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Mark your calendar

- **Nov. 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.
- **Dec. 6:** Christmas luncheon, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Maggiano's, Santana Row, 3055 Olin Ave., Ste. 1000, San Jose, 95128. Cost: \$40.
- **Jan. 24:** 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

SVARW welcomes the following new members: **Jacqueline and Todd Lauer**

See speakers online

A volunteer has begun to format the videos of past meetings for our website. Visit SVARW.com to see some of our speakers from 2016.

Upcoming Events at SVARW

Meet San Jose Police Chief Garcia

Our guest speaker for November will be current San Jose Police Chief Edgardo (Eddie) Garcia, a member of the San Jose Police Department since 1992.

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Chief Garcia moved to San Jose as a youngster with his family. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Union Institute and University. Before becoming Chief, Garcia worked in many different capacities for the department including roles in Homicide Investigation, Narcotics Enforcement, and SWAT.

SVARW appreciates that Chief Garcia responded quickly when he was informed that several of our members expressed concern for their safety in light of attacks on conservatives. He immediately



Chief Edgardo Garcia

had his western region commander meet us and ensure us that the SJPD will keep an eye out on our meeting days.

Chief Garcia will be briefing us about the latest on the San Jose Police Department's fight against crime and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Due to litigation currently underway against the city in regards to the Trump rally, it is unlikely that Chief Garcia is allowed to answer questions about that event.

It is highly likely that this meeting will be very popular. SVARW recommends that you

SVARW meetings moving to 4th Wednesday in 2018

Beginning in January, SVARW regular monthly breakfast meetings will move from the third to the fourth Wednesday of the month. As our membership has grown in 2017, our meetings have shown a corresponding increase in the number of attendees. The Three Flames Restaurant can more easily accommodate these larger numbers on the fourth Wednesday than on the third. Everything else, including the price and times, will remain the same.

DETAILS

Time: Check in begins at 9 a.m.; program begins at 9:30 a.m.
Date: Wednesday, Nov. 15
Place: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose 95125
Cost: \$15 includes buffet breakfast
Purchase tickets online: SVARW.com Free to premium SVARW members: Sponsor, Gold, Reagan

purchase your ticket (or RSVP for premium members) at SVARW.com so that your wait to check in will be minimized.

January 2018

Our scheduled October speaker, author Orlean Koehle, had to cancel because of the Santa Rosa fires. She will be our guest at the Jan. 24 meeting, where she will discuss voter fraud. Remember, first-time guests are admitted free to the January meeting.

Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women

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Executive Board

- Jan Soule, President
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- Debra Janssen-Martinez, Second Vice-President
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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, Sacramento, CA 95814; Phone: 916-445-2841; FAX: 916-445-4633; Email: www.govmail.ca.gov
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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.

Initiative would repeal taxes

Gas tax hits state’s motorists hard

SVARW member Wendy Brukwinski researched the new tax, its effects on Californians and the effort to repeal the law.

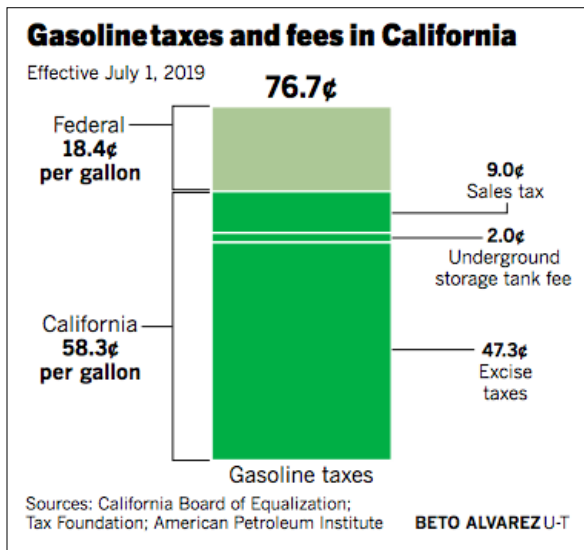
On Nov. 1, California motorists were hit with an increase in gas taxes. An initiative to repeal the new tax is in the works, however backers have not yet been able to begin circulating petitions to get it on the ballot for 2018. When petitions become available, SVARW members are encouraged to circulate and sign them.

Background

The state legislature passed SB 1 on April 7, and Gov. Jerry Brown signed it into law on April 28. The bill was sponsored by State Senator Jim Beall, a Democrat who represents Senate District 15, comprised of much of Santa Clara County. The bill is intended to raise \$5.2 billion annually for road and bridge repairs and improvements to mass transit.

