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Mark your calendar

- **June 21:** 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.
- **Aug. 26:** Stars and Stripes Gala. Purchase tickets by **June 21** to get early bird price.
- **Sept. 20:** 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.

2017 Membership

Contact Gail DeSmet at membership@svarw.com.

Welcome

SVARW welcomes the following new members:

- Patricia Campbell**
- Norma Crawford**
- Linda Iversen**
- Caroline Vertongen**

Sunshine

Call SVARW's official ray of sunshine, Norine Bacon, if someone you know is ill or has lost a loved one. Her number is 408-377-7111. She will reach out to them with a call and a card.

Upcoming Events at SVARW

Donnelly to present vision for state

Guest speaker seeks to make California great again

If there is anyone who is qualified to address the potential for California to be great again, it is former California Assemblyman and gubernatorial candidate **Tim Donnelly**. Donnelly will be our guest speaker at the next regular meeting on June 21 at Three Flames Restaurant.

Why are moderate Republicans so afraid of a real conservative? Republican strategy so far has resulted in a super-majority for Democrats in Sacramento that allows them to pass anything they want. What do we need to do to make California great again?

Against all odds, Donnelly, a Tea Party favorite, was elected and served two terms in the California Assembly. As a former Minuteman leader in California, Tim is one of the foremost authorities on illegal immigration in the country.

Moderate Republicans in California were so fearful that Donnelly would receive the Republican nomination for Governor in 2014 that they spent millions to defeat him in favor of their Democrat-light candidate Neel Kashkari. Kashkari only received 40 percent of the vote to Brown's 60 percent. With the Republican turnout for the November 2014 election standing at 42.2 percent, Kashkari couldn't even win the vote of all Republicans. These are the same moderate Republicans that we have to thank for the open primary where we now face elections with *only* Democrats to choose from in the general election.

In 2010, as a conservative member of the California Assembly, Tim introduced a law similar to Arizona's SB1070, ending sanctuary cities, increasing penalties for

DETAILS

Time: Check in begins at 9 a.m.; program begins at 9:30 a.m.
Date: Wednesday, June 21
Place: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose 95125
Cost: \$15 includes buffet breakfast
Purchase tickets online: SVARW.com



Former California Assemblyman
Tim Donnelly

human trafficking of minors, requiring all employers to use e-verify, but in doing so, granting them protection from nuisance lawsuits, and requiring the enforcement of all immigration laws by state and local governments.

Pick up your SVARW Roster

Remember to pick up your 2017 SVARW roster at the June 21 meeting. Each one is personalized with your name on the cover. Any unclaimed rosters will be mailed to members after the June meeting.

Each roster contains contact information on other members and details about your elected representatives and voting precinct.

**Silicon Valley
Association of
Republican Women**

P.O. Box 3194
Saratoga, CA 95070

Executive Board

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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 Jan Soule at
President@svarw.com for details.

Contact your officials

Gov. Jerry Brown, State Capitol,
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President's message

Don't give up on California

We don't have to leave our
state; we can take it back

There is only one HGTV program
that my husband Peter is willing
to watch with me. Peter is totally
entertained by his alter-ego, Chip
Gaines, from "Fixer Upper." We often
fantasize about how we can sell our
modest home here, use less than half
the proceeds to purchase a large home
on acreage in Waco, Texas, and then
live for the rest of our life
on the rest.

There are plenty of
reasons for normal
logical people to flee
California. Many
wonderful women who
have served on SVARW's Board of
Directors have left the state, moving
to South Carolina, Idaho and Arizona.
Looking at the bills passed in the
last few months by the Democrat-
controlled California Legislature
would have made Karl Marx smile!

So why not move?
Other than the fact that you can't
beat the weather, I continue to believe
that there is hope for California. This
past week, I saw the movie "In Our
Hands: The Battle for Jerusalem,"
a documentary chronicling the
impossible odds that Israel overcame
in defeating the Arab nations that
attacked it 50 years ago. In just six
days, Israel, with a relatively small
army, not only beat back the attack,

destroying the capability of Egypt
and Jordan to wage war but gained
land including the most holy site in
Judaism, the Western Wall (Wailing
Wall). (Many of us watched with awe
as Donald Trump became the first U.S.
President to pray at the Wailing Wall.)

If the Jews could virtually destroy
their Arab neighbors in six days, could
not the out-numbered conservatives
living in California get enough good
people elected in 2018 to change

California? We may be
out-numbered, but we
are smart! The Jews
destroyed the Egyptian
air force by getting up
very early and bombing
their fighters on the

ground while the Egyptians were
eating breakfast.

Looking for Conservatives to Run
for Office

There are more than 100 non-
partisan seats up for election in Santa
Clara County in 2018. Non-partisan
means that there are no labels on the
ballot that say "D" or "R." These
offices include School District
Boards, City and Town Councils,
Water District and others. If you are
interested in running or please, if
you know someone else who would
consider running for office, please
have them contact me at [jansoule@
svarw.com](mailto:jansoule@svarw.com).

—Jan Soule
SVARW President

**See page 4 for ways
to add conservative
voices to local
government.**

You're invited to a free,
informational seminar!

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maximize your personal stewardship goals.

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goals at this special presentation. See you there!
— Valerie Hill, CEO, RealOptions



How to send care packages to service members

Historically, Americans have shown their support of our troops serving in times of war in many ways: letters, care packages, welcome home events or by showing support for a deployed service member or veteran's



**OPERATION:
CARE AND
COMFORT**

Here are some ways to help:

- Tax-deductible financial donations can be made online at www.occ-usa.org or mail a check to Operation Care and Comfort, 3173 Pebble

family. Operation Care and Comfort is an all-volunteer organization that continues this tradition and SVARW members are encouraged to add their support to help this worthy effort.

