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**Mark your calendar**

- **June 17:** 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
- **June 20: Patriot Party**, 6 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$15, fee waived for Patriot Gold and Sponsor Platinum members.
- **Saturday, Aug. 15: Stars and Stripes Gala**, Three Flames Restaurant.

**SVARW meetings**

SVARW monthly meetings take place at The Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month with check-in between 9 and 9:30 a.m. The price is \$15.

**Membership:**

Contact Gail Desmet with membership questions. Email Gail at [membership@svarw.com](mailto:membership@svarw.com).

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## Upcoming Events at SVARW

### Why Common Core is so unpopular

At our June 17 meeting (see details at left) **Lance Izumi** will discuss the latest developments in the controversy over Common Core national education standards, including the impact that Common Core is now having in the classroom. He will discuss the changes in curricula and how the learning of children is being affected. Also, he will describe the increasing fiscal costs that Common Core is imposing on school districts and all California taxpayers. He will conclude his remarks by discussing how Common Core will impact the 2016 elections.

Lance Izumi is Koret Senior Fellow and Senior Director of Education Studies at the Pacific Research Institute. He is the author of the 2012 book *continued on page 3*



Lance Izumi

### Patriot Party

Celebrate summer, make new friends and find out what's happening in local conservative politics at the June 20 Patriot Party in Almaden Valley. Where else can you have such an encouraging and intellectually stimulating evening, complete with wine and appetizers for only \$15? SVARW members Clint and Paulette Johnson have graciously offered their beautiful Almaden Valley Country Club home for this party. Don't be shy!

Office holders and declared candidates are always our guests!

**Date: June 20, 2015**

**Time: 6 to 9 p.m.**

**Location: 6605 Crystal Springs Dr., San Jose, CA 95120**

**Tickets: \$15 per person. Fee is waived for Patriot Gold and Sponsor Platinum membership levels.**

**Purchase tickets: online at [svarw.com](http://svarw.com) or at the door**

### Stars and Stripes Summer Gala

SVARW's Stars and Stripes Gala is the premier event for conservatives to have fun! Meet and mingle with fellow conservatives. It's a great way for candidates to meet and be known to this very active group of conservatives. The evening features 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 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 joining SVARW today. Their membership is good through December 2016. Early-bird prices are good through June 30.

## Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

P.O. Box 3194  
Saratoga, CA 95070

### Executive Board

**Debra Janssen-Martinez, President; Jane Kearney, First Vice-President; Jan Soule, Second Vice-President; Sherrill Martinez, Recording Secretary; Kirsten Williams, 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 Debra Janssen-Martinez at [President@svarw.com](mailto: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,**  
Mail to: State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: 916-445-2841  
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Email: [www.govmail.ca.gov](http://www.govmail.ca.gov)  
**Assemblyman Rich Gordon,**  
650-691-2121  
**Assemblyman Evan Low,**  
408-371-2802  
**State Sen. Maj. Ldr. Ellen Corbett,**  
510-794-3900  
**State Senator Jerry Hill**  
650-212-3313  
**State Senator Jim Beall**  
408-558-1295

### President's message

## *A hopeful meeting at WalMart*

I met an old, kind of grungy African-American gentleman soliciting signatures in the entryway of the WalMart recently. I was initially suspicious of him, as I am of most people other than Cub Scouts hawking anything at retail outlet entrances.

"Ma'am, won't you take a moment to sign this petition to put the ability for the people who live in this town the opportunity to vote on how the city zones this parcel?" Intrigued, I took a look. It was as he'd said: a petition to take the zoning decision back from the City Council and force them to at least consider the wishes of the residents about zoning, land use and how the present occupants would be affected on a small, controversial piece of property in the heart of our small suburban town. It's been a hot topic in our local newspaper.

After I signed, he commented that he was starting to get more involved in how much the government can do what it wants to us. I agreed, and he posited that, "This president of ours is way out of control."

Surprised, I replied that he'd been duly elected twice.

"Yeah, but we should've known that he was too young, and inexperienced enough to know how to run the country."

I agreed again and added that the woman who wants to replace him has little more experience and is far more evil-minded and I hope she ends up in jail, where she belongs. He patted my arm and said, "I love you, lady. God bless. We all got to get involved before they take over everything."

I thought of all that bad old racial violence, the riots, the hatred that's been in the news again. For the thousandth time, I thought of all the good will and hope, squandered by this president, that could have been used to get past old racial grievances and solve the problems which affect us all.



The 96 percent of black voters who supported Obama have been cheated. They put their faith in a man who never misses an opportunity to demonize as racists

Republicans, or anyone who disagrees with him. Ben Carson, Allen West, Condoleezza Rice and countless other African-American Republicans are superstars of intellect, courage and leadership, yet are marginalized at every opportunity by Obama and Democrats. Obama and his party have wasted the opportunity of our century to collaborate in setting the black community free from poverty, family disintegration and the slavery of poor education. Shame on them. Shame on the Republican leadership for not aggressively calling them out on it.

