



SIR BRANCH 171

July 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, July 6 Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Hall

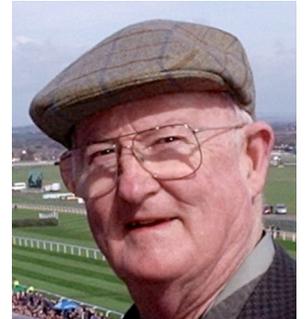
1700 School St., Moraga
Social time begins at 11
Meeting begins at 11:30

BIG SIR MESSAGE: TOM MARNANE, chartom@pacbell.net 925-376-6312

My dear fellow SIRS,

Good news! (1) We have inducted five new members and one inactive member has recovered from an illness and returned. Welcome aboard. (2) We have three additional activities working to come to fruition — a Memoir group, another Book Club and a Bicycle group. Let myself or Larry Beans know of your interest. We will have sign up sheets at our next lunches. (3) We work so well and with close cooperation with Branch 174 in the various club activities, our Christmas Lunch, a study at this time to look at ways to potentially enhance the audio/visual capabilities for our meetings, and other areas that give reasons for us to celebrate our “SIRDOM”.

(4) Finally, we have some good choices for our Board and Slate of Officers and key jobs for next year. We need a few more volunteers! If you have an interest in serving SIR in any capacity in our Branch or just want to make yourself available please call, email or buttonhole me or John Haffner — we will find a fit for you.



However, since January two of our members have passed away, seven have gone inactive for health reasons, and three have moved from the area. In each and every case it has been a loss of a valued shipmate. I have observed with gratitude the care and respect that each individual has received as his status changed. Our members have delivered posthumous SIR President’s awards, have reached out personally and through our organization to those who are ill and have bid bon voyage in the nicest possible terms to those who have moved away. I thank everyone who has kept me in the loop concerning these actions. If I could think of any reason for being a SIR it is the simple fact that we care about, enjoy and respect each other. I am honored to be aboard and to act as your “Big SIR”.

Closing comment -- we are down in active membership by seven for the year — and we want to be up by four!!
Go get those new members, gentlemen!!!

S is for building on our Sensitivity to each other, Socializing and working with each other and Sense of loyalty to our organization (which includes 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

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

This Month's Speaker

Since we are all getting up there is years (no offense to my fellow SIRS!), I thought it would be a nice idea to hear from an expert on aging. Or, more preferably, on staying young! The speaker will be Dr. Paul Kim, MD, who is such an expert.

Dr. Kim believes in assessing and treating the whole person by being proactive rather than reactive, and focusing on health rather than disease. Dr. Kim is board certified in Anti-Aging medicine. Throughout his years of practice, which has focused on age-management, Dr. Kim has used a preventive approach that is aimed at helping patients improve and maintain a healthy life-style.



Dr. Kim is a member of the Age Management Medicine Group, the American Society of Bariatric Physicians, and the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery. He completed his under graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania and attended Medical School at Temple University.

If anyone can show us old guys how to stay young and healthy, it surely is Dr. Kim. Should be an interesting luncheon — don't miss it !!

Last Month's Speaker

I was out of the country and not at the talk last month. However, I heard that Chuck Koehler's Pearl Harbor talk was fantastic. Such energy, enthusiasm, so much to tell, and told so well. And so inspirational and informative.

