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Mark your calendar

- **March 18:** SVARW regular meeting, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose.
- **April 15:** SVARW regular meeting, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Three Flames Restaurant.

New location for SVARW meetings

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

Membership: Contact Martha Snodgrass at 408-402-3512 with updates or to renew your membership. New membership levels apply for 2015, including discounts for young conservatives and premium levels for SVARW sponsors.

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Upcoming Events at SVARW

Kevin McGary: finding justice

SVARW Monthly Meeting

Who: Author Kevin McGary
When: 9:30 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 18
Where: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose
Time: Check in between 9 and 9:30 a.m. Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.
Cost: \$15 includes full breakfast. Purchase tickets online or at the door.
Web site: For more information and to purchase tickets: www.SVARW.com

What is real justice?

The Declaration of Independence was founded on principles of “justice” and the U.S. Constitution was ratified and upheld as the fundamental document guaranteeing “liberty and justice for all.” Indeed, the Republican Party was principally founded and established based on a foundation of beliefs and principles for assuring “justice,” and extending basic “human rights” for all.

While “justice” is innate to all humankind, in today’s America (and so many other places in the world) it seems fleeting! Why? What has changed? Many individuals and organizations purport to espouse “justice,” but is what they stand for really “justice”? Is today’s mantra for “social justice” *real* justice?

During his discussion on March 18, **Kevin McGary** will define and address real justice, while taking an historic look at how justice is the root of Abraham Lincoln/Frederick Douglass era Republicanism. In the end, we see how to make a strident recommitment to justice through active encouragement and meaningful support of people (in 2016) who

will firmly represent real justice.

Kevin McGary is an author, public speaker, facilitator/teacher, and ministry leader. His focus has been to challenge politicians and clergy to live with the highest levels of integrity by taking an



Kevin McGary

uncompromising stance toward righteousness and justice. Kevin is also President and Chairman of the Frederick Douglass Foundation of California. The Frederick Douglass Foundation is committed to providing

political advocacy, political strategy, educating and empowering “communities of color” on the proper role of government, and in partnering with like-minded organizations to ensure maximum freedom, liberty, and justice. As a professional, Kevin has worked the past 27 years in Information Technology and has authored two books.

Coming in April

Our April speaker will be **Timothy Sandefur**, principal attorney at the Pacific Legal Foundation. As the lead attorney in the Foundation’s Economic Liberty Project, he works to protect businesses against abusive government regulation, and has won victories for free enterprise in California, Oregon, Missouri, and other states.

Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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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 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.

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President's message

Liberal governance brings frightening consequences

Unintended consequences of liberal legislation and governance would be hilarious if it weren't so damaging, mostly to those who voted against stupidity in the first place. The San Jose Mercury News reports that the Proposition 47 measure changing many felonies to misdemeanors is contributing to an alarming rise in property crimes. Deterrents to crimes such as gun theft, use of date rape drugs, fraud, and forgery are vanishing due to reclassification as misdemeanors. Freed from felony drug-selling charges, addicts are no longer forced into rehabilitation programs; instead they are escalating to more violent crimes.

Elsewhere in the paper, private businesses are reportedly dropping private healthcare insurance, forcing lower-paid employees onto the Covered California exchange, where — surprise! — coverage is less, and deductibles and premiums are much higher. But insurance company profits, you guessed it, they're up. Physician lists shrink, access is restricted. But wait, there's more! The chattering liberal media will surely blame every disaster on Republicans.

Silicon Valley tech giants such as Netflix and Google are trumpeting their victory in the recent FCC Net Neutrality fight on a subsequent page of the Mercury News. Sold to a gullible public as a blow for freedom, the unintended consequences run the risk of threatening the very freedom and lightly regulated miracle that is the internet. The FCC, a politically appointed six-member regulatory body, can now start cracking down on the *content* of the internet. My 20-something son was very

thrilled that his Netflix videos won't be charged more than his grandmother's very limited use for email and online banking. I wonder if he'll be so happy when the content of his Facebook posts, Skype, and texts may be judged as "inappropriate" or "offensive" by



the government. Remember the Fairness Doctrine for TV and radio? Trust Google to advocate for your 1st Amendment rights?

Last month's speaker, Nan Su, warned of China's use of police powers to bully dissenters, and repress freedoms of all kinds, including artistic expression. March's speaker, Kevin McGary will address the substitution of true equally applied justice, and hard-won civil rights with "social justice," which we all know means justice for some, which will "level the playing field," at least for Democrat voters.

Progressives laugh off comparisons of leftist governance (from the local school board to the San Jose City Council to the president) to China or other repressive regimes, as crazy conservative reactionary behavior. After all, aren't "affordable" healthcare and unlimited Netflix downloads worth the cost of "reasonable" regulation? Exercise your freedoms, to speak and register your disagreement, or be prepared to see them vanish with the speed of fiber optic connectivity.

