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Mark your calendar

- **March 15:** 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.
- **April 19:** 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.

2017 Membership

Want to join SVARW? Contact Gail DeSmet at membership@svarw.com.

Welcome

SVARW welcomes the following new members:

- Lane Barton
- Liz and Grabt Belaire
- Christine and Terry Chapman
- Vito DiMucci
- Gloria Guenther
- Alice and Steve Lopes
- Gerry Naylor
- Susan Silver

Upcoming Events at SVARW

Adams brings outsider's view of U.S.

Retaking America: Crushing Political Correctness

SVARW's March speaker, **Nick Adams**, and his book "Green Card Warrior," have caught the attention of President Donald Trump, who recommended Adams' book in a tweet on March 3. The book tells the story of Adams' seven-year process of applying for and receiving a green card to work in the United States.

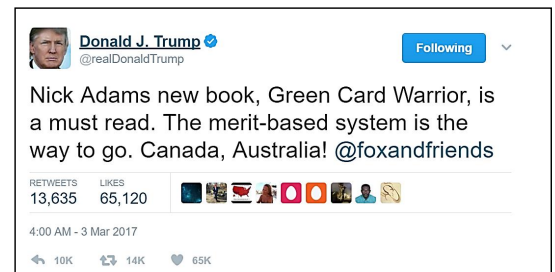


Nick Adams

During the next regular brunch meeting on March 15, Adams will talk about taking a stand for American values, even in progressive California. He is the founder and executive director of the Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness (FLAG), an organization dedicated to promoting American exceptionalism and combating anti-Americanism worldwide. He is also a best-selling author, columnist and commentator.

Originally from Australia, Adams has written extensively on American cultural and political life. He believes America is the greatest nation in the world. He considers America to be more than a geographical entity or collection of 50 states; he sees it as an inspirational ideal and the model to which every nation should aspire. For this reason, he believes a love for America is in the bloodstream of any conservative, and that there is no greater moral imperative than keeping America strong.

His work has been published in the



DETAILS

Time: Check in begins at 9 a.m.; program begins at 9:30 a.m.
Date: Wednesday, March 15
Place: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose 95125
Cost: \$15 includes buffet breakfast
Purchase tickets online: SVARW.com Those who buy tickets in advance, or RSVP online will be on paid list and admitted quickly.

Washington Examiner, Korea Times, and online at Fox News, Daily Caller, the Blaze and Jewish World Review.

Adams' book, "The American Boomerang," was endorsed by the National Review, the Heritage Foundation, the Washington Examiner and the Dartmouth Review.

In the United States, he has spoken at universities, conventions, corporate meetings, military bases, high schools and churches, in more than 25 states. Abroad, he has given major addresses in several countries, including England, Germany and South Korea.

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Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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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.

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

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President's message

Time to get involved.... or surrender Santa Clara County to liberals

How much crazier can it get? On
Feb. 23, the local headlines
told us that "Santa Clara County has
requested a nationwide preliminary
injunction blocking an executive order
to deny federal funds to sanctuary
cities." We in Santa Clara County are
in the middle of the battle. What are
we going to do? What can we do?

The Problem

While we conservatives have kept
our noses to the grindstone working,
taking care of families, paying taxes
and being productive, liberals have
infiltrated every level of our local
government. The local Democrat party
has a systematic approach for electing
liberals to city councils, the Board of
Supervisors and then advancing those
officials to the California Legislature.
In many cases these liberals started
off in appointed positions on city and
county boards and commissions and
then used their "experience" in these
appointed positions to get elected to
local school boards. Having served on
a school board or as a volunteer on a
neighborhood board looks like great
experience when they run for city or
town council.

The Solution

Conservatives need to seek
appointments to city and county
boards and commissions. First and

foremost, conservatives serving in
these appointed positions will bring
some balance to local decisions.
Having had to respond to a complaint
to San Jose's Board of Fair Campaign
and Political Practices on behalf of
SVARW initiated by Councilman
(then candidate) Johnny Khamis, I
can tell you that the conservatives on
that board held the liberals back who
really wanted to punish Republican
women. Secondly, serving on a
board or commission will position a
conservative to run for local school
board, water district or other non-
partisan opportunities.

It's not that hard. Santa Clara
County and every city and town
within it has boards and commissions
to which residents are appointed to
serve. Several members of SVARW
currently serve, including Diane Owen
who serves on San Jose's Salary
Setting Commission, and Lisa Marshik
who serves on Santa Clara County's
Measure A board.

Wendy Brukwinski, our new board
member, is researching the websites
of Santa Clara County and many of
the cities and towns within the county
to compile a list of current available
positions on boards and commissions.
Go to our website (www.svarw.com)
and check out the GET INVOLVED
post on our home page.

Jan Soule, SVARW President

*** Time to Renew Membership ***

To keep receiving the SVARW newsletter after this month, dues need to be
received by March 31. New members who joined in conjunction with attending
the 2016 Stars and Stripes Gala are already paid in full for 2017. Dues are
accepted at all regular monthly meetings, by mail or online at SVARW.com.

If you're unsure whether you've paid for 2017, contact membership chair Gail
DeSmet at membership@svarw.com. There are several levels of membership;
some include free admission to all regular brunch meetings.

Conservatives should consider becoming Civil Grand Jurors

Would you rather see liberals or conservatives looking into issues such as voter fraud? Please consider applying for the next term that runs from July 2017 through June of next year.

Three typical functions of the Civil Grand Jury are:

Civil watchdog responsibilities: The Grand Jury may examine all aspects of county and city government and special districts to ensure that the best interests of Santa Clara County citizens are being served.

