, Kathy and Brad Imamura, Janis and Dwight Winnett.**

Upcoming Events at SVARW

Security experts to talk about local risks

Time: 9 a.m. check-in; program called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Date: Wednesday, March 16

Place: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave, San Jose, CA 95125

Cost: \$15 includes breakfast; free to Reagan, Gold and Sponsor members

In the past six months we have seen a coordinated attack in Paris, a home-grown terror attack in San Bernardino, a crazed UBER driver in Kalamazoo, and unfortunately other less publicized random acts of violence.

What are the risks that we face in Silicon Valley? Are there sufficient law enforcement staffs to adequately respond?

To answer these questions and the questions that you may be pondering, SVARW is excited to host two local experts:

Jess B. Guy is a former Special Agent in the ATF, undercover agent in a DEA Task Force and now a lecturer in the Department of Justice Studies at San Jose State University. Jess will address the probability of a terrorist attack in what he likes to refer to as “The Valley of Heart’s Delight” (aka Silicon Valley) and what the preparation and responses need to be to a terrorist threat.

Steve Brown is a security expert, businessman, and community volunteer from San Jose’s District 2 as well as a candidate for San Jose City Council.

Steve will address personal security in the

home and workplace, and the effects of Prop. 47 in Santa Clara County. In this modern age of The Patriot Act, domestic terrorism, and public service staffing issues in the Santa Clara County, Steve will address what can we do to live safer and be more aware of the risks around us.



Steve Brown

April, May meetings

For **April**, SVARW will be holding a candidate forum on the evening of April 13. Watch the next newsletter and SVARW.com for details on the time and place. This is your chance to meet with local candidates and learn more about their positions and qualifications for the offices they are seeking.

In **May**, we will hear from a former mayor of a West Bank settlement, an Israeli who survived being shot by jihadist. David Rubin is a former mayor of Shiloh, Israel. He is the founder and president of Shiloh Israel Children’s Fund, dedicated to easing the trauma of children who have been victims of terrorist attacks, as well as rebuilding the heartland of Israel. The Fund was established after Rubin and his three-year-old son were wounded in a vicious terrorist attack while driving home from Jerusalem. He vowed to retaliate—not with hatred or anger, but with compassion—in order to affect positive change for Israel and its people.

A featured speaker throughout the US and Israel, David Rubin has appeared on national and international radio and television.



Jess B. Guy

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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 Jan Soule 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.

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President's message

How to influence GOP nomination

Amazingly, as I put my fingers on
the keyboard to write this article,
I received an email advertisement for a
book, "CHAOS, An Outsider's Guide
to a Contested Republican National
Convention." Republican pundits have
opined on both sides of this issue. Some
see an unstoppable Donald Trump
winning the 1,237 delegates needed
to cinch the nomination before the
convention and others contend that with
so many candidates still in the race, we
will, for the first time since 1976, go
to the GOP convention without a clear
nominee.

I have not read "CHAOS" and am
not making a recommendation, but the
advertisement for the book was quite
interesting

"This fight has been brewing for
almost a decade. The nationwide
conservative political groundswell
that began in 2009 and developed
into the Tea Party waves of 2010 and
2014 is now buoying several outsider
candidates. The success of the outsiders,
combined with the establishment's
attempts to keep their grip on control
of the party, will culminate in a messy,
chaotic, contested Republican National
Convention."

The book is available on Amazon if
you are interested.

As mentioned in my article last
month, a candidate could win every
primary and caucus and cinch the
Republican nomination by March 15.
Already we know that Trump has had
to share the delegates with Ted Cruz,
Marco Rubio, John Kasich and Ben
Carson so there is still time for you to
make a difference.

Included with this article is a how
to help your favorite presidential
candidate list. I have included a link
to the candidates' websites where you
can donate or fill in a form to volunteer.
My plan was to also include the contact
information for the Santa Clara County
chairman for the candidates' campaigns.
This would provide the option of

participating in the candidates' ground
game. Despite contacting the Santa
Clara County Republican Party, it
appears that only the Cruz campaign has
local representation at this point.

The ground game

When we first hear that a candidate
has a "good ground game" we might
first think about playing soccer or
hunting for Easter Eggs. In reality,
a good ground game might be close
to gathering Easter Eggs, identifying
where the votes are hidden and making
sure they are gathered to the polls.

I will never forget that in early 2007,
a very young man came to my door
with his clipboard and asked if I would
consider voting for Barak Obama.
Clearly I am a registered Republican
and I thought it was audacious for him
to ask. After I'm sure was a very firm
"no" (and I might have added a few
other words to my response) no one
ever contacted me again regarding
Obama. Obama had a ground game
superior to Hillary Clinton's in 2007
and the results were clear.

Cruz's local ground game

SVARW makes no endorsement in
the Republican presidential nomination
process, but the Cruz campaign is a
good illustration of what a Republican
presidential candidate should be doing
now. Online you can easily find the
name of the Santa Clara County Chair,
Ed Riffle. Co-chairs have been recruited
to help recruit volunteers and begin
getting the message out. Right now
volunteers in Santa Clara County are
making phone calls to Republicans in
upcoming primary states to identify
voters who support Cruz or encourage
those who are undecided to vote for
Cruz.
We don't have to sit passively and wait

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Looking forward

Hoping Gramma was right about American voters

By Debra Janssen-Martinez
Second Vice-President

My grandmother was a fiercely loyal Republican. As one of the Sears Department store first female executives, she helped open the iconic San Francisco store at Mission and Geary. Nikita Khrushchev visited there and marveled at the opulence of an America which could produce washing machines, clothing, tools and refrigerators as the Soviet Union struggled to feed its people. After meeting the leader, she opined that he'd have jumped ship and become an American if only he could believe what he'd seen on his cross-country tour was real. She saw the enemy of freedom for who he was; a crass, power hungry manipulator who would end our freedoms, even annihilate us, given the opportunity.


