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Mark your calendar

- **Nov. 8:** Election Day. Check the Silicon Valley GOP website at SVGOP.com to find out about election night parties in the area.
- **Nov. 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. Cost: \$15.
- **Dec. 7:** Christmas Luncheon and installation of officers for 2017. A Bellagio restaurant, 33 S. Central Ave., Campbell. Check-in begins at 10 a.m. Cost: \$40.

2017 Membership

SVARW has several levels of membership. Contact Gail Desmet with questions. Email Gail at membership@svarw.com
See page 4 for membership application for 2017.

Upcoming Events at SVARW

State GOP chairman to analyze election, future for state party

Time: 9 a.m. check-in; program called to order at 9:30 a.m.
Date: Wednesday, Nov. 16
Place: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave, San Jose, CA 95125
Cost: \$15 includes breakfast; free to Reagan, Patriot Gold and Sponsor members
Purchase tickets online: SVARW.com
 We expect a large crowd for this event. Guests who purchase their tickets in advance (or premium members who RSVP) will be on the paid list and admitted quickly.

Post election roundup

What's ahead for conservatives in California?

It has been a long and exhausting journey since Donald Trump declared his candidacy in June 2015. It seems like years instead of less than 18 months ago. How will the results of the Nov. 8 election change America? Are there trends that speak to the future of California?

For answers we have invited Jim Brulte, chairman of the California Republican Party to speak on Nov. 16.

Retired from the state senate, Brulte now leverages his ability to effect change at the state and federal level through public and



Jim Brulte

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Celebrate Christmas Luncheon with SVARW

Our Christmas Luncheon is always a special event! This year Santa Clara County Supervisor, Mike Wasserman will administer the oath of office to our incoming SVARW Executive Officers for 2017. Mike will also provide an update on issues affecting Santa Clara County.

After a delicious lunch, we will hear from Greg Von Gehr and Major Gaylene Yardley representing our selected charity for this year, the Salvation Army. As is our practice, guests will have an opportunity to make a donation to the Salvation Army.

Time: Check-in begins at 10 a.m..

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 7

Place: A Bellagio Restaurant, 33 South Central Ave., Campbell 95008

Cost: \$40, which includes appetizers, choice of entrée, coffee, tea, soft drinks and dessert. A no-host bar will be available.

Deadline: Must buy tickets and make entrée selection by Dec. 2.

Menu: Appetizers include Fritto Misto (calamari, prawns, zucchini with spicy marinara), bruschetta, and caprese (fresh mozzarella, basil, sliced tomato and olive oil)

Entrée selections:

- Penne Al Salmone – smoked salmon, brandy cream sauce
- Gnocchi Pomodoro – Homemade potato gnocchi, marinara sauce, mozzarella cheese
- Pollo Al Carciofi – Wayne's Ranch chicken breast, tomato, basil, artichoke, white wine reduction

**Silicon Valley
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Executive Board

- Jan Soule, President
- Jane Kearney, First Vice-President
- Debra Janssen-Martinez, Second Vice-President
- Sherrill Martinez, Recording Secretary
- Susan Calderon, Corresponding Secretary
- Lisa Seago, Treasurer
- Diane Owen, Parliamentarian

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.

Contact your officials

- Gov. Jerry Brown, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814; Phone: 916-445-2841; FAX: 916-445-4633; Email: www.govmail.ca.gov
- Assemblyman Rich Gordon, 650-691-2121
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President’s message

Mayor Liccardo owes us an apology

Did you attend our last SVARW meeting on Oct. 19 when Pete Constant (former San Jose City Councilman and current Vice President of the Silicon Valley Taxpayer’s Association) gave us an update on the Propositions and Measures appearing on our November ballot? Quite out of the ordinary, when gaveling the meeting to order, I addressed the fact that Democrats are sending instigators to cause trouble at conservative events and that anyone who caused a problem would be ejected from the meeting.

Your SVARW board has some sharp ladies and it didn’t take long for several of us to spot union flunkies and suspect that we might have an issue. Fortunately the admonishment to abstain from causing trouble and strategically seating Steve Brown, candidate for San Jose City Council and the owner of a security company at the head table, was sufficient to avoid a problem.

The only other meeting that I recall (and I can recall a lot better than Hillary!) requiring an admonition that order be maintained is the June 29 special event where San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo finally showed up and faced questions regarding his comments following the San Jose Donald Trump rally on June 2 when rally attendees faced a hostile and

violent crowd of protestors. There were at least two union flunkies at that meeting, plus irate conservatives. Liccardo continued to maintain, as he had done on national TV, that it was Donald Trump’s comments that had sparked the violence at the San Jose rally.

Fast forward to Oct. 17 when James O’Keefe released his first undercover video from www.ProjectVeritas.com that outlined how the DNC has been orchestrating violence at Trump rallies even before Trump was nominated. Using union people, the mentally ill, homeless and other hired guns to create violence, you can watch these operatives boast about their exploits on You Tube. This video is posted to the SVARW home page.

