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### Mark your calendar

- **April 25:** Candidate forum, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Roosevelt Redwood Room, Campbell Community Center, 1 W. Campbell Ave. Social time from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the forum begins at 6:30. Free. No breakfast meeting in April.
- **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.
- **June 27:** 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.

### New Members

Please welcome the following new SVARW members:  
Jonathan Fleming  
Barbara & Erwin Frech  
Camille McCormack  
Denise Mizzi  
Mathew Pickett  
Carmelita Reno  
Ronna & Richard Shpall  
Sandra Wallerstein

## *Upcoming Events at SVARW*

### Don't miss candidate forum on April 25

#### April: Candidate Forum

The June primary is less than two months away. SVARW's candidate forum this month is a great opportunity to meet local candidates and find out whether they support conservative values.

The April 25 meeting will be a candidate forum from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Redwood Room (building Q) at the Campbell Community Center, 1 West Campbell Ave. From 6 to 6:30, there will be a social time to meet with candidates and enjoy refreshments.

**Note this is an evening meeting with no breakfast meeting for April.** Plan to attend, meet and learn about candidates for local offices in the Bay Area and statewide executive and legislative branches. There is no charge for the April meeting, but attendees should RSVP to SVARW.com.

The following candidates will be participating in the forum:

- U.S. Senate candidate Paul Taylor
- Congressional District 18 candidate Christine Russell
- Lieutenant Governor candidates Lydia Ortega and David Fennell
- Attorney General candidate Steve Bailey will be represented by Jason Scalese
- San Jose City Council District 9 candidates Shay Franco-Clausen, Kalen Gallagher, Scott Nelson, Sabuhi Siddique and Rosie Zepeda
- San Jose Mayor candidates Steve Brown and Quangman Pham
- Santa Clara County Supervisor District 4 candidates Jason Baker, Dominic Caserta, Susan Ellenberg, Pierluigi Oliverio and Ron Rocha
- Santa Clara County Sheriff candidates Jose Salcido, Joseph Lajuenesse and



#### Directions to the candidate forum:

The Campbell Community Center is at the corner of Winchester Boulevard and Campbell Avenue. Use the driveway on Campbell Avenue for the closest parking. The forum will be in the Roosevelt Redwood Room, which faces Campbell Avenue and is next to the Heritage Theatre.

John Hirokawa

- State Assembly District 29 candidate Vicki Norhden
- State Assembly District 30 candidates Neil Kitchens, Victor San Vincente and Bob Brunton
- State Assembly District 24 candidate Dr. Alexander Glew
- State Senate District 10 candidate Ali Sarsak

Candidates will give brief statements about themselves, followed by questions from the audience.

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### Executive Board

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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  
meetings. Contact Jan Soule at  
President@svarw.com for details.

### Contact your officials

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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.

### June ballot news

## Vote NO on Regional Measure 3

*Regional Measure 3 on the June 5 ballot asks voters in the nine Bay Area counties to approve increases to Bay Area bridge tolls. The estimated \$4.45 billion collected would be used for a variety of road and transit projects throughout the Bay Area. If approved, the measure will increase tolls by \$1 beginning Jan 1, 2019, followed by a \$1 increase in January 2022 and another \$1 increase in January 2025.*

*The SVARW board recommends a NO vote on this measure.*

Having BART extended to San Jose sounds appealing, and a line from Fremont to San Jose is sixth on the list, but don't get hoodwinked. Here's why SVARW recommends NO on RM-3:

1. It's a regional measure, handing over a lot of money to an entity that doesn't align with and is not accountable to any recognizable government body, such as a city or county. Instead, it's accountable only to appointed representatives with no means to bring it back under voter control. Only a couple of the 35 projects listed even cross a city line, much less a county line.
2. We're offered no information on how they plan to deal with inevitable cost overruns. Do they hold off on projects until enough tolls are collected or do they float more bonds that our kids will have to pay off? Or do they come for a hand-

out from the state? Speaking of overruns, the Metropolitan Transit Commission, slated to be in charge of this monster, already has a long history of losing giant sums of our money in derivative schemes and real estate boondoggles. Not a frugal bunch — why did they need headquarters in San Francisco instead of Oakland or Antioch?

3. No stopgaps are given to keep the money from being misdirected. What happens when another "sustainable development" brainstorm arises? Will it bump our BART to San Jose line? And there's no mention of completing the BART loop allowing us to hop on at Diridon Station and head directly to Union Square.

We can do better. Vote NO on Regional Measure 3!

*Analysis by Wendy Brukwinski*

## June candidate endorsements

The SVARW board has endorsed the following three candidates in the June primary election:

- State Assemblyman Travis Allen for Governor. Website: [jointravisallen.com](http://jointravisallen.com)
- Lydia Ortega for California Lieutenant Governor. Website: [lydiaortega.com](http://lydiaortega.com)
- Mark Meuser for California Secretary of State. Website: [markmeuser.com](http://markmeuser.com)
- Retired Superior Court Judge Steven Bailey for California

Attorney General. Website: [baileyforag.com](http://baileyforag.com)

- Steve Brown for Mayor of San Jose.
- Jonathan Fleming for the San Jose City Council District 7. Website: [fleming2018.com](http://fleming2018.com)

*Note: SVARW had endorsed Peter Kuo for state insurance commissioner but he has decided not to run in 2018.*

## Put your leadership skills to work

At the March meeting, the SVARW membership elected five members to serve on the 2018 nominating committee: Mary Doering, Jane Kearney, Stephanie Shoquist, Joyce Swanson-Hall and Donna Valentine. The nominating committee seeks qualified members to run for SVARW's executive board positions: president, first vice president, second vice president, recording secretary, correspondence secretary and treasurer.

