

San Luis Obispo County Retired Employees' Association

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Fall 2020 Newsletter

Please Note DATE CHANGE! Monday October 12, 2020 Zoom Meeting

This is because SLO County's Open Enrollment is 10/01/2020 through 10/15/2020

Date: Monday October 12, 2020

Time: 12:15 PM

Place: Your Electronic Device

Important: Please RSVP by 8:00 PM on Saturday 10/10/2020 (so we know to expect you)

RSVP to Miki Gillman: mikigillman@gmail.com or 805-550-7196 Text or Call: include your name, please!

Program:

Hi-Cap on Health Insurance for Retirees, by Buff Lawton

Medicare changes for 2021 and other important issues will be discussed.

Please send us your Qs now for inclusion in the presentation.

Zoom Meeting ID: 962 281 0477 – Zoom Passcode: 013671 – Zoom by Phone: (669) 900-9128

Schedule of 2020 General Meetings:

Monday October 12, 2020 ~ Hi-Cap Re: Health Insurance for Retirees

Monday December 14, 2020 ~ Annual Holiday Celebration: Prizes & Surprises!

Note: We can communicate important info to you faster and more often when we have your email address. If you received this through USPS and have an email account you use regularly, please let us know your email address so we can send notices to you via email. Thanks!

Anyone joining or renewing membership now will be considered paid through December 2021! To join or renew, please mail \$15.00 annual dues to SLOCREA, P.O. Box 3533, SLO CA 93403-3533. Please include your email address, other contact information, & the department you retired from. Thanks!

Hi Everyone,

We hope you are all faring well despite the ongoing pandemic. At SLOCREA, we're making the best of the situation and are continuing to bring you interesting programs via Zoom. We thank you for your patience and participation during this pandemic.

We have changed our October meeting to the 12th because the County's Health Insurance Open Enrollment period is October 1st – 15th and our topic is Health insurance for Retirees.

We will be continuing to have Zoom meetings until it is once again deemed safe for groups like ours to meet in person over lunch. We are thinking of having a Zoom social hour for our December meeting, so we can catch up with each other. We will also offer some prizes and surprises for those participating!

We may change the start time to 1:15 or 1:30 PM, so stay tuned. Please let us know how you like this idea or suggest some alternatives. We usually have some music at our December meeting, but we know Zoom isn't such a wonderful format for that. As always, please let Vita know your suggestions for future programs.

December is also when we elect our SLOCREA Board. We currently have one vacancy we would love to fill ~~~ for a Directorship. We anticipate that other vacancies will be occurring in the future, so we encourage any of you who are interested to join our board now (or soon) to provide opportunity for overlap, mentoring, and continuity. We have the flexibility to increase the number of Directorships on the Board at any time, which would accommodate overlap and mentoring.

We extend an open invitation to anyone who may be interested in joining the board to inquire further &/or attend a board meeting. The most important requirement is to be able to use computers with facility.

We will have a Board meeting immediately following the October 12th regular meeting.

Members are invited to attend!

Speaking of elections, our National Quadrennial Election is upon us. In SLO County, ballots are being mailed out on or before October 1st, so you should be receiving yours soon thereafter. After you mark your ballot, please remember to seal it, then **sign it** in the designated spot. The signature on your ballot is compared to your signature on file at the Elections Office.

Returning your ballot: For this election we have several options: We can mail the ballot via USPS, post marked by Tuesday 11/03/2020 (pay attention to pick up times). We can drop the ballot off at any one

of several drop-off points throughout the county. We can drop it off at any one of 23 Voting Service Centers on Saturday October 31st, Sunday November 1st, Monday November 2nd, or Tuesday November 3rd. You may vote in person on any one of these 4 days at any one of the 23 Voting Service Centers (best to bring your paper ballot to surrender). See slovote.com for a list of specific locations.

Please note that ballots received by the County Clerk's Office (Elections Office) by Friday October 30th will be tabulated by machine on a flow basis as received. Tabulations will then be suspended until the polls close at 8:00 PM Tuesday November 3rd.

If you are interested in volunteering at a Voting Service Center, please contact the County Clerk's Office/Elections Office. I, and many others, are already signed up, so you will be in good company.

At the **County Health Care Committee Meeting** over the summer, the county said that the insurance offerings for health care will remain the same in the coming year. Dental Insurance will be assessed in 2021 for 2022. The county noted that Delta Dental did not provide rate information for retirees the last time dental insurance options were assessed. Also, AARP & other organizations may offer satisfactory dental insurance policies. We can ask Buff Lawton of Hi-Cap to elaborate at the presentation on October 12th.

2020 SLOCREA Board

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Director: Brian Reynolds - brian628@sbcglobal.net

Director: VACANT

Board Meetings (Open to All Members):

Monday October 12, 2020, following the luncheon meeting

*Please contact Miki if you'd like to attend.



"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."- President A. Lincoln