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Mark your calendar.

Jan. 29: 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. At this first meeting of the year, guests who have never attended an SVARW event will be admitted free.

Feb. 3: Vote-by-mail ballots begin arriving in mailboxes for all Santa Clara County voters. These ballots can be dropped off at a voting center or returned by mail.

Feb. 26: 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

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 call her if you know someone in need. Her number is 408-377-7111.

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.

2020 election vital to personal rights

*** First-time guests free at January meeting. See "Event details" box below.**

One of SVARW's favorite speakers, Brad Dacus, Founder and President of Pacific Justice Institute, returns to set the stage for the importance of the 2020 election for religious freedom, the U.S. Supreme Court and parents' rights.

Pacific Justice Institute is a non-profit 501(c)(3) legal defense organization specializing in the defense of religious freedom, parental rights, and other civil liberties. Pacific Justice Institute works diligently, without charge, to provide its clients with all the legal support they need.

Brad Dacus served as a legislative assistant to former Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas), and went on to receive his law degree from the University of Texas. Brad coordinated religious freedom and parental rights cases throughout the western United States for five years prior to founding Pacific Justice Institute in 1997. The institute has a network with hundreds of volunteer affiliate attorneys and handles more cases on the west coast than any other organization of its kind.

Brad Dacus can be heard weekly on The Dacus Report on more than 170 radio stations across the country and also as a guest speaker on numerous radio and television programs across the nation. He has appeared on America Live, CBS Evening News, CNN, Dateline NBC, Good Morning America, MSNBC, NBC News, News Talk TV, and The Today Show and numerous times on FOX News.

Mr. Dacus' varied public speaking opportunities include public debate

and testifying before the U.S. House of Representatives. He has also testified numerous times before the California State Legislature

on legislation affecting religious freedom and parents' rights. Mr. Dacus continues to speak regularly at churches, conferences, graduations and

conventions throughout the United States and was presented an honorary Doctorate of Religious Freedom and Family Rights degree from California Baptist University in recognition of his commitment to faith and justice and his work protecting parental rights and religious freedom through the Pacific Justice Institute.

Event details
Date: Wednesday, Jan. 29
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, but please RSVP through the SVARW website. Bring a first-time guest for FREE to the January meeting. First-time guests must RSVP and provide email address.



Brad Dacus

Free book at January meeting is great educational tool

The first 200 attendees at our January SVARW meeting will be offered a free copy of "The Little Book of Liberal Lies" by Elbert Guillory, a powerful book that gives Republicans an effective tool to re-educate brainwashed minds that have suffered for more than 60 years in California under undue influence from Democrats and their programming media. Those interested in ordering additional copies can do so from Elbert Guillory's America, P.O. Box 160, Lawtell, LA 70550, 1-337-942-6328. The cost is \$2 per book to help his office cover expenses.

Using short texts and photos, African-American Elbert Guillory puts his message across, derailing three Democrat lies:

- All Republicans are racist.
- Democrats are champions of civil liberties.
- The Democrats' agenda is best for black Americans.

Guillory's primary interest is in encouraging black Americans to get off the Democrat plantation and get involved in politics. But his book speaks to all of us. His work helps all races and ethnicities rebuke Democrat lies and propaganda, helping us all learn what it means to be a Republican.

For those who plan to give this book to others, a word of caution: It may be important to follow up and discuss it. Guillory's book is most effective if

read in entirety. Some may say they will read it but when asked about it later, they may confess they only read the first few pages. The problem is, people have been heavily indoctrinated at school, in their social group(s), and by the media in general. Many of our nation's younger generation are invested financially in a job. If their boss is a Democrat, they may fear losing their job if they dare express their own opinion. Today's technology is so pervasive that it threatens workers. So, expect some may be too afraid to accept the education. The hope is those who do take the time to read this book will learn what it means to be free.

Guillory reminds us what the differences are between Democrat and Republican. He shows us that being a Republican is much more than believing in smaller government and less taxes. As a former member of the Louisiana State Senate (2006 to 2016), as a Christian, a mountain-climber by avocation, and having served in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam, attorney Elbert Guillory at age 75 draws an analogy of racist Democrats in empty suits like plantation owners disguising control over everything as charity while doing this using other people's money. Slavery, he writes, still exists in the form of welfare and food stamps. Guillory shows us that the Democrat Party's agenda is an illusion. It takes away the power, rights, and

responsibilities from the individual. At the heart of liberalism is the belief that only a great and all powerful central government can be the benefactor of social justice for all Americans. Where once Americans relied on their family, church, and community, Democrats focus on control.