Ralph Blumenthal, Little SIR

New Member

Welcome to Mike Brodsky

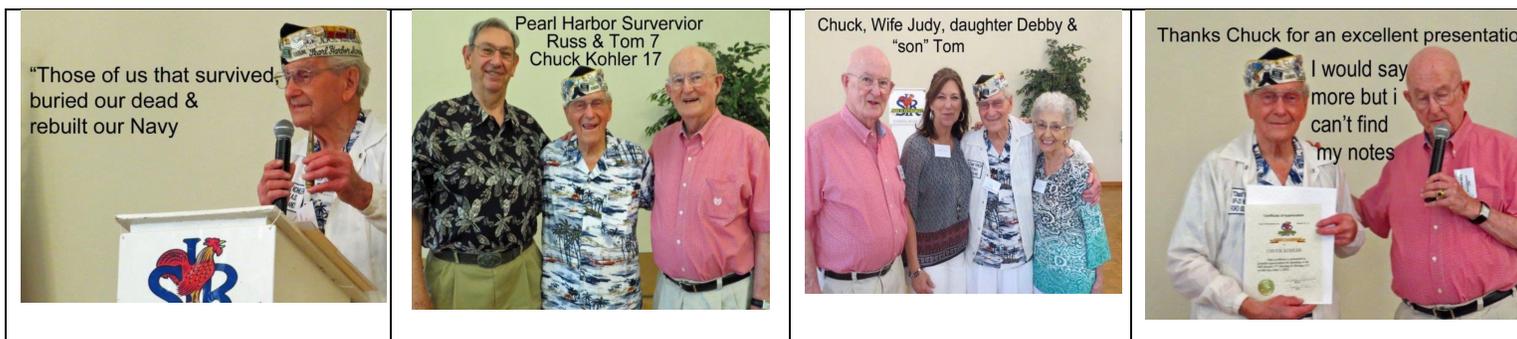
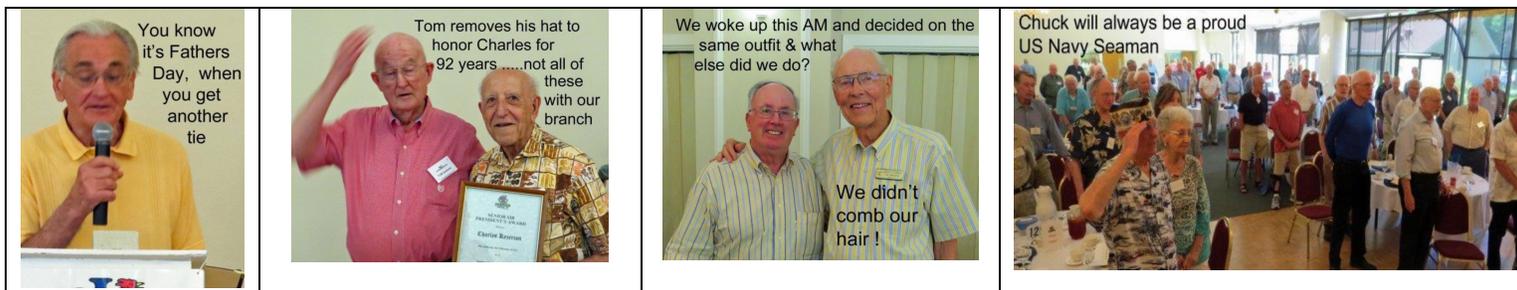
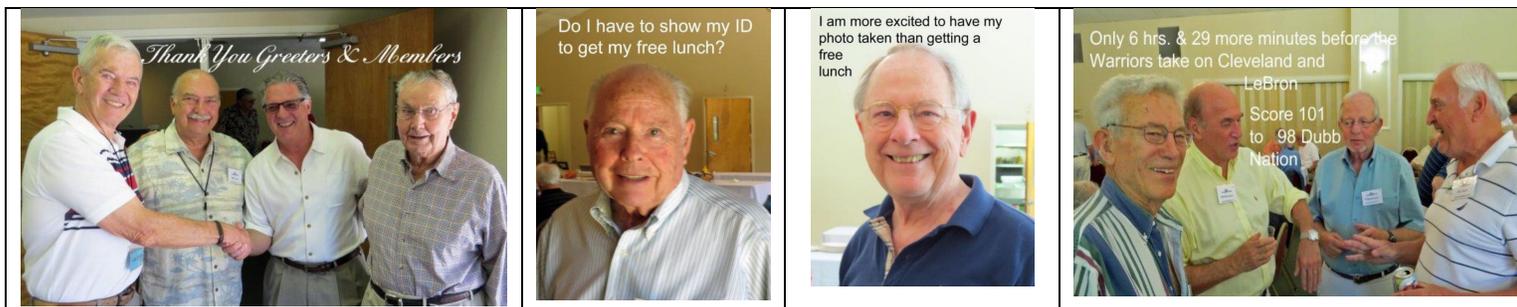
Congratulations and a warm welcome to our newest member, Mike Brodsky, who was inducted at the June meeting. Mike was inducted by Ed Drasin, was originally from Connecticut, has been married for 47 years, and currently lives in Oakland. Mike's bio is in the "Know Your SIRS" section of the newsletter (page 6).

