Greetings from the Big SIR bunker. I hope all of our members are staying safe and healthy as we enter month 8 of the COVID pandemic shutdown. As I write this, Stanislaus County is trending in the right direction with fewer new COVID cases but just barely missed meeting the criteria to lessen state health restrictions. If the trend continues we should meet that criteria later this month (fingers crossed).

I know many of our SIR members would like to come back to our lunch meetings if they can do so safely and your BEC has been hard at work developing a COVID safety plan that will allow us to do so. Our goal is to have the restart plan finalized and approved so that we may begin lunch meetings again as soon as indoor dining is allowed to resume in the county. Watch your email for more information.

We have had some really good meetings via Zoom video the past few months. If you haven’t attended you have missed out on good fellowship with your SIR friends and really great programs. If you haven’t joined our monthly video meetings before, now is the time to try it out. This month we will have a very informative presentation on the history of our US National Parks. Watch your email for the meeting invitation with a link to join the video meeting.

October brings us many very important National holidays (wink, wink...). Here are some of my favorites.

October 2

[National Produce Misting Day](https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-produce-misting-day-october-2/)

October 4

[National Cinnamon Bun Day](https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-cinnamon-bun-day-october-4/)

October 7

[National Coffee with a Cop Day](https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-coffee-with-a-cop-day-first-wednesday-in-october/)

October 9

[National Moldy Cheese Day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-moldy-cheese-day-october-9/)

October 11

[National Sausage Pizza Day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-sausage-pizza-day-october-11/)

October 12

[National Farmer’s Day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-farmers-day-october-12/)

[Columbus Day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/columbus-day-second-monday-in-october/)

October 13

[Navy Birthday](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/navy-birthday-october-13/)

October 14

[Be Bald and Be Free Day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/be-bald-and-be-free-day-october-14/)

October 15

[National I Love Lucy Day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-i-love-lucy-day-october-15/)

October 21

[National Reptile Awareness Day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-reptile-awareness-day-october-21/)

October 22

[National Make a Dog’s Day](https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-make-a-dogs-day-october-22/)

[National Nut Day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-nut-day-october-22/)

October 23

[National TV Talk Show Host Day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-tv-talk-show-host-day-october-23/)  (Johnny Carson’s birthday)

October 24

[National Bologna Day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-bologna-day-october-24/)

October 25

[Chucky, The Notorious Killer Doll Day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/chucky-the-notorious-killer-doll-day-october-25/)

October 26

[National Day of the Deployed](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day-of-the-deployed-october-26/)

October 27

[National American Beer Day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-american-beer-day-october-27/)

[Navy Day](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/navy-day-october-27/)

October 31

[National Trick or Treat Day](https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-trick-or-treat-day-last-saturday-in-october/)

[Halloween](http://nationaldaycalendar.com/halloween-october-31/)

That’s all for now. Stay safe and I hope to see you all at our October Zoom video meeting.