



- **Happy New Year!**
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**Mark your calendar**

- **Jan. 21:** SVARW regular meeting, 9:30 to 11 a.m., **Three Flames Restaurant**, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose.
- **Feb. 18:** SVARW regular meeting, 9:30 to 11 a.m., **Three Flames Restaurant**.

**New location for 2015 SVARW meetings**

Beginning in January 2015, SVARW monthly meetings will move to **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. Brunch 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

# Assemblywoman Shannon Grove to address SVARW in January

### SVARW Monthly Meeting

**Who:** Assemblywoman Shannon Grove  
**When:** 9 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21  
**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 continental breakfast. Purchase tickets online or at the door.  
**Free guests:** First-time guests are free at the January meeting, for members who have paid their 2015 dues, so this is a great opportunity to introduce friends to SVARW.  
**Web site:** For more information and to purchase tickets: [www.SVARW.com](http://www.SVARW.com)

### New location, great speaker

The Jan. 21 meeting will be SVARW's first at a new location: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., in San Jose's Willow Glen neighborhood.

We are pleased to have as the speaker **Shannon Grove**, who represents the 34th State Assembly District, which encompasses the majority of Kern County including Bakersfield. She was first elected to the California State Assembly in November 2010 and was re-

SVARW brunch meetings have moved to Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose, between Willow Street and Hamilton Avenue.



Shannon Grove

elected in November 2012 and 2014 by one of the largest margins of any California legislator.

A Bakersfield native, Grove joined the U.S. Army after high school and served with the Headquarters Company 5th Corps in Frankfurt, Germany.

In 1993, she and her sister-in-law formed Continental Labor and Staffing Resources, which operates five offices in California.

During Grove's first two terms in office, she authored legislation to streamline government spending, mandate transparency within state agencies, plus make elected officials comply with the same rules they mandate on California businesses.



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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](mailto: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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510-794-3900  
**State Senator Jerry Hill**  
650-212-3313  
**State Senator Jim Beall**  
408-558-1295

### President's message

## Obama golfs while police become targets of violence

Republicans swept the midterm elections almost everywhere except for New York City and California. We continue to be punished with Democrat mayors, governors, state legislative majorities and local elected office holders. The nation recoils in horror at the chaos in New York City, Oakland, San Francisco, L.A., culminating in murderous assault attacks on our police.

Our president golfs in Hawaii as police are targeted. Democrat mayors, including those in California, exhibit a startling lack of leadership in controlling street violence, protecting law-abiding citizens, and generally disregarding their oaths to uphold and defend our laws without prejudice.

Even tone-deaf Democrats notice that the president golfs and surfs as murdered cops' families mourn. Democrat leaders wage war on conservatives with far more vigor than they fight terrorists. But I think people notice. I think even the sycophantic press is appalled at the fecklessness of the left. Americans hate injustice and they love freedom. The internet and a growing conservative media presence are beginning to register. People know the police and the military are two of the few things the government ever gets right.

The optics of the president and Mayor De Blaggio look terrible; their administrations are worse than incompetent. I think there is a wave beginning. The millennials and independents who voted for these clowns are turning on them. The



surprising (to the Democrats) election of Joni Earnst, Mia Love and other new faces has disoriented the Dems. Many of the fresh Republican faces sent to Congress, several in former

Democrat strongholds, are minorities and women, deeply committed to conservative principles. If the nation gets a chance to see how well the Republican governors have done and IF the Republican Congress can get its act together enough to turn the tide, we may yet see the restoration of good government and justice; even in our beloved "Crazifornia."

Wishing you a Happy New Year, and sending a prayer for peace and true justice in our land.

— Debra Janssen-Martinez

### In case you missed it: Charlie Self

## Speaker offers ways to confront global jihad

Popular guest speaker Charlie Self returned to SVARW on Nov. 19 to address how we can confront a rising movement of Global Jihad. Self, also known as "Dr. History" to listeners to KSFO's Brian Sussman radio talk show, always shares a big picture perspective, teaching and enlightening the audience. His talk combined the

context of Islam's imperative to spread its religious message with the realities of geopolitics and economic and social frictions facing our nation today. He thoughtfully analyzed how Judeo-Christian and secular democracies can push back against an increasingly

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## Legislative update

# Does 'monument' status limit public land use?

**By Trish Cypher**  
**SVARW Legislative Chair**

We are hoping SVARW members will consider calling, emailing, faxing, writing, or visiting the offices of their federal and state elected representatives to let them know we the people of the State of California do not want additional state land designated by the federal government as national monuments or any other federal designation or federal purpose.

The Sacramento Bee recently reported that Rep. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, and Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer are lobbying President Obama for protection of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region of 346,000 acres, which includes parts of Napa, Mendocino, Lake, Solano and Yolo Counties.

