



## SIR BRANCH 171 July 2017

<http://branch171.sirinc2.org/>

A Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation for Retired Men Devoted to the  
Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement



### Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 5 Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Hall

1700 School St., Moraga  
Social time begins at 11  
Meeting begins at 11:30

**BIG SIR MESSAGE:** RALPH BLUMENTHAL, [ralphblu@comcast.net](mailto:ralphblu@comcast.net) 925-254-6935

A very happy July to all my fellow Sirs! And, you know, I would be remiss if I failed to mention and acknowledge one of our most famous holidays — In the year 1776 on a hot sultry July 4th afternoon, in Philadelphia, after many days of lively disputes, debates and discussions, the Declaration of Independence was approved and signed by 56 very enthusiastic brave men representing the newly formed Continental Congress — a great day for a brand new America!

Today, we all enjoy the results of that historic meeting. It has influenced all our lives in many ways. When Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, he stated in the beginning of that document that we all are endowed with certain inalienable rights — life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We can certainly all appreciate that statement. After all, we are alive, we appreciate and enjoy our freedom, and...as SIRs, we are all indeed pursuing our happiness. I think that is what makes SIRs such a worthwhile and rewarding experience. We are participating in what we enjoy doing — we are, in fact, doing what makes us happy!



So let's all enjoy this great holiday. Let's enjoy the picnics, patriotic parades, concerts in the park, barbeques and fireworks, and a chance to fly the American flag! It's the 4th of July.... and it is all good!

**AND...**speaking of barbeques, we have a fantastic special event lined up in August. Our regular meeting, which will be held on August 2, will include spouses and guests. We will have an excellent BBQ meal, "**Ladies Day & Guests BBQ**" and an outstanding speaker, so this will be a fantastic opportunity for you to share a fun time with your spouse or guest. Please see the Announcements section of this newsletter for additional information on the meeting and how to sign up.

**Oh...and one more thing** (as Columbo would say). Elections for new Board members are coming up in August. If anyone is interested in being considered for a Board position, please let me know as soon as possible. And we still need a Little Sir for next year. This is an absolutely essential and important position to fill, and I would encourage all to consider volunteering. Getting speakers is not as much work as you might think. When I was Little SIR, I was always amazed at how easy it was to get really good speakers — they all were so enthusiastic about SIRs! We have a long list of speakers who have spoken at other chapters and can be easily located in a SIR speaker file. Also, both Barry and I would be happy to assist and work with you. And it's a great opportunity to get to know some very unique and exceptional people. So give it some thought. I promise it will be a very interesting and engaging experience.

*Ralph Blumenthal, Big SIR*

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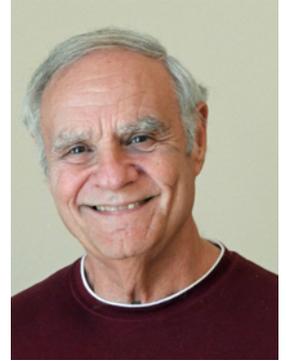
**LITTLE SIR MESSAGE:** BARRY LESKIN, [barryleskin@gmail.com](mailto:barryleskin@gmail.com) 925-254-5500

The speaker at our **July 5 meeting** will be **Will Travis**. The topic will be:

**"Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change - the Effect of Global Warming on California and the Bay Area"**

Certainly an appropriate topic for what we have been experiencing recently.

Will was the Executive Director of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission for 17 years until he retired. Under his leadership California became the first state to adopt regulations for addressing sea level rise.



**Our August 2 Meeting**

This meeting will be a summer barbecue, including spouses and guests. We are calling it a **“Ladies Day and Guest BBQ.”** You can read about this great event in the Announcements section of this newsletter and in the flyer that is attached to this mailing.

Besides fabulous food, and a chance for spouses and guests to mix with each other, and with us, we have arranged for a speaker that will deliver a very relevant topic to all of us.

The speaker will be **Jane Kreidler**, Outreach Coordinator for the Contractor State License Board, who is considered the **"Senior Scam Stopper"** in the State. Jane will discuss the type of scams affecting seniors: Medicare, Social Security, Home Repair, Mail Fraud, Insurance Fraud, Financial Abuse, Contracting, etc.

