



SIR BRANCH 171

November 2017

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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, November 1
Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Hall**

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

LADIES DAY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The annual SIR Branch 171 and 174 event will be held on
Wednesday, December 6. The sign-up form is on the last page
of this newsletter and also attached to this newsletter mailing.

SIGN UP NOW

BIG SIR MESSAGE: RALPH BLUMENTHAL, ralphblu@comcast.net 925-254-6935

I wish all my fellow SIRs a very happy November. October wasn't such a terrific month with mass shootings, hurricanes, floods, and fires, so November HAS to be better! Let's hope!

On to good news. We got a great Little SIR in Graig Crossley. What leadership qualities! Graig spent ten years on the Moraga Town Council (two stints as Mayor), has worked on many commissions and committees, was chosen 2015 Moraga Citizen of the Year, and was a past President and is very active in the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley. Needless to say, we are fortunate to have Graig fill the very important post of Little SIR!



Filling another post this next year will be our own John Haffner, who has accepted the position of Area 15 Governor, which includes clubs in the Alameda and West Contra Costa County areas. It is not surprising the big wheels at Sirs would want John to take on such a responsibility. He just gets things done. We wish John much success in his new role within SIRs.

I would also like to thank Jim Kline and Ken Fischer for taking over the co-chairmanship role for the Historical Adventures group, an activity that has been one of our finest for so many years under the leadership of Ted Westphal.

Alas, we must say goodbye, at least for the season, to one of our most popular activities – Bocce Ball. Everyone had a great time again this year...lots of pallinos, lots of casinos, lots of fun! Can't wait till next year!

When we think of the month of November, we naturally think of Thanksgiving. And when we think of Thanksgiving, we think of all the things we are thankful for family, friends, health.

But while we're enjoying all those wonderful things, let's give a thought and a prayer to all the folks in the North Bay that have been affected by those horrific fires. And while we are at it, let's say a prayer for the people in Las Vegas and Texas and Louisiana and Puerto Rico. We are thankful for what we have and we are hopeful that there are happier days ahead for all of us!

Ralph Blumenthal, Big SIR

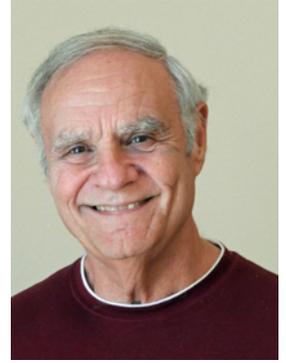
LITTLE SIR MESSAGE: BARRY LESKIN, barryleskin@gmail.com 925-254-5500

Our November 1 session is titled:

" Looking at Rest of Your Life Decisions"

The speakers will include Susan Levitt, RN, BSN, and the Hospice COO/Vice President of Patient Care Systems, and representatives from Oakmont Memorial Park. The speakers will provide an educational overview on the following topics:

- The emerging evidence about "Hospice" as one choice
- The choices around "Palliative Care"
- The choices and costs regarding funerals, burials, cremations, and other end of life decisions



The session objective is to expand our knowledge of this important area so that we and/or our loved ones will be better prepared when facing the very important decisions and associated costs that surround this area.

Barry Leskin, Little SIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon

The luncheon will be held at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center on Wednesday, December 6. Please complete the signup form and mail to John Haffner (address is on the form) along with a check, menu selection, and persons at your table. The form is included on the last page of the newsletter and is also attached as a separate file with this newsletter mailing. Don't miss out on attending this wonderful event.

