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Mark your calendar

- **May 20:** SVARW regular meeting, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose.
- **June 17:** SVARW regular meeting, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Three Flames Restaurant.
- **June 20: Patriot Party**, 6 to 9 p.m., 6605 Crystal Springs Dr., San Jose, CA 95120. 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 unchanged at \$15.

Membership:

Contact Gail Desmet with membership questions. Email Gail at membership@svarw.com.

Upcoming Events at SVARW

Changes on tap for property rights

SVARW Monthly Meeting

Who: Debbie Bacigalupi, businesswoman, 6th generation Californian, researcher, former Congressional candidate

When: 9 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 20

Where: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose

Time: Check-in and breakfast begins at 9 a.m. Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

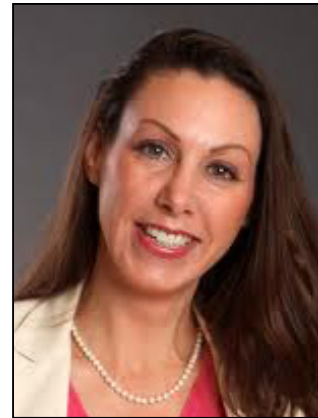
Cost: \$15 includes full breakfast. Purchase tickets online or at the door.

Web site: For more information and to purchase tickets: www.SVARW.com

Do you ever wonder why so many issues are happening at once and who is benefitting? Where on earth did the idea of regional versus local control of our schools, health, and water originate? How do all of these topics overlap and what is the ultimate goal?

Debbie Bacigalupi, a requested speaker throughout the West, will be detailing history, political, economic, and environmental issues that impact every single one of us and explain how all of these issues are related to the present and future generations with an emphasis on water and private property rights.

Miss Bacigalupi will share what she's garnered from conferences she has attended – like the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the Navigating the American Carbon World on Cap-n-Trade, the Western Governors Association CHAT Conference on Drought, and many Fish and Wildlife meetings and hearings on the Endangered Species Act. What do these items have to do with our behavior and future?



Debbie Bacigalupi

An avid researcher, this sixth generation Californian and daughter of ranchers and farmers in Siskiyou County is known for her lively and interactive presentation on the threats of wolves to dam removals,

water supply, and the people who supply our food. She will share how overregulation and government corruption factor into the monster that is regionalism in California. Following will be a question and answer session.

Bring your stationery!

Do you have some stationery to share with other SVARW members? This month's meeting will provide a copy of a letter for elected officials, urging them to take principled, conservative action on current legislation. Please take time to draft the letter on the stationery either before or after the meeting. SVARW will provide the stamps and mail the letters following our meeting. Hand-written letters still garner attention from elected officials and this is one of the ways our club can start to make a dent in the liberal, progressive agenda. So, bring extra stationery for other club members and remember to bring a pen.

Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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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 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,
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President's message

Only GOP policies offer hope

Riots break out in Baltimore as another African-American man dies, this time following his arrest by Baltimore police. More than 100 police officers have been injured trying to establish order in Baltimore; it's anyone's guess how many innocents will be hurt, businesses destroyed and jobs lost before the mass unrest stops.

Parents whose children are trapped in rotten schools, and who cannot find jobs, and cannot leave the decaying cities are right to feel outrage. They need to question the Democrats in charge as to why their cities are in such a desperate condition.

I find it instructive to examine who's in charge of the cities on fire. African-Americans serve as a majority on Baltimore's city's council, as mayor, police chief and state prosecutor. The U.S. has a black president and attorney general, both Democrats. They say they want justice, but they want justice for some people. According to them, only the federal government can be trusted to keep order. The locals, even black police and elected officials, cannot be trusted, and must be superseded by federal intervention. Criminals with long records are martyred, the resulting destruction excused, the majority population cowed. Only the federal government, of course controlled by Dems, can produce appropriate justice.

President Obama has said that one of his top priorities is a civilian force, equal in size and effectiveness to our military. Now our local police, who are not perfect, but in the vast majority of the cases act heroically and legally

to protect *all* citizens' lives, property and liberty, are under attack by the Obama administration and Democrats at all levels of government. Think Hillary Clinton or any other Democrats disagree?

Funny how the crime rate in New



York City plummeted under Rudolph Giuliani's tough, policing policies. Far left Democrat Mayor Bill de Blasio's policies of appeasement invite the return

of New York City's violent old days. We must take a lesson from New York and Baltimore and not let the feds usurp our rights to self-government, especially in choosing and supporting local control of law enforcement.

Republicans, running on law and order, widespread prosperity, educational choice and freedom, offer a better future, if we can just be heard above the noise the left incites. Democrats' failed policies are obvious, the solutions, time-tested and just as obvious, must be given a fair hearing. Any Republicans wishing to replace any and all failed Democrats had better speak up loudly and offer clear pushback to the lawless and their Democrat encouragers.