— Debra Janssen-Martinez

Time is running out!

This is the **last month** the newsletter will be mailed out to those who have **not renewed** their SVARW membership for 2015. Additionally, the full electronic version of the newsletter is only available to paid members.

Those who have not renewed their membership for this year should contact membership chair Martha Snodgrass (her phone number is on the front page of the newsletter) to make sure they don't miss future editions of the newsletter and notifications of coming events. Or, mail the application at right to SVARW, P.O. Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95070 or apply online at www.svarw.com.

Where else can Bay Area conservative women join together in an influential group that provides dynamic speakers, fun Patriot Parties, candidate forums and the Stars and Strips summer gala? Don't be left out of the loop.

In addition to our regular basic membership, premium memberships are available for 2015 to support the organization.

Also available for 2015 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.



Membership Application

Membership in SVARW is for a calendar year ending on Dec. 31st.

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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

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Includes electronic and printed Newsletter, Email Alerts and Membership Roster

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Member or Associate and spouse

Includes electronic and printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster, **\$15 admittance charge to all regular SVARW monthly meetings is waived for both member and spouse.**

(Christmas Luncheon and Patriot Parties NOT included)

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(Christmas Luncheon NOT included)

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Sponsor Platinum - \$500

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Young Conservatives

under 25 years old

Includes Electronic Newsletter only.

Questions?

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Election news

SVARW endorses Lan Diep in SJ

The following candidate has been endorsed by the SVARW board:

Lan Diep, who is running for San Jose City Council, District 4.

The special election is to be held on April 7;

absentee ballots go out March 9.

District 4 includes the areas of North San Jose, Alviso and Berryessa.

To find out more about Mr. Diep, visit his website at www.lanforSanJose.com



Lan Diep

Schools seek new parcel taxes

Two local school districts will be facing voters in May with ballot questions that, if approved, would increase parcel taxes for home-owners in those districts. The special elections will be May 5 for both the Palo Alto Unified School District and the Campbell Union School District. Both measures require a two-thirds vote for passage.

In Palo Alto, Measure A proposes an increase of \$120 per parcel per year, raising the existing school parcel tax from \$638 to \$758 annually. The existing parcel tax is expiring and district officials hope to replace it with the new higher tax. In Campbell, Measure B would add an annual \$49 per parcel tax for the next eight years.

Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association President Mark Hinkle, who was an SVARW speaker in 2014, alerted SVARW to these two parcel tax measures, on which his organization urges a "no" vote.

In case you missed it: February speaker Nan Su

U.S. needs to support Chinese people

Mr. Nan Su enlightened our enthusiastic SVARW crowd at the February General Meeting. A charming and self-effacing gentleman, he gave a view on China that could only be presented by an immigrant who fled China's repressive government for America's opportunities and freedoms.

Su highlighted the great 5,000 year old history and culture of China with roots in Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, and later, Christianity in the 18th and 19th centuries. Those traditions value loyalty and fealty to one's family first, fellow humans second, and government last. Su recalled that the Chinese Cultural Revolution destroyed the people's religious practices and symbols, along with their rich arts culture, replacing them with loyalty and a duty to the state and its repressive human bosses.

During the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s, hundreds of thousands of people were killed, starved and tortured in order for the communist regime to wield complete power over the people, their land and their wealth. China was turned inward and isolated from much of the West until President Nixon initiated relations in the 1970s. With growing trade bringing prosperity to China, the people began to demand more freedom and opportunity, culminating in the 1989 Tianamen Square protests and government crackdowns on the dissidents.

A key point Su made is that an escalating number of organized protests, approximately 180,000

this year, are bringing to the world's attention the Chinese people's unhappiness with their government. Suppression of the protests are costing the government nearly as much as it spends on the military. Greater freedom to travel, Western business, tourism, and the internet let Chinese people know there is another world, offering freedom and opportunity. With the loosening of Chinese cultural and religious practices, the government seeks to restore the Chinese people's fundamental human desire for God, family and freedom. It hopes to buy the people's favor with at least the appearance of restoring their ancient culture, arts and values.

Su is disappointed that the U.S. government doesn't seem to support the Chinese people's freedom movement, or those in Iran or Russia, for that matter. He sees our support of those movements as an effort to secure Western freedoms while avoiding war. Our maintenance of a strong national defense and enforcement of our own trade secret and patent laws is the U.S.'s best defense against Chinese elite kept in power by a corrupt system and international reluctance to push back against them.

He offered a video of a 100 percent American-scripted and produced multimedia show, Shen Yun, which is shown in most of Asia (except China) and the West, which reinforces China's rich cultural history and invites its viewers to support the Chinese people's freedom movement.



Come and enjoy a full hot breakfast on March 18 at the Three Flames, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose. Our speakers will always challenge you to take action for conservative causes.