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Mark your calendar

- **Jan. 25:** 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 am. Cost: \$15.
- **Feb. 15:** 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 am. Cost: \$15.

2017 Membership

SVARW has several levels of membership. Contact Gail Desmet with questions. Email Gail at membership@svarw.com. See insert for 2017 membership application.

New members

SVARW welcomes the following new members for 2017:

- Colleen Berg**
- Angie Cardoza**
- Kyra Hubis**
- Diana Kiser**
- Rob McElhiney**
- Richard Stroup**

Upcoming Events at SVARW

*** 4th Wednesday in January ***

Silicon Valley links to terrorism topic for January

For January only, the regular meeting will be on the fourth Monday of the month. In February, we return to our normal third Wednesday meeting.

NOTE: First-time guests are FREE in January. To minimize your wait in the check-in line, please purchase your tickets online in advance. For first-time guests and premium members, there is an online RSVP option.

As President Obama leaves our country with a weakened international presence through eight years of failed policies and a depleted military, how can we help the new administration deal with terror threats locally and nationally?

Join us on Jan. 25 as Terry Turchie, former Deputy Assistant Director of the Counterterrorism Division of the FBI, provides the details including the links to terror close to home. His leadership was the driving force behind the capture of the two most elusive solitary domestic terrorists in U.S. history including Theodore Kaczynski, the Unabomber, who carried out an 18-year long string of terrorist bombings. An author and a principal of TK Associates, LLC, Turchie is a frequent consultant to Fox News, corporations and law enforcement.

Silicon Valley — Target for terror

Ali A. Mohamed kept to himself as an Egyptian immigrant living in Santa Clara County. Serving in the Egyptian Army in 1985, he met an American divorcee on an airplane flight and dated her for six weeks before the two went off to Reno and got married. Shortly thereafter, Mohamed joined the U.S. Army, got his green card and became a U.S. citizen. He trained American

Bring a friend in January

There is no charge for first-time guests at the January meeting. This is a great way to introduce new people to SVARW.

military personnel in Middle Eastern culture and geography at Fort Bragg's Special Warfare Center. Unknown to the U.S.



Terry Turchie

government, Mohamed was living a double life- while serving as a sergeant in the U.S. Army, he also was acting as the Egyptian Islamic Jihad's key recruit in Silicon Valley.

Learn the next chapter in this story at our Jan. 25 meeting.

DETAILS

Time: Check in begins at 9 a.m.; program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Date: Wednesday Jan. 25

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

Cost: \$15 includes buffet breakfast (FREE to first-time guests and premium members)

Purchase tickets online: SVARW.com
Those who buy tickets in advance, (or premium members and first-time guests who RSVP online) will be on paid list and admitted quickly.

Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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Executive Board

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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 for 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.

Contact your officials

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President's message

With Donald Trump in Washington, is there now hope for California?

With Donald Trump in the
White House, is there hope for
California?

YES! I would not be spending so
many volunteer hours in political
activities if I was not certain that
California will become a safe place
for conservative values. Providing
leadership to SVARW is a job in itself
and would not be possible without
the hard working SVARW Board.
In addition, I am responsible for
SVARW email alerts, the website and
the weekly email for the Conservative
Calendar. Trust me, without hope for
change I could easily spend my time in
other pursuits.

Since Nov. 8, here is what has given
me hope:

**It is now OK to say Merry
Christmas!** Did you notice over the
holidays that retail clerks have wished
you a Merry Christmas before you said
it? Political correctness is crumbling
under the weight of Donald Trump
here in Silicon Valley.

**Conservatives have started
showing up!** On Dec. 13 members of
SVARW and the Conservative Forum
showed up at a meeting of the Santa
Clara County Board of Supervisors to
speak against an appalling anti-Trump,
pro-illegal alien resolution. Many
others sent emails to the five county
supervisors in protest. (The resolution
is on the SVARW website.)

SVARW is being noticed! In
the two minutes allowed at the Dec
13 Board of Supervisors meeting,

I focused on the fact that an anti-
Trump resolution would further incite
violence against those who voted for
Trump. As an example I used the
incident that happened at our Nov.
13 meeting at Three Flames where
a member's car was vandalized. A
reporter for the Palo Alto Daily Post
heard about the incident and I was
interviewed. The result, SVARW was
highlighted in an article on their Dec.
16 front page. (The article can be
found on SVARW's website.)

**SVARW has a Promotional
Video!** One of the most amazing
things is that at our upcoming Jan. 25
meeting, you will be able to preview
a video featuring SVARW members
delivering key conservative talking
points. The video will be available
on YouTube so you can forward to
friends and family and encourage them
to join SVARW. Mike Elias of Legacy
Films has donated his time to film and
produce this video.

Looking forward to seeing you
all on Jan. 25. Please note that for
this month our regular meeting is
the fourth Wednesday rather than
the third Wednesday. Why, you
may ask? Because several SVARW
members, myself included, will be
in Washington DC celebrating the
inauguration of Donald J. Trump the
third week in January.

Don't forget to bring a first-time
guest for FREE to our Jan. 25 meeting.

— Jan Soule, President SVARW

Time to renew membership

SVARW memberships expire on Dec. 31 of each year. Those who joined in
conjunction with attending the 2016 Stars and Stripes Gala already are signed up
for 2017.

If you're unsure whether you've paid for 2017, contact membership chair Gail
Desmet at membership@svarw.com. Use the membership application enclosed
with the newsletter if you want to renew your SVARW membership. There are
several levels of membership, each detailed on the application.

