

SLOCREA February-March 2023 Newsletter
San Luis Obispo County Retired Employees' Association
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Next: A Zoom Meeting: Tuesday March 7, 2023 @ 12 Noon
Program: Julie Rodewald of the League of Women Voters @ 12:30 PM
Subject: Re-Districting
Cost: No charge because we are on ZOOM

Please RSVP to Straith at RSVPtoSLOCREA@gmail.com or call or text Brian at 805-704-1625 by Sunday March 5th to let us know you will be joining us on the Zoom.

Zoom invitation:

Topic: SLOCREA Zoom Meeting
Time: Mar 7, 2023 12:00 PM US/Pacific

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9622810477>

Meeting ID: 962 281 0477
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Hi Everyone,

We are Zooming again in March with a superb speaker, Julie Rodewald.

So sorry we couldn't have an in-person lunch this time. We have been running into snags regarding venues. Brian is searching for a place to be our "permanent home" for luncheons. We welcome your suggestions!

We will be back in the Madonna Inn Round Room for our May meeting (Tuesday 05/02/2023) and look forward to seeing you all in person then. Carl Nelson will give his annual update on Pension Trust. Look for the April-May Newsletter the last week of March or 1st week of April & keep it handy.

Important Changes and Considerations

For the March and May meetings, we are asking you to RSVP to Straith via email or Brian via telephone, and not to me at all. March is a "dry run" to get any glitches out. The RSVPs for the May meeting are needed by Sunday April 23rd. I will not be available for most of April. I am planning to have the April-May Newsletter sent out the last week of March. Please look for it & keep it handy. We may not be able to send you any reminders.

Nowadays, problems with food supplies are causing changes in how restaurants do business. Restaurants now have less margin to accommodate us eaters. They want precise numbers by their "drop dead" date; we pay for that number; if fewer people show up than RSVP'd, we pay for the higher number; if there are more people at the lunch than we said, the restaurant may run out of food. This means we each have to commit a full week before the event and honor that commitment. Food prices have also increased everywhere, so we have to charge you more for the meals, even though we are currently still subsidizing them by a few dollars per person. Traditionally, we have not charged members for the July and December events and we think we can continue to do that. Future in-person meetings in March, May, and October will cost at least \$20.00 per member and at least \$25.00 per non-member. (This March there's no charge because we're Zooming.)

We want your input:

Usually we have a speaker for the March, May and October meetings and sometimes for the July one (which we hope will be outdoors). Please tell Vita what speakers and topics you would like to have at these meetings. She can be reached at vmml@charter.net or 805-704-3174 (text or call).

~~~~~Wishing You a Happy Spring!~~~~~