



# SIR BRANCH 171

## April 2016

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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, **April 6** Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Hall

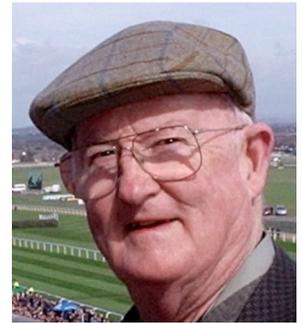
1700 School St., Moraga  
Social time begins at 11  
Meeting begins at 11:30

**BIG SIR MESSAGE: TOM MARNANE, [chartom@pacbell.net](mailto:chartom@pacbell.net) 925-376-6312**

My dear fellow SIRS

Two subjects this month – both very vital to our Branch 171 success and strength.

First: Recruiting. We have the prospect at this moment of 4 more new members and have brought on board 2 others this year for a total of 6. We will need at least 26 new members this year (matching new members against new resignations and inactives) to increase our rolls by 4. I asked at our last meeting for every member to get a member. I know this won't happen, but we can try — and if we succeed we can spin off a new Branch (I can dream can't I?). Let's go for it!



Second: No shows. We had 13 no show members at our last meeting. If you do not show up we still have to pay our guarantee. At this moment we have a total of 36 no show members who have not paid for their absence. We have a firm rule that if you do not indicate you will not be present for lunch you must pay for that lunch. **NO EXCUSES.** It is not fair to our fellow SIRs or to our bank balance to ask them to pick up your tab. **WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE \$325 IN ONE MONTH AND REMAIN FINANCIALLY VIABLE, ESPECIALLY WITH NO DUES. PLEASE PAY UP NOW.**

**S** is for building on our Sensitivity to each other, Socializing and working with each other and Sense of loyalty to our organization (which include saying yes, it would be a privilege when asked to help)

**I** is for our Interest in each other and our Intent to make our organization a little better each year

**R** is for Recruiting new members to share the S and I above

*Tom Marnane, Big SIR*

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**This Month's Speaker**

At our April 6 meeting the topic will go from discussing sports figures and events to how we can live a lot longer (I assume that is one of our priorities) by eating the right foods. Gone are the days when we were 25 and could eat pizza and ice cream every day without gaining a pound. It seems like the older we get, the more important it is to eat right.



Dietician Kitty Lenhart will have the answers. During her career Ms. Lenhart has worked as Supervising Health Nutritionist for Solano Health Services and Director of the Public Lifecare Corporation. She has also been a private practice nutritionist for many years and , taught nutrition classes at Santa Rosa College.

Ms. Lenhart is presently head of the John Muir Weight Management Program in Walnut Creek, nutrition consultant for Carlton Senior Living, and also nutrition consultant for the Contra Costa Child Care Council. In addition she is the Senior Health Educator for the Contra Costa Community Wellness and Prevention Program.

With all that experience and training, we certainly should come out of the meeting ready for lots of fruits and vegetables!

**Our May Speaker**

Our speaker in May will be none other than Dan Ashley, ABC News Anchor Man for Channel 7 for the past 25 years. Dan will be speaking at the perfect time of the year.... right when the presidential campaign is heating up, as if it couldn't get much hotter! By the time Dan speaks to us, I am sure the presidential candidates will have been whittled down to just a few and then it will REALLY get interesting!! Don't miss it!

***Dan has spoken at our SIR meetings in the past and is always excellent. This will be a great one to bring a guest. Help us gain new members by having a prospective member come to a meeting and hear a great speaker!***

**Last Month's Speaker**

At our March meeting members were treated to a very interesting and informative question and answer session by Tim Kawakami, named 2013 California Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association of America and currently an analyst for the San Jose Mercury News and the Contra Costa Times. Our members had a lot of questions and Tim had a lot to say and provided many insights and inside stories about the Warriors, 49er Leadership (or lack thereof), and many personalities, including Joe Montana, Jim Harbough, Steph Curry, and Al Davis.

I will see you all at our next meeting.

*Ralph Blumenthal, Little SIR*

## Announcements

### Featured Activity of the Month – Historical Adventures

The following article was submitted by Ted Westphal, longtime Activity Chair of the “Historical Adventures” group.

“Now that the miraculous rains are beginning to subside, dates for touring bay area historical sites will soon be arranged and announced. In addition, I will be seeking one or possibly two Branch #171 Sirs to serve with me for awhile and then take over the very popular Historical Adventures activity. I have found the chairmanship to be both enjoyable and rewarding --- with the only actual ‘work’ involved being communication by email. Please contact me (Ted Westphal) if you would be interested in getting involved. My phone is 283-2172 and email is tawiii@att.net.”