Seniors control 70% of the US wealth and are priority targets of scammers. Accumulated research about scams affecting seniors, and how to prevent it, will be shared. You will not want to miss this talk!!

*Barry Leskin, Little SIR*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Summer Barbecue – Wednesday, August 2**

Our August 2 luncheon meeting will be open to and include spouses and guests. This meeting will include our regular business items, and will be followed by an excellent speaker and very informative topic.

The speaker will be Jane Kreidler, Outreach Coordinator for the Contractor State License Board, who is considered the **"Senior Scam Stopper" in the State**. Jane will discuss the type of scams affecting seniors: Medicare, Social Security, Home Repair, Mail Fraud, Insurance Fraud, Financial Abuse, Contracting, etc. Seniors control 70% of the US wealth and are priority targets of scammers. Accumulated research about scams affecting seniors, and how to prevent it, will be shared.

This will be a great session for all of us!

The particulars for the event are included in the Summer Barbecue Flyer that is included with this newsletter email. We will call the gathering a ***Ladies Day & Guests BBQ.***

Signups for a spouse or guest can be made on a sign-up sheet at the July 5 meeting, or by sending an email to [SIR171-news@comcast.net](mailto:SIR171-news@comcast.net) ) with the following information:

- You Name
- Your Badge Number
- Name of guest

Please provide this information so we can provide an accurate count to our caterer. **Members do not need to sign up.** Take this opportunity to showcase our group and share a fun time with your spouse or guest.

## **Elections**

As Big SIR Ralph emphasized in his message, we will be conducting elections in August. They will occur at the August 2 meeting. The slate of candidates will be provided in the August newsletter.

We have a good slate of members that have stepped forward to be a part of the SIR171 leadership team for 2018, which includes Officers and Directors. However, please contact Big SIR Ralph if you would like to be part of that team. In particular, and very important -- if you would like to fill the all-important Little SIR role, which needs to be filled so we can effectively continue to provide excellent programs, and build the continuity for a future Big SIR, please contact Big SIR Ralph at [ralphblu@comcast.net](mailto:ralphblu@comcast.net) or 925-254-6935.

## **New Members**

A warm welcome to the two new members inducted at the June meeting. Please introduce yourself to each of them, welcome them to the group, help them find a seat at a table, and answer any questions they might have.

**George Barron** was inducted by Gene Blanc. George was born in Oakland and currently lives in Moraga. He attended St. Mary's High in Berkeley, the University of San Francisco, and UCLA School of Law. He is married to Trudy, has a daughter, and one grandchild.

**Tom Smigielski** was also inducted by Gene Blanc. Tom was born in Willes-Barre, PA and currently lives in Moraga. He attended Purdue University and came to California to get his MBA from Stanford University. He is married to Ruth, has a daughter, son, and two grandchildren.



Left to Right  
Membership Chairman  
Stew Chalem with  
Tom Smigielski, Gene Blanc,  
and George Barron

## Featured Photos of the Month



Bocce is in full roll

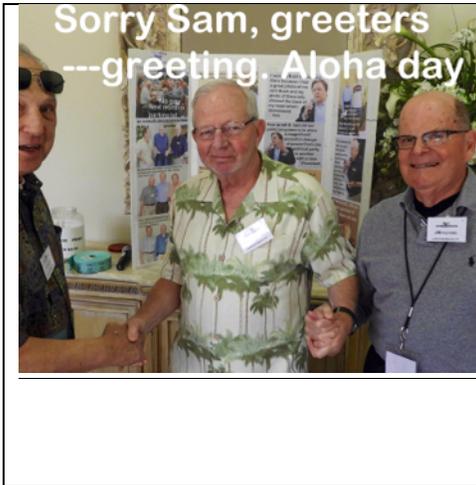
Big Hikers on the trail to Rocky Ridge.  
Read about this wonderful hike in the  
Big Hikers section on page 10

Four of the Big Hikers  
(Photo taken by fellow Big Hiker Eric Cho)



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Please send in a photo that you would like to have considered for inclusion in the new Photos of the Month section of the newsletter. These should typically come from one of the SIR activities, but do not need to if there is another picture of a member or members that would be great to share in the newsletter. Send your choice to ([sir171-news@comcast.net](mailto:sir171-news@comcast.net) or [sholcenb@comcast.net](mailto:sholcenb@comcast.net)) by the 10th of each month for consideration. Please include a description of the photo. Cell phones work great, and also simplify emailing the photo.



