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Mark your calendar.

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, Santana Row, 3055 Olin Ave., San Jose: 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:

Linda Lawson Bruton
Patrizia DeLuca
Basualdo
Sylvia Danna
Vera Garces
Celia and Steve House
Tanol Ip
Vicky Huei Jiuan Lan
Marla Mulkey
Mary Nobriga
Steve and Ida O'Steen
Judy Robinson
Linda Rost
Leslie and Doug Tozzini
Barbara Traw

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.

Californians facing tough choices

More than half of California voters have thought about moving out of state, according to a new poll from the Institute of Governmental Studies at U.C. Berkeley. A full 74 percent of the state's very conservative voters say they are looking into moving.

Of all the questions he hears from citizens of this state, Republican State Senator Mike Morrell of Rancho Cucamonga says that he is most frequently asked, "Is there hope for California?

While there can be reason to doubt, he sees a number of indicators that should give reason for optimism. Reflecting on California's rich history, Senator Morrell will share his thoughts on the past legislative year amidst changes at the capitol including having Governor Newsom at the helm.

Senator Mike Morrell was born and raised in California. He was married here, raised his family here, and opened two corporations here, Provident Home Loans and Provident Realty, both incorporated in 1989.

Senator Morrell now represents

Event details
Date: Wednesday, Nov. 20
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.

California's 23rd State Senate District. He serves on five Senate committees, including as Vice Chair of the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Labor, Public Employment and Retirement.

Senator Morrell regularly receives high marks from the National Federation of Independent Business, the California Chamber of Commerce, and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. He has also been named Legislator of the Year by the Military Officers Association of America.

Enjoy great food at SVARW's Christmas luncheon

Don't be left out of the holiday celebration. Each year SVARW members mark the season with a festive Christmas luncheon. This is also the time we highlight a local charity to support. This year's charity will be RealOptions Obria Medical Clinics, a pro-life organization that provides medical services and support to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Valerie Hill, RealOptions-Obria CEO, is a longtime member of SVARW and many SVARW members volunteer at the local clinic.

The luncheon is slated for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant, Santana Row, 3055 Olin Ave., San Jose. Tickets are \$45 a person if purchased by Nov. 20. After that date, cost is \$50 a person.

Our program includes:

- Installation of SVARW Officers for 2020 officiated by Peter Kuo, Vice Chair of the California Republican Party
- Featured charity: Presentation by RealOptions Obria Medical Clinics
- Complete luncheon served family style

Cost: Early Bird price: \$45. After Nov. 20: \$50. Free to Sponsors; RSVP to Lisa Seago Husbands and guests are always welcome!

Menu

- Freshly baked ciabatta rolls
- First course: Salad and two appetizers
- Second course: Three entrees
- Dessert: Two desserts
- Coffee, hot or iced tea, soft drinks
- No host bar available

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**Welcome 2020
Executive Board**

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Wendy Brukwinski, First Vice-President
Mingi Bodine, Second Vice-President
Sherrill Martinez, Recording Secretary
Susan Calderon, Corresponding Secretary
Lisa Seago, Treasurer
Diane Owen, Parliamentarian
For time and location of monthly board meetings, email President@svarw.com.

Board election

At SVARW's Oct. 23 meeting, members elected Wendy Brukwinski as First Vice-President and Mingi Bodine as Second Vice-President for 2020. Other officers remain the same for next year.

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.



Remember to bring donations, either in items or as financial contributions, to our next meeting on Nov. 20 to support deployed American service members. The all-volunteer Operation Care and Comfort organization relies on donations to send care packages of personal items every few weeks to those serving in foreign lands.

The military doesn't provide

SVARW recommends

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 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 Jose City Council District 2 2020.

personal care items such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, brushes and many more items. OCC fills in that gap by packaging donations and sending them to the troops.

See the shopping list of items at OCC-USA.org or stop by the red, white and blue table at the next meeting. SVARW member Kathy Imamura faithfully gathers and delivers our donations to OCC every month.



