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## **2018 COLLEGE ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY**

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The Exchange Club of San Ramon Valley [www.SRVExchangeClub.org](http://www.SRVExchangeClub.org) is hosting its annual college essay scholarship competition. A college scholarship for \$1,500 will be awarded to the first place winner, \$1,000 for second place, and \$500 for third place. High school students will have an opportunity to hear and interact with an outstanding speaker to discuss this year's essay topic:

**The U.S. Constitution - First Amendment – One of the freedoms in the First Amendment is the Right to Assemble.** When, if ever can that right be restricted and under what circumstances. Is the right to assemble crucial to a democratic participation? Why or why not. Cite examples where appropriate.

**Speaker** will discuss the First Amendment and its impact on the rights to assemble on **SATURDAY, March 17, 2018** from **10:00-11:00 AM** at the **Grace United Methodist Church, 19901 San Ramon Valley Blvd. (San Ramon Valley & Pine Valley Rds) San Ramon, CA .**  
**Time will be provided for Q&A discussion.**

- Cheryl Cook-Kallio, 39 year veteran and taught AP U.S. History and AP Government/We the People at Irvington High School in Fremont, CA. She is nationally engaged in the conversation for the need for increased civic education in our schools. She served the Hon. Dianne Feinstein as a Madison Congressional Fellow. She also served eight years as a councilmember for the city of Pleasanton, served on a state task force advisory board for civic education and the National iCivics Teachers' Council founded by former Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Currently serves as a national board member for the Center for Civic Education.

**All students in grades 9-12 are eligible to write an essay after attending or using speaker's notes as provided.** Essays are due on **Friday, April 13th**. The Exchange Club wishes to extend its deep appreciation to PG&E for donating scholarship grant monies to this worthwhile program. Please contact Donna Kerger at [dkerger1@aol.com](mailto:dkerger1@aol.com) or (925) 838-9272 with any questions.