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#### Mark your calendar

- **Oct. 18:** 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.
- **Nov. 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.
- **Dec. 6:** Christmas luncheon, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Maggiano's, Santana Row, 3055 Olin Ave., Ste. 1000, San Jose, 95128. Cost: \$40.

#### New members

SVARW welcomes the following new members:  
**Earl Brown**  
**Laurie dArmen**

## Upcoming Events at SVARW

### Evidence of voter fraud mounts

#### October speaker examines troubling ballot box data

- **248 counties in the U.S. have more registered voters than eligible voters**
- **11 counties in California have more registered voters than eligible voters**

Now more than ever we as voters must be informed about our voting process. The many pitfalls and areas for fraud are daunting. We as conservatives need to be educated and know how the system works and how it needs to be revamped. Orlean Koehle, our guest speaker for October, is well-versed on voter fraud and the current state of our voting process. She also comes to us with a long history of moving the conservative platform in many areas of service.

Over the past 10 years, Orlean Koehle has brought cutting edge information to SVARW meetings before the mainstream conservative news covered issues like Agenda 21 and Common Core. We look forward to the inside scoop on what is happening nationally to finally expose massive voter fraud.

Orlean Koehle has served as a leader in several state and national organizations: Boy Scouts of America, President of Concerned Citizens of Sonoma County, Parents Involved in Education and Sonoma County Eagle Forum. Since 2002, she has been serving as the State President for Eagle Forum of California. She was honored by Brad Dacus of Pacific Justice Institute as their 2004 Faith and Community recipient for her many years in public service.

Orlean has been a guest speaker for organizations throughout California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Missouri, New Mexico, and Washington D.C. She served 12 years as

#### DETAILS

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

**Date:** Wednesday, Oct. 18

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

**Cost:** \$15 includes buffet breakfast

**Purchase tickets online:** [SVARW.com](http://SVARW.com) Free to premium SVARW members: Sponsor, Gold, Reagan

a counselor and speaker at constitutional summer camps for teenagers sponsored by Robert Welch University. She has been interviewed on major television programs and on many talk radio forums. Orlean is also the author of six books.

#### Membership renewal reminder

Membership in SVARW runs for the calendar year and 2017 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 to support the organization. Also available is a SPONSOR level which will provide a business or organization with visibility to the 1,000-plus conservatives on our email list, website visitors and in our newsletter.

You can renew your membership online at [SVARW.com](http://SVARW.com) or by sending your check to SVARW, P.O. Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95040. Renewals also will be accepted at the next regular meeting on Oct. 18.

## **Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women**

P.O. Box 3194  
Saratoga, CA 95070

### **Executive Board**

Jan Soule, President  
Rosa Brown, 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 for details.

### **Contact your officials**

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Sacramento, CA 95814; Phone:  
916-445-2841; FAX: 916-445-4633;  
Email: [www.govmail.ca.gov](http://www.govmail.ca.gov)  
Assemblyman Rich Gordon, 650-  
691-2121  
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2802  
State Sen. Majority Leader Bill  
Monning, 916-651-4017  
State Sen. Jerry Hill, 650-212-3313  
State Sen. Jim Beall, 408-558-1295  
State Sen. Bob Wieckowski, 510-  
794-3900

## **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.

## **President's message**

# *Frightful tales from the voting booth*

**By Jan Giordano Soule  
President, SVARW**

As president of SVARW, members seem to have the expectation that I know all things political. Nothing could be further from reality. In 2010, shortly after the November election, a longtime member of our group handed me a sealed absentee ballot that was addressed to her daughter. Her daughter was out of the country and never voted. But, when this member went to the polls to vote, she noted that someone had signed in and voted as her daughter. I had the sealed absentee ballot in hand but did not have a clue as to how to press the issue of voter fraud with the Registrar of Voters.