SVARW sponsor: RealOptions Pregnancy Medical Clinics

Remarkable successes in 2016 for RealOptions

RealOptions is a sponsor of SVARW and provided this update of some of the life-saving activities during 2016.

**By Valerie Hill
CEO, RealOptions**

Happy New Year from Valerie Hill, Chief Executive Officer of RealOptions. We are grateful for all of your support throughout 2016!

Our year ended with 2,276 women served and 965 lives saved through our four medical clinics. Our new Union City clinic had a banner year. Their first time officially operating as RealOptions showed a 185 percent increase in women coming to our clinic who had a positive pregnancy test with an ultrasound provided. Our RealTalk Program is growing, and we have four Rachel's Vineyard Retreats planned for 2017. We have our first one this month at Mount Hermon Retreat Center. In October, we began offering another life saving service – Abortion Pill Reversal (APR). The following story is about one of our very first APR patients, who continues to thrive.

Talya (not her real name) arrived at our Mountain View clinic within 21 hours of taking the abortion pill

at another clinic. She had made an appointment to reverse the abortion that had already been started the day before. She received a thorough consultation with our Patient Service Manager, Heidi, then Kami, our RN on duty, completed a medical assessment and provided an ultrasound to verify size, age, and heart rate of Talya's definitely live, pre-born baby. Over the next three and a half weeks, Talya received 11 rigidly-scheduled progesterone injections under the supervision of Medical Director, Dr. Stephen Belton.

As exciting as this new service is, we were brought face-to-face with the realities that lead women like Talya toward the choice of abortion. Due to Talya's decision to continue her pregnancy, her parents took her car away, she was told to move out, and the baby's controlling father (who had been present to make sure she took the first abortion pill) stepped out of her life.

Although not all reversal procedures are successful, we are happy to report that Talya has completed her first-trimester progesterone treatments and has a thriving baby. Talya now invites us to pray with her during her regular visits and is comforted by the

support she receives from our team. Talya states she has been inspired to be stronger and knows she can take care of herself. She has now found a new place to call home and exudes love for her young son and the baby growing within her womb. We will follow up with Talya for the remainder of her pregnancy and will continue to provide support to her after her child is born.

Lamentations 3:21-23, says, "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

God provides second, third, and many more chances to all, for he loves us all. His mercies are new every single day and hour. The women who choose abortion and change their minds now have the opportunity to save the life of their child, which is made possible by your continued financial support! We thank you for giving of your resources to help provide men, women, and children in the Bay Area the option to change their minds, even from the brink of death, and choose life.

SVARW's QR code

Use your smart phone's bar code scanner on the image below to load **SVARW.com**, where you can RSVP for events or order tickets.



Want to be a newsletter sponsor?

Contact newsletter editor Joyce Swanson-Hall at jswanhall@yahoo.com to find out how to be a sponsor of SVARW and have your ad appear in each issue of the newsletter.

Stars and Stripes

It's never too early to start planning Stars and Stripes, our annual summer gala. Join the Stars and Stripes committee to help organize this year's event. 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: Christmas luncheon

Salvation Army continues to change lives

SVARW Executive Board sworn in at luncheon

By Joyce Hall
Newsletter editor

A festive crowd gathered on Dec. 7 to celebrate the holidays and support a good cause at SVARW's annual Christmas luncheon, which this year was held at A Bellagio restaurant in Campbell. The SVARW board had chosen the Salvation Army to be the annual charity. Salvation Army representatives shared information about the organization's founding on the streets of London and its growth into a modern global ministry that serves millions.

In addition to the Salvation Army, SVARW sponsor RealOptions Pregnancy Medical Clinics provided a round-up of its 2016 successes (see article on page 3) and made its Giving Tree available for members to support the pro-life clinics.

Greg Von Gehr and Major Gaylene Yardley from the Salvation Army shared information about the organization from its founding in 1865 by London minister William Booth. Booth took his message of Christian salvation to the city streets where he reached the poor, homeless and hungry. Today the Salvation Army operates in more than 100 countries, staffing 440 homeless hostels, 252 residential addiction dependency programs, 182 children's homes, 200 homes for the elderly, and 47 mother



The 2017 Executive Board for the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women was sworn in at the Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 7. Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman, fourth from left, administered the oath of office to, from left, President Jan Soule, First Vice-President Rosa Brown, Second Vice-President Debra Janssen-Martinez, Recording Secretary Sherrill Martinez and Treasurer Lisa Seago. Not pictured, Corresponding Secretary Susan Calderon.

and baby homes.

One of the recipients of the Salvation Army's services told the SVARW crowd how she had been helped by their local addiction program and was able to get her life back on track. Each Christmas season, she rings a bell for the Salvation Army at one of its Red Kettle donation sites. She urged others to sign up for a two-hour shift of bell-ringing, explaining that the time passes quickly and the experience boosts one's Christmas spirit.

The Christmas luncheon also included the installation of SVARW's Executive Board for 2017. Members are Jan Soule, President; Rosa Brown, First Vice-President; Debra Janssen-Martinez, Second Vice-President; Sherrill Martinez, Recording Secretary, Susan Calderon, Corresponding Secretary; and Lisa Seago, Treasurer. County Supervisor Mike Wasserman administered the oath of office.

Have you considered?

American students are supposed to leave high school knowing the three branches of the federal government and their jobs. Could we succinctly answer the question, "What are the three branches of government and what do they do?"

The Legislative branch (Congress) makes the law.

The Executive branch (the president) implements the law.

The Judicial branch (Supreme Court) resolves conflicts in the law.

Does it really look like each branch is doing its job?