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## Regular Member Meetings:

Jan-May, Sep-Nov  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly  
2:15pm - 4pm

## Next Member Meeting:

March 16, 2023, 2:15-4:00pm  
FamilySearch Center and Zoom

## March Program:

“Roots Tech Experiences”  
by Your Genealogy Society Board

## Next Board Meeting:

March 14, 2023, 2:00pm  
In-Person or by Zoom  
Email [on.line@gte.net](mailto:on.line@gte.net) for date/time  
confirmation and/or the Zoom link.



## March 2023



Happy New Year SMVGS Members & Friends,



We had a fantastic presentation at our general meeting in February. Rosalie Marquez from the Filipino Community shared some heart-wrenching stories about her parents and others immigrating to this country and their many sacrifices. Cal Poly received a grant that covered the cost of developing and displaying huge copies of her parents' love letters that were hung from the ceiling for all visitors to read. This was an effort to share and preserve part of the history of the Filipino heritage that is found here, on the Central Coast of California. Rosalie is passionate about sharing her and others' stories. We very much enjoyed her presentation. A few websites of Filipino family history records were shared with her, and we offered to share a program with her community in the near future.

Thank you to all who attended last month's meeting, either in-person or via Zoom. We held elections, and every vote was important. The board officers for 2023-2024 are Sandy Peterson, president; Stephanie Bishop, vice president; Susie Marvos, secretary; and Shirley Brady, treasurer. Also, we'd like to thank our nominating committee: Stephanie Bishop, Susie Marvos, and Bob Viadella.

OASIS Senior Community Center was the location of a recent community outreach by our society. We were invited to speak about family history to their members while they enjoyed their lunch. Several people listened attentively and signed up to receive our monthly newsletter. Our society will be reaching out in the community during the next few months. We'll have more details soon. 1) A presentation about new tools to research the Italian-Swiss from Canton Ticino in Switzerland will be given at the Santa Maria Public Library in March; 2) In May, at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center, a family history presentation will be given one evening after their dinnertime.

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For our March general meeting, we'll hear from our board members about their RootsTech experiences. RootsTech was held early in March this year in Salt Lake City, Utah. This was the first time since the Covid quarantine that the conference was held in-person. Thousands attended, in-person as well as virtually, and had a great time. Each board member will relate a bit about a favorite class or experience, and, after that, we will learn how to watch recorded classes from RootsTech throughout the up-coming year. There were at least 16 classes held during each session, so it was very hard to make a choice. Now, we have the convenience to watch many, but not all, of the classes from the comfort of home. Here's where you can register: <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023>



### March FSC Classes (908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria, CA):

- 8<sup>th</sup> (W) 7:00-8:15pm, "Duplicates in FT, part 2" *pre-recorded*
- 9<sup>th</sup> (Th) 12-1:00pm, "Finding Ancestral Lands" *live webinar*
- 14<sup>th</sup> (T) 10:00-11:30am, "Family Tree Maker" *live webinar*
- 16<sup>th</sup> (Th) 2:15-3:30pm, "RootsTech Review" *live*
- 21<sup>st</sup> (T) 7:00-8:15pm, "Adding Memories in FamilyTree" *live*
- 29<sup>th</sup> (W) 9:00-10:00am, "Research Skills" *live webinar*

### Early April Events & Classes:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> (M) 10:00-11:15am, "Color-Coded Organizing of Docs" *live*

Take care,

Sandy Peterson  
SMVGS President  
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### \*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*

- 1) Santa Maria FamilySearch Center March classes will be attached to this newsletter.
- 2) Mar 14<sup>th</sup> – \*NEW DATE\* SMVGS Board Mtg, 2:00pm, SM FSC, 908 Sierra Madre and via Zoom.
- 3) Mar 16<sup>th</sup> – RootsTech Review, 2:15pm, SM FSC & via Zoom.
- 4) Mar 25<sup>th</sup> – Canton Ticino Switzerland Research & Tools, 10am – 12pm, SM Public Library
- 5) Apr 13<sup>th</sup> – SMVGS Board Meeting, 2:30pm, SM FSC & via Zoom.
- 6) Apr 20<sup>th</sup> – SMVGS General Meeting, 2:15pm, program to be announced.

Annual membership dues & new memberships (\$15 individual, \$25 family) should be sent to:

**SMVGS, c/o Shirley Brady, 1386  
Solomon Rd, Orcutt, CA 93455.**

Thank you!

**The Family History Center is now called the  
FamilySearch Center. Here is updated info:**

**The Santa Maria FamilySearch Center** hours are:  
Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Sundays by appointment  
908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria, CA  
ca\_santamaria@familyhistorymail.org  
805-928-4722

The FSC costs nothing to use and is open to the public.

**Visit Our Website:** Go to [www.smvgs.org](http://www.smvgs.org) to see the updates. Calendar items, past newsletters, contact information, research links, and more can be found on our website.



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**The Santa Maria Valley Historical Society Museum**  
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11:00am to 4:pm  
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