Having been active in a number of local campaigns over the past 15 years or so, I have run across quite a few anomalies and listened to the tales of others overwhelmed with the challenges to fair elections in Santa Clara County. Here are a few of the tales:

### **Dead people on voter list**

If you have ever walked precincts and knocked on doors for a candidate, you have likely seen voters listed who are way over 100 years old. No one ever gets removed. Absentee ballots continue to arrive at the homes and who knows who is marking those ballots.

### **Rest home voters**

A favorite activity of Dems is to go and "help" with voting at rest homes. Just help the "old folks" mark the absentee ballots and bring the load to the polling location.

### **Union bus**

This is a favorite of the public employee unions. On election day, every polling location must post at specific intervals a list that identifies

who has voted so far. Campaigns use this to find out which of their supporters have not voted and make phone calls to get them to the polls. Unions bring in busloads or carloads of union members to walk in and vote as if they were the voter on record. It is very easy to do; no identification is required to vote.

### **Absentee ballot reject**

This comes in very handy for close elections. The signed back of each absentee ballot is flashed on a screen and compared to the signature on the voter registration card. Signatures questioned by the computer are reviewed by a SEIU employee of the Registrar of Voters who can easily reject any ballot from a registered Republican.

### **Disappearing ballots**

Many working on campaigns end up working on election day at polling locations, which makes it easy to dump ballots. Poll workers are tasked with transporting ballots to the Registrar of Voters office at the end of the day. In most voting districts, the preponderance of Republicans votes is easy to identify by precinct. Ballots from those more conservative precincts do not make it to the Registrar of Voters.

And now for the 2018 election, Santa Clara County is going to be one of the test counties for all absentee voting. Yup! As I understand it right now, everyone gets an absentee ballot and has a month to either send in their ballot or bring it to one of 10 voting locations. I'm sure we will learn more.

All is not lost. President Trump is pushing an effort to clean up voter fraud. SVARW is encouraging all of our members to consider signing up to be poll workers. You get paid plus you can watch what is happening and file a grievance.

## SVARW membership ready to choose executive board

Oct. 18 is the Annual Meeting for the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women.

Article VII, Section 1 of the SVARW Bylaws designates the General meeting held in October to be the Annual Meeting of our Association for the purpose of nominating Executive Officers for 2018. All Active members of SVARW are encouraged to attend and participate in the voting. Although men are welcome to join SVARW as Associate members, our Bylaws do not grant them the privilege of voting in this election.

Per SVARW Bylaws, a nominating committee was formed in January 2017 to recruit a slate of candidates to be presented to the membership for nomination. That nominating committee includes:

Gail DeSmet (Chairman)  
Mary Doering  
Jane Kearney  
Sherrill Martinez  
Joyce Swanson-Hall  
Diane Owen (Non-voting)

We sincerely thank our nominating committee for their efforts!

The slate of Executive Officers nominated for 2018 are:

President: Jan Soule  
1st Vice-president: Rosa Brown  
2nd Vice-president: Debra Janssen-Martinez  
Recording secretary: Sherrill Martinez  
Corresponding Secretary: Susan Calderon  
Treasurer: Lisa Seago  
Active members will have the opportunity to nominate additional candidates for the above positions.  
Our Parliamentarian, Diane Owen, will preside over the nomination.

## Volunteer Nov. 19 to pack shipments for service members

You can support deployed service members and their families by participating in Operation Care and Comfort, either through donations of items, financial gifts or by helping to assemble care packages. The next packing event is set for 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19. The location has not yet been set, but will be announced on the organization's website ([www.occ-usa.org](http://www.occ-usa.org)) closer to the date.

Operation Care and Comfort is an all-volunteer organization supporting deployed service members and their families with shipments from home. Every two months, hundreds of volunteers gather to create care packages for service members.

Operation Care and Comfort can use donations of care package items, financial support and hands-on help on packaging day to get these items to our troops.