She thought the unionization sweeping San Francisco was a cancer for upwardly mobile workers. She'd been one. As a divorcee when it wasn't "cool," she worked her way from selling shoes in the basement up to management to support herself and her child during the Great Depression and throughout WWII.

She was considered a liberal by her friends at the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a feminist, and insisted that my sister and I go to college and be able to support ourselves. She believed in hiring and promotion based on merit. She hired blacks, Hispanics, Asians, and women. She promoted them, often against the wishes of a white male dominated company. She loved Coolidge, Hoover, Eisenhower, Reagan and Bush. She voted for Nixon reluctantly, thinking him manipulative and dishonest, but knew Hubert Humphrey and Jimmy Carter to be well-meaning but naïve tools of an increasingly socialist Democrat party. She always trusted that Americans would learn from their political mistakes and choose the best leader for their time.

In February we took up a collection for the Independent Institute's scholarship for young people to learn about the principles of economic freedom and self-sufficiency. I felt my grandmother's core beliefs live on in a new generation of freedom loving people. The fresh enthusiasm and optimism of the two intelligent, deeply thoughtful young women from

the Institute inspired me. When I hear our Republican candidates argue about who's the most principled, conservative, or strongest on defense or economic freedom, I'm inspired. When I see young, people of color, of both sexes, celebrating Republican primary victories, I feel Gramma would approve.

There's a lot of fear in this election cycle: fear of Obama's legacy continuing with a deeply corrupt Hillary and Company back at the helm, fear the primaries will leave us with a weak candidate. I think those and other fears of known evils of Democrats' policies are driving sensible people to understand the stakes this year. Pushing hard on our Republican candidates to propose deeply considered policies and clear plans to steer our country back in the right direction will hopefully unify us. Our vigilance will eliminate the superficial, the pandering, and the appeal to base emotions. Our candidates will be stronger for having fought each other vigorously for the privilege of asking for our vote. I pray Gramma was right about Americans eventually picking the best leader for our time.



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President's message

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for our turn to vote in the primary. We can link up with our favorite candidate and make a difference today.

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Ted Cruz

<https://www.tedcruz.org>

You can DONATE

On this link you can find Cruz's entire California team:

<https://www.tedcruz.org/news/cruz-for-president-announces-california-leadership-team/>

You can email Santa Clara County Chair, Ed Riffle at e.riffle@me.com to volunteer

John Kasich

<https://johnk Kasich.com/>

You can VOLUNTEER right on the home page and DONATE

Marco Rubio

<https://marcorubio.com/>

You will find a link to VOLUNTEER and DONATE

Donald Trump

<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/>

Under the STATES link there is no link for California but there is a GET INVOLVED tab that enables you to sign up to volunteer.

Stars and Stripes

Join the Stars and Stripes committee to help organize this year's summer gala. Contact SVARW President Jan Soule at jansoule@svarw.com and she will get you in touch with the committee chair. This is your chance to make your mark on our biggest annual event.

In case you missed it: February meeting

Speaker: NRA expanding outreach

By Joyce Hall
Newsletter editor

Had it not been for a home invasion several years ago, Hilary Goldschlager might not have become an advocate for the National Rifle Association and the group's youngest member of its Women's Leadership Forum. An NRA-certified instructor, Goldschlager promotes firearms education, safety and marksmanship training for all peaceable Americans, especially women, minorities and youth.

At the Feb. 17 meeting of the SVARW, Goldschlager described the 2009 crime in which a young man broke into her home and stabbed her boyfriend in the head, neck and chest. Her boyfriend survived the attack and the criminal was caught and sentenced to prison. Although Goldschlager had been a gun enthusiast most of her life, the incident made her a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment, especially in light of police response times that are too lengthy to stop a crime in progress, such as a home invasion.

At the time of the home invasion, her weapons were stored at her father's home. After her boyfriend was released from the hospital, the pair moved to a 40-acre ranch on the California coast, where they have built an NRA-certified firing range.

In introducing the speaker, SVARW First Vice-President Jane Kearney ran down a list of the nations that banned their citizens from owning firearms and the resulting death toll, numbering in the millions, those governments then exacted on their own citizens, underscoring the risk to an unarmed populace. She also detailed some sobering facts about police response time.

"The average response time for a priority one call to the San Jose Police (home invasion, kidnapping and such) is about six and a half minutes. Priority two calls (such as attempted gang rape or domestic violence)

is even longer, but the average interaction time between the criminal and his victim is about 90 seconds. Translation, you could be raped, robbed or worse, and the police are likely to arrive five minutes or more after the crime was committed and the perpetrator likely gone."

Today's NRA

"The NRA today is not the old-fashioned NRA," Goldschlager told the audience. "If you like guns but don't like hunting, that's okay. If you don't like guns, but you like freedom, that's okay too. There's something in the NRA to touch every demographic."

To help SVARW members gain confidence with firearms, Goldschlager has invited members to sign up for a shooting event at her ranch. Instructors will be on hand to assist participants.

Those who signed up for the event at the Feb. 17 meeting will be contacted directly by email from Goldschlager with details and time and place.

Independent Institute

Attendees at the Feb. 17 meeting generously donated enough money to sponsor a young person to attend the Independent Institute's Challenge of Liberty seminar program. The non-partisan Institute sponsors research into social and economic issues, with a focus on liberty.

For more information or to donate please contact Katie Modesitt at (510) 568-2216 or kmodesitt@independent.org.