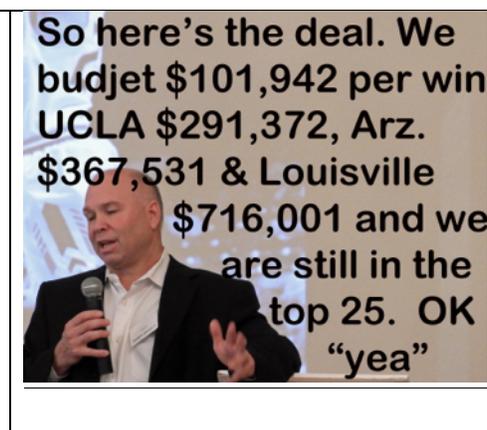
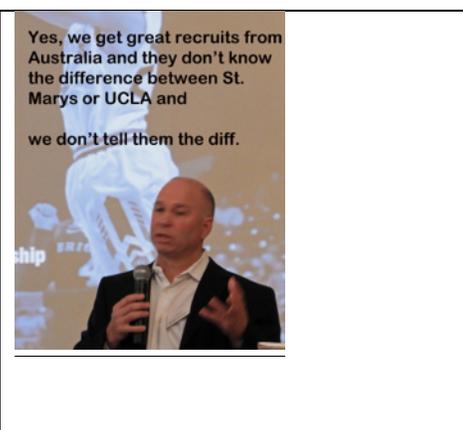
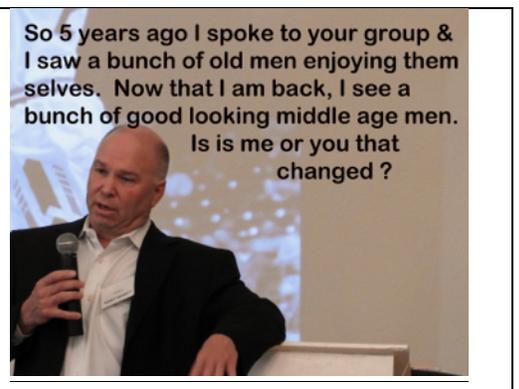
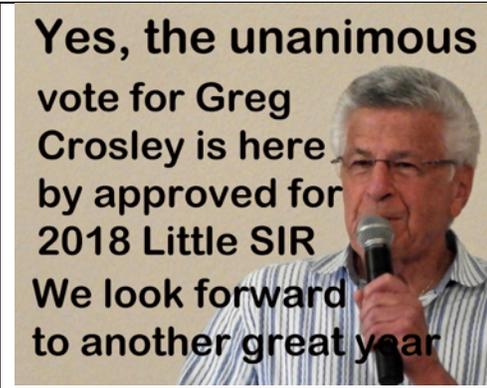
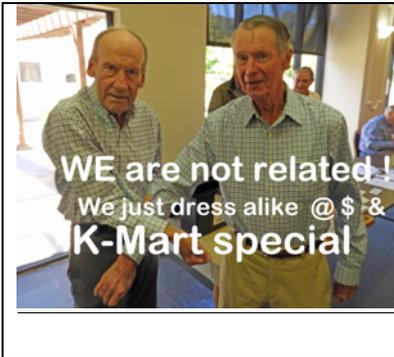
Historical Adventures Activity

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Presentations and Documents on the Website

Many of you have asked if the slides from Dr. Terry Land's September 6 talk on the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory's National Ignition Facility (NIF) were available. They are, and can be found in the Newsletter section of the Club's website -- <http://www.sirinc2.org/branch171/newsletters> Cut and paste this link into your browser if the link is not active when viewing here in the newsletter.

Please note there is a lot of great information on the Club's website (e.g. the Holiday Luncheon Flyer), so check it out periodically. Our club webmaster, Tom Lemmer, has done a fantastic job creating and maintaining an excellent web site for us. Thanks, Tom



Featured Photo of the Month



SIRS Walkers Inspect the Canyon Road Closure

On Tuesday, Sept. 19, the SIRS Tuesday walking group conducted a formal inspection of the Canyon Road closure. They found a crew of workmen really working to repair Moraga's south entry point. But they saw there is a lot of work yet to be done. So the walkers kept on walking!

Photo submitted by Al Donner

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 or 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.

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON MENU

Roast Turkey Breast; Mashed Potatoes; Sweet Potatoes; Gravy; Fresh Roasted Vegetables
Green Salad; Fruit Salad; Dessert

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO SIRs

November Birthdays

★ Marty Aufhauser ★ Bruce Berman ★ Gary Borrilli ★ Frank Comprelli ★ Rick Fend ★ Claire Hotten ★
★ Lad Lynch ★ Tom Peterson ★ Bob Reynolds ★ Smigs Smigielski ★ Larry Thompson ★ Richared Vance ★

One of the above members with a birthday in November will win a free lunch if he attends the November meeting. Members whose birth month is in November, 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 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: FRANCIS WONG

There were 122 attendees at the October meeting, which included 115 members, four guests, two visitors, and the speaker. One inactive member returned to active status and was at the meeting. There were 11 no-shows and 31 sign-outs. 73% of our membership attended. Our guarantee was 123.

