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Mark your calendar.

Oct 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 a.m. Cost: \$15

Nov. 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 a.m. Cost: \$15

Dec. 11: Christmas Luncheon, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Maggiano's Little Italy, 377 Santana Row, San Jose. Cost: Early bird tickets are \$45 through Nov. 20. After that date, the cost will be \$50. **There is limited seating for the luncheon so purchase tickets early**

Welcome to new SVARW members:

Sylvia Danna
Ashley Fiore
Catherine Norman

The deep state not just a Washington problem



Margaret Metcalfe

Confused about this thing called "the deep state"? You are not alone. Margaret Metcalfe, our October speaker and SVARW member, will help illuminate some of the secrets

behind the deep state and how it works against free and fair elections. A native of Guam, Metcalfe represents that U.S. territory on the Republican National Committee. She has represented Guam to the executive branch of the federal government and spent three years living in Arlington, VA, practically in the heart of the "swamp." Those experiences have given her significant insight into how the so-called "deep state" interacts with elections, candidates and voters.

The entire structure of the Republican Party is a mystery to many, even members of SVARW who make an effort to be informed. Metcalfe will tell us how the local, state and national organizations relate to each other and, most importantly, why you should care, and how you can help turn the tide. As Californians we are very familiar with fellow Republicans who do not support our Republi-

Event details

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 23

Time: Check-in begins at 9 a.m.; program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave. San Jose, CA 95125.

Cost: Tickets are \$15 each and include buffet breakfast.

Event is free to Reagan, Patriot Gold and Sponsor members - please RSVP through the SVARW website.

can president. Metcalfe will explain how the delegates to the California Republican Party and Republican National Committee are selected, and how the deep state works to undermine voters' decisions. Margaret represented SVARW on a July 23, 2019, radio program broadcast from the Stanford campus.

The host invited SVARW and the head of another local Republican group to talk about their views.

Metcalfe boldly ticked off President Trump's accomplishments and spotlighted his war on the deep state.

The other Republican offered numerous reasons why he can't endorse President Trump's re-election in 2020

We expect a large turnout for this meeting so please purchase tickets or RSVP to minimize your wait in the check-in line. Tickets and RSVP available online at www.SVARW.com. Women, men, members and non-members are always welcome to SVARW events and meetings.

SVARW candidate endorsements

The SVARW board has endorsed the following candidates for office in the March 3, 2020 election: Vicki Nohrden, who is running for California State Senate District 17, which includes the southern part of Santa Clara County, all of Santa Cruz and San Luis Obispo counties and about half of Monterey County. Find out more about her at Vicki4senate.com or on her Facebook page: Vicki4Senate.

Jonathan Fleming, who is running for the San Jose City Council to represent District 2, which includes parts of the Blossom Hill and Santa Teresa areas, plus Coyote Valley. Learn more about him at voteFleming.com or at his campaign page on Facebook: Jonathan Fleming for San José City Council District 2 2020.



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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. Email President@svarw.com for details on location.

See speakers online

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

Newsletter email:
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President's message

Stand up for your rights before they are taken away



By: Jan Soule President

Have you noticed that every Democrat and some Republicans would like to limit gun ownership in the U.S.? Once the right to keep and bear arms is reduced or eliminated, it is easy for the government to take every other freedom. Although not every freedom-loving American enthusiastically wants to possess a gun, we all want the "good guys" to have them. That is why the SVARW Board issued the following resolution:

NRA Labeled a Domestic Terrorist Organization by San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Should SVARW members think twice about visiting San Francisco?

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on Sept. 3 labeling the National Rifle Association a domestic terrorist organization.

Most of the 300 plus members of the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women are strong supporters of the Second Amendment. Many of our members are card-carrying members of the NRA and own guns.

The San Francisco resolution stated, "The City and County of San Francisco should take every reasonable step to limit those entities who do business with this domestic terrorist organization."

Should SVARW members think twice about putting themselves in jeopardy by visiting restaurants, theaters, retail establishments and the like that have been warned by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to limit business with members of this domestic terrorist organization?

Not only do we need to be concerned about avoiding the feces and used needles on the streets of San Francisco... but do we also have to be vigilant in emptying our wallets of our NRA Member Cards or our Firearm Safety Certificates issued by the California Department of Justice?

My plan is to send a letter to the North Beach restaurants I have frequented in San Francisco including Café Sport (the best pesto pasta), Mama's on Washington Square (best breakfast) and US Restaurant (to die for arancini) and ask them if I am still welcome. I invite SVARW members to do the same with their favorite businesses in San Francisco.

Feel free to contact the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and let them know what you think! Supervisor Stefani was the author of the resolution.

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September Speaker details sex ed courses

By Debra Janssen-Martinez

During SVARW's general meeting on Sept. 25, Gina Gleason, California Republican Party Delegate, rallied the SVARW membership to take action to stop the seemingly endless flood of legislation restricting parental rights, promoting unhealthy sexual practices and damaging the next generation's ability to form healthy family relationships.

Gleason regaled the audience with a litany of legislation from the now "supermajority" controlled California legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom. Gleason said that the topics of sex education, plus pending state and federal legislation that adds transgender identity as a protected class, will weaken our legal protections.