Every few weeks, hundreds of volunteers gather to create care packages for service members. Operation Care and Comfort can use donations of care package items, financial support and hands-on help on packaging day to get these items to our troops.

Beach Circle, Fairfield, CA 94534.

- Collect items from the wish list and drop them off at the next SVARW meeting.
- Volunteer to help at the next monthly packaging event.
- Sign up for the Iron Construction, Inc. 14th Annual Charity Golf Classic on Thursday, Sept. 7 at Cinnabar Hills Golf Course in San Jose. The event will benefit both Operation Care and Comfort and the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Association of the United States Army.

Collect these items for Operation Care and Comfort care packages

All items need to be new, unopened and not expired. No aerosol products, please. Items can be left at any SVARW meeting and we will get them to Operation Care and Comfort for their next shipment.

Personal items (travel size)

shampoo
conditioner
soap, bar and liquid
body lotion
toothpaste
toothbrushes
dental floss
mouthwash

deodorant
shavers/shaving lotion
cotton swabs
baby wipes
Kotex, tampons
sunscreen
combs, brushes, other hair or make-up products

Food items

condiment packets
hot sauce, ketchup, mustard,
mayonnaise, honey, salt, pepper,
sugar, tea, coffee, hot chocolate,
oatmeal packets
single drink packets (flavors for water)

candy, gum, breath mints, nuts,
snacks, instant soups
canned foods, energy bars, granola,
cookies, etc.

Stationery items

pens, pencils, markers, stationery
paper, blank greeting cards for
birthdays, anniversaries, get well, etc.
for service members to send home

Other items

CDs, DVDs, playing cards, color
comics from Sunday newspapers

Meeting all your insurance needs

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. Visit his website at pin1ins.com



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In case you missed it: June meeting

Still hope to repeal gas tax

By Joyce Hall
Newsletter editor

Tell 50 friends that gas prices in California will be going up 12 cents per gallon in November, thanks to the California Legislature. Many of them won't even know about this new expense, according to SVARW's May guest speaker David Wolfe. Wolfe urges people to spread the word about Senate Bill 1 (SB1), signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown in April.

Provisions in the new law raise that 12-cent gasoline increase up to 19.5 cents per gallon by 2020 and also boost the annual costs for car registration, plus add fees for electric vehicles. Diesel-vehicle owners will be paying 20 cents more per gallon beginning in November, thanks to SB1.

Wolfe, who is the Legislative Director for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, told SVARW members how they can help fight back against this new tax, which was promoted as a way of raising \$5.2 billion each year to pay for repairs and improvements to California's roads. Wolfe explained that the state's

road funds are in a crisis because the Legislature diverted \$20 billion in truck weight fees to other needs. Here's where the money went:

"When voters approved \$20 billion in transportation bonds in 2006, those bonds were to be repaid from the general fund, but state officials decided to use the truck fees to pay them off, freeing up the general fund for other purposes." (Gary Richards, Roadshow column, San Jose Mercury News, June 2, 2015)

The association is working to recall Orange County State Senator Josh Newman, who voted for SB1. If Newman, is replaced by a Republican, the Democrats will lose their supermajority in the state senate. Currently, the supermajority allows Democrats to pass bills without a single Republican vote. (See article in SVARW's May newsletter about the recall effort and how you can help.)

Voters may see an initiative on the ballot in 2018 to repeal SB1, if enough signatures can be gathered. Follow the HJTA online at HJTA.org to find out when petitions for that initiative will be ready to circulate.

Stars & Stripes early bird prices end June 21

SVARW's Stars and Stripes Gala is the premier event for our members 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.

This year the event will again take place at the beautiful Saratoga estate of Suzanna Cody and her husband Ron Hills. The evening includes appetizers, a gourmet dinner, wine and music under the stars!

Early-bird tickets for members are \$49 and \$60 for non-members. Non-members can pay the member price by joining SVARW today. Their membership is good through December 2018. Early-bird prices are good through June 21.

Do you have a business or organization that you would like to promote? SVARW's Sponsor Platinum membership level enables you to promote your organization through SVARW's website, newsletter and eAlerts.

Order tickets at SVARW.com or purchase them at the June 21 meeting.

Our conservative voices are needed on local boards, commissions

It's time for conservatives to step up and volunteer for the many boards, commissions, and committees in their municipalities.

For example, members of San Jose's Council Appointment Advisory Commission can influence appointments to several other boards and commissions, all of which have wide influence over what happens in the city.

Most cities also offer more loosely organized volunteer spots on the library or parks and recreation committees. Check out the links below to see where you might fit in.

Santa Clara County: sccgov.org/sites/bos/bnc/Pages/default.aspx

Campbell: ci.campbell.ca.us/157/Boards-Commissions

Cupertino: cupertino.org/our-city/commissions

Gilroy: cityofgilroy.org/148/Boards-Commissions-Committees

Los Altos: losaltosca.gov/cc

Los Altos Hills: losaltoshills.ca.gov/153/Standing-

Committees

Los Gatos: town.los-gatos.ca.us/12/Boards-Commissions-Committees

Milpitas: ci.milpitas.ca.gov/our-government/commission/
Monte Sereno: montesereno.org/2181/Commissions-and-Committees

Morgan Hill: morgan-hill.ca.gov/148/Commissions-Boards

Mountain View: mountainview.gov/council/bcc/default.asp

Palo Alto: cityofpaloalto.org/gov/boards/

San Jose: sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=328

Santa Clara: santaclaraca.gov/government/board-commissions

Saratoga: saratoga.ca.us/cityhall/comms/default.asp

Sunnyvale: sunnyvale.ca.gov/CityGovernment/BoardsandCommissions.aspx