



SIR BRANCH 171 MAY 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, May 3
Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Hall**

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

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

Wow, loved the enthusiasm and energy when Al Donner described his walking activity to the club last meeting! Seems to me it was a great example about how we all feel about our own activities. Of course, it doesn't have to be an activity in the great outdoors like golf or Bocce Ball or the aforementioned hiking and walking. Lots of good stuff happens indoors, too, like poker or pinochle or dominoes or stamp collecting.

But getting back to the great outdoors, we have some terrific activities coming up. One of our most popular activities, Bocce Ball, the game that takes minutes to learn and a lifetime to master, begins in May (still need a chairman for that one). In August, in place of our regular meeting, we are planning to have our first ladies and gents barbecue (more details will be forthcoming). And, speaking on the subject of ladies and gents, it would be great if we could incorporate more activities that involve the wives and girlfriends — we already have a very successful Couples Dining Out activity, but maybe we could get a co-ed movie group or a co-ed wine tasting group going — just a thought. I know Activities Chair Sam would welcome any of your ideas on this subject.



Thanks to Little SIR Barry Leskin we had another very interesting, thought-provoking speaker at the April 5 meeting. Another very engaging and entertaining personality, Dan Ashley, popular TV anchorman, will be speaking at our May meeting. Dan is such a terrific guy that he always agrees to talk to our group and has always been very enthusiastic about the SIRS organization.

One last thing -- I am happy to say we had 4 guests at our last meeting. After the general meeting I had a chance to talk to them and they all seemed extremely enthusiastic about what they saw and heard! Please, guys, keep bringing in those guests. Once we get them here there is an excellent chance they will join up with us! Why not? What is better than meeting friends, eating good healthy food and taking part in the very favorite thing you love to do?? It's all good!

See you all in May.

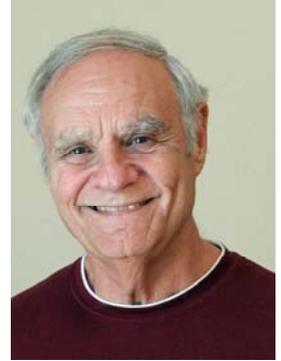
Ralph Blumenthal, Big SIR

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

Our May 3 speaker will be Dan Ashley, Channel 7 Anchor for evening news.

Dan's topic will be:

***"Ratings and Responsibility:
The Challenges of Television News"***



Dan will speak on the challenges of reporting the news in a more fractured, more heated media universe. In an age of cable, social media, and more — why is the role of the journalist as important now as it ever has been. He will talk about presidential politics and the climate of the modern day campaign as it relates to the media. Along the way, he will tell a number of war stories from more than thirty years on television, and then will take any and all questions.

Dan graduated from North Carolina, so will probably still be basking in the glory of the Tar Heels recent NCAA basketball championship. And maybe he will share his avocations with rock music, being a member of a Rock n Roll band called PUSH, or his experiences as an ice skating instructor.

Dan has spoken to our SIR group many times and really likes us – we are a favorite because we ask great questions and really pay attention to the news. Let's not disappoint him this time!

Our June 7 Meeting Meeting

The speaker on June 7 will be Dr. Jamie Boudreau, who will speak on "Doctors Without Borders -- What is the Experience Like for a Physician." Dr. Boudreau will discuss the organization and the short-term medical assignments she completed in Chad, South Sudan, Congo and Liberia after completing her Residency.

Plan ahead and bring a prospective member.

Barry Leskin, Little SIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOCCE BALL – Opening Day is Upon Us

Spring has arrived, albeit with a lot of rain, and with it a new season of Bocce Ball commences on Tuesday, May 9, at 10:00am at the Moraga Commons. The season continues on Friday, May 12, and then every Tuesday and Friday throughout the spring and summer months.

PLEASE NOTE that we are in need of a 171 coordinator for our Bocce Ball activity group. Contact Sam Zorich (sam.zorich@gmail.com or 376-7799) if you can take over this very important co-chairman role with 174 coordinator Ed Protiva.

Additional information is available in the Bocce Ball report in the Activity section of the newsletter.

The SIRPREMES

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Contact Brad Dewey (376-3349) or Sam Zorich (376-7799) to provide input or for additional information.

WEBSITE

We hope you have all had a chance to see the new SIR 171 website Tom Lemmer has provided. It is great !! If you haven’t, take the time to familiarize yourself with it -- <http://branch171.sirinc2.org/>