Please introduce yourselves and welcome Mike into the group, ensure he has a seat at a table, and answer any questions he might have.



Sponsor Ed Drasin, Mike Brodsky, and Big SIR Tom

JUNE PHOTOS & COMMENTARY -- by Club photographer Russ Aubry (with comments and intended typos)



Featured Photo of the Month



Bill Bondy waiting for everyone to show up for the Bocce games.

Photo provided by Joe Fitzgerald (Br. 174)

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 (sholcemb@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 LUNCH

JULY LUNCHEON MENU

BBQ Pork, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable Medlay
Green salad, seasonal fresh fruit salad, dessert

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO SIRs

❖ Ed Atwood ❖ Russ Aubry ❖ Dan Baker ❖ Bob Burnett ❖ Jim Fulford ❖
❖ Frank Grannis * ❖ John Jones ❖ Ray Samuelson ❖ Robert Sornsen ❖
❖ Reg Whittington ❖ Gary Yancey ❖

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

One of the above members for May 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 Tom Marnane can be reached at 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 376-0967

There were 120 attendees at the June luncheon, including 115 members, the speaker, the speaker's wife and daughter, and two guests. 72% of our members were in attendance. There were ten no-show members and one no show guest. We just made our guarantee with the caterer.

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](tel:925-377-5880) before 1pm on the Saturday before the meeting if they are not going to attend the meeting (unless they filled-in the "Absence Notification" sheet at a prior meeting), or if they are bringing a guest. Please note: If you are requesting a SIR membership status change, contact Larry Thompson, Membership Chair ([925-631-9528](tel:925-631-9528)) rather than calling the SIR 171 HOT LINE.

TREASURER'S REPORT: JIM FULFORD jfulford@comcast.net 254-5419

MAY 2016

Cash Balance – April 1, 2016	7,796
Month's Receipts	3,029
Month's Disbursements	2,940
Cash Balance at April 30, 2016	7,885

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

CHANGES:

Active

1. Jim Drennan #156 has returned to active status
2. Bob Belshe # 140 has resigned due to health and is moving to Stockton
3. Jason Evans has requested inactive status pending possible move
4. Steve Wright # 134 has requested inactive status for health reasons
5. Ed Ahearn # 60 has requested inactive status for health reasons
6. Don Cottle # 37 has resigned because of move to San Diego

Inactive

1. Jim Drennan added to the active list
2. Jason Evans added to inactive list
3. Steve Wright added to inactive list
4. Ed Ahearn added to inactive list

INDUCTIONS

1. Mike Brodsky # 79 Sponsor Ed Drasin #17

ACTIVE ROSTER: = 159

INACTIVE ROSTER: = 37

NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Mike Brodsky Sponsor Ed Drasin # 17

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 - None!

NOTE: Please contact Larry Thompson 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). Larry will in turn update the master Roster and advise the Newsletter staff.

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

Branch 171

It is sad to report the passing of former **SIR Kirby West**. He passed away peacefully at age of 91 in Oakland on May 5th. A Celebration of Life was held for Kirby on last Saturday, June 4th at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church. He joined our SIRs in 2005 and was inactive in 2012.

Kirby West's obituary was published in the May 27th issue of the East Bay Times (Contra Costa Times).

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

Mike Brodsky

Mike lives in Hiller Highlands in Oakland. He was born in Wallingford, Connecticut and received his undergraduate degree from Yale, and medical degree from Tulane. Mike did a neurology residency at Stanford, and a radiology residency and neuroradiology fellowship at the University of Miami. He was a general medical officer on the Gila River Indian reservation in Arizona during the Vietnam war. After finishing his radiology residency he and his wife returned to the Bay Area where he joined the radiology group at Sutter Solano hospital in Vallejo and Doctor's Medical Center in Pinole. His radiology group eventually merged into the Bay Imaging Consultants Medical Group, which covers most of the East Bay.