The question is: did Mayor Sam Liccardo know the truth when he continued to blame Trump for the violence at the rally in San Jose? He is the mayor of the tenth largest city in the U.S. and certainly has his sights set on moving to higher office with the help of the Democratic Party.

Liccardo was elected to the office of mayor with a very slim 2,800-vote margin over Dave Cortese in 2014. He heavily courted the Republican vote. Mayor Liccardo owes SVARW and the Santa Clara County Republican Party a profound apology.

— Jan Soule

SVARW voter guide

Statewide ballot measures

NO	Propositions 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67
YES	Propositions 53, 54, 66
No opinion	Proposition 60

Countywide measures

NO	Measures A, B, F
No opinion	Individual city measures

In case you missed it: October speaker

Most propositions get 'no' vote

By Joyce Hall
Newsletter editor

There's little to support among the 17 state propositions on the Nov. 8 ballot, former San Jose City Councilman Pete Constant told the overflow crowd at the last SVARW general meeting on Oct. 19. With a 224-page voter guide and issues ranging from legalizing marijuana to banning the death penalty, voters face a daunting task of sorting through the often-confusing language and intent of the propositions.

Constant helped clarify many of the key issues that voters will decide at the polls next week. Overall, Constant urged the SVARW members to reject any tax proposals, revenue bonds, and new fees, which means a "no" vote on nearly all the propositions.

There were a couple of propositions that garnered Constant's support, however. Those include Prop. 53, which would require voter approval for any revenue bonds in excess of \$2 billion, and Prop. 54, which would require the state legislature to make public the text of bills at least 72 hours before voting.

He also urged voters to reject local school bonds and parcel taxes. "Every time you vote for a parcel tax or bond, you are reinforcing bad behavior in the state house," Constant explained. The state won't take responsibility for fully funding education as long as residents keep approving local measures, he said.

Constant also recommended "no" votes on Santa Clara County Measures A and B, and San Jose Measures E and F. Measure A would issue \$950 million in bonds to pay for construction of housing for low-income individuals, the homeless, seniors, veterans, the disabled and those with mental illness or substance abuse problems. Measure B would create a half-cent sales tax for the county transit agency. San Jose's Measure E would prohibit employers from hiring new workers until after they offered additional hours of work to current part-time employees and Measure F increases pensions retroactively to retired city employees.

Salvation Army continues long history of good works

The Salvation Army has been chosen by SVARW to be this year's charity at the annual Christmas Luncheon. The organization traces its roots back to London in the 1860s and has grown and expanded its services into more than 7,500 centers across the United States. One of its most familiar efforts are the Christmas-season Red Kettles outside malls and stores where volunteers ring bells as donors drop in money to help feed the needy.

Salvation Army services include:

- Adult rehabilitation centers which comprise the largest resident rehabilitation program in the United States.
- Free temporary shelters for those in severe financial need.
- Disaster relief, including food, shelter, clothing and spiritual comfort.
- Prison rehabilitation and crime prevention.
- Actively fighting against human trafficking and providing services for victims.

November speaker: Jim Brulte

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regulatory affairs strategies and issues-management campaigns.

Brulte was elected chairman of the California Republican Party in March 2013. He brings more than 25 years of experience in politics and government, including 14 years in the California State Legislature, most recently as Senate Republican Leader.

During his public service he developed a national reputation as a dynamic leader and once was described as "arguably the most powerful elected Republican in California."



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How to renew SVARW membership for 2017

Membership in SVARW runs for the calendar year and 2016 memberships expire Dec. 31. Men are invited to join SVARW as Associate members. We are encouraging young conservatives to join SVARW at a special low-cost membership level. In addition to our regular basic membership, premium memberships are available for 2017 to support the organization.

Also available for 2017 is a SPONSOR level which will provide a business or organization with visibility to the 500-plus conservatives on our email list, website visitors and in our newsletter.

You can renew membership online at SVARW.com or by sending your check with the form at right to SVARW, P.O. Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95070. Renewals also will be accepted at the next regular meeting on Oct. 19.

Have you considered?

Do we ever ask ourselves, "What is government?" Consider the following answer:

Government is not reason. It is not eloquence. It is force. Government is lawmaking, law enforcement and law resolution.

SVARW's QR code

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



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 _____

Please send my newsletter by:

_____ Email _____ Snail 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, AND \$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, **AND** 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, **AND** admittance charges to all SVARW monthly meetings, Christmas Luncheon, Patriot Parties and Stars and Stripes gala are waived for both member and spouse.

**Young Guns: \$10
Young Conservatives under 25 years old**

Includes Electronic Newsletter only.
Questions?

Contact: Gail DeSmet
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