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### Regular Member Meetings:

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

### Next Member Meeting:

April 21, 2022, 2:15pm  
Family History Center  
RootsTech Favorites

### April Program: Charts and Forms by Nancy Converse

### Next Board Meeting:

2:30pm April 7, 2022  
In-Person or by Zoom

Email [on.line@gte.net](mailto:online@gte.net) for date/time confirmation  
and/or the Zoom link.

## President's Message April 2022



Hello SMVGS Members & Friends,

We're having an unusually hot Spring day on the central coast of California as I write the newsletter! It's 88 degrees outside at 3:15pm. For us, of course, this is extremely warm, so I'm grateful to have air-conditioning in my car and in the Family History Center (where I'm typing). We're very happy to call the FHC the home of our monthly general meetings. The large room gives us the seating we need plus the technology that is so useful for presentations and classes. If you haven't been to the FHC before, the hours are published in our monthly newsletter below, plus there's a link at our website. Just an "FYI" for those who do visit the Santa Maria Family History Center that it'll be closed this month on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am-5pm for carpet cleaning, and on April 17<sup>th</sup> for Easter.



Deanna Baker

Last month, we heard from our officers as they spoke about RootsTech and how to watch or rewatch classes via the RootsTech.org website. We learned that you can search for classes from the 2021 and the 2022 RootsTech class lists. You can choose to filter for the year, the teacher, the subject, or the class title, etc. There are hundreds of classes to choose from, but be sure that you're registered first – it's free for a year to anyone!



Nancy Converse



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The 1950 US Census is the BIG news now! It's already digital, but needs to be reviewed so that searches can be easily made: "Volunteers are busy ensuring that information indexed by computers is complete and accurate. By participating, you are helping people to discover details about their family that have been hidden for 72 years." Go to this link to find out how you can help: <https://www.familysearch.org/1950census/>

### SAVE THE DATE items to add to your calendar:

- April 7<sup>th</sup> – (new date) SMVGS Board Meeting, 2:30pm, via Zoom or in person at the SMFHC.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – Program: Charts and Forms by Nancy, 2:15pm, SMFHC. NO ZOOM available.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Program: 1950 US Census webinar, plus 1950s theme, 2:15pm, SMFHC, Zoom link will be sent out.

Sincerely,

Sandy Peterson  
President  
SMVGS

**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.



Annual membership dues (\$15 individual, \$25 family) should be brought to our March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting or sent ASAP to **SMVGS, c/o Shirley Brady, 1386 Solomon Rd, Orcutt, CA 93455.**

ed note: I saw a friend of one of my Facebook friends is Samantha Robbins Almaguer. Alvin Robbins owned a gas station in Los Alamos, one of my current interests. I called my friend, who called her friend. Samantha is not related, but it was worth the try; you never know.

ed note: There is not enough space left for a picture, but I found this interesting so I thought I would mention it. I was researching the de la Guerra family on ancestry.com. I found the man I was looking for. On the right-hand side of the screen is a list of family members; his wife is shown as hidden, usually meaning that she was still alive at the time of the listing. Unfortunately, people are often hidden because they are alive, but the researcher, for any number of reasons, does not update the listing after the person dies. I happened to glance at the left-hand side, which contains a time-line. Their marriage is shown along with their wedding announcement in the newspaper. I clicked on it. There was her name, birthplace, age, parents, *alma mater* and just about everything else I wanted to know about her.

#### The Santa Maria Family History Center hours are:

Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 1:30pm - 4:30pm  
908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria, CA  
[ca\\_santamaria@familyhistorymail.org](mailto:ca_santamaria@familyhistorymail.org)  
805-928-4722

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

**No mask needed if vaccinated.**

#### Visit the Research Library at The Santa Maria Valley Historical Society Museum

Tuesday - Saturday  
11:00am to 4:pm  
616 South Broadway, Santa Maria, CA  
[santamariahistory.com](http://santamariahistory.com)  
[smvshmuseum@outlook.com](mailto:smvshmuseum@outlook.com)  
805-922-3130