Your editor has recently been on two of the Historical Adventure tours, the one to the Lawrence Livermore Lab and the other to the Port Chicago Naval Memorial. They were both fantastic. Please consider volunteering to help Ted with this very popular group.

### Fishing Group Article in SIR Happenings Newsletter

Last month we wrote that our Bocce Ball group was featured in an article in the SIR Happenings periodic newsletter. In addition, that edition also featured an article about our Fishing Group, co-authored by our Activity Chair, Karl Droese. The title – “*This Fishing Group Does Nearly 100 Events Annually.*”

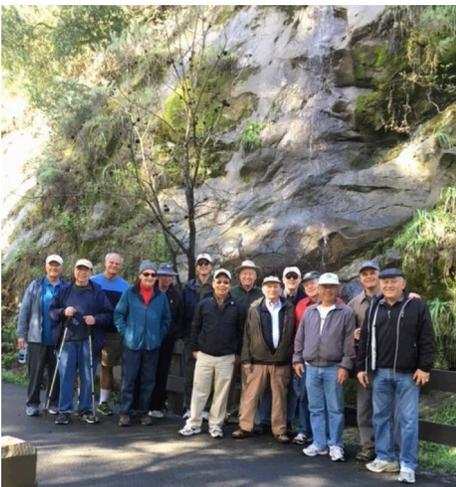
Check out the article by placing the following link into your browser and viewing the article on page 6 of the newsletter -- <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/Happenings-2016-01-Vol-13-Issue-1.pdf>

Please contact Don MacGregor ([donmac@wavecable.com](mailto:donmac@wavecable.com)), SIR Happenings Editor, if you would like to have your activity considered for potential inclusion in a future issue. Include a write-up and photo(s).

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### Featured Photo of the Month



The photo was submitted by Al Donner

The **Walking Group** had a great outing on March 8. This photo was taken in front of the elusive water on the L-M Trail. It was flowing very well that day (often they found it surprisingly dry). The group had a very generous baker's dozen plus one walkers that day.

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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 Stan Holcenberg ([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.

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**MARCH PHOTOS & COMMENTARY** -- by Club photographer Russ Aubry (with intended typos)



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We took this photo because our member wore a cheerful shirt and forgot to shave.

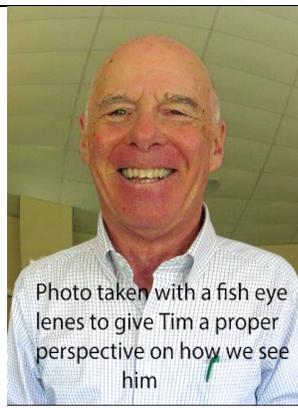


Photo taken with a fish eye lenses to give Tim a proper perspective on how we see him

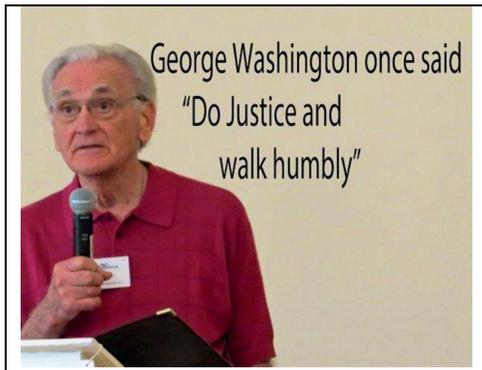


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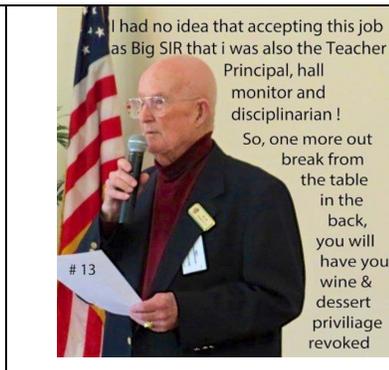


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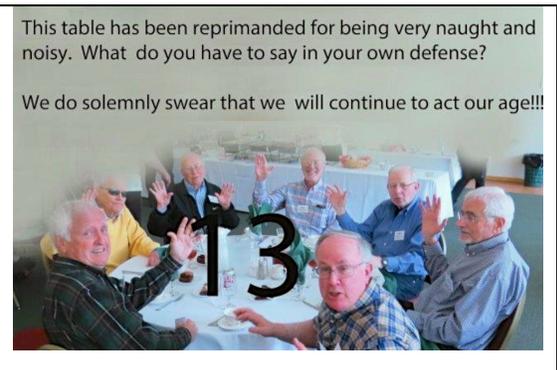
At McDonalds