It was just a brief encounter which reminded me not to judge people too quickly, but more importantly, it was a signal that maybe ordinary people are getting fed up. I hope so. I also hope I don't see him out in front next week registering Democrats to vote. Now I know I'm getting too cynical.

— Debra Janssen-Martinez

### Your feedback is needed!

Email [president@svarw.com](mailto:president@svarw.com) or return this at the next meeting or by mail:

Who has been your favorite SVARW speaker? \_\_\_\_\_

Who would you like to speak at SVARW? \_\_\_\_\_

Best benefit of SVARW membership? Speakers? Newsletter? Patriot Parties?

Stars and Stripes? Meeting other conservatives? (circle your choice/s)

## In case you missed it May speaker details regionalism threats

By Joyce Hall  
Newsletter Editor

A trend toward regional government must be stopped because it will severely limit personal liberties and property rights, speaker Debbie Bacigalupi told the SVARW members at May’s meeting at the Three Flames Restaurant. Drawing on information from the United Nations, local government agencies and historical events, Bacigalupi explained how American communities are being crafted to dramatically change how people live, work and travel.

In particular, California is serving as a pilot program for regionalism, a means of governing an area that transfers power from elected city council and county boards to regional entities, such as the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). The underpinning political philosophy to regionalism is sustainable development, a planning process that emphasizes public transit and high-density housing while discouraging suburban and rural housing.

Bacigalupi criticized sustainable development, which is defined as “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (source: “Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development: Our Common Future,” also called the Brundtland Report, after Gro Harlem Brundtland, the commission’s chairwoman and former prime minister of Norway).

Sustainable development can encompass concepts as wide-ranging as economic justice, environmental justice and climate change. California’s current water shortage is partly a result of the state’s unwillingness to build new dams for water storage, a concession to environmentalists, Bacigalupi said.

She urged SVARW members to fight the regionalism efforts and to stand for our republic.

“What’s happening with liberty and freedom? It is disappearing,” she said. “America was founded on dreams. America was born to win.

“It was based on God’s creation, natural law, individual rights. That’s what makes America worth fighting for. Regardless of how tired you are. Regardless of how sick you are. Regardless of how poor you are. This is the most important battle of our lifetime,” she said.

## June speaker: Lance Izumi

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*Obama’s Education Takeover* (Encounter Books), which details the centralization of education policymaking in Washington under President Obama.

From 2004 to 2015, Mr. Izumi served as a member of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and served two terms as board president.

His other work includes serving

as co-author on: *Short-Circuited: The Challenges Facing the Online Learning Revolution in California; Moonshots in Education*, which analyzes digital education in America.; and *Not as Good as You Think: Why the Middle Class Needs School Choice*.

In 2008, *The New York Times* selected Lance Izumi as one of its online contributors on education issues and the presidential race.

### Legislative update

## Committee of 120 to track legislators

SVARW Legislation Chair Trish Cypher wants all members to know about a new group that will help voters stay aware of actions by our elected officials in Sacramento:

Announcing the formation of the we the people committee of 120 to address existing law and proposed legislation in Sacramento that implements sustainable development and through regionalism, changes our form of government. The committee of 120 are individuals from all counties in California who are interested in educating themselves and their 80 Assembly and 40 Senate elected representatives of the state legislature on these issues.

If you are interested in learning more about this effort, please email: [advocacy@svarw.com](mailto:advocacy@svarw.com)

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The Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women Presents

# Stars and Stripes Celebration

## Annual Dinner and Dancing Event



**Saturday, August 15, 2015 — 5:00 – 10:00 P.M.**

Three Flames Restaurant- 1547 Meridian Ave.—San Jose, 9515

Join us for a fabulous dinner and dancing. Music provided by the 20 pieces Sons of Jubal Band.

### Great event to meet and mingle with other conservatives in Silicon Valley

Dress is casual elegant. This event is always a sellout so purchase your tickets early!!!

Category	Payment received by June 30th	Payment received after June 30th
SVARW Members [Regular, Associate or Supporting ]	\$45	\$55
Non-Members**	\$55	\$65

### ANNUAL STARS & STRIPES GALA — TICKET ORDER

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SVARW AND MAIL TO P.O BOX 3194, SARATOGA, CA 95070 — OR PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT **WWW.SVARW.COM**

PLEASE EMAIL LISA MARSHIK-LMARSHIK@COMCAST.NET IF YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC SEATING REQUEST, PLEASE SUBMIT THE REQUEST BY 7/31. NO SEATING REQUESTS AFTER 7/31.

Join SVARW today and pay the member rate.

Membership is good until December 31, 2016.

Visit the Membership page at [www.svarw.com](http://www.svarw.com) for a complete description of the benefits of each level.

- Regular (or Associate) \$30—add spouse for \$10
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Gala Tickets	\$
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Reagan Premium—\$150	\$
Patriot Gold—\$250	\$
Sponsor Platinum—\$500	\$
TOTAL	\$

#If your husband/date is not a member, he pays the non-member price. Join SVARW with this form and pay member price

\*\*For orders received after JUNE 30, 2015 tickets are \$65 for members, \$75 for non-members—NO EXCEPTIONS! At door \$85 if space.