# JULY LUNCHEON

## JULY LUNCHEON MENU

BBQ Pork; Herb Roasted Potatoes; Corn; Vegetable Medlay  
Green Salad; Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad; Dessert

## HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO SIRs

★ Ed Atwood ★ Russ Aubry ★ Dan Bakers ★ Bob Burnett ★ Jim Fulford ★ Frank Grannis ★  
★ John Jones ★ Ray Samuelson ★ Rogert Sornsen ★ Reg Whittington ★ Gary Yancey ★

One of the above members with a birthday in July will win a free lunch if he attends the July meeting. Members whose birth month is in July, and who do not see their name in the above list, should call the Big SIR prior to the meeting to ensure that their names are included in the drawing. **NOTE:** Members 90 years of age or more will receive a free lunch on their birth month each year, but they must notify the Big SIR prior to the meeting. Big SIR Ralph Blementhal can be reached at [ralphblu@comcast.net](mailto:ralphblu@comcast.net) or 925-254-6935.

## GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

### \$15 Luncheon fee for first time guest

The first time a guest attends a meeting the lunch fee is \$15. The regular luncheon fee will be charged for subsequent visits as a guest.

*If you are inviting a guest don't forget to call the hotline at 925-377-5880. Provide the name of your guest and let us know if he is a first time guest.*

# BRANCH REPORTS

## ATTENDANCE REPORT: TIM FREEMAN (for FRANCIS WONG)

There were 117 attendees at the June meeting, which included 111 members, five guests, and one speaker. The attendees included two inductees. 70% of our membership attended. There were only four no-shows, which is better than normal – keep up the good work! However, since there were 44 sign-outs, in addition to the four no-shows, we missed our guarantee of 120, which costs us money.

Many of the excused absences and no-shows have not met the requirement to attend six of every twelve meetings, as per the policy below. All of us need to be attentive of this requirement so we meet our minimums as well as adhere to the requirement of the club. And please call the hotline if you will be unable to attend a meeting.

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE SIR REQUIREMENT TO ATTEND SIX LUNCHEONS OF THE LAST TWELVE.**

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**PLEASE CALL THE SIR 171 "HOT LINE" at [925-377-5880](tel:925-377-5880) BEFORE 1:00PM ON THE SATURDAY BEFORE THE MEETING IF YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE MEETING OR IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST.** It is not necessary to call the HOT LINE if you have placed your name on the "Absence Notification" sheet at a prior meeting. **Failure to follow this procedure will subject the missing member to the \$20 no show charge.** Leave messages as soon as you can if the absence is due to a medical reason. **Please note: If you are requesting a SIR membership status change, contact Stew Chalem, Membership Chair ([377-0698](tel:377-0698)) rather than calling the SIR 171 HOT LINE.**



## **KNOW YOUR SIRs**

### **DAVID CRONIN**

David Cronin was born in San Francisco on December 17th, 1949. In 1950 his parents, John and Selma, bought a small home in the Orinda hills, with gorgeous views towards Mt. Diablo, for the princely sum of \$11,624.

David attended Orinda Union Elementary School, and was elected Student Body President in 5th Grade (his only foray into politics!). He graduated from Miramonte High School (1964-68), followed by UC Davis and UC Berkeley, earning a BA in Liberal Arts. He also, over the decades, attended Armstrong Business College, Diablo Valley College, College of Marin, Mendocino College, and Sonoma State University.

In 1967 his parents, both RNs, opened the Orinda Rehabilitation and Convalescent Hospital. In 1973 David passed the state exams and was accredited as a Skilled Nursing Hospital Administrator. He served in that role (other than a 15-year hiatus from 1980-95) until selling the hospital in April 2014.

