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Regular Member Meetings:

Jan-May, Sep-Nov
3rd Thursday monthly
2:15pm - 4pm

Next Member Meeting:

January 19, 2023, 2:15-4:00pm
Family History Center and Zoom

September Program:

“Vintage Santa Maria History”
by Dean Klitgaard

Next Board Meeting:

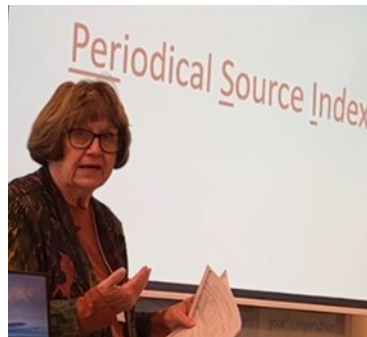
January 12, 2023, 2:30pm
In-Person or by Zoom
Email on.line@gte.net for date/time confirmation
and/or the Zoom link.



December 2022



Hello SMVGS Members & Friends,



Last month, Susie Marvos gave a wonderful presentation about a resource called PERSI. We learned how to use the website and how the Allen County Public Library in Indiana is valuable to all genealogists. The link to the PERSI website is here: <https://www.genealogycenter.info/persi/> Susie’s handouts will be added to the end of this newsletter (plus a short survey, if you haven’t sent us your response yet). In

November, we also chose a Nominating Committee for our February 2023 elections. The three members who were approved were Bob Viadella, Stephanie Bishop, and Susie Marvos. You can expect to receive a call from one of them in the next month or two. Please consider being a part of our SMVGS Board!

Please join us for our annual holiday luncheon on December 8th. We’ll be meeting at an old favorite pizza place in Orcutt, Giovanni’s Pizza on Clark Avenue at 11:30am. We’ll each order food and gather in the banquet room to visit, eat, and share stories, plus you could win a fun door prize. Please invite a friend to join us. We always have a good time with our friendly bunch.



In October, we watched an impressive webinar, “Researching Immigrants to the United States.” Joe Everett’s recorded 2020 presentation was very well done. If you missed it or want to watch it again, you’ll want this link: <https://youtu.be/q2cgzrqsZTU>

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Among 2023 events to watch for are classes offered by our society at the Oasis Senior Center and at the Santa Maria Public Library. We feel it's important to reach out to the community by offering family history-related classes and workshops that advertise the mission of our society and invite others to learn about the many resources that are available locally and on-line. Another event is RootsTech 2023, which begins on March 2nd. From the website: "The theme for RootsTech 2023 is "Uniting." RootsTech is all about bringing people, stories, memories, technology, innovation, communities and, ultimately, families together." Here's the link for registration: <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023> (More info below)

To start off the New Year, we have a local speaker presenting "Vintage Santa Maria History." Dean Klitgaard has lived in our area for many years and, at one time, was employed by KCOY TV in Santa Maria. He will be sharing memories from those years as well as vintage TV clips from the news station's archives. We're looking forward to a memorable afternoon! Join us at 2:15pm on January 19th at the SM Family History Center, 908 Sierra Madre in Santa Maria. Please invite a friend, neighbor or relative to enjoy the presentation with us.

Take care,

Sandy Peterson
SMVGS President



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



SAVE THE DATE

- December – No Board Meeting this month.
- Dec 8th – SMVGS Holiday Luncheon, 11:30am, Giavanni's Pizza in Orcutt.
- Dec 16th – Jan 2nd – The Santa Maria Family History Center will be closed for the holidays.
- Jan 12th – TENTATIVE SMVGS Board Meeting date.
- Jan 19th – General Meeting, 2:15pm, SM Family History Center, Dean Klitgaard will share vintage Santa Maria history with us.
- RootsTech 2023 (Mar 2nd-4th) registration is open! You may register for virtual attendance for FREE or for in-person attendance for \$98. You'll need a FamilySearch account; here's the link: <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023>



The Santa Maria Family History Center hours are:
Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00am – 2:00pm
Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
1st & 3rd Sundays, 1:30pm - 4:30pm
908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria, CA
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805-928-4722
The FHC costs nothing to use and is open to the public.

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The Santa Maria Valley Historical Society Museum
Tuesday - Saturday
11:00am to 4:pm
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