Citizen complaints: Complaints alleging mistreatment by officials, suspicions of misconduct, or governmental inefficiencies received from citizens are acknowledged and investigated for their validity.

Criminal investigations: Occasionally, the Grand Jury holds hearings to determine whether evidence presented by the district attorney warrants persons having to stand trial in court, typically cases involving public officials, employees or police officers.

Get more information on our website: www.svarw.com

Deadline to apply is March 31, 2017.

In case you missed it: February meeting

Marc Klaas warns of rising crime rate

By Joyce Hall
Newsletter editor

For 20 years, Marc Klaas watched his effort to protect children result in lower crime rates. But recent efforts to reduce prison sentences are erasing the gains that helped protect children from the type of criminal who killed Klaas's 12-year-old daughter Polly in 1993.

At the Feb. 15 meeting of SVARW, Klaas retold the events that took place after his daughter was kidnapped during a slumber party in Petaluma in the fall of 1993. It took law enforcement 65 days to find her body and during that time, Klaas worked tirelessly to keep her face and story in the news.

"There were many missing kids in those days, the '90s," he said. Unlike other parents, Klaas embraced the media. "We started talking to the media about our daughter. It was a better opportunity to keep this story out there."

"Before Polly, missing kids were local events," he said. "Her face changed it, her smile. Flyers were posted as far away as India."

At the time of her abduction and murder, Klaas worked in San Francisco as a rental car agent. But he knew he couldn't go back to that job. Instead, he took the skills and knowledge he'd learned dealing with the media and law enforcement to begin advocating for laws to protect

children.

He founded the KlaasKids Foundation, which focuses on finding missing children, supporting their families, helping victims escape human trafficking and advocating for laws that protect children.

It was his daughter's murder and the prior violent record of her killer that sparked the passage of California's "three strikes law" in 1994. The law required minimum 25-year sentences for offenders who already had two previous convictions for violent or serious crime.

"Within five years of Polly, crime rates had been cut in half," Klaas said. "And those numbers held until just a couple of years ago when the politicians in California decided they had to change course and grabbed onto a decision by a three-judge panel that said they had to reduce the prison population. They let every pervert back on the streets."

The KlaasKids Foundation provides a wealth of resources for parents about ways to keep their children safe. In this new age of the internet, Klaas urges parents to be vigilant about knowing what their children are doing on the internet. It's a good idea for kids to have cell phones, he said, and parents should always trust their gut feelings if something feels wrong.

To learn more or donate visit KlaasKids.org

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Local government failing citizens on many levels

By **Debra Janssen-Martinez**
Second Vice President

The list

- Flooding caused by Anderson Dam overflowing
- Water rationing as millions of gallons dump into the bay
- Jerry Brown’s “Train to Nowhere”
- Illegal aliens allowed to use forged Social Security numbers, and possibly registering to vote in large numbers
- Conservatives banned from campuses, attacked and vilified in public forums and local media.

This list of seemingly unrelated, complex scenarios can be linked, at least in my information-overloaded brain, with a single, fundamental principal: government isn’t working for “we the people.” Laws are selectively enforced by unaccountable liberals who’ve been in power too long and have grown entrenched and hostile to the majority of hardworking, taxpayers. They enrich themselves and their cronies while roads crumble, and new dam construction and repairs are blocked. Schools indoctrinate,



prisons are opened, police are vulnerable, homeless everywhere, and only Muslim religious freedom is protected.

The people in charge of keeping us safe from criminals, from aging, inadequate dams, bridges, potholes, terrorists, welfare cheats and voter fraud are not doing their jobs! They’re busy supporting the pantsuit nation, pipeline protests, Berkeley/Davis riots and local marches.

The election of Donald Trump has given us, in a breathtakingly short time, a national vision of the restitution of fair laws, equally enforced, and a return to broad-based prosperity. His cabinet and Supreme Court appointments, support for the military and law enforcement are the results of a national pushback against

government of, by and for the leftist elite. We hold our breath that Republicans will partner with him, when he’s right and stand firm when he’s wrong. We all know it’s going to be a bumpy ride

Locally, we still have a corrupt Governor Moonbeam in his fourth term. Federal immigration law is ignored by most of California. Illegals get free rides to public universities, healthcare, and welfare. Our state and too many local governments seem much more energized to “RESIST” than to make government work for taxpayers.

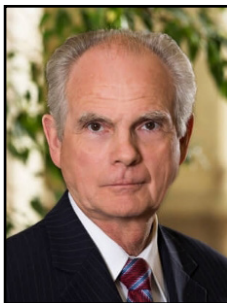
The national reordering gives besieged Californians an opportunity to offer law and order, fiscally responsible, more efficient government at every level. By staying involved locally, flipping school boards, sitting on local commissions and grand juries, we can really push back.

Yes, we took a drubbing locally. However, the women marching in vagina costumes, riots against free speech, plus Nancy Pelosi and Elizabeth Warren on TV, make the Libs look so deranged that I believe the pendulum must surely swing our way now. There’s a new sheriff in town; we’d best make the most of it.

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April speaker

For the April 19 brunch meeting, SVARW will welcome former San Jose Mayor **Chuck Reed**, who led the fight for public employee pension reform in San Jose. In the past, Reed has addressed our group to clearly and effectively explain how public employee pensions are financially unsustainable.



Chuck Reed

SVARW’s QR code

Use your smart phone’s bar code scanner on the image below to load **SVARW.com**, where you can RSVP for events or order tickets.