Additionally, there are many

non-elected positions available to members who are interested in helping. SVARW needs help in the areas of social media, public relations, voter registration, online communications, planning new member events, the newsletter and special event planning (Stars and Stripes Gala, in particular). Please contact President Jan Soule or one of the nominating committee members to share how you'd like to help SVARW.

## May and June meetings

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### May 23: Karen England

Karen England, the executive director for the Capitol Resource Institute in Sacramento, will be SVARW's guest speaker on May 23. The institute is a watchdog on the state legislature and works to educate and strengthen families through legislation.

CRI has sponsored Lobby Day, a daylong visit to the state capital where voters visit legislators offices to discuss their concerns. In addition, the institute also runs City on the Hill, a summer camp that teaches high school students about how state government works.

### 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.

He can be heard weekly on "The Dacus Report" on radio stations across the country. He has been a guest speaker on numerous radio and television programs, participates weekly in several radio talk show interviews, and has appeared extensively on network news programs.



## Help send care packages to service members

Many people are surprised to learn that basic personal care items aren't available to deployed service members. Items such as shampoo, razors, lotion, sunscreen, cotton swabs, mouthwash, toothpaste and toothbrushes are not provided by the military. Operation Care and Comfort helps fill those needs.

Help assemble care packages filled with a variety of personal care items for deployed troops at the next packing event for Operation Care and Comfort. Meet at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 6 at the San Jose Municipal Stadium, at the corner of Senter Road and Alma Avenue, near Kelley Park.

Operation Care and Comfort is an all-volunteer group. To see how to help, visit the group's website at [www.occ-usa.org](http://www.occ-usa.org).

### 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](http://www.sccvote.org)

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In case you missed it: March meeting

## State GOP fails candidates, voters

Steve Frank says that the Republican party is dead. If the current trend continues, registered Republicans in California soon will be the third place party, behind Democrats and “decline to state” voters. In some cases, Republicans are running as decline to state candidates in order to have a chance at winning in a state that overwhelmingly elects Democrats.

The statewide party doesn’t do the basics of voter registration and get out the vote efforts that should be the most important functions of a political party, he said.

Frank, longtime Republican activist, columnist and frequent radio commentator, bluntly told the SVARW crowd on March 28 about the death of the Republican party.

“In 2016, Donald Trump won the presidency in spite of the Republican

party.” Trump represented the people of the party, not its establishment.

But the party’s death doesn’t mean that SVARW and similar groups should abandon efforts to elect conservative candidates. Frank said there are groups all over the state that advance conservative values without assistance from the state Republican party.

He urged SVARW to start developing and training candidates now for the 2020 elections.

“It takes planning. We should be looking for candidates now; we should be looking for them and training developing them,” he said.

“People in city council races win not because of great conservative theories but because they know how to fill potholes,” he said. Taking on the right issues can advance conservatism, even in California.

## Scholarships available for City on the Hill camp

SVARW will be awarding \$400 scholarships for two local teens to attend this summer’s City on the Hill Youth Leadership Conference.

To apply, students must submit written essays to SVARW. See submission details at SVARW.com or on the flyer enclosed with the March newsletter. Feel free to pass along the flyer to relatives, neighbors and friends.

City on the Hill is a weeklong summer camp sponsored and operated by Capitol Resource Institute, a Sacramento-based non-profit whose mission is to educate and strengthen families by working to influence public policy. CRI’s President Karen England will be SVARW’s guest speaker at the May 23 meeting.

## Transplanted Brit navigates Silicon Valley’s progressive waters

Fox News host Steve Hilton was astonished to discover the pervasive liberal attitude in the local tech world. Hilton moved with his wife to the Bay Area from the United Kingdom six years ago. Last year he began hosting a Fox News show, “The Next Revolution,” which airs Sundays at 6 and 9 p.m.

Hilton spoke at the March meeting of the South Peninsula Area Republican Coalition about the culture-shock he and his wife have experienced since moving

to California. They both have backgrounds working in conservative circles in the UK.

“We’d heard that Silicon Valley was a pretty liberal place, but we were completely unprepared for the incomprehension of our new friends and colleagues when you start articulating conservative positions,” he said.

He hears people talk all the time about openness, tolerance and diversity, but they are distinctly intolerant of different political views.

Hilton suggested that conservative tech workers could ask their companies to include diversity of political views the same way they promote other kinds of diversity.

He sees a populist revolt taking place, represented by Brexit and the election of President Trump. He urges conservatives to harness that energy to bring about positive change.

— Joyce Hall  
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### SVARW sponsor: Pinnacle 1 Insurance

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