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.

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 a message 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.**

SUNSHINE REPORT: MONTE LOGAN MonteGryFx@aol.com 376-0264

Branch 171

Former **SIR Doug Mann** has serious health problems. Doug is our former SIR's Chaplain. He can receive calls at his home. His telephone number is 376-3237.

Branch 174

SIR Bruce Johnson fell and broke his leg. He is recuperating at Manor Care. He is a former SIR's Branch 171 member who had transferred to Branch 174.

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•• Please try to contact SIR's with illnesses to offer your support and encouragement and keep them in our thoughts and prayers. A friendly call is welcome. Cards and letters are always appreciated. If you are aware of an ill SIR, please let Monte Logan know by e-mail or phone.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: STEW CHALEM, stewart@chalem.com 377-0698
TOM LENZ thomaslenz8288@comcast.net 278-1717
JOHN SCHICK jschick@att.net 376-9412

ACTIVE

Prior Month: 161

Inductees None

From Inactive: 1 A. J. (Pepper) Wardley (116)

**Deductions (1) Jim Scala (129), to Inactive
(1) John Jones (52), Deceased
(1) David Shunick (143), to Inactive
(1) Dick Morrison (29), to Inactive
(1) Frank McIlhenney (158), to Inactive**

October Total: 157

INACTIVE

Prior Month: 36

**Additions: 1 Jim Scala (129), Health & Travel
1 David Shunick (143), Personal Reasons
1 Dick Morrison (29), Travel
1 Frank McIlhenney (158), Illness**

Deductions (1) A. J. (Pepper) Wardley (116), to Active Note: Formerly 95

October Total: 39

APPLICATIONS AWAITING INDUCTION

None

APPLICANT LIST

Gary Lansman, Sponsor, Larry Beans (#83)

Membership Application Forms are always available at the desk at the meetings, or from Stew Chalem.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS: STEW CHALEM stewart@chalem.com 377-0698

NOTE: Please contact Stew Chalem whenever your personal information changes (i.e. email address, home address, and/or phone number) or whenever you wish a membership status change (i.e. to request inactive status or to resign). Stew will in turn update the master Roster.

September, 2017

Beginning	6,968
Receipts	3,030
Disbursements	(2,796)
Ending	7,202

KNOW YOUR SIRs

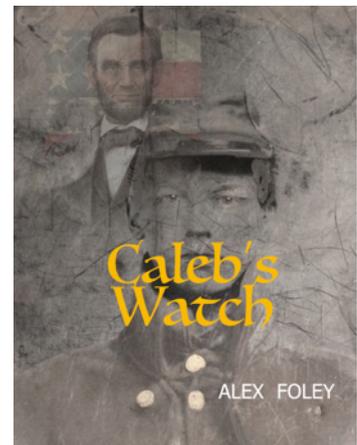
No bios this month

Know Your SIR is edited by Dave Humm 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.

SIR 171 MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

SIR 171 member, Al Foley, recently published a mystery/thriller on Amazon Books/Kindle Fire. It's worth a read!

The book, Caleb's Watch, is the story of the unsolved murder of a Union soldier which occurred in Gettysburg on the same day President Lincoln delivered his famous Address. Adding to the intrigue, the Union soldier may have hidden an historic document before he was killed. The reader travels from Southern Maine to Philadelphia, Gettysburg and Washington, D.C. to uncover a mystery that has existed for over 150 years.



When you see an article about a SIR 171 member, or see information about one of our members, please send to the newsletter editor at sir171-news@comcast.net The deadline for the receipt of information for each newsletter is the 15th of the month. Thanks

BRANCH 171 NEWSLETTER: Editor **STAN HOLCENBERG** sholcenb@comcast.net, 3954 Campolindo Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. The deadline for receipt of Newsletter material by the Editor is the 15th 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/ 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)

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

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN: **SAM ZORICH** (BR. 171) 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.

