

SLOCREA

San Luis Obispo County Retired Employees' Association

General Lunch Meeting: Tuesday May 7, 2024 @ 12 Noon: Buffet Lunch

Where: SLO Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO, Banquet Room

What: Katie Girardi on the Health of Our Pension Trust

Cost: \$20.00 for Members; \$25.00 for Non-Members: Exact Change or Check, please.

RSVP to Miki: mikigillman@gmail.com or 805-550-7196 (Text or Call) ASAP!

RSVP by 8:00 PM Wednesday May 1st please.

Membership Dues: \$15.00 per year or \$40.00 for 3 years:

Mail to: SLOCREA, PO Box 3533, SLO CA 93403-3533

Future 2024 Meetings:

Thursday July 11, 2024 @ 12 Noon Annual BBQ/ Potluck/ Picnic: Members Free!

Tuesday October 15, 2024 @ 12 Noon TBA (League of Women Voters?)

Tuesday December 3, 2024 @ 12 Noon Madonna Inn Garden Room: The Bad Spots return

Why SLOCREA? We are a group of County Retirees who gather periodically for fun, socializing, & education. PLUS: solidarity regarding County Retiree issues (health insurance, etc). Several years ago, our county decided to change the health insurance supplement offered for Medicare. They heard loud and clear from us, got the message, and did not make that change. In fact, we have developed an excellent and very well-established working relationship with the county benefits coordinator. And Esmeralda Barragan now spends some time at our meetings, meeting with members one-on-one to resolve specific health insurance issues. Wow! In contrast, just a few years ago, Fresno County thought that *cutting* retiree pensions would help solve the county's financial problems. Wrong! But there was no county retiree organization there. It was up to one person and a few of his former colleagues to edify the county. It would have been a lot easier for them had they had a SLOCREA-like organization.

SLOCREA stays connected: As issues arise between meetings, we can contact you via email. We regularly attend the 10 Pension Trust Board of Trustees meetings per year (on Zoom or in-person: it's hybrid). We attend the 2 or 3 County Health Care (Health Insurance) meetings per year (usually on Zoom). We provide an article on retirement to SLOCEA's County Blade each month. We bring you relevant presentations. Would you like to participate in any of those activities? For example: We'd love it if you'd write a short article for the Blade about your retirement bliss. Let us know.

We need to invigorate our SLOCREA Board. How can you help? By giving us your ideas. By volunteering to help with any of a myriad of tasks. Remember: Many hands make light work!

Contact anyone on the board to learn more or to volunteer, or attend a board meeting. *You will be helping yourself as well as your fellow retirees.*

2024 SLOCREA Board of Directors

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Our March meeting presentation had to be changed rather late because the originals were suddenly not able to present. We called on one of our own: Barbara Bullock. She stepped right up and gave us a wonderful presentation on the dahlias she grows in her own back yard. She even gave each of us a seedling! We planted ours right away and we are pleased to see them growing. Do you have a special interest or talent you would like to feature at one of our general meetings? Let us hear from you. Also, if you would like to have us feature a specific topic or speaker, let us know that. Contact Vita at vmil@charter.net or 805-704-3173.

Looking forward to seeing you May 7th. Be sure to RSVP by Wednesday May 1st!

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