George Washington once said  
"Do Justice and walk humbly"



I had no idea that accepting this job as Big SIR that i was also the Teacher Principal, hall monitor and disciplinarian !  
So, one more out break from the table in the back, you will have your wine & dessert privilage revoked



This table has been reprimanded for being very naughty and noisy. What do you have to say in your own defense?  
We do solemnly swear that we will continue to act our age!!!



Each table has their own entertainer, have you noticed?  
This table says, you can have ours !



Looking for a caption do u have one ?

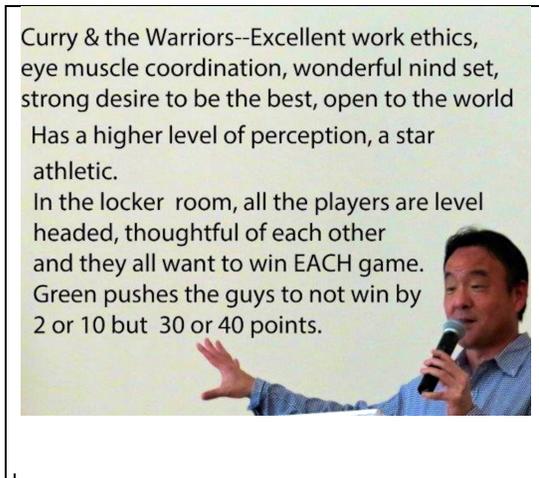


Green tie?

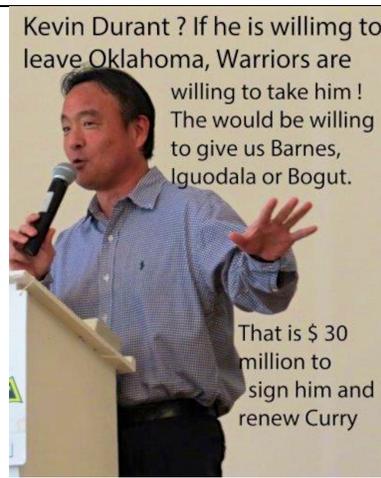
So my blind date could find me



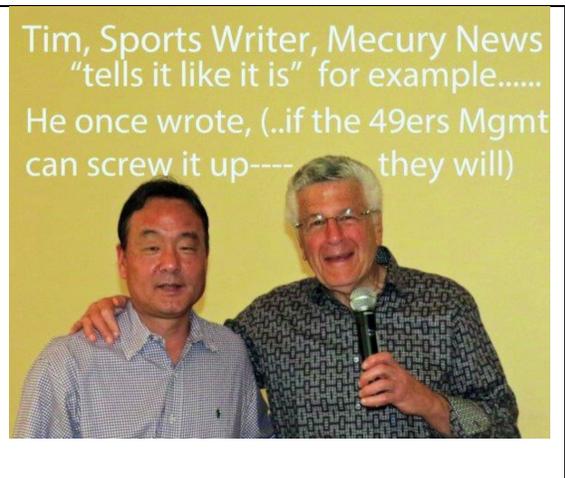
Dick gets to blow out the candles on his free BD lunch



Curry & the Warriors--Excellent work ethics, eye muscle coordination, wonderful nind set, strong desire to be the best, open to the world  
Has a higher level of perception, a star athletic.  
In the locker room, all the players are level headed, thoughtful of each other and they all want to win EACH game.  
Green pushes the guys to not win by 2 or 10 but 30 or 40 points.



Kevin Durant ? If he is willing to leave Oklahoma, Warriors are willing to take him !  
The would be willing to give us Barnes, Iguodala or Bogut.  
That is \$ 30 million to sign him and renew Curry



Tim, Sports Writer, Mecury News "tells it like it is" for example.....  
He once wrote, (...if the 49ers Mgmt can screw it up---- they will)

## LUNCH

### APRIL LUNCHEON MENU

Lasagna with meat, Fresh roasted vegetables  
Caesar salad, garlic bread, seasonal fresh fruit salad, dessert

### HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO SIRs

❖ Bill Ausfahl ❖ Larry Beans ❖ Charles Blay ❖ Stew Chalem ❖ Clay Claassen ❖  
❖ Jim Countryman ❖ Karl Droese ❖ Tim Freeman ❖ Peter Hanelt ❖ Richard James ❖  
❖ Barry Leskin ❖ Fred Lezak ❖ George Puterbaugh ❖ Clark Vilas ❖

(\* = Charter Member \*\* = Honorary Life Member)

One of the above members for April will win a free lunch if he attends the April meeting. Members whose birth month is in April, 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 Tom Marnane can be reached at [chartom@pacbell.net](mailto:chartom@pacbell.net) 925-376-6312

### 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 if he is a first time guest. If you have questions about this policy, call Larry Thompson, Membership Chair (925-631-9528).*

## BRANCH REPORTS

**ATTENDANCE REPORT: FRANCIS WONG** [franciscpwong@gmail.com](mailto:franciscpwong@gmail.com) 376-0967

There were 121 attendees at the March luncheon including three guests. 71% of the membership attended. Unfortunately, we missed our guarantee of 125. This was a result of 14 no shows, including 1 sick no show guest and 13 no show members. There were two medical situations in that group.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE SIR REQUIREMENT TO ATTEND SIX LUNCHEONS OF THE LAST TWELVE. ALSO, PLEASE CALL THE HOTLINE OR SIGN OUT WHEN YOU CAN'T MAKE A MEETING.

**Members need to call the SIR 171 "HOT LINE" at 925-377-5880 before 1pm on the Saturday before the meeting if they are not going to attend (unless they filled-in the "Absence Notification" sheet at a prior meeting), or if they are bringing a guest.**

**FEBRUARY 2016**

Cash Balance – February 1, 2016	7,855
Month's Receipts	3,090
Month's Disbursements	2,936
Cash Balance at February 29, 2016	8,009

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: LARRY THOMPSON** [larryandginger@comcast.net](mailto:larryandginger@comcast.net) 631-9528  
TOM LENZ [chezlenz@comcast.net](mailto:chezlenz@comcast.net) 278-1717  
JOHN SCHICK [jschick@att.net](mailto:jschick@att.net) 376-9412

CHANGES:

Active

1. Bryant King # 2 requested inactive Status due to Medical reasons
2. Bob Mandell #51 resigned due to health problems

Inactive

1. Bryant King added to inactive list

INDUCTIONS

1. None

ACTIVE ROSTER: = 165

INACTIVE ROSTER: = 33

NEW APPLICATIONS

1. None

APPLICANT LIST = 0

**Membership Application Forms** are always available at the desk at the meetings, or from Larry Thompson.

**ROSTER CORRECTIONS: LARRY THOMPSON** 631-9528 [larryandginger@comcast.net](mailto:larryandginger@comcast.net) - None!

**NOTICE:** Whenever your mail or E-mail, address or phone number changes please do advise Larry Thompson; he will in turn update the master Roster and advise the Newsletter staff.

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**SUNSHINE REPORT: MONTE LOGAN** [MonteGryFx@aol.com](mailto:MonteGryFx@aol.com) 376-0264

**Branch 171**

It is sad to report the passing of a former SIR, Fred Ostrander on Feb. 22nd. He died peacefully surrounded by family. He was originally sponsored by our SIR Jim Gibney.

Sir Ed Ahearn is back in John Muir Hospital due to a very serious medical condition.

SIR Bob Burnett broke his leg and is in for a very long road of recovery. He is at Manor Care on Tice Valley, Walnut Creek.

We wish our SIRs Ed and Bob the very best in recovery.

**Branch 174**

Good news. No serious illnesses reported.

•••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.

## **KNOW YOUR SIRs**

No bios this month

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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**

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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.

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## **BRANCH ACTIVITIES (Branches 171 & 174)**

**ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN:** LARRY BEANS [larrybeans@comcast.net](mailto:larrybeans@comcast.net) 376-7306



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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### **ACTIVITY LIST**

<b>Apple Users Activity</b>	<b>Astronomy</b>
<b>Barbershop Harmony</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>Pinocle</b>	<b>Poker</b>
<b>Stamp Group</b>	<b>Senior Strollers</b>
<b>Table Pool</b>	<b>Tennis</b>
<b>Travel</b>	<b>Walking</b>
<b>Wine Tasting</b>	

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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) [joetry@comcast.net](mailto:joetry@comcast.net) 954-7801



The meeting focus is 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 last meeting had a lively discussion on ways to protect your computer from hackers and considerations for protecting and accessing the valuable information on your computer.