APPLE USERS ACTIVITY: **DICK MACY** (Br. 171) m.hobie@comcast.net 376-1180
JOE TRACY (Br. 174) 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; rumors; a roundtable discussion of applications, general rumors, issues, and problems members may be having; and some formal topics.

*Last month we had a very active discussion on the recent Apple announcements -- features, positioning, and acquisition options for the new iPhone 8, iPhone 8 Plus, and iPhone 10; the new Apple Watch Series 3; and the new 4K HDR Apple TV. This discussion will continue at the next meeting, held on **Monday, October 25th**, with a focus on a discussion of expectations about trading for a new iPhone.*

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 the left side door at top of steps. Novices and advanced users are welcomed. Come and be a part of the group.

NOTE: Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday proximity to our meeting date for both November and December, we will cancel both meetings.

ASTRONOMY: **GEORGE COBB** (Br. 174) 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) for details and further information.

BARBERSHOP HARMONY: **BRAD DEWEY** (Br. 171) ebdewey@att.net 376-3349
RON LEIKER (Br. 174) leikerinda@comcast.net 376-3884



The SIRpremes are a barbershop octet, composed of members from both 171 and 174, 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.

The group meets every Tuesday at 3:00 pm at Brad Dewey’s. Contact Brad Dewey, Sam Zorich (376-7799), or Ron Leiker for additional information.

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



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) to get the on the Big Hikers notice list. If you want a slower pace, try either the WALKING or the SENIOR STROLLERS group.

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



**BOCCE SEASON HAS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON.
WILL RE-CONVENE IN THE SPRING OF 2018.**

When in season, Bocce is played every Tuesday and Friday. 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.

BOOK CLUB: **BOB KROMPHOLZ** (Br 171 chair) krompholz@comcast.net 528-9937
AL DESSAYER (Br 171 co-chair) 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.

BRIDGE: JOHN SCHICK (liaison - Br. 171) jschick@att.net 376-9412
JUAN KELLY (Br. 174) juankelly-anayst@att.net 954-636-9684
STEWART KNUDSEN (Br. 174) svknudsen619@aol.com 376-4919



The group meets 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 John or Stu for further information.

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



The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on **Thursday, November 16, 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.

The topic for the November CAT meeting will be "**Using EXCEL – An Introduction to Spreadsheet Basics and Applications for Retirees**". Neil Schmidt will review the history of spreadsheets, basic principles, and demonstrate some of his non-business applications. Attendees who currently use EXCEL, are encouraged to bring an example or two on a flash drive to demonstrate how they use a spreadsheet program.

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, Thursday, October 19, 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 October meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

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

COUPLES DINING OUT SAM ZORICH 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.

The next gathering will be on **Wednesday, November 15**, at the Brass Door Restaurant in Danville. Lew and Faye Edwards are making the arrangements. This will be the last dinner on 2017.

There is one opening available in the group. Please contact Sam if you would like to join the group.

DOMINOES TOM WESTHOFF (BR 171) 376-2609 westhoff40@comcast.net



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

FISHING: KARL DROESE (Br. 171) kdroese@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, November 16**, 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.

October Results: The best salmon season in years is coming to an end. Karl Droese, Paul Dubow, Ken Konzak, Gordon Linbaugh, Mario Moratorio and Jack Waddell fished on the Feather River catching 8 salmon up to 27 lbs. Other members caught salmon in the ocean and Delta. Karl Droese and Paul Dubow fished for two days on Pyramid Lake NV, catching and releasing 26 Lahontan cutthroat trout on the first day and 24 on the second day. Six members came home with ling cod and rockfish from the ocean. Several catfish were caught at San Pablo reservoir. Another member caught bass & trout on Lake Shasta. Several members caught stripers on the Delta. The fishing group held its annual SIRs in the Kitchen fish fry with Br. 8 consuming large quantities of fish supplied by the members.

Activities Scheduled for November and December: Several sturgeon/striper trips to Pittsburg, Richmond and the Mothball Fleet; trout fishing in San Pablo reservoir and Shadow Cliffs; plugging for stripers and black bass on the Delta; ocean crabbing with traps; the annual event scheduling meeting; and the annual Christmas dinner at Zio Fraedos.