Mike has been married to Cheryl for 47 years and has a son, daughter and grandchild who live in Albuquerque, N.M. He has been retired for 8 years and enjoys traveling, bridge, walking, painting, reading and photography.

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 Haberdasher

Our club haberdasher, John Haffner (johnhaffner@comcast.net or 925-376-9064), wants to help our members get attired in the latest SIR fashions. Call John and discuss the fantastic line of logo items, what you can wear to club meetings and to impress your friends, as well as SIR merchandise items.

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.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES (BRANCHES 171 & 174)

ACTIVITY LIST

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

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN: **LARRY BEANS** 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.

APPLE USERS ACTIVITY: **DICK MACY** (Br. 171) m.hobie@comcast.net 376-1180
JOE TRACY (BR. 174) jotracy@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 next meeting will be on Monday, June 27.

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.

ASTRONOMY: **GEORGE COBB** (Br. 174) 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) 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 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.

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



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: **BILL BONDY** (Br. 171) WBondyO@aol.com 254-1266
JOE FITZGERALD (Br. 174) joeftitger@aol.com 376-4656



Bocce season is upon us !!!!

Bocce is played every Tuesday and Friday at 10 am just beyond the bandstand at the Moraga Commons. 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.

BOOK CLUB: Bob Krompholz (Br 171 chair) krompholz@comcast.net 528-9937
Al Dessayer (Br 171 co-chair) 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.

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.

BRIDGE: GREG TCHERKOYAN (Br. 171) gresta2@sbcglobal.net 838-0361
STEWART KNUDSEN (Br. 174) 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.

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



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces that there will be **no meeting in June**. This means our **next meeting will be on Thursday July 21, 2016** at 9:30 am 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.

PLEASE NOTE: This newsletter was published prior to information being available for the July 21 meeting. Check <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/> for updated information.

COUPLES DINING OUT SAM ZORICH (BR. 171) 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. Lew and Faye Edwards are arranging the July 20th dinner at the Brass Rail in San Ramon.

May's dinner at the Aubry's was gourmet. Outstanding hors d'oeuvres and the main course was braised beef with garlic mashed potatoes and green beans with almonds. Dessert was a flourless chocolate cake with ice cream -- and what a View!

We will complete our first round of Dining Around in September and November. The very successful Dining Around group will continue next year. Please contact Sam Zorich if you would like information about the group.

DOMINOES Tom Westhoff 376-2609 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.

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



The Area 2 Fishing Group meets on the 4th 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 8:30am. All SIR members and guests are welcome and encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings.

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.

We will be very busy this summer fishing for: salmon, striped bass, black bass, shad, sturgeon, trout, crab, halibut, ling cod, catfish, crappie, bluegill, and rock fish. We live in a fishermen's paradise.

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

GOLF – 18 HOLES: **GENE BELL** (Br. 171) gdbell1@comcast.net 284-1786
TONY SCHOEMEHL (Br. 174) 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.

HISTORICAL ADVENTURES: **TED WESTPHAL** (Br. 171) 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 am 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

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



The Area 2 \$UMS Investment Group June meeting will meet on Wednesday June 22 at Legends Restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course. The course is located just north of Hwy 4 on Port Chicago Hwy. We meet at 8:00 AM and finish at 9:30.

The speaker will be SIRs member David Munson of Branch 174. His topic will be "Investment Resources for the Individual Investor."

Dave spent 33 years in international banking with assignments in Istanbul, Tokyo, London and Honolulu. Primarily developing relationships with non-US residents and high net worth individuals, he traveled extensively in Asia and the South Pacific. He will be discussing investment resources for picking stocks that can be held over time (say 2-4 years) rather than for short term trading.

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a meeting in July or August.

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

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 GROUP: LARRY BEANS (Br. 171) 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.

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.

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: BOB SPELLMAN (Area 2 Chmn.) bobnjo@astound.net 934-8428
JOE TRACY (BR. 174) jotracy@comcast.net 954-7801



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.

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.