**The next meeting will be on Monday, March 21**

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. 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  
LARRY LANG (Br. 8)



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  
RON LEIKER (Br. 174) [leikerinda@comcast.net](mailto:leikerinda@comcast.net) 376-3884



The SIRpremes are basically a barbershop octet. We sing songs in four-part harmony. By having two people on each part, the problems caused by absences are greatly reduced – obviously. **We meet just about every Tuesday for one hour.** We take a few minutes to discuss the affairs of the world, and then get down to business, working on one or two songs, finishing by partaking of some delicious cookies, freshly baked by Brad's wife, Carol. Our self-determined purpose has been to add a little variety to the monthly luncheon meetings of Branches 171 and 174, plus the Christmas luncheon with our ladies. Our only other singouts have been for the Moraga Movers and at Sam Zorich's birthday party.

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**BOCCE BALL:** **BILL BONDY** (Br. 171) [WBondyO@aol.com](mailto:WBondyO@aol.com) 254-1266  
JOE FITZGERALD (Br. 174) [joefitger@aol.com](mailto:joefitger@aol.com) 376-4656



**Bocce** season will begin later in the spring.

**When in season Bocce is played every Tuesday and Friday at 10 am** just beyond the bandstand at the Moraga Commons. Play is suspended for the rainy season and resumes in the spring. The cost is all of \$2; the game is really easy to learn and is great fun, including a lot of good chat. Call Bill Bondy for information on Tuesday play and Joe Fitzgerald about Fridays. You can play on either or both days.

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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 goal has developed an agreed upon list of books which club members will discuss at future monthly meetings. An attempt will be made to vary the selections to include the latest best sellers as well as some classics, bacon fiction 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 continue your reading enjoyment but also to discuss your comments and ideas with intelligent, curious, cerebral fellows like yourself

There are currently 12 members of the club. Contact Bob or Al if you are interested in joining.

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



Area 2 Tournament bowling is held at Diablo Lanes in Concord on the **4th Thursday of each month**. Be there at 9:30 am. League Bowling is also available every Wednesday at 10 am. There is also open bowling on Tuesdays at 10 am for practice. 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) [np\\_schmidt@pacbell.net](mailto:np_schmidt@pacbell.net)



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday April 21, 2016 at 9:30 am. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

Derek Southern will open by discussing the basics of photo organizing & editing. He will review specific photo-editors and discuss the "work-flow" involved in organizing photo files. Derek will also "eulogize" Picasa; unless, of course, it's been resurrected by Google! Barry Brown will follow with some answers to the most common questions he is getting about Windows 10! He has at least 10

FAQs to discuss, so this could be called "10 on 10!" Bring your questions along too.

Check the CAT Web page about a week before the next meeting to download a copy of the presentations: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org> .

The meeting starts at 9:30 AM, April 21, 2016, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive – so arrive earlier to chat with friends and enjoy the coffee and cookies. 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 this 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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**COUPLES DINING OUT SAM ZORICH (BR. 171) [sam.zorich@gmail.com](mailto:sam.zorich@gmail.com) 376-7799**



The group's next outing will be on March 23 at Il Pavone Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Lee De Mara has made the arrangements and there will be eleven couples attending.

May will be different. The group will be dining at Russ Aubry's home in the hills of Berkeley.

The group dines out every other month. Please contact Sam Zorich if you would like information about the group.

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**DOMINOES** Tom Westhoff 376-2609 [westhoff40@comcast.net](mailto:westhoff40@comcast.net)



The new SIR 171 Domino group meets every Thursday at Moraga Royale at 1:00pm. Contact Tom for information and to determine space availability.

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



The Area 2 Fishing Group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord, starting at 8:30 a.m. SIR members and guests are welcome and encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. **Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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 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.

March got off to a good start with 10 members catching trout up to 6 lbs at San Pablo Reservoir and up to 3 lbs at Shadow Cliffs. Another member caught a keeper sturgeon in the Delta and another caught 10 large crabs fishing out of Emeryville. A few black bass and striped bass were caught in the Delta. Later, the heavy rains and muddy water slowed the bite and also made fishing in the Delta hazardous due to large trees floating down from the rivers.

In April and May we look forward to several trout fishing trips to local lakes; and sturgeon, striper and black bass trips the Delta. Other events include one day trips to New Hogan Reservoir, Lake McSwain and Lake Berryessa; and multi day trips to Lake Almanor, Davis Lake and Pyramid Lake NV. We will be sampling our catches at a fish fry to be held at a member's home in May.