GOLF – 18 HOLES: GENE BELL (Br. 171) gdbell1@comcast.net 284-1786
BILL WADSWORTH (Br. 174) wadsy1@aol.com 963-0442



The SIR 171/174 golf website (www.sirlamorindagolf.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.

The November events will be at Dublin Ranch on Nov. 6 and at Boundary Oaks on Nov. 20.

HISTORICAL ADVENTURES: **JIM KLINE** (Br 171 co-chair) jimjuliel@aol.com 376-4173
KEN FISCHER (Br 171 co-chair) keninmoraga@gmail.com 518-3104



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



The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 15** at 8 AM at the Legends Restaurant in the Diablo Creek Country Club - Port Chicago Highway, 1/4 mile north of Highway 4 in Concord.

The speaker will be Jerry Halliday of the Law Office of Robert W. Ash in Grass Valley. The discussion will be about estate preservation if a spouse requires nursing care.

NOTE: There will be no meeting in December

\$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 is 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 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.

POKER: DICK MEDEL (Br. 174) 376-5568 & BILL WIEGMANN (Br. 174) 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.

SENIOR STROLLERS: JIM COUNTRYMAN 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.

STAMP and COIN GROUP: LARRY BEANS (Br. 171) larrybeans@comcast.net 376-7306 -- STAMPS
BRUCE BERMAN (BR 171) kingfisher.94556@yahoo.com 284-1094 -- COINS



We usually 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 questions and a possible change of meeting schedule.

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.

TENNIS: JIM COUNTRYMAN (Br. 171) jcountry@comcast.net 631-1766
RALPH THORNICROFT (Br. 174) 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.

TRAVEL: Eric Cho Br 171) eric411cho@gmail.com 377-801
BOB SPELLMAN (Area 2 Chmn.) bobjo@astound.net 934-8428



Trips currently scheduled for 2017 & 2018:

- April 11 – 21, 2018. Tulip time on the Rhine
- Sept. 8 – 15. Colorado Train Trip

Check the SIR Area 2 website for the details, cost, and contact information for these trips. Cut and paste the following link into your internet browser -- <http://www.area2.sirinc2.org/Travel.pdf> If you have trip information you would like to post on the area website (four days or more), send information to Bob Spellman (bobjo@astound.net) by the 25th of each month.



WALKING: **AL DONNER** (Br. 171) aajdonner@gmail.com 376-1594
LYLE DECK (Br. 174) lgdeck@aol.com 254-3829

If you feel left out of something good, come join the group. Just show up across from the Serbian Church by **9 am any Tuesday** and you are good to go. No initiation fees, hazing or other sophomoric rituals, just walking and talking and coffee after. The group walks for about three miles.

And if you want a slower pace, try the SENIOR STROLLERS group. If you want to try a faster pace, try the BIG HIKERS group.

WINE TASTING: **GENE BELL** (Br. 171) gdbell1@comcast.net 284-1786
JON LEUTENEKER (Br. 174) jonleuteneker@comcast.net 376-7035



There are now two wine tasting groups. Both are couples events and normally held in-home starting about 7:00 p.m. with a cost per person averaging about \$15. Jon Leuteneker is chairman of the group that meets on the **second Tuesday of each month** - this group has a full roster. Gene Bell is chairman of the group that meets on the **third Tuesday of each month** - membership in this group may still open.

Club Meeting & Activity Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	NOVEMBER	Nov 1	2	3
		Bowling	Dominos	Stamps & Coins
		Pinochle	Tennis	
		Senior Strollers		
		SIR 171 MEETING		
6	7	8	9	10
Golf - Dublin Ranch	Barber Shop	Bowling	Dominos	
Table Pool	Tennis	Pinochle	Tennis	
	Walking	Senior Strollers		
13	14	15	16	17
Astronomy	Barber Shop	Bowling	Computers & Tech.	
Table Pool	Bridge	Couples Dining Out	Dominos	
	Tennis	Investments	Fishing	
	Walking	Pinochle	Tennis	
	Wine Tasting 1	Senior Strollers		
20	21	22	23	24
Golf — Boundary Oaks	Barber Shop	Book Club	Dominos	
Table Pool	Tennis	Bowling	Tennis	
	Walking	Pinochle		
	Wine Tasting 2	Poker		
		Senior Strollers		
27	28	29	30	
Table Pool	Barber Shop	Book Club	Dominos	
	Bridge	Bowling	Tennis	
	Tennis	Pinochle		
	Walking	Senior Strollers		