Here are some ways to help:

- Tax-deductible financial donations can be made online at [www.occ-usa.org](http://www.occ-usa.org) or mail a check to Operation Care and Comfort, 3173 Pebble Beach Circle, Fairfield, CA 94534.
- Collect items from the wish list and drop them off at the next SVARW meeting or at one of the centers listed on the [occ-usa.org](http://occ-usa.org)



webpage.

- Volunteer to help at the next packaging event.

All items need to be new, unopened and not expired. No aerosol products, please. Items can be left at any SVARW meeting and we will get them to Operation Care and Comfort for their next shipment.

### Items needed for care boxes

#### Personal items (travel size)

shampoo  
conditioner  
soap, bar and liquid  
body lotion  
toothpaste  
toothbrushes  
dental floss  
mouthwash  
deodorant  
shavers/shaving lotion  
cotton swabs  
baby wipes  
Kotex, tampons  
sunscreen  
combs, brushes, other hair or make-up

products

#### Food items

condiment packets, such as hot sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, honey, salt, pepper, sugar  
tea, coffee, hot chocolate, oatmeal packets  
single drink packets (flavors for water)  
candy, gum, breath mints, nuts, snacks, instant soups  
canned foods, energy bars, granola, cookies, etc.

#### Stationery items

pens, pencils, markers, stationery paper, blank greeting cards for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, etc. for service members to send home

#### Other items

CDs, DVDs, playing cards, color comics from Sunday newspapers

### A big thank you

OCC organizers thank everyone in SVARW who has generously brought items to donate for the troops, as well as those who have given money to help with shipping the many 50- to 60-pound packages sent to the overseas units.

In case you missed it: September meeting

# Speaker outlines pro-life actions

**By Sherrill Martinez  
SVARW Recording Secretary**

SVARW’s September speaker, San Jose native Lila Rose, recounted the many ways people can actively work to protect human rights. She asked members at the Sept. 20 breakfast, “What kind of country do we want to be, one which really believes in human rights?”

She told of seeing a Planned Parenthood tote bag that advertised such services as cancer screenings, mammograms, and prenatal care. Many of their claims are misleading, according to Lila. The facts tell this story:

- In the last 10 years cancer screenings have gone down by 70 percent,
- Out of 97 Planned Parenthood clinics contacted across the country, only five said they provided prenatal care,
- Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in the country,
- They perform almost one million abortions annually,
- Their expenses for abortions have increased to the level of \$1.5 million per day, over one half billion dollars per year.
- They bill for ultrasounds, which are done solely to determine what type of abortion to perform.

There are plenty of federally qualified community clinics (13,000 nationally) actually providing a much wider range of health care services for low-income women.

Lila Rose is the founder of Live Action, an organization that seeks to “expose, inspire, and activate” in the following ways:

**Expose** misinformation and falsehoods, produce videos and harness social media to show the truth behind abortion.

**Inspire** women to choose life, as a precious gift, to see a vision written in human hearts, which is to proclaim the universal truth that life is a blessing.

**Activate** people to protect the weakest in society, to value their own lives, to value the role of fathers, and to highlight stories of grown children who were not aborted,

She urged listeners to continue to fight to keep the right to life in the Republican platform.

Lila called on SVARW members to get involved in education, defending personhood, building bridges in the political sphere, and to view abortion as violence.

**Learn more**

- [liveaction.org](http://liveaction.org)
- [abortionprocedures.com](http://abortionprocedures.com)
- [getyourcare.com/.org](http://getyourcare.com/.org)



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Come explore a variety of ways you can volunteer at RealOptions.

At this informational meeting, we answer key questions about who we are, where we are going, why we exist, and how you can get involved to help advance a culture of life in the Bay Area.

**Central San Jose**  
Saturday, October 28

**9:00AM to 12:00PM**

Light refreshments will be served.

**Please RSVP online.**

[FriendsofRealOptions.net/volunteer](http://FriendsofRealOptions.net/volunteer)

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