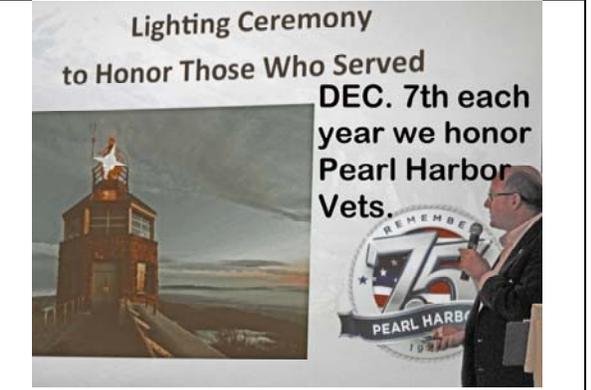
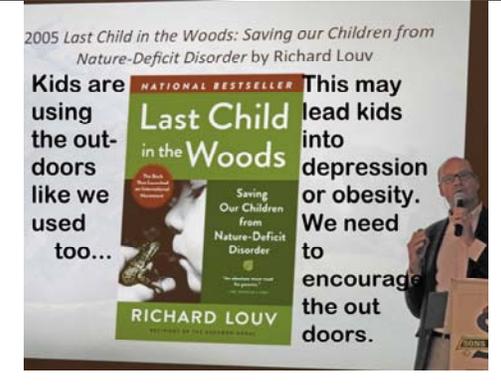
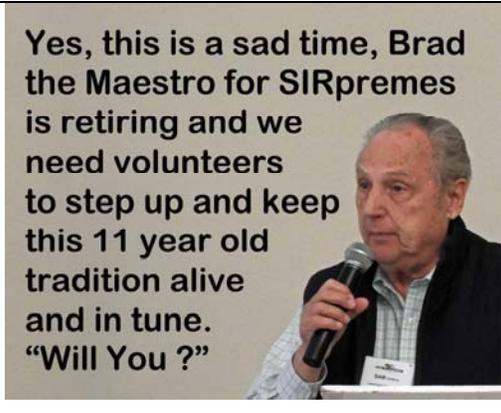
The website is very easy to use and very comprehensive. Here are the contents:

- Club information -- What is SIRs; History; What we do; Meetings; Application Form
- Organization Chart and officer photos
- Member photos
- Meeting photos
- Monthly club newsletters
- Calendar of meetings and club activities
- A list of all the club activities with links for additional details

The website is updated frequently, including populating it with the new monthly calendar and new activity information monthly. Recently Tom added a video about SIRs, which is an excellent recruiting tool. Take a look at it on the welcome page of the website (“*Introductory Video*”) and send the link to potential new members.

Please remember that it is often necessary to close and re-open your Internet browser in order to see the most recent changes.

Email Tom (tom.lemmer@sbcglobal.net) for questions or comments.



MAY LUNCHEON

MAY LUNCHEON MENU

Chicken Enchiladas; Mexican Rice; Beans
Green Salad; Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad; Dessert

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS TO SIRs

□ Richard Carmel □ Bill Cooper □ James Coy □ Pete Johnston □
□ Rich Kehoe □ Ken Nakashima □ Fred Patton □

One of the above members with a birthday in May will win a free lunch if he attends the May meeting. Members whose birth month is in May, 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: STAN HOLCENBERG (for FRANCIS WONG)

There were 110 attendees at the April meeting, including four guests, one speaker (Ted Clement of Save Mount Diablo), two visitors (ex-171 member Mike Zoccoli, now living in Arizona, and another member of Save Mount Diablo), and 103 members (**only 66% of our membership**). There were 43 excused absences and nine no shows. **We missed our guarantee of 120, which costs our club (and each of us) money!!**

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

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

PLEASE CALL THE SIR 171 "HOT LINE" at [925-377-5880](tel:925-377-5880) BEFORE 1:00PM ON THE SATURDAY BEFORE THE MEETING IF YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE MEETING OR IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST. It is not necessary to call the HOT LINE if you have placed your name on the "Absence Notification" sheet at a prior meeting. Failure to follow this procedure will subject the missing member to the \$20 no show charge. Leave messages as soon as you can if the absence is due to a medical reason. Please note: If you are requesting a SIR membership status change, contact Larry Thompson, Temporary 2017 Membership Chair ([925-631-9528](tel:925-631-9528)) rather than calling the SIR 171 HOT LINE.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: LARRY THOMPSON larryandginger@comcast.net 631-9528
TOM LENZ thomaslenz8288@comcast.net 278-1717
JOHN SCHICK jschick@att.net 376-9412

CHANGES:

Active

1. Tom Kelly # 25 passed away.

Inactive

None

INDUCTIONS

None

ACTIVE ROSTER: = 155

INACTIVE ROSTER: = 37

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AWAITING INDUCTION

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 - 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Krompholz krompholz@comcast.net 528-9937

Please contact Bob Krompholz if you would like to receive the latest financial report.

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

Branch 171

SIR Ted Westphal - It was great to see Ted at our last meeting and recovering from his surgery.

SIR Will Tissue is recovering from knee surgery.

Branch 174

Good news. No serious illnesses reported.

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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.

KNOW YOUR SIRs

There are 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

No articles about members this month

When you see an article about a SIR 171 member, please send to Stan Holcenberg at sholcenb@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)

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 | Pinochle |
| 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; a roundtable discussion of applications, general rumors, issues, and problems members may be having; and a few formal topics.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24.