SIR ORGANIZATION 2017 (10/17/2017)

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REGION 6 DIRECTOR
AREA 2 GOVERNOR

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SIR Inc. Website:
Area 16 Website:
Branch 171 Website:

<http://www.ririnc.org>
<http://area2.sirinc2.org/>
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BRANCH 171

SIR Hotline – 377-5880

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PAST BIG SIRs

1994 BILL TEUTSCHEL	1995 DAN REGO
1996 JOHN DAHL	1997 RAY HORTON
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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APPLE USERS	DICK MACY 376-1180	JOE TRACY 954-7801	
ASTRONOMY	OPEN	GEORGE COBB 200-7749	BILL HUNTER 254-6281
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BOOK CLUB	BOB KROMPHOLZ / AL DESSAYER 528-9937 / 376-7430		
BOWLING	OPEN		LLOYD WEST 228-9037
BRIDGE	JOHN SCHICK (liaison) 376-9412	JUAN KELLY/STU KNUDSEN 954-636-9684/376-4919	ROD SPICER 935-5306
COUPLES DINING OUT	SAM ZORICH 376-7799		
COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY	OPEN	DICK CURRY 376-5541	DEREK SOUTHERN 253-1646
DOMINOES	TOM WESTHOFF 276-2609		NEIL SCHMIDT
FISHING	KARL DROESE 376-0468		PAUL DUBOW
GOLF – 18 HOLES	GENE BELL 284-1786	BILL WADSWORTH 963-0442	RAY WEISZ 240-0425
HIST. ADV. & VETS	JIM KLINE / KEN FISCHER 376-4173 / 518-3104		
INVESTMENT	OPEN	TOM HENRY 254-5724	DAVID SUTTON 686-0158
PINOCHLE	BILL KORN 376-1643		
POKER	OPEN	DICK MEDEL/BILL WIEGMAN 376-5568/376-6088	
SENIOR STROLLERS	JIM COUNTRYMAN 631-1766		
STAMPS & COINS	LARRY BEANS 376-7306 / BRUCE BERMAN 284-1094		
TABLE POOL	OPEN		BILL WEINBERG 682-0962
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**SIR Branch 171 and 174
Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon**

WEDNESDAY, December 6, 2017. Mark your calendars, get into your holiday mood and come along with us for another enjoyable and festive Ladies Day Luncheon at St. Mary's Soda Center. Reception with wine and conversation begins at 11:00 AM, followed by lunch at noon. We will have the Devil Mountain Chorus entertaining us with your favorite holiday songs.

Our lunch menu will feature a choice of either Short Ribs of Beef (**SR**) or Herbed Grilled Salmon (**SA**) with Herb Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans with Sautéed Almonds and Pearl Onions in a Cheese Sauce. You'll start with a Mixed Green Salad with toasted walnuts, strawberries, feta cheese, Tomato, and Blue Cheese Vinaigrette. Dessert will be a Chocolate Ganache Individual Yule Log. Wine will also be served at your table during lunch.

Please submit your reservations using the form below. A vegetarian (**V**) and gluten free entrée of Creamy Cheese Risotto w/ Wild Mushroom Sauce) will be available.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY NOVEMBER 27.

This is a joint event between Lamorinda Branches 171 and 174. Your support is not only appreciated but is essential to both our Branches. Please sign up early. Last year was close to selling out. Guests are welcome.

LADIES DAY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Cost for the luncheon is **\$50 per person** –Please use the reservation form below. Full table reservations for one party of 8 should be made by one person submitting checks totaling \$400 along with the preferred badge names and menu selections. Please make the checks payable to SIR Branch 171 and mail the check(s) together with this form to:

John Haffner, 40 Ashbrook Place, Moraga, CA 94556.

Branch/ SIR#	Member Badge Name	V	Menu		Guest Badge Name	V	Menu	
			SR	SA			SR	SA

SR – Shorts Ribs of Beef SA – Salmon V - Vegetarian