During his break from hospital work, David built a house on a mountaintop overlooking the Ukiah Valley in Mendocino County. He made his living for three years as a professional musician (teaching in public schools, performing solo and in bands/ensembles). He also taught pre-school, worked as a teachers' aide, waited tables in numerous restaurants, sold fish, vitamins, wood stoves etc., helped with the horses at Halali Stables in Willits, and spent several years working for Fetzer Vineyards in maintenance and as their entertainment manager.

David's exercise/hobbies are tai chi and qigong, walks, reading, and fingerstyle guitar. He and his wife, who also plays guitar and sings, comprise the duo FenderCronin. They have two CDs of original compositions.

Since selling ORCH in 2014, David has represented IndeeLift ("People Picker-Upper"), and TriActive America (outdoor fitness equipment). He also offers guitar lessons to all ages!

David is married to Jami Fender Cronin, together for 26 years. He has a wonderful daughter Megan, who is married and living in Sebastopol.

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**Know Your SIR is edited by Dave Humm [dmh2@silcon.com](mailto:dmh2@silcon.com) 376-5895.** We would like to have all of our members, who wish to do so, be included in this directory. Please write down the salient points of your life (1/2 page) and provide it to Dave (via e-mail if possible). It will then be written up in a future newsletter. Dave has copies of all past "Know Your SIR" reports. Access to them is available via e-mail; or a hard copy can be had for the cost of printing.

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### **SIR 171 MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

No articles about members this month

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When you see an article about a SIR 171 member, please send to Stan Holcenberg at [sholcenb@comcast.net](mailto:sholcenb@comcast.net). The deadline for the receipt of information for each newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thanks

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**BRANCH 171 NEWSLETTER:** Editor **STAN HOLCENBERG** [sholcenb@comcast.net](mailto:sholcenb@comcast.net), 3954 Campolindo Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. The deadline for receipt of Newsletter material by the Editor is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. E-mail is preferred.

Also enjoy reading SIR Happenings, our State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can find the most recent edition of SIR Happenings on our SIR State website -- click on the following link, or cut and paste the link into your browser to view -- [www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/)  
Some very interesting articles highlighting news of interest from other SIR branches including several of our branches in Area 2.

## BRANCH ACTIVITIES (BRANCHES 171 & 174)

**ACTIVITY LIST** (items in blue are informational; items in red have updated information)

<b>Apple Users Activity</b>	<b>Astronomy</b>
<b>Barbershop Harmony</b>	<b>Big Hikers</b>
<b>Bocce Ball</b>	<b>Book Club</b>
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Bridge</b>
<b>Computers and Technology</b>	<b>Couples Dining Out</b>
<b>Dominoes</b>	<b>Fishing</b>
<b>Golf</b>	<b>Historical Adventures</b>
<b>Investment Group</b>	<b>Pinochle</b>
<b>Poker</b>	<b>Stamp Club</b>
<b>Senior Strollers</b>	<b>Table Pool</b>
<b>Tennis</b>	<b>Travel</b>
<b>Walking</b>	<b>Wine Tasting</b>

**ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN: SAM ZORICH** (BR. 171) [sam.zorich@gmail.com](mailto:sam.zorich@gmail.com) 376-7799



The Activity Chairman's role is to keep in close contact with each of the chairmen of the branch activities in order to understand what they are doing and how things are going, to determine if they are planning any special activities that they want to communicate to the rest of the Branch, and to determine if there is anything special that requires assistance. Also, the Chair keeps in communication with the other branches in the area to determine if there are additional activity announcements that should be made to our branch.

The Chair is always looking for suggestions for additional activities (e.g. Chess, Cooking, Current Events Discussions, etc etc), and is the focal point to communicate with if you would like to chair any of the open activity groups.

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**APPLE USERS ACTIVITY: DICK MACY** (Br. 171) [m.hobie@comcast.net](mailto:m.hobie@comcast.net) 376-1180  
**JOE TRACY** (BR. 174) [jotracy@comcast.net](mailto:jotracy@comcast.net) 954-7801



The meetings focus on Apple/Mac computers, iPads, & iPhones. Each meeting includes a discussion of recent Apple/Mac announcements and releases; a roundtable discussion of applications, general rumors, issues, and problems members may be having; and a few formal topics.