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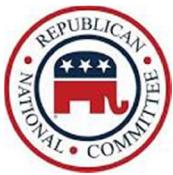
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How the Republican Party is Organized from the National to the Local Level



Republican National Committee (RNC)

The Republican National Committee is a U.S. political committee that leads the Republican Party of the United States. The Republican Party is sometimes called the Grand Old Party or GOP. It is responsible for developing and promoting the Republican political platform, as well as coordinating fundraising and election strategy. The RNC is headed by President Donald Trump and Chairman Ronna McDaniel.

Each of the 50 US States and 8 US Territories elect three representatives to the RNC. California is represented by: GOP Committee Member Harmeet Dhillon, GOP Committee Member Shawn Steel, and the Chair of the California Republican Party, Jessica Patterson.



California Republican Party (CA GOP)

The California GOP is the official organization of the ballot qualified Republican Party in California, and exercises general direction over the statewide election campaigns for Republican nominees for state elective offices.

The CAGOP is run by the Chairman and the Board of Directors. The majority of these positions are elected at one of the statewide conventions. The electors are delegates sent from the Republican Central Committees in each of the 58 California counties. A delegate is a person, such as an elected representative, sent or authorized to represent others at a convention. Delegates from each county are a combination of those appointed by the Chairman of the local party or designated by their position in the local party (i.e., Treasurer). Also, any Republican who is elected to a partisan office or, if not elected, received the largest percentage of the Republican vote also are assigned a certain number of delegates. The party is organized into Central Committees, one per county in the state.



Santa Clara County Republican Party (SV GOP)

The Santa Clara County Republican Party is run by a **Central Committee**. There is one Central Committee per county in the state. The Central Committee is composed of 25 regular members and 14-16 ex-officio members who vote to elect a Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer who form the leadership team. The Central Committee is responsible for registering voters and turning out the Republican vote; recruiting competent Republican candidates to run for both partisan and non-partisan public office; recruiting volunteers; and campaigning for the election of Republicans.

The Central Committee meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Santa Clara County Administration Building, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA, in the Isaac N. Senter Auditorium. Phone (408) 246-6600. The meetings are open to all Republicans in the county.

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Other
Republican
County
Central
Committees

Regular Members are elected to the Central Committee every four years during the Presidential Primary Election. Only registered Republicans can vote for Central Committee members. By California Election Code, members are elected by SUPERVISORIAL District in Santa Clara County. The number of members per Supervisorial District is determined by a calculation of the number of Republicans who voted in the previous gubernatorial election.

Supervisorial District 1	Supervisorial District 2	Supervisorial District 3	Supervisorial District 4	Supervisorial District 5
Includes Los Gatos Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, part of South San Jose, and some unincorporated areas.	Includes part of San Jose and some unincorporated areas.	Includes Milpitas, parts of San Jose, and Sunnyvale, and some unincorporated areas.	Includes Campbell, Santa Clara and part of San Jose, and some unincorporated areas.	Includes Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Saratoga, part of Sunnyvale, and some unincorporated areas.

Ex-Officio Members are candidates who ran in State Senate, Assembly or US Congressional Districts that in whole or in part touch Santa Clara County, and received the majority of the Republican vote whether or not they were actually elected. They serve on the committee for whatever the length of office (2 years or 4 years) their term would have been if elected. In addition, any candidate who received the majority of the Republican vote for a state-wide partisan office including the Board of Equalization, who resides in Santa Clara County is considered an Ex-Officio member of the Committee until replaced in a succeeding election by a new Republican nominee or elected office holder.

Top Trump Administration Accomplishments

As Democrats continue ignoring President Trump's success, conservatives can celebrate the many accomplishments of his presidency. Need talking points for the holiday dinner with your liberal relatives? Take a look through this extensive list of successes.

