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Mark your calendar

- **May 23:** 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.
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New Member

Please welcome the following new SVARW member:
Patrick Ryan

See speakers online

A volunteer has begun to format videos of our meetings for the website. Visit SVARW.com to see some of our past speakers.

Newsletter contact

Need to contact newsletter editor Joyce Hall? Email to newsletter@svarw.com

Upcoming Events at SVARW

How schools ignore parents' rights

No wonder homeschooling has become so popular. Public schools, influenced by the liberal left, believe that they know what is best for children. Parents are finding that they cannot even opt-out their children from curriculum that is counter to their family values.

Standing up for parents in California is Capitol Resource Institute. The director of CRI, Karen England, will be our guest speaker on Wednesday, May 23. Her topic is: "How schools have become indoctrination grounds for the LGBT agenda."

As strong supporters of parental rights, we have heard troubling news stories:

- In June 2016 at Rocklin Academy Gateway (near Sacramento) a kindergarten teacher read two books promoting transgenderism which were brought in by a student who was "transitioning." The student then changed from his boy clothing into female clothing and was reintroduced as a girl and students were instructed to call him by his new girl name. All of this was done without notifying parents.
- In August 2017, again at Rocklin Academy, a first grader was sent to the principal for "misgendering" a classmate. Back to school after summer break, an innocent first grader called out to a student by his given name, apparently unaware that the boy now identified as a girl and the boy reported it to his teacher.

You can hear the parents relate these stories on Martha MacCallum's Fox News Program: <http://insider.foxnews.com/2017/08/28/parents-transgender-kindergarten-lesson-speak-out-exclusive>

Sadly, Rocklin Academy staff members believe that parents have no right to opt-out their children from this type of

indoctrination.

In the center of this controversy fighting for parental rights is our speaker, Karen England, Director of Capitol Resource Institute in Sacramento. CRI's mission is to educate and strengthen families by working to influence public policy. Karen has been a frequent guest on Fox News.

Capitol Resource Institute is also the sponsor of The City on The Hill Youth Conference which helps young conservatives learn about state government and consider future involvement in government. Karen will also give us an update on this program and we will have a student who attended last year's conference provide her perspective.

We expect a large crowd for this event. Go to www.SVARW.com and purchase a ticket today to minimize your wait at check in. Free to premium members but you must RSVP.

June 27 : Brad Dacus

SVARW will welcome Brad Dacus on June 27. As the founder and president of the Pacific Justice Institute, Mr. Dacus works to defend religious liberties and parental rights. The Pacific Justice Institute has a network with hundreds of volunteer affiliate attorneys and handles more cases on the West Coast than any other organization of its kind.

PJI currently is working to kill California Assembly Bill 2943 (introduced by Assemblyman Evan Low, D-Campbell), a measure that would prevent anyone in California from "advertising, offering to engage in, or engaging in offering sexual orientation change efforts" (SOCE), also called "gay-conversion therapy." Faith leaders are concerned that such a law could outlaw the sale of religious books, including the Bible and curtail free speech.

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The board meets at 9 a.m.
typically on the first Wednesday
of each month. All members
are welcome to attend board
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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

Border wall financing explored

“We will have a wall and they
will pay for it”

The first time I heard Donald J. Trump utter those words was in January of 2016. Like others I scoffed and said it was just a campaign promise that he had no hope of fulfilling. Now I believe we will have a wall and THEY will pay for it. I believe that long before Trump considered running for president, he spent his leisure time thinking about how he would solve our problems. The following is something he may be considering.

I have never been to Greece. Although I had reservations for a Greek cruise and flights booked, a terrorist took a TWA plane hostage (yes, it was a long time ago) and the U.S. State Department issued a “DO NOT TRAVEL” advisory for Greece.

Do a google search for “U.S. State Department Travel Advisory” and you will find a nifty interactive webpage where you can use a pull-down menu to identify the country you would like to visit and find out if there are any warnings about travel. The U.S. State Department uses a seven-level coding system that ranges from “Exercise Normal Precaution,” which you will see for travel in the U.S., Canada, and Argentina; areas labeled as “Reconsider Travel” include Cuba, Guatemala and Nicaragua; the most extreme warning “Do Not Travel” is reserved for places including Syria, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan. We all can agree that visiting Syria, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan is not high on our bucket lists.

When you select Mexico, you will find that the advisory on travel ranges from “Exercise Increased Caution” in Baja and the Yucatan, most of the

rest of Mexico is labeled “Reconsider Travel” with the exception of a “Do Not Travel” warning for areas surrounding popular tourist destinations including Mazatlán, Acapulco and the entire northern section that borders southern Texas.

Per Wikipedia: “Tourism is one of the most important industries in Mexico. It is the fourth largest source of foreign exchange for the country. Mexico is the eighth most visited country in the world with over 20 million tourists a year.”

Think about this: imagine what would happen if the State Department issued a “Do Not Travel” warning for all of Mexico. How fast would Mexico find the money to help build the wall?

When my grandfather immigrated to America from Italy (legally), he found work in the coal mines and sent money back to Italy to my grandmother. As I was growing up, I remember my grandmother, although she was far from wealthy, sending money and clothes to family in Italy who had nothing after the war. My grandparents' actions were no different than what is repeated every day in the U.S. by millions of immigrants (legal and illegal): Come to America and work, send money back home.

If the U.S. was to rightly tax all money being sent to Mexico by the 12 million illegal aliens, it would help pay for the wall.

Lastly, Trump is asking China to cut our trade deficit by \$500 billion a year. The wall is estimated to cost somewhere between \$15 and \$30 billion. So, if all else fails, Trump can cut China a deal. Reduce the trade deficit by \$250 billion and build the wall for us!