**The next meeting is scheduled for June 26.** The discussion topic will be Home Automation. There are many opportunities to automate the home via the smart phone (e.g. security cameras, thermostats, lights, watering systems, doorbells, alarm systems). There are a plethora of "solutions" and that is what becomes a challenge. The group will discuss this area and focus on identifying potential next steps one might take.

The discussion topics for the following two months:

The July 23 meeting will include a discussion of TV Alternatives to the large providers (e.g. XFINITY). Pros, cons, and considerations. The group has had this discussion a few times and it is always very lively and informative.

The August 27 meeting will be on Cyber Security. *What we need to know about it and what processes should be put in place to address potential issues and problems.*

Meetings are held in the conference room at the CC County Supervisor office at 3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, on the **fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 AM to noon**. The location is the fire station building across the street from El Charro restaurant. Enter left side door at top of steps. Novices and advanced users are welcomed. Come and be a part of the group.

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**ASTRONOMY:** **GEORGE COBB** (Br. 174) [gecblue@aol.com](mailto:gecblue@aol.com) 200-7749  
**BILL HUNTER** (Br. 8) 254=6281



We meet the **second Monday of each month** in the Tilden Room at the Concord Hilton Hotel on Diamond Boulevard. Our meetings commence at 1:30. Please join us for an entertaining meeting. All are welcome. Call or e-mail George ([GECBlue@aol.com](mailto:GECBlue@aol.com)) for details and further information.

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**BARBERSHOP HARMONY:** **BRAD DEWEY** (Br. 171) [ebdewey@att.net](mailto:ebdewey@att.net) 376-3349  
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The SIRPremes are still with us, the group "composed" of members of both 171 and 174.

The SIRpremes are a barbershop octet that sing songs in four-part harmony. By having two people on each part, the problems caused by absences are greatly reduced – obviously. The group's self-determined purpose has been to periodically add a little variety to the monthly luncheon meetings of Branches 171 and 174, plus the Christmas luncheon with the ladies. Other singouts have been for the Moraga Movers and at Sam Zorich's birthday party.

Contact Brad Dewey, Sam Zorich (376-7799), or Ron Leiker for additional information.

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**BIG HIKERS:** **AL DONNER** (Br. 171) [aajdonner@gmail.com](mailto:aajdonner@gmail.com) 376-1594



*Our Big Hikers had a fine outing on June 2, walking from Rancho Laguna Park to Rocky Ridge, which at some points looks down on Danville. It is an area little known by locals but very beautiful and diverse in what it offers -- golden hills, deep oak groves, a nice creek, interesting rock outcrops and still some spring wildflowers. Once past the park you quickly feel that you are far away from civilization, even tho Moraga is just a mile or 2 to the west and Danville a mile or 2 to the east. Some walkers went part way, two made it all the way, doing 8 miles in about 4 hours. More Big Hiker outings will be coming, supplementing our every - Tuesday walks that always draw a crowd to the parking lot across from the Serbian Church, our starting point.*

One of three SIRS walking groups, the Big Hikers aims to engage SIRS who want some longer and stronger routes than our two around-town walking groups. The "**Big Hikers**" offer opportunities to do some hikes more than 3 miles in length and sometimes do a little more elevation. They can be further afield, Mt. Diablo or other regional parks, such as Vasco Caves. The Big Hikers operate on a varied schedule, trying to do a couple hikes each month. They go to interesting places as the spirit moves us. Contact Al Donner ([aajdonner@gmail.com](mailto:aajdonner@gmail.com)) to get the on the Big Hikers notice list. If you want a slower pace, try either the WALKING or the SENIOR STROLLERS group.