— Debra Janssen-Martinez
President, SVARW

Feedback: It's your club

When you check-in at the May meeting, pick up a feedback card at the table and share your ideas about SVARW. We're looking for speaker suggestions, event ideas and general information on what you'd like to see in SVARW. Thanking you in advance for participating.

Legislative update

President's task force on national policing raises concerns

By Trish Cypher
Legislative Chair

Those SVARW members who understand the nature of government, may find cause for alarm regarding the recently created President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing program. <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/policingtaskforce>

From the community oriented policing services (COPS) website:

On December 18, 2014, President Barack Obama signed an Executive Order establishing the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The Task Force seeks to identify best practices and make recommendations to the President on how policing practices can promote effective crime reduction while building public trust and examine, among other issues, how to foster strong, collaborative relationships between local law enforcement and the communities they protect.

This short Youtube video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tt2yGzHfy7s>) shows Obama saying: "We cannot continue to rely on our military in order to achieve the national security objectives we've set. We've got to have a civilian national security force that's just as powerful, just as strong, just as well-funded."

National Security objectives appear to be the basis to create what looks to be a national police force. You can read the federal report on national security strategy here: https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/national_security_strategy.pdf

One might think it easy to dismiss concerns about this COPS task force by saying it is advisory and temporary in nature. This seems a false sense of security as this task force, in a year, can easily create a report or series of reports which, once complete, can pass the recommendations along to be implemented via grant funding for program development to one or more federal agencies. This would be much like the approach that President Clinton used to implement the recommendations of his President's Council on Sustainable Development with a grant agreement through the federal Housing and Urban Development agency to the American Planning Association (APA).

Today we see sustainable development implemented in all levels of government using a regionalism model supported by the APA Legislative Guide to Smart Growth. This APA legislative guidebook was prepared under HUD Cooperative agreement H-59-51CA in 2002. Information on related APA activities can be found here: <http://www.planning.org/growingSMART/>

We might do well to heed the warnings of our founding fathers regarding government:

The two enemies of the people are criminals and government, so let us tie the second down with the chains of the Constitution so the second will not become the legalized version of the first.

— Thomas Jefferson

Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force. And force like fire, is a demanding servant and a fearful master. A fire not to be quenched, it demands a uniform vigilance to prevent its bursting into a flame, lest instead of warming it should consume. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action.

— attributed to George Washington

In questions of power then, let no more be heard of confidence in man but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution.

— Thomas Jefferson

Discover



Want to learn more about volunteering?

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.

Saturday, June 6, 2015

9am-1pm

(Light refreshments will be provided)

Please RSVP online at
www.FriendsofRealOptions.net/volunteer

RealOptions
Pregnancy Medical Clinics

April speaker: Timothy Sandefur

Permission society restricts freedoms

By Joyce Hall
Newsletter Editor

Americans are losing their liberty as the government expands its efforts to force people to ask permission before engaging in behaviors that previously required no government approval. At SVARW's April meeting, attorney Timothy Sandefur of the Pacific Legal Foundation sketched a chilling vision of how the progressive approach to governing is encroaching more and more into areas that America's founding fathers considered God-given rights.

"We're replacing the free society with the permission society, a society where you have to ask privileges from the government instead of being allowed to exercise freedom," Sandefur said. "What changed? The answer is the progressive era."

He continued, "Progressives have radical new ideas for how the government ought to operate: All that stuff in the constitution and the declaration, that's old out-dated superstitious nonsense."

He said that a key progressive belief is that, "Rights are permissions that government gives you for the government's own purposes."

The brilliance of the U.S. Constitution is that it gave rights to the people, and government has to ask permission of the people in order to govern. Progressives turn that idea upside-down.

"As we drift away, farther and farther, toward the permission society, I am afraid that we are abandoning the principals that we hold dear," he concluded.

Through his work with Pacific Legal Foundation, Sandefur attempts to overturn these laws that restrict liberty and freedom.

Learn about the Pacific Legal Foundation at www.pacificlegal.org

EVENTS



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Patriot Party

Paulette and Clint Johnson have graciously offered their beautiful Almaden Valley Country Club home for our June Patriot Party.

Come and meet and mingle with like-minded conservatives. Enjoy a lovely summer evening with appetizers and wine.

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 or at the door

Stars and Stripes Summer Gala on Aug. 15

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 member price by joining SVARW today. Their membership is good through December 2016. Early-bird prices are good through June 30th.

Sponsorship Opportunities at Stars and Stripes

Do you have a business or organization that you would like to promote to conservatives? SVARW's Sponsor Platinum membership level enables you to promote your organization through SVARW's website, newsletter and eAlerts. Plus, with Sponsor Platinum membership, you will have a space at Stars and Stripes to promote your organization and Stars and Stripes tickets for you and your spouse are included.

Pay with credit card at SVARW.com and add your spouse to get the special Stars and Stripes price.

You can also mail your payment to P.O. Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95070.