

San Luis Obispo County Retired Employees' Association

SLOCREA Bulletin April/May 2018

Next Luncheon Meeting: Monday May 14, 2018  
12 Noon - 2:00 PM

Place: SLO Elks' Lodge  
Address: 123 Elks Lane, SLO

Cost: Free for Members; \$10.00 apiece for Non-Members.

Please RSVP by Wednesday May 09, 2018  
Contact Miki Gillman at [mikigillman@gmail.com](mailto:mikigillman@gmail.com) or 550-7196 (Cell)

Program: John Lindsey, Meteorologist @ PG&E  
John will talk to us about Climate Change and related issues.

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Dear Fellow County Retirees,

**Health Insurance:** Ashleigh Szkubiel (County HR Benefits Coordinator) and I have been having conversations over the past year re: the needs of retirees and county-offered health insurance. Input from many, many retirees indicates that folks who want Medicare Advantage or other Medicare Supplements rather than the County-offered choices have already made that choice by not signing up for CalPERS in the past or EIA now. I therefore recommended at the County Health Care Committee meeting held last week that the County continue to offer the EIA option for Medicare-eligible retirees.

***It's important that you let me know your thoughts about that so I can continue to represent you accurately. Please email me or USPS me at SLOCREA to express your needs and thoughts about County-offered health insurance for Medicare-eligible retirees. Thanks!***

**Politics:** As you know, we are a membership, social and educational club. We are *not* a political organization. Our purpose is to provide a social forum for retirees,

including a meal, and also to bring information about topics important to our members.

Responding to a request, we did let the 2 candidates for District Attorney, a non-partisan county office, present themselves to our group 4 years ago; and on 2 occasions we have had the League of Women Voters explain the propositions. These presentations were to be objective and informational only. Unfortunately, a very few misinterpreted these presentations as an open invitation to express bi-partisan political views at our meetings. Since all of this type of information is available in other public venues, we will no longer provide information about up-coming elections at SLOCREA meetings.

**Lunch Costs:** Until about 6 years ago, all luncheon attendees paid the full Elks price for lunch. For the past 8+ years, Elks has been charging over \$10.00 per meal. When the price crept up to \$15.00, we decided to subsidize the lunches, charging you only \$10.00 apiece and offering free lunch at the May and December meetings at the Elks Lodge (July BBQ is also free to members). For the past several years the Elks price has been \$18.00 and now they are raising the price to \$20.00 per meal. Furthermore, the Elks charged us only for those who actually attended.

***Today, the picture has changed:*** The Elks are now charging us for each reservation, regardless of actual number attending. (With this winter's flu season, that hurt us!) Unfortunately, we can no longer afford to be quite so generous. The Elks lunch price includes not only the food, tax and tip, but also use of the room and any equipment needed for the presentation. Even at \$20.00 apiece, this is better than what we could get elsewhere, especially considering easy free parking and accessibility.

We are therefore planning to increase what we charge folks for these lunches, while still subsidizing them to some degree. We invite your input re: how much to charge. Please attend our May meeting & tell us your opinions. (Other operational costs continue: *e.g., postage, paper, PO Box, website maintenance, expenses for BBQ and Holiday Party, etc.*)

**The Annual July BBQ and the Annual December Holiday Party would still be free for members. Our current intention is to keep our dues at \$15.00 per member.**

Sincerely,  
Miki Gillman, SLOCREA President

## 2018 Meetings

Monday May 14, 2018 12 Noon, @ Elks Lodge, SLO

**Tuesday** July 10, 2018 Annual BBQ & potluck @ Biddle Park, Arroyo

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Monday October 15, 2018, @ Elks Lodge, SLO

Monday December 10, 2018, @ Elks Lodge

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