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**BOCCE BALL:** **LAURI LEHTIN** (Br. 171) [LT46CHC@comcast.net](mailto:LT46CHC@comcast.net) 254-7723  
**ED PROTIVA** (Br. 174) [edprotiva1@comcast.net](mailto:edprotiva1@comcast.net) 254-1631



Bocce is played every Tuesday and Friday throughout the spring and the summer. The group meets at 10 am, just beyond the bandstand at the Moraga Commons, located at the corner of Moraga Road & St Mary's Rd (next to the bandstand). The cost is all of \$2; the game is really easy to learn and is great fun, including a lot of good chat. You can be a part of this great group of guys, and can play on either or both days.

The Bocce game consists of 4 players on each court, creating 2 teams of 2 members each. Each team has one player at each end of the court. It is quite easy to learn.

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**BOOK CLUB:** **BOB KROMPHOLZ** (Br 171 chair) [krompholz@comcast.net](mailto:krompholz@comcast.net) 528-9937  
**AL DESSAYER** (Br 171 co-chair) [dessayer@pacbell.net](mailto:dessayer@pacbell.net) 376-7430



The group develops a twelve month calendar of agreed upon book selections with each member hosting a book review where we will discuss his book. An attempt is made to vary the selections to include the latest best sellers as well as some classics and non fiction.

Each member selects a book he has read or would like to read and suggests it to other members, who will then read the book and be ready for discussion at subsequent meetings. This is a great way not only to diversify your reading enjoyment, but also to discuss your comments and ideas with other intelligent, curious, cerebral fellows like yourself.

Book reviews are usually scheduled on the last Wednesday of the month @ 7-8pm. There are currently 12 members of the club. Contact Bob or Al if you are interested in joining.

**BOWLING - AREA 2: LLOYD WEST (Br. 19) 228-9037**



Area 2 Tournament and league bowling is held at Clayton Valley Bowl every Wednesday. Be there at 9:30 am. More members are welcome. Call for more information.

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**BRIDGE: GREG TCHERKOYAN (Br. 171) [gresta2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gresta2@sbcglobal.net) 838-0361**  
**STEWART KNUDSEN (Br. 174) [svknudsen619@aol.com](mailto:svknudsen619@aol.com) 376-4919**



We meet at the Moraga Hacienda on the **second and fourth Tuesdays of each month**. Please arrive by 9:50 am. Play starts promptly at **10:00 am**. Bring \$5 and a bag lunch. Call Greg or Stu for further information.

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**COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY: DEREK SOUTHERN (Br. 8) [Derek.southern@gmail.com](mailto:Derek.southern@gmail.com) 253-1646**  
**NEIL SCHMIDT (Br 116; Area 2 CAT Chairman) [np\\_schmidt@pacbell.net](mailto:np_schmidt@pacbell.net)**



**PLEASE NOTE** -- Often the newsletter is distributed about the same date as a meeting is occurring, and thus the posting may be for a subsequent month. Therefore, please peruse the Computers and Technology website (see below) to determine what the topic of the current month will be, or check a prior month newsletter. Also, presentations are posted after (and usually before) the meeting on the website.

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The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group [formerly A2CAT] announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday July 20, 2017 starting at 9:30 am, but come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

Neil Schmidt will be discussing "Travelling with Technology". Do you remember to old days when you carried heavy hardbound books in your suitcase, brought magazines to read on the plane and made calls on payphones? Thanks to technology, times have sure changed. Neil will be presenting ways to use technology to help plan and to assist you in your travels. This discussion will include his favorite travelling apps and techniques and he will encourage others in attendance to contribute their own travelling tips and tricks.

We look forward to seeing you around 9:15 AM, Thursday July 20, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies -- but some months are free, so come and see if our July meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

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Information about the group, including current and past presentations, is available on the SIR Area 2 Computes and Technology website -- <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>

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**COUPLES DINING OUT SAM ZORICH [sam.zorich@gmail.com](mailto:sam.zorich@gmail.com) 376-7799**



The group dines out every other month at a fine location in the East Bay. Planning for the venue rotates among the various members of the group. Contact Sam for information about the group.

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**DOMINOES TOM WESTHOFF (BR 171) 376-2609 [westhoff40@comcast.net](mailto:westhoff40@comcast.net)**



The SIR 171 Domino group meets every Thursday at Moraga Royale from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Contact Tom for further information.

