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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

January Program:

“Vintage Santa Maria History”
by Dean Klitgaard

Next Board Meeting:

February 9, 2023, 2:30pm
In-Person or by Zoom
Email on.line@gte.net for date/time confirmation
and/or the Zoom link.



January 2023



Happy New Year SMVGS Members & Friends,

We had a meager turn-out at our December lunch, but we still had fun and were able to advertise our society meetings with the 50+ Club who were gathering in the adjoining room at Giovanni’s Pizza.

We have a local speaker presenting “Vintage Santa Maria History” to start us off this year! 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 FamilySearch Center (new name, same location), 908 Sierra Madre in Santa Maria. Please invite a friend, neighbor or relative to enjoy Dean’s presentation with us. A Zoom link will be offered for this meeting.

Also at our January meeting, the slate of officers will be presented. **Elections** will be held at the Feb 16th general meeting. Please attend either in-person or via Zoom.

In February, we’ll watch a presentation from the Filipino Community about their history in the Santa Maria Valley. Mark your calendars for Feb 16th at 2:15pm.

Some up-coming 2023 events to watch for are classes offered by our society at the Oasis Senior Center, as well as at the Santa Maria Public Library. We’re working on dates for these events and will share that information as soon as we can. Reaching out to the community is important to us. Every year we offer family history-related classes and other events that advertise the mission of our society plus 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)





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San Luis Obispo County Genealogy Society has invited us to attend (virtually) a class on Feb. 4th at 10:00am taught by Cafi Cohen titled “Working with Your AncestryDNA Results.” If you’d like to watch, please send an email to susancox16@gmail.com so she can send you the link. We *may* be showing this class at the FamilySearch Center and will let you know.

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.

Take care,

Sandy Peterson
SMVGS President

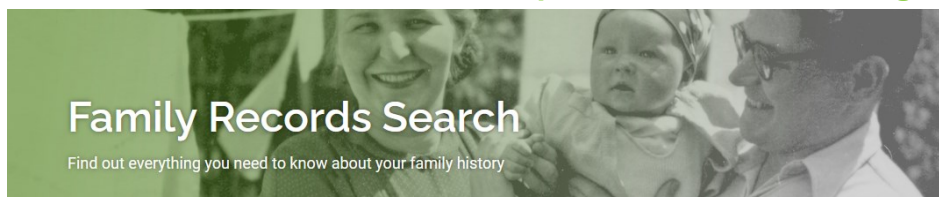


SAVE THE DATE

- 1) Jan 17th – 7:00pm, “Getting to Know the New Home and Person Pages at FamilySearch,” at the FamilySearch Center.
- 2) Jan 19th – SMVGS General Meeting, 2:15pm, SM FamilySearch Center and via Zoom; Dean Klitgaard will share vintage Santa Maria history with us, along with TV clips from KCOY-TV.
- 3) Jan 27th – 10:00am, “Getting to Know the New Home and Person Pages at FamilySearch,” at the FamilySearch Center.
- 4) Jan 31st – 7:00pm, “Connecting with Our Ancestors Through Photos,” a basic scanning class, at the FamilySearch Center.
- 5) Feb 4th – 10:00am, “Working with Your AncestryDNA Results,” taught by Cafi Cohen via Zoom.
- 6) Feb 9th – SMVGS Board Meeting, 2:30pm at the SM FamilySearch Center (same location, new name!)
- 7) Feb 16th – General Meeting and Elections, 2:15pm, SM FamilySearch Center and via Zoom.
- 8) 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>

FAMILYSEARCH CENTER: NEW NAME, NEW LOOK (<https://ancestorrecords.org/family-history>)



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