

Here is the Zoom invitation for the Monday March 08, 2021 SLOCREA Meeting

Topic: SLOCREA Zoom Meeting **Speaker: Tommy Gong**

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Time: Mar 8, 2021 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Please RSVP to Miki at mikigillman@gmail.com or 805-550-7196, by Sunday March 7th @ 8:00 PM so we'll know to expect you and know you are not "Zoom Bombing" us. :)

Hoping to see you then!

What can you buy for only \$15.00? SLOCREA Membership for 1 year! If you haven't already, please send \$15.00 dues to SLOCREA, PO Box 3533, SLO CA 93403-3533. Thank you if you already have.

COLA time is approaching. We will each receive a *base* of 2.54% beginning April 01, 2021! Most of us *will also receive the carry-over from last year on top of that.*

News about COVID19 and vaccinations is ever-changing. SLO County is going to a lottery format for vaccine appointments beginning in March. Check the County Public Health Department COVID19 website (RecoverSLO.org) or read the article in The Trib.

To sign up to volunteer at the Health Dept.: <https://healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov/>
Please be sure to use the SLO County Medical Reserves Corps as unit affiliation.

SLOCREA NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY-MARCH 2021

San Luis Obispo County Retired Employees' Association

Date: Monday March 08, 2021

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM (may end earlier)

Place: Zoom from your favorite electronic device or telephone

RSVP: Please RSVP to Miki Gillman's email: mikigillman@gmail.com, or

Cell Phone: 1-805-550-7196 (Text or Call) by Sunday 03/07/2021 @ 8:00 PM.

Program: Tommy Gong, County Clerk Recorder, will tell us his personal story and everything we would like to know about the County Clerk-Recorder's Office and perhaps a word or two about Elections in SLO County.

Scheduled 2021 General Meetings:

Monday March 8th: Tommy Gong, County Clerk-Recorder

Monday May 10th: Carl Nelson, Director of Pension Trust

Monday July 12th - Speaker to be announced

Fall Meeting: Date & Speaker to be announced

Monday December 13th: Annual Elections and an Entertainment Program (TBA)

All meetings are currently @ 1:30 PM via Zoom. When we can return to in-person luncheon meetings, we will joyously let you know!

Board Meetings are currently scheduled to be held immediately following each General Meeting. Any SLOCREA Member may attend. We may have a separate board meeting at other times as needed. Those are also generally at 1:30 PM on a Monday. Please contact us if you would like to attend, so we can send you the Zoom information..

2021 Board of Directors

President: Miki Gillman, 1-805-550-7196, mikigillman@gmail.com

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Director: Vacant: *Are You Ready to Join Our Board?*

Hearty thanks to our new members and to those of you who have already renewed for 2021! If you have not yet renewed, please do! Simply mail a check for \$15.00 to SLOCREA, PO Box 3533, San Luis Obispo CA 93403-3533.

Check out our website at: www.slocra.org

Dear Everyone,

How are you all doing? I hope all of you are continuing to stay safe and healthy! I also hope all of you are following the County website: RecoverSLO.org for vaccine information and appointments, and that you are making your appointments and getting your vaccines. Especially if you have trouble navigating the system, you could have a friend or relative make your appointments for you. If you don't have anyone to take you or go with you to your appointment, check the County website for how to reserve transportation to your appointment. Be prepared to rest more than usual for the 48 hours following your vaccination. And, of course, check with your doctor to be sure any special condition you have does not preclude your getting vaccinated.

You can also make your appointment via telephone: 1-805-781-4280 or 1-805-543-2444. County sites include Cuesta College, Arroyo Grande High School, and the Paso Robles Event Center. A limited number of vaccinations may also be available at Vons/Albertson's, CVS Pharmacy, Cayucos Pharmacy and French Hospital. Contact them directly for further information. At this writing, people aged 65 years & older (as well as health care professionals) are eligible to get vaccinated,. An appointment is necessary. Remember to take your ID with you. **Next week SLO County will start making vaccine appointments by lottery. You must register for the vaccination lottery. Vaccination appointments will be made for people as their names are drawn in the lottery. You need to register only once. "Soon" everyone aged 16 and over will be eligible for the vaccine.**

The sooner folks get vaccinated, the sooner we'll reach herd immunity. 4 other pluses of getting vaccinated include: 1) you'll be much less likely to get COVID yourself, 2) if you do get COVID it would likely be a mild case, 3) you'll be helping to prevent mutations, 4) a huge weight of anxiety will be melted away by hopefulness. As a community of caring folks, we really need to do what we can to bring an end to this pandemic!

The SLO Public Health Department is still needing volunteers to help run their vaccination clinics effectively as they increase the number of vaccinations they administer each day. They especially need volunteers from the health care professions. (See bottom of page 1.)

I'm hoping all of you already know all of the above. I'm restating it here, just in case.

As I write this we are anticipating entering the Red Tier (from Purple) soon. The Governor has also relaxed some of the rules and guidelines for the Red Tier. We will be watching as rules and guidelines change. We know everyone is eager to be able to meet in person again while, on the other hand, I'm sure nobody wants to generate a catastrophe by doing that "too soon."

We have some excellent speakers lined up for our next 2 general Zoom meetings: Tommy Gong on March 8th and Carl Nelson of Pension Trust on May 10th. And Vita is busy arranging for a speaker for our July meeting. We are always eager to hear your ideas for speakers, too.