The passage of the Comprehensive Sex Education Framework in 2015 unleashed a torrent of new materials and curricula that no longer just teach sex ed, but encourage students in adopting homosexual, transgender and sex outside of marriage as normative behavior. "Schools have a lot of leeway," said Gleason. In adopting these ever more adult subjects before kids are mature

enough or have had adequate input from their families, these types of curricula have resulted in startling high percentages of young children identifying as transgender. Along with special privileges in hiring, college admissions and "special" civil rights, the fabric of our country governed by equality before the law is weakened by elevating the rights of one, very small minority, above a vast majority of American citizens.

Most of the audience were aware of the hubbub over gender neutral bathrooms and locker rooms, and openly sexualized sex ed curricula, but the graphic nature of the materials, adult content, and subjects far beyond ordinary healthy sexuality, into the realm of pornography and deviancy, were truly shocking. Add that many parents aren't aware of ways to opt out of the programs, and the marked decline in public school enrollment in our state is much more understandable. Many of the materials Gleason displayed openly marginalize Christian, Jewish and Muslim conservative family values, negating parental guidance.

Gleason mentioned several actions available for us to turn the tide. First and

foremost, she asked that we get informed. Capitol Resource Institute is Sacramento, and Real Options in the Bay Area, are organizations that offer legislative remedies, information and volunteer opportunities.

The realimpact.us website has petitions (non-binding) for parental rights to let our legislators know how we feel about their legislation and other guidelines for citizen action. Join with your fellow SVARW members to volunteer for a voter guide project, letter writing, or phone calling action.

Most powerful is to become involved in your local school board. Whether you have children there or not, your school district's policies should reflect your communities' values. Charter schools are more attentive to parents' wishes but still are bound by the state education code. Attend meetings, ask to see the curricula, let them know you vote and pay taxes in their district. Distribute voter guides at your church, in your neighborhood, and to your friends. Let them know that they can make a positive difference in the next generation's health, education and quality of life.

Time to renew membership for 2020

Membership in SVARW runs for the calendar year, Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Despite rising costs, we have kept our basic single membership price to \$30 for 12 years!

The activities that SVARW is able to engage in to impact the local political climate are funded by the dues collected yearly for membership in SVARW.

Men are invited to join SVARW as Associate Members.

SVARW offers four levels of membership plus the opportunity for young people to join at a special price. Regular or Associate Membership for a single person: \$30 Regular or Associate Membership for a couple: \$40. Reagan Membership Level: \$150 covers both a member and spouse. The \$15 charge to attend regular meetings is waived. Patriot Gold Membership Level: \$250 covers both member and spouse. In addition to the benefits of the Reagan Membership, the admittance fee to Patriot Parties is waived.

Sponsor Platinum Membership Level: \$500. This membership level is designed for a business or organization that wishes to support SVARW in exchange for building awareness among SVARW members and visitors. In addition to the benefits of Patriot Gold Membership, the Sponsor will be listed in all SVARW email alerts going out to 500 plus subscribers, on SVARW website and in SVARW's monthly newsletter. There is no charge to Sponsors to attend the Christmas Luncheon and Stars and Stripes. Young Guns. \$10. Membership for young conservatives under the age of 25. Go online at SVARW.com to renew your membership or pay at the regular monthly meeting.

Help service members celebrate holidays



The next packing event for Operation Care and Comfort will start at 10 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 27 at Avaya Stadium, 1123 Coleman Ave., San Jose. This will be the holiday care package event. Feel free to dress like Santa or one of his elves to help load boxes of personal care items, DVDs and more for service members stationed overseas.

This is a fun, easy and social event where you'll meet others who seek to honor the service of our military members. Students can receive community service credit for working the packing event. They should bring their paperwork along to have it signed by an OCC representative.

Operation Care and Comfort is an all-volunteer organization that collects, packages and mails boxes of toiletries, food, entertainment items and other "touches of home" to the nation's members of the military.

Please consider donating items or supporting this worthy organization with a financial donation. See the patriotic table staffed by SVARW member Kathy Imamura at our October meeting at Three Flames.



Joyce Swanson-Hall and Debra Janssen-Martinez share the spotlight with an elephant mascot at the Basque Fry, a Republican gathering in Gardnerville, NV., on Sept. 14. The event drew more than 1,000 conservatives to eat barbeque and hear from speakers, including American Conservative Union Chairman Matt Schlapp, President Trump's acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and Mercedes Schlapp, former Director of Strategic Communications for the White House and now a senior advisor to the Trump 2020 campaign.

About SVARW

The Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women is an independent conservative group of over 300 women and men. Our purpose is to educate and motivate our members to help elect qualified conservatives to office. Our members range from those who just want to be informed at our monthly meetings with interesting speakers to those who are interested in being actively engaged.

We meet monthly except for July and August. Breakfast meetings are generally held on the 4th

Wednesday of each month at: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave, San Jose 95125. In addition, SVARW hosts special events including Patriot Parties, Stars and Stripes Gala, and candidate forums.

Learn more about SVARW and sign up for our email list by going to www.SVARW.com



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