Fiscal Impact: The law increased the gas excise tax by 12 cents to 30 cents a gallon (plus inflation adjustments). Deisel tax increased 20 cents to 36 cents a gallon. Additionally, vehicle registration fees were raised, and a \$100 annual fee added for zero-emission vehicles. By July 2019, motorists will be paying taxes and fees of 58.3 cents per gallon, broken down as follows:

- 47.3 cents in primary and secondary excise taxes
 - 2 cents on the underground storage tank fee
 - 9 cents on the sales tax
- Vehicle registration fees will increase by \$25 to \$175 annually. All these



increases will cost a typical family an extra \$300 to \$600 more a year.

In May, State Assemblyman Travis Allen (R-Huntington Beach) filed an initiative to repeal the new gas tax and registration fees. Once the initiative gets an acceptable title and summary, petitions will be created and start circulating around the state.

To qualify for the ballot, 365,880 signatures need to be gathered within 180 days. Signatures need to be certified at least 131 days before the 2018 general election, scheduled for Nov. 6. Electronic signatures not allowed.

How to get involved

Follow the progress of the initiative at nocagastax.com. When petitions become available, begin circulating them to eligible voters.

SVARW President Jan Soule’s column will return next month.

How to renew SVARW membership for 2018

Membership in SVARW runs for the calendar year and 2017 memberships expire Dec. 31. Men are invited to join SVARW as Associate members. We are encouraging young conservatives to join SVARW at a special low-cost membership level. In addition to our regular basic

membership, premium memberships are available for 2018 to support the organization.

Also available for 2018 is a SPONSOR level which will provide a business or organization with visibility to the 1,300-plus conservatives on our email list, website visitors and in our

newsletter.

You can renew membership online at SVARW.com or by sending your check with the form at right to SVARW, P.O. Box 3194, Saratoga, CA 95070. Renewals also will be accepted at the next regular meeting on Nov. 15.

Membership Levels

Regular or Associate: \$30 Spouse: \$10

Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts and Membership Roster.

Reagan Premium: \$150 Regular or Associate and spouse

Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster, AND \$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 Regular or Associate and spouse

Includes electronic and/or printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster, \$15 admittance charge to all regular SVARW monthly meetings is waived for both member and spouse, AND admittance charge to Patriot Parties is waived. (Christmas Luncheon NOT included)

Sponsor Platinum: \$500 Regular or Associate and spouse

Includes electronic and/or

printed Newsletter, Email Alerts, Membership Roster, AND admittance charges to all SVARW monthly meetings, Christmas Luncheon, Patriot Parties and Stars and Stripes gala are waived for both member and spouse.

Young Guns: \$10 Young Conservatives under 25 years old

Includes Electronic Newsletter only.

Questions?
Contact: Gail DeSmet
membership@svarw.com
(408) 997-2482

Membership Application

Membership in SVARW is for a calendar year ending on Dec. 31.

*Regular Membership for Women
Associate Membership 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; it cannot be sold or distributed. I understand that membership in SVARW is subject to approval.

Signature _____

Date _____

Circle membership type

- \$10 Young Gun
- \$30 Regular
- \$150 Reagan Premium
- \$40 Regular plus spouse
- \$250 Patriot Gold
- \$500 Sponsor Platinum

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

In case you missed it: October meeting

'Antifa' equals socialism, communism

By Joyce Hall
Newsletter editor

Protesters calling themselves "anti-fascists" are actually socialists and communists, author Neil Mammen told the audience during SVARW's October breakfast meeting.

"There has never been a fascist who wasn't a socialist," Mammen said, giving as examples Adolf Hitler, Iraq's Saddam Hussein, Libya's Muammar Ghaddafi, Uganda's Idi Amin and Benito Mussolini. They stay in power by promising benefits (food, housing, health care) to the masses.

Mammen expressed concern about police chiefs across the nation who appear to be failing to protect people from those protesters.

"When the police, the people you hire to protect you, decide to play favorites, they're not working for you. If a police department fails to provide protection to any citizen of whatever

stripe and that citizen has their rights violated as a result, the police department should be taken to court for civil rights violations," he said.

America's police chiefs need to protect everyone's rights, he said.

"You want to stop liberty? That's when you get the government to not uphold the law," Mammen added. "What's the difference between having a police force that does not uphold the laws and anarchy? Or worse, having a police force that enforces only the laws they want to enforce and an oligarchy, where the elites decide what the laws are. As Black Lives Matter showed us, the police are going to be some of the first to be vilified."

He concluded by saying that the only way to save the republic is to teach the young generation the principles on which America is based, principles which include Biblical values and liberty.

Learn more: noblindfaith.com



Volunteer Nov. 19 for packing event

You can support deployed service members and their families by participating in Operation Care and Comfort, either through donations of items, financial gifts or by helping to assemble care packages. The next packing event is set for 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19 at San Jose Municipal Stadium, 588 E. Alma Ave.

Operation Care and Comfort is an all-volunteer organization supporting deployed service members and their families with shipments from home. Every two months, hundreds of volunteers gather to create care packages for service members.

Find out how to support the organization by visiting their website at www.occ-usa.org.



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