Economy

- Since President Trump was elected more than 6.5 million jobs have been created.
- More than 500,000 manufacturing jobs have been created.
- The unemployment rate dropped to 3.5 percent, the lowest in 50 years.
- This year, the economy has averaged 161,000 new jobs each month.
- Wage growth has remained at a consistent 3 percent during President Trump's administration.

Foreign Policy

- President Trump has kept his promise to deliver a modern and rebalanced trade deal to replace NAFTA.
- A new United States-Japan trade deal was negotiated.
- President Trump withdrew the United States from the flawed Trans-Pacific Partnership.
- President Trump has forced our allies to recommit to NATO.
- The United States has successfully decimated ISIS.

Judicial

- President Trump has nominated,

and the Senate has confirmed, a grand total of 150 Article III judges:

- Two Supreme Court justices have been confirmed: Justice Gorsuch and Justice Kavanaugh.
- 43 Circuit Court judges
- 105 District Court judges

Health Care

- The individual mandate penalty has been eliminated.
- Short-term, limited-duration insurance plans have been extended.
- The president signed an executive order to improve seniors' healthcare and improve the fiscal sustainability of Medicare.
- Reforms to expand Medicare Advantage options and Health Reimbursement Accounts have been expanded.
- President Trump mobilized his entire administration to address the drug addiction and opioid abuse.

Environment

- The president and his administration are continuing to pursue policies that encourage environmental protection while promoting economic growth.
- The president has taken important steps to restore, preserve, and protect our land, air, and water.

Energy

- President Trump signed an executive order to expand offshore oil and gas drilling and open more

leases to develop offshore drilling.

- The administration acted aggressively to increase exports of energy resources to the global market and allowed financing for coal and fossil energy projects.

Military and Veterans

- President Trump has restored American military strength.
- Under President Trump's leadership, Congress passed two historic National Defense Authorization Acts, which allocate almost \$1.5 trillion combined to rebuild and grow our military.

Women

- In September, the unemployment rate among women was at 3.1 percent, the lowest in 66 years.
- During the president's first year in office, the number of American women in poverty fell by nearly 600,000.

Employment

- Under the Trump Administration, African American unemployment has declined to a record low of 5.5 percent.
- Under President Trump, Latino Americans have experienced record low unemployment.
- More than 2.7 million jobs have been created for Latino Americans.
- The Latino American unemployment rate is at a historic low of 3.9 percent.
- Asian American unemployment hit a near record low of 2.5 percent.

Renew membership now to help SVARW spread conservatism locally

Membership in SVARW runs from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. The basic single membership has been \$30 for many years. Rising costs may force an increase in dues in 2020, but members who join or renew by Dec. 31 will pay the 2019 dues.

SVARW activities that impact the local political climate are funded by the membership dues collected yearly. Men are invited to join SVARW as Associate Members.

SVARW offers several levels of membership:

Regular/associate for one person, \$30, add spouse for \$10 more.

Reagan: \$150, for member and spouse, and no charge for regular monthly meetings.

Patriot Gold: \$250, for member and spouse, no charge for monthly meetings or Patriot Parties.

Sponsor Platinum: \$500. Sponsors receive all the Patriot Gold benefits,

plus they will be listed in all SVARW email alerts going out to 500-plus subscribers, on the our website and in the monthly newsletter. Sponsors get free admission to the Christmas Luncheon and Stars and Stripes.

Young Guns: only \$10 a year for young conservatives under 25 years old.

Go online at SVARW.com to renew or pay at the Nov. 20 meeting.

Conservatives in action: Trump rally



Trump supporters gather on the corner of Almaden Expressway and Blossom Hill Road on Oct. 17 to show their support for President Donald Trump. (Photo courtesy of The Epoch Times)

Residents rally to support Trump, oppose impeachment

This article originally appeared in The Epoch Times.

Article and photo
by Nathan Su, The Epoch Times

A group of Silicon Valley residents teamed up with an organization called Women For America First (WFAF) and rallied on Oct. 17 to support President Donald Trump and oppose the ongoing impeachment inquiry in the House of Representatives.