For more information or if you wish to sign up for a trip - call Karl Droese at 376-0468.

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**GOLF – 18 HOLES: GENE BELL** (Br. 171) [gdbell1@comcast.net](mailto:gdbell1@comcast.net) 284-1786  
TONY SCHOEMEHL (Br. 174) [tonyliby@comcast.net](mailto:tonyliby@comcast.net) 376-1471



Any members who are interested in joining the Golf Group, please complete the application that is available at the following link -- <http://branch174.sirinc2.org/golf/home.htm> There is also a 2014 schedule and contact information at the link.

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**HISTORICAL ADVENTURES: TED WESTPHAL** (Br. 171) [tawiii@att.net](mailto:tawiii@att.net) 283-2172



Now that the miraculous rains are beginning to subside, dates for touring bay area historical sites will soon be arranged and announced. In addition, I will be seeking one or possibly two Branch #171 Sirs to serve with me for awhile and then take over the very popular Historical Adventures activity. I have found the chairmanship to be both enjoyable and rewarding --- with the only actual 'work' involved being communication by email. Please contact me (Ted Westphal) if you would be interested in getting involved. My phone is 283-2172 and email is [tawiii@att.net](mailto:tawiii@att.net)

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**INVESTMENT GROUP: TOM HENRY** (Br. 174) [tomh925@icloud.com](mailto:tomh925@icloud.com) 254-5724  
David Sutton (Br-8) 686-0158



The next Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on **Wednesday February 24, 2016**, at 8:00 a.m. at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord.

Activity chairman Tom Henry will present a program on Modern Portfolio Theory. MPT is the basis relied upon by science-minded investors to determine the 'risk premium' of portfolios. Developed by professors Harry Markovitz and William Sharpe in the 1950's, MPT is a bedrock principle in the academic world. The professors were awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1990.

The **April program will be on Wednesday April 27**. The \$ums presenter will be Scott Horton of JP King advisors. A JP King advisor have spoken to our group for many years and provides a state of the market presentation that has been a very popular session.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 a.m., so come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting. Plan to attend this meeting and bring a prospective SIR.

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**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 **NEW ACTIVITY**



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.

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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 or Rich 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 on the **1st & 3rd Mondays 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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**TRAVEL: BOB SPELLMAN** (Area 2 Chmn.) [bobnjo@astound.net](mailto:bobnjo@astound.net) 934-8428  
**JOE TRACY** (BR. 174) [jotracy@comcast.net](mailto:jotracy@comcast.net) 954-7801



**May 3-5, 2016: Vatican Splendors exhibit at the Reagan Presidential Library.** The Vatican exhibit only travels every other year so don't miss the opportunity to experience 2,000 years of Vatican art and history. You will also visit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Cost \$591.00 including RT motorcoach, 2 night stay at the Pepper Tree in Santa Barbara, baggage handling, 6 meals, guided tours of the Library, and Santa Barbara Mission, with a visit to Solvang, and drivers gratuity. Contact Ken Richter, Br. 146, 925-689-6217

**Sep 13-26, 2016: Essence of the Elbe: Berlin to Prague.** 13 day river cruise tour aboard the M/S River Allegro, a privately owned 90 passenger ship exclusively for American Travelers. Ports of call include Prague, Dresden, Meissen, Torgau, Wittenberg, Magdeburg and Berlin. Trip includes 2 night hotel stay in Prague and 3 nights in Berlin, 29 meals, 10 exclusive tours with headsets, transfers, port charges, gratuities for local guides, motorcoach drivers and a dedicated Program Director. Cost \$3595 to \$4195 depending on Cabin. Contact Ken Richter, Br. 146, 925-689-6217.

**Sep 28-Oct 3, 2016: Custer State Park.** Feel the thunder of pre-historic beasts as they rumble by during this fall tradition in the beautiful Black Hills. This one of a kind program also includes the Buffalo Roundup Art Festival, a buffalo steak dinner, a ride on the famous 1880 train, Rushmore, Crazy Horse and much More. Cost \$1565 or \$2065 with air. Contact Larry Yarberry, Br. 8, 925-890-9245.

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**WALKING:**

**AL DONNER** (Br. 171) [aajdonner@gmail.com](mailto:aajdonner@gmail.com) 376-1594  
**LYLE DECK** (Br. 174) [lgdeck@aol.com](mailto: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.

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

# SIR ORGANIZATION 2016 (03/18/2016)

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