



- **Stars and Stripes early-bird ticket deadline extended! Save money, purchase your tickets by July 15!**



This Field of Flags flies every year during the 4th of July holiday on Highway 12 in Calaveras County. The Wallace Burson Association installs the flags to thank and honor those who have served our nation. (Photo by Joyce Hall)

Don't miss 2015 Stars and Stripes Gala

Log on to SVARW.com today to join the fun

Early bird pricing for Stars and Stripes has been extended to July 15. Save \$10 per ticket by signing up by Wednesday, either online or by mail.

SVARW's Stars and Stripes Gala is the premier event for conservatives to have fun! Meet and mingle with fellow conservatives. Meet elected officials and candidates, including **Assemblywoman Catharine Baker**, Republican from San Ramon, and **Duf Sundheim** and **Tom Del Beccaro**, Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate in 2016. Baker, who represents District 16, is the only Republican Assemblymember from the Bay Area.

The evening begins at 5 p.m. with a wonderful dinner, followed by dancing. Music will be provided by the 20-piece Sons of Jubal dance band, featured at the San Jose Jazz Festival.

This year the event will take place from 5 to 10 p.m. at Three Flames Restaurant located at 1547 Meridian Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125.

Early-bird tickets for members are \$45 and \$55 for non-members. Non-members can pay the member price by



Sons of Jubal band will provide the swinging sound for Stars and Stripes.

joining SVARW today. Their membership is good through December 2016. Early-bird prices are available through July 15.

To RSVP by mail, send a check to SVARW, PO Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95070. Those postmarked by July 15 qualify for the early-bird price.

In case you missed it Common Core adopted without input, oversight

By Joyce Hall
Newsletter editor

The national education standards now being implemented in public schools were created and adopted without the input of teachers, parents and school districts, SVARW members learned at the June meeting.

Speaker Lance Izumi told the audience how Common Core was designed behind closed doors, funded and adopted by states before teachers and parents knew what the new standards required. Izumi has served on the Board of Governors for the California Community Colleges and started raising the alarm about Common Core five years ago.

“Even if you love every single bit of Common Core, you should be upset that this was adopted in such a hasty way,” Izumi said. “This is an affront to representative democracy.”

California’s previous educational standards were more rigorous than those required under Common Core, Izumi said. And the Obama administration used promises of federal dollars to coerce states into adopting Common Core, he said.

Learn more about Izumi’s work at www.foundationccc.org

President’s message

Conservative strength grows

Our Patriot Party was a tremendous success. It was well attended by our faithful members as well as several newcomers, guests and even a candidate for California Assembly. As I looked out at the attendees enjoying engaging conversations, fine food and good wines, it occurred to me that Republicans are fundamentally different in our valley. As a party, we value individual rights and freedoms while Democrats publicly value group rights. Democrats tend to divide people into races, sexes, sexual preferences, religions, and income groups. Where else could you get Democrats who variously support Sharia law and women’s rights and Gay marriage elected to national office? Republicans value freedom from government power over our private property, religious convictions and personal expression.

We hosted representatives from the Conservative Forum, the SVGOP Central Committee, the Tea Party Patriots and just plain folks who have opinions, who vote and care about their country. We tend to act as individuals, joining with our churches, schools, political groups when issues are important or affect us directly. It’s hard to fight the well-funded, organized Democrat machine, especially in our Liberal California environment.

Everywhere I go, I hear even the most liberal people say that things are

being handled well, that the government is broken, that the important things government is supposed to do are neglected. Too much money and effort is being expended to enforce EPA, IRS, CIA, NSA, FBI incompetence and overreach. Now is the time for us individuals to gear up for the coming



2016 election cycle, and take advantage of the new national “malaise,” which cries out for change. Not all of them are “Ready for Hillary!”

While each of us has a candidate or philosophy we promote, we must band together to fight the Democrats. They are the enemy, not our fellow Republicans. Of course, there are candidates I too think are RINO or too wacko, but those who stayed home in 2012 doomed us to the Obama rolling disaster. Whoever wins the nomination, the debates, the primaries, I will work to get elected. I will also work to elect sensible local candidates in what promises to be a record turnout election season. I hope you choose to join with us to do the same.

— Debra Janssen-Martinez

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October 22

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Doors Open at 6PM

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