The rally was part of a nationwide event, March for Trump, organized by WFAF in 47 cities. The reason they organized the event is that the current impeachment inquiry in the House is “in contravention of long-

standing House tradition,” states a press release issued by WFAF. “I love Donald Trump,” said Jan Soule, the president of Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women, adding that the people joining the rally were there to let Trump supporters know that they are not alone in the valley. The rally took place at a corner of the busy intersection between Almaden Expressway and Blossom Hill Road during the late afternoon commute hours. Passing drivers kept honking their horns.

“A lot of people gave us a thumb up,” Soule said.

The impeachment inquiry against Trump was initiated by Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, on Sept. 24. The inquiry began after a whistleblower reportedly alleged that Trump and his top officials had pressured the Ukraine leaders to advance the president’s personal interests.

As of now, two whistleblowers have come forward

to report about Trump asking the Ukrainian president to look into the possible corruption of Hunter Biden, the son of former Vice President Joe Biden. Joe Biden is currently running against Trump in the 2020 presidential campaign.

The WFAF press release quotes a letter from White House Counsel Pat Cipollone as saying that in this impeachment inquiry, Trump has been denied “the right to cross-examine witnesses, to call witnesses, to receive transcripts of testimony, to have access to evidence, to have counsel present, and many other basic rights guaranteed to all Americans.”

The press release also quotes the letter as saying that the impeachment process “violates the Constitution, the rule of law, and every past precedent.”

Participants at the rally waved American flags and held signs reading “Trump 2020,” “Stands with Trump,” “Stop Impeachment Now,” “No Spin, No Coup,” and so on.

Linda Rost, who owns a bookkeeping business, told The Epoch Times that she is a Trump supporter. Rost praised Trump for the good U.S.

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economy and the booming job market.

"I am an employer, and I am giving all my employees raises. I need to do that just to be competitive with other companies," Rost said.



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The current House investigations based on the impeachment inquiry have been focused on whether Trump abused his presidential power by asking foreign leaders to investigate his political opponent.

The WFAF press release states: "There's absolutely nothing the president has done in the past three years that remotely rises to the level of 'High Crimes & Misdemeanors,' the 'gold standard' for impeachment set by our founding fathers at the Constitutional Convention of 1787."

The press release also predicts that the only result the impeachment will bring is to "further divide and embitter an already deeply-divided nation."

Kat Knowles, a realtor at the

rally, said that the reason she joined the rally was that she didn't think the impeachment inquiry was fair. Knowles said that the purpose of the rally was "to show the president we have his back."

John Cagliostro, another attendee at the rally, wore a hat with "Trump 2020" printed on it. He also wore a T-shirt reading "Trump Nation." He said that he drives a truck with signs supporting Trump "all over the place."

"Every time somebody flips me off, I got a hundred thumbs up," he said.

Cagliostro is a mechanic who grew up in Saratoga.

"Trump is the most transparent president ever, and he belongs on Mount Rushmore," he said.

Deep state pervasive in federal offices

SVARW's October speaker, Margaret Metcalfe, described just some of the ways the "deep state" interferes with elections and with President Trump's agenda. Metcalfe serves as the Guam representative to the Republican National Committee. At the 2016 GOP national convention, party leaders attempted to remove

Donald Trump from the party and to expel the Asian Pacific island representatives such as herself from voting on Trump's nomination.

Those who've held power within the national party didn't want someone like Donald Trump upsetting the power structure.

Within the bureaucracy

itself, "there are 50-plus layers of government trying to undermine our constitutional process," she said.

Some of Trump's cabinet members have had trouble getting their staff members to answer phones or write letters, she said, assuming that they were working to keep Trump's people from being effective. Many of the political appointees in the Obama administration were converted to permanent federal workers, ensuring that Obama's liberal policies would continue in many federal agencies, she said.

To see Metcalfe's entire talk to SVARW, log on to SVARW.com where each month's presentation is available on video about a month after the meeting.

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