— Jan Soule, SVARW President

Friends of NRA raise \$50,000 to support firearms programs

By Debra Janssen-Martinez
SVARW Second Vice-President

The Silicon Valley Friends of the NRA held their annual banquet at the Elks Club of San Jose, Friday, May 4. The Friends of the NRA is not the national political lobby group. Instead, it supports gun safety, shooting sports and self defense education programs. There were gun aficionados representing various ages and interests in shooting, hunting and gun safety education.

There were 280 attendees, and more than \$50,000 raised for the organization's various programs.

The mood was enthusiastic about defense of the Second Amendment, and I overheard many encouraging conversations supporting conservative candidates, issues and support for the powerful lobbying arm, the National Rifle Association, in promoting all our Constitutionally protected freedoms.

If you want to support the "Eddie the Eagle" youth gun safety education for schools and Scouts, want to network with others interested in shooting sports, recreational target shooting or for self-defense, there are many regional Friends of the NRA events in the coming months in California. Check out the national

organization at www.friendsofnra.org/eventtickets/Events/Index/5 and click the Northern, Central or Southern California organizations.

Record numbers of Americans have become members of the NRA Foundation (separate 501c3) entity, lobbying organization this year as the "Never Again" movement gains visibility to ban certain guns and restrict classes of people who can legally own them. Explore the national organization's various projects and let your voice be heard on these issues at <https://home.nra.org/>

Items needed for deployed service members

Support our Troops at our next meeting! SVARW is collecting items for Operation Care and Comfort to help our soldiers with basic needs not provided by the military (i.e., toothpaste, shampoo, etc). If you have items to drop off, Kathy Imamura will have a table at our meeting to collect your donations. Financial donations always are welcome to help pay for shipping.



Deployed service members don't always have access to the personal care items included in the OCC packages, so these shipments provide them a little touch of home. To help, bring any of these following types of items to any SVARW meeting: shampoo, conditioner, liquid soap, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, mouthwash, deodorant, shavers/shaving lotion, cotton swabs, baby wipes, Kotex, tampons, and sunscreen. Food items needed include small condiment packets of hot sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, honey, salt, pepper and sugar.

Operation Care and Comfort is an all-volunteer group. To see how to help, visit the group's website at www.occ-usa.org.

Members encouraged to join SVARW leadership

As an all-volunteer organization, SVARW relies on its members to keep activities running smoothly. The nominating committee currently is seeking members interested in taking a more active role in SVARW leadership. E-mail newsletter@svarw.com if you are interested in becoming more involved in spreading conservatism in the Silicon Valley.

Be a poll worker

To work on election day, call the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters at 408-299-7655 or go online at www.sccvote.org

SVARW sponsor: Pinnacle 1 Insurance

Pinnacle 1 Insurance has been protecting the Bay Area and Californians for 30 years. Agency owner **Robert Varich** has been in the insurance business since 1987 and is proud to be at the helm of three busy offices in San Jose, Milpitas and Santa Cruz. His offices provide a complete line of insurance: auto, home, business and life. Pinnacle 1's goal is to help clients feel better prepared and more in control of their future than ever before. Robert is a lifelong San Jose resident, active in community service and is also a sponsor member of SVARW.



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June 5 Primary Ballot Voter Guide

Statewide propositions

Item	Analysis	Vote
Prop 68: Issues \$4 billion in bonds for parks, environmental protection, and water infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half of the money goes to parks, the other half to politicians' pet projects all over, not parks. • More funding for open spaces • Money for water goes to conservation, not storage 	NO
Prop 69: Requires certain tax and fee revenue related to transportation be used for transportation purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires that all SB1 Gas Tax money be spent on SB1 public transportation projects (read high speed rail) and not other earlier transportation obligations • Blows through Gann appropriation limits in order to fast-track the high speed rail 	NO
Prop 70: Requires a one-time two-thirds vote to use revenue from the cap-and-trade program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates line item in budget to collect Greenhouse Gas revenues, which require 2/3 majority to spend until review in 2024 	YES
Prop 71: Changes the date for when voter-approved ballot measures take effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiatives enacted 5 days after SoS certifies vote, this date can be monkeyed around with • Current law makes changes retroactive to the day after election, this new law starts it 5 days after vote certified 	NO
Prop 72: Excludes rainwater capture systems from property tax assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All improvements are subject to additional prop tax, this makes rainwater recapture systems exempt 	YES

Local measures

Item	Analysis	Vote
City of Santa Clara Measure A	Measure A would change election of city council members from at-large to district representation. Two districts would each be represented by three councilmembers.	no recommendation
San Jose Measure B	Would rezone 200 acres of light industrial land in Evergreen to senior housing. Would exempt proposed project from the following: 500-unit maximum, traffic impact fees, design guidelines, and some affordable housing requirements. Could apply to other industrial-zoned areas in city.	no recommendation
San Jose Measure C	A response to Measure B, this measure would put development limits on land currently zoned industrial, preventing rezoning to residential.	no recommendation
Regional Measure 3	Would raise tolls on Bay Area bridges by at least \$3 to provide funds for projects aimed at improving traffic congestion. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which oversees these projects, has little accountability to voters and has racked up a history of cost-overruns, including quadrupling the cost of the new Bay Bridge and a \$91 million overrun for construction of new MTC offices.	NO

Candidate endorsements

Governor	Travis Allen
Lt. Governor	Lydia Ortega
Secretary of State	Mark Meuser
Attorney General	Steven Bailey
Treasurer	Jack Guerrero
State Assembly, Dist. 28	Michael Snyder

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U.S. Senate	Paul Taylor
Mayor of San Jose	Steve Brown
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