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article4653246.html>

News of the most recent national monument designation comes from the U.S. Forest Service website: "On October 10, 2014, President Obama designated 346,177 acres of existing federal lands as the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, the eighth national monument under



The West Fork Ranger Station, in the newly designated San Gabriel National Monument, was the first federally funded ranger station built in California in the early 1900s at a cost of \$70.

Credit: U.S. Forest Service

Forest Service management. The nation's newest monument covers 342,177 acres of the Angeles National Forest and 4,002 acres of neighboring San Bernardino National Forest."

The Presidential Proclamation designating San Gabriel can be found here:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/10/10/presidential-proclamation-san-gabriel-mountains-national-monument>

One might view the following statement found in this presidential proclamation with curiosity as to the motivations of the federal government regarding designation of national

monuments: "Warning is hereby given to all unauthorized persons not to appropriate, injure, destroy, or remove any feature of the monument and not to locate or settle upon any of the lands thereof."

Are we the people of the State of California authorized persons? What does it mean to "locate upon any of the lands thereof"? Who will use this land and for what purpose and for whose benefit? Please consider getting informed, asking questions of our elected representatives and joining many others concerned with actions by the federal government regarding land in our states.

## SVARW-endorsed candidates win in November election

The following candidates, all endorsed by the SVARW board, won their races for elected office in the Nov. 4, 2014 election.

- **Matt Harris**, Superior Court Judge, Santa Clara County
- **Julie Constant**, Campbell Union School District
- **Van Le**, East Side Union High School District Board
- **Peter Fung**, El Camino Healthcare District

## Fisher House serves vets and their families

SVARW members gathered at the beautiful California Cafe in Old Town Los Gatos on Dec. 3 for the annual Christmas celebration lunch. Betsey Striebel, manager of the Palo Alto Fisher House, addressed members about the role of the Fisher House in serving veterans' families.

Started by philanthropists Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher in 1990, the 64 Fisher Houses across the United States provide free housing to the families of veterans while the vets are receiving care at nearby military hospitals. Striebel said there is no limit to how

long families can stay at the Fisher House and this service helps support vets by keeping loved ones nearby.

The Fisher House was SVARW's 2014 Christmas was charity and more than \$2,400 was donated at our luncheon. To donate, contact Striebel at [betsey.striebel@va.gov](mailto:betsey.striebel@va.gov) or call 650-493-5000, ext.60384.

Also at the December meeting, Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman swore-in the SVARW 2015 executive board members. See page 2 for the complete list of the executive board.

# Charlie Self suggests antidotes to Muslim radicalization

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conflicted and violent radicalization of Muslims everywhere, including in the U.S. Self was encouraging, saying freedom of mass communication, travel, education and economic prosperity are the most potent antidotes to oppressed people who are

encouraged toward violence and jihad, which destroys the innocent of all faiths and forms of governments.

The special evening meeting, the last at the Los Gatos Lodge, attracted a mix of men and women who usually cannot attend our morning meetings due to work or school commitments. Please give us your feedback at

[SVARW.com](http://SVARW.com) or on our Facebook page as to your preference for morning weekday or evening meetings. We try to have a mix of times and days of the weeks through our Patriot Parties, General Meetings and last month's Christmas Luncheon in order to invite all ages and situations to participate.

## How to renew membership for the new year

Membership in SVARW runs for the calendar year and 2014 memberships expired Dec. 31, 2014. Men are invited to join SVARW as Associate members. We are encouraging young conservative to join SVARW by creating a special low-cost membership level. 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.

You can renew membership online at [SVARW.com](http://SVARW.com) or by sending your check with the form at right to SVARW, P.O. Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95040. Renewals also will be accepted at the next regular meeting on Jan. 21.



### Membership Application

Membership in SVARW is for a calendar year ending on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Regular Membership for Women*  
*Associate Member for Men*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please add a spouse member.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please send my newsletter by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Snail Mail

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive email updates.

I agree to abide by the SVARW By-Laws. I understand that the SVARW Roster is for SVARW member use, projects & events only – cannot be sold or distributed. I understand that membership in SVARW is subject to approval.

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](http://www.svarw.com)

### Membership Levels

*Regular or Associate - \$30*  
*Spouse – \$10*

Includes electronic and printed Newsletter, Email Alerts and Membership Roster

*Reagan Premium - \$150*

*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)

*Patriot Gold - \$250*

*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 **NOT** included)  
**Admittance charge to Patriot Parties is waived.**

*Sponsor Platinum - \$500*

*Member or Associate and Spouse*

Includes electronic and printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster.  
**Admittance charges to all SVARW monthly meetings, Christmas Luncheon, and Patriot Parties are waived for both member and spouse.**

*Young Guns - \$10*

*Young Conservatives*  
*under 25 years old*  
Includes Electronic Newsletter only.

### Questions?

Contact: Martha Snodgrass  
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