Elbert Guillory's biography is presented on-line in Wikipedia. In 2013 as a Louisiana State Senator, Guillory switched from being a Democrat to being a Republican, calling Democrats "the Party of Jim Crow." The Republican party, he said, is "the party of freedom and progress," comparing himself to abolitionist Frederick Douglass, a Republican who had supported Abraham Lincoln.

Read Elbert Guillory's "Little Book of Liberal Lies." It is an educational building block that will help freedom-loving Californians fight to restore a Republican form of government in California.

Time to renew membership

Membership in SVARW expires on Dec. 31 each year. If you haven't renewed yet, please go online at SVARW.com to renew for 2020 or pay at the next regular meeting on Jan. 29.

If you're not sure if you've paid through 2020, please check with treasurer Lisa Seago.



March 7th

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SVARW member Kathy Imamura continues to be a dynamo by recruiting people to help at local events, especially the Operation Care and Comfort organization and voter registration at new citizen swearing-in ceremonies.

For those who don't know, Operation Care and Comfort collects and mails "care packages" of personal

care items, snacks and reminders of home to service members deployed around the world. Every few weeks volunteers gather to assemble those packages.

The next major OCC packing event will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Avaya Stadium on Coleman Avenue, near the San Jose airport. All are welcome to participate and any students needing community service hours for school can get hours by coming and bringing their paperwork to get signed after. Kathy thanks all the SVARW members who have been

so generous with bringing items as well as money donations for postage. See the OCC list of suggested items at occ-usa.org.

Kathy also wants to thank those volunteers who have been helping at the new U.S. Citizenship Ceremonies offering to help new citizens complete voter registrations. This is a great opportunity to educate new voters about the Republican Party. The ceremonies are held at Campbell Community Center, usually on a weekday. See Kathy for details if you'd like to volunteer.



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Join us for walking, hiking or shooting

Shooting outing

Exercise your Second Amendment right to bear arms with a two-morning course in personal weapon safety and firearm use.

Longtime SVARW member and NRA instructor Jess Guy has graciously offered to instruct up to 10 people in handling and shooting personal firearms. The first two-hour safety session will be in his home in Los Gatos on Saturday, Feb. 1. The second session will be held at a private shooting range in the Santa Cruz mountains the next day, Feb. 2.

Dress in comfortable outdoor clothing. Coffee and refreshments will be provided both days. Bring a picnic lunch for the second day. The first 10 people to sign up will be registered for the course. The cost is \$25 per person, payable on the SVARW website. If

the event proves popular, we'll try to make it a monthly event, weather permitting.

Holiday recovery walking meetup

If the weather cooperates we will meet at Almaden Lake for a one to two mile walk around the lake followed by lunch at the Almaden Plaza Chick Fil-A every 4th Tuesday at 11 a.m. If you prefer a hike, meet us at the Old Almaden parking lot for a Quicksilver Almaden hike on the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. We will adjourn afterwards to the Almaden Plaza Chick Fil-A for lunch. Wear your MAGA hat or patriotic headgear so we can identify kindred spirits for a chance to blow off some steam and enjoy our beautiful California weather.

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Step up to serve on 2020 nominating committee for SVARW leadership

Be ready at the January meeting to take part in the election of the 2020 Executive Board Nominating Committee. You must be a member of SVARW to vote and to serve on the committee. Each year, the five-

member committee seeks out potential candidates to serve on the Executive Board, which includes the offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Officers are elected at

the October General Meeting.

Several executive board members have served for many years and would welcome the opportunity to turn over the reins of their positions to new people.

Nearly \$1,700 raised at Christmas luncheon

The warmth of the Christmas season was celebrated by 100 SVARW members and guests at Maggiano's Little Italy in Santana row on Dec. 11. President Jan Soule and the Executive Board were sworn in by Peter Kuo, vice-chairman of the California Republican Party. Also sworn in for 2020 were First Vice-President Wendy Brukwinski, Second Vice-President Mingi Bodine, Recording Secretary Sherrill Martinez, Corresponding Secretary Susan Calderon and Treasurer Lisa Seago.

Every year, SVARW selects a charity to support at the luncheon and throughout the year. This year's charity, RealOptions Obria Medical Clinics, is

well-known to many in SVARW as a pro-life clinic that provides support for expectant mothers. Executive Director Valerie Hill, an SVARW sponsor, shared with members how the clinics give women and girls alternatives to abortion. Placed strategically near Planned Parenthood locations, RealOptions Obria clinics challenge the culture of abortion so prevalent in our country today.

Donors generously opened their wallets and contributed nearly \$1,700 at the luncheon to support RealOptions Obria. If you weren't able to attend the luncheon, please consider donating online at realoptions.net



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