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**FISHING: KARL DROESE** (Br. 171) [kdroeese@comcast.net](mailto:kdroeese@comcast.net) 376-0468 **PAUL DUBAW** (Area 2)



All SIR members and guests are welcome and encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be Thursday, July 27th, at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord, starting at 8:30am.

Whether you fly fish, spin fish, troll or bait fish, there will be events of interest. If you are new to fishing or are interested in trying a different type of fishing, we have experienced and knowledgeable members happy to share their expertise, and even their equipment. With nearly 100 events scheduled throughout the year, some type of fishing is available almost every week.

June Fishing Activity: Karl Droese, Ken Konzak and Joe Miscione traveled to Pyramid Lake NV where they caught and released about 20 cutthroat trout. Thirteen members went to Lake Almanor where they caught numerous rainbow and brown trout. Several members fished outside the Gate catching rock fish and salmon. Others caught halibut within the Bay. A trip to Pinecrest Lake produced black bass and trout. Two others caught several striped and black bass in the Delta.

Activities scheduled for July and August: Four salmon, halibut, striper and rockfish trips to the Bay and Ocean; three striper, sturgeon and black bass trips to the Delta; a trout and catfish outing at San Pablo Reservoir and a kokanee trip to Lake Berryessa.

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**GOLF – 18 HOLES: GENE BELL** (Br. 171) [gdbell1@comcast.net](mailto:gdbell1@comcast.net) 284-1786  
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The SIR 171/174 golf website ( [www.sirlamoringolfgolf.com](http://www.sirlamoringolfgolf.com) ) includes the membership application, a list of current members, the 2017 schedule, the results of prior events, and other pertinent information for members and prospective members.

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**HISTORICAL ADVENTURES: (Open)**



The highly interesting Historical Adventure tours activity needs a new chairman. Ted Westphal ran this activity for many years and did a fabulous job identifying and coordination trips in the Bay Area. **Please contact our Activity Chair, Sam Zorich** ([sam.zorich@gmail.com](mailto:sam.zorich@gmail.com) 376-7799) **if you would like to chair this activity.**

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**INVESTMENT GROUP: TOM HENRY** (Br. 174) [tomhenry925@icloud.com](mailto:tomhenry925@icloud.com) 254-5724  
**DAVID SUTTON** (Br-8) [davesutn@comcast.net](mailto:davesutn@comcast.net) 686-0158



The June meeting speaker will be Tom Kopas of Pring Turner - one of our regulars. He'll tell us all we need to know about how the current political climate affects the market.

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**NOTE:** Meetings are normally on the 4th Wed - except when they aren't! The upcoming dates are: June 28 and Sep 27. **No meetings in July, August and December.** October and November are on 3rd Weds: Oct 18 (due to a golf tournament at the club) and Nov 15 due to Thanksgiving.  
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\$ums, the investment activity of SIR Area 2, *normally* meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (check \$SUMS website below to verify). The time is 8:00AM to 9:30PM. The location in the Legends Restaurant at the Diablo Creek Country Club on Port Chicago Highway 1/4 mile North of Highway 4. The Legends opens at 7 AM. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

Information about the group, including past and current presentations, is available on the \$UMS website -- <http://a2sums.sirinc2.org/>

**PINOCHLE:** BILL KORN (Br. 171) [blairkorn@comcast.net](mailto:blairkorn@comcast.net) 376-1643



The Sirs pinochle game is held **every Wednesday morning at 9:30** at the Moraga Royale on the corner of Country Club Drive and Moraga Road. We play in a comfortable private room and many of us stay there for a delightful lunch, at a very minimal cost. The Wednesday game is moved back to Tuesday on the Sirs meeting day. We hope you can attend as we have a good time. If you don't know pinochle we will teach you, as it is not difficult. We hope to see some new players in the near future.

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**POKER:** DICK MEDEL (Br. 174) 376-5568 & BILL WIEGMANN (Br. 174) [bigwieg@comcast.net](mailto:bigwieg@comcast.net) 376-6088



Our low-stakes poker group meets the **fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 4:30pm**. We meet at various locations. To join us please contact Dick or Bill for information.