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

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



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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: Open (Br. 171)
ED PROTIVA (Br. 174) edprotiva1@comcast.net 254-1631



Bocce season is upon us !!!! The first gatherings are on Tuesday, May 9, and Friday, May 12.
Then every subsequent Tuesday and Friday throughout the spring and the summer.

PLEASE NOTE that we are in need of a 171 coordinator for our Bocce Ball activity group. Contact Sam Zorich (sam.zorich@gmail.com or 376-7799) if you can take over this very important co-chairman role with 174 coordinator Ed Protiva.

Bocce is played every Tuesday and Friday 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 KROMPHOLTZ** (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 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: 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; Area 2 CAT Chairman) np_schmidt@pacbell.net



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group [A2CAT] announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday April 20, 2017 starting at 9:30 am, but come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

Barry Brown will be discussing "Putting Together Your Own Desktop Computer." He will demonstrate how you can save money and get precisely what you want by personally configuring your own desktop, as opposed to buying online or from the big box stores. A copy of Barry's notes can be downloaded a few days before the meeting by going to: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, Thursday April 20, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies -- but some months are free, so come and see if our April 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 Computes and Technology website -- <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>

COUPLES DINING OUT **SAM ZORICH** sam.zorich@gmail.com 376-7799



The March dinner was held at Casa Orinda. Good food and a good time was had by all. The next dinner, scheduled for May 31st, will be held at the Metro Restaurant in Lafayette, and will be arranged by John and Darlene Haffner.

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

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. The **next meetings will be Thursday, April 27 and Thursday, May 27, 2017**, 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.

Activities scheduled for May and June: Several sturgeon/striper trips to the Delta; Several Trout outings to Shadow Cliffs, San Pablo, Los Vaqueros and Lake McSwain; A three day trip to Lake Almanor; Striper fishing at New Hogan Reservoir; Black bass fishing on the Delta; Trout and bass fishing at Pinecrest Lake; Kokanee fishing at Lake Berryessa, and a fish fry at a member's house.

GOLF – 18 HOLES: **GENE BELL** (Br. 171) gdbell1@comcast.net 284-1786
BILL WADSWORTH (Br. 174) wadsy1@aol.com 925-963-0442



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.

HISTORICAL ADVENTURES: (Open)



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

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



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\$ums, the investment activity of SIR Area 2, meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The time is 8:00AM to 9:30PM. The location in the Legends Restaurant at the Diablo Creek Country Club on Port Chicago Highway 1/4 mile North of Highway 4. The Legends opens at 7 AM. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

The April program will be on Wednesday, April 26. The program will start @ 8:00AM. The presenter will be Zack McDowel of the Better Business Bureau. He will speak on unscrupulous investment schemes and how to detect, avoid and report them. Many of us have experienced the cost jumps in healthcare, for which we were not fully prepared. Thus we are vulnerable to fraudulent plans that offer exceptional returns.

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 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 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 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:

- May 10 – 25. 100th Anniversary of JFK on Cape Cod
- June 11 – 17. Southern Charm
- June 17 – 25. The Colorado Rockies
- June 19 – 25. Yellowstone Wildlife Safari
- July 3 – 15. Alaska and Yukon Land & Sea
- July 20 – Aug 5. Ring of Kerry and Princess Cruise
- Aug. 14 – 22. U.S. & Canadian National Parks
- Aug. 14 – 18. Ashland, Shakespeare Festival
- Sept. 6 – 19. Atlantic Isles Cruise
- Sept. 7 – 20. Prague, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria
- Sept. 10-23. Southern Italy & Sicily
- Sept. 28 – Oct. 6. Norman Rockwell New England
- Nov. 9 – 20. Florida's Sunshine Trail

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.



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

If you are looking for something good, come join the group. Just show up across from the Serbian Church by 9 am any day that is good to go. No initiation fees, hazing or other sophomoric rituals, just walking and talking and coffee and conversation. The group does about 3 mile walks for about three miles.

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

MAY 2017

| May 1 Mon | 2 Tue | 3 Wed | 4 Thu | 5 Fri |
|---|---|---|--|--------------|
| Table Pool | Barbershop Golf — Diablo Creek Pinochle Tennis Walking | Bowling Senior Strollers SIR 171 MEETING | Dominos Tennis | Stamps |
| 8 Astronomy Golf — Canyon Lakes Table Pool | 9 Barbershop Bocce Bridge Pinochle Tennis Walking Wine Tasting 1 | 10 Bowling Senior Strollers | 11 Dominos Tennis | 12 Bocce |
| 15 Golf — Poppy Ridge Table Pool | 16 Barbershop Bocce Tennis Walking Wine Tasting 2 | 17 Bowling Pinochle Senior Strollers | 18 Computers & Tech. Dominos Tennis | 19 Bocce |
| 22 Apple User Group Table Pool | 23 Barbershop Bocce Bridge Tennis Walking | 24 Bowling Investments Pinochle Poker Senior Strollers | 25 Dominos Fishing Tennis | 26 Bocce |
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