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**SENIOR STROLLERS:** JIM COUNTRYMAN [jcountry@comcast.net](mailto:jcountry@comcast.net) 631-1766



Meets every **Wednesday** at 9 AM for an easy walk of less than a mile around/near the Moraga Center, generally with a stop for coffee at some point along the way. Contact Jim to get on the mailing list the starting point (which varies).

If you want a longer walk, try the WALKING group. For an even longer walk, with some elevation, try the BIG HIKERS group.

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**STAMP GROUP:** LARRY BEANS (Br. 171) [larrybeans@comcast.net](mailto:larrybeans@comcast.net) 376-7306



We meet on the Friday following Branch 171 lunch meeting at **9:30 am**. The group meets at Larry Beans' home at 20 Carr Drive in Moraga. Please call Larry for more information, or if you would like to attend.

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**TABLE POOL:** AREA #2: BILL WEINBERG 682-0962



We usually have three or four pool games going when we meet each **Monday at 11:30 am** at Masse's – 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. The cost is \$5.00 for as long as you want to play. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us and we usually play about 2 hours but not everyone stays for the final curtain. Haven't played in years? Come join us. All SIRs are welcome.

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**TENNIS:** JIM COUNTRYMAN (Br. 171) [jcountry@comcast.net](mailto:jcountry@comcast.net) 631-1766  
RALPH THORNICROFT (Br. 174) [grtincal@aol.com](mailto:grtincal@aol.com) 376-8140



The Tennis Group plays at St. Mary's College **every Tuesday and Thursday. Times vary between 8:00am and 8:30am, depending on the weather**. Players are at varying skill levels, mostly around the 3.0 range. Members' wives are invited to join us, so let them know they are welcome. Call Jim or Ralph for information.

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## *Club Meeting & Activity Calendar*

JULY 2017				
3 MON	4 TUES	5 WED	6 THUR	7 FRI
Table Pool	Bocce Tennis Walking	Bowling Pinochle Senior Strollers SIR 171 MEETING	Dominos Tennis	Bocce Stamps
10 Astronomy Golf - Monarch Bay Table Pool	11 Bocce Bridge Tennis Walking Wine Tasting 1	12 Bowling Pinochle Senior Strollers	13 Dominos Tennis	14 Bocce
17 Table Pool	18 Bocce Tennis Walking Wine Tasting 2	19 Bowling Pinochle Senior Strollers	20 Computers & Tech. Dominos Tennis	21 Bocce
24 Apple User Group Golf - Tilden Table Pool	25 Bocce Bridge Tennis Walking	26 Bowling Investments Pinochle Poker Senior Strollers	27 Dominos Fishing Tennis	28 Bocce
31 Table Pool				

# SIR ORGANIZATION 2017 (05/24/2017)

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## BRANCH 171

**SIR Hotline – 377-5880**

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### PAST BIG SIRs

1994 BILL TEUTSCHEL	1995 DAN REGO
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1998 ELLIS LANGLEY	1999 CHARLIE DINES
2000 JIM SWEENEY	2001 CLAY SEALY
2002 DENNIS BROSSART	2003 BILL MUESER
2004 GENE BELL	2005 TOM KELLY
2006 DAN FLOWER	2007 BILL SUMNER
2008 FRED GEORGE	2009 JIM GIBNEY
2010 DICK MACY	2011 PHIL ARTH
2012 KARL DROESE	2013 JOHN HAFFNER
2014 SAM ZORICH	2015 TIM FREEMAN
2016 TOM MARNANE	

### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

RAY HORTON    CLAY SEALY    TED WESTPHAL

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#### ACTIVITY

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BOOK CLUB	<b>BOB KROMPHOLZ / AL DESSAYER</b> 528-9937 / 376-7430		
BOWLING	OPEN		<b>LLOYD WEST</b> 228-9037
BRIDGE	<b>GREG TCHERKOYAN</b> 838-0361	STU KNUDSEN 376-4919	ROD SPICER 935-5306
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DOMINOES	<b>TOM WESTHOFF</b> 276-2609		<b>NEIL SCHMIDT</b>
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