



SIR BRANCH 171

March 2018

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

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



Our next meeting will be Wednesday, **March 7** Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Hall

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

BIG SIR MESSAGE: BARRY LESKIN

Welcome Branch 171 members.

At the recent BEC Board meeting the Board approved two new Directors: Gary Yancey and Chris Lynne. They will each serve the remainder of 2018 plus a three year term.

John Haffner has managed our Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon the past several years and did a great job. John will be traveling this holiday season and Tom Marnane is focusing on a replacement. Please let Tom know if you are interested in the role.

Each SIRs Branch conducts a Self Assessment each year. Al Donner and I recently completed our 171 assessments and reviewed it with the BEC. There are two Categories for us to focus on – increasing the number of new members and attracting young members. Although we were a +3 in membership in 2017, we need to broaden the channels for identifying and attracting new members beyond member referrals.

Our goals for the year include:

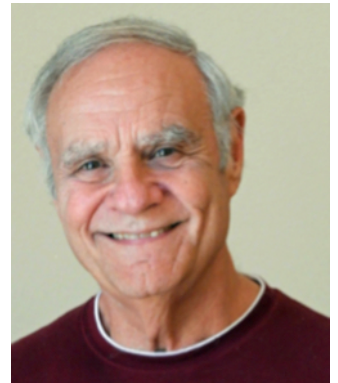
- Maintain or increase membership total.
- Reduce the average age of our membership.
- Reduce the average age of our BEC members. We are already making progress in this area.
- Get luncheon attendance to 75%. We currently hover around 70%.
- Expand the recruitment of new members. Al Donner will lead this area.

Our speaker last month, Dr. Ian Mitroff of Berkeley, opened our eyes to the potential downsides of technology, which are often overlooked.

Most members have paid the \$10 to cover ongoing expenses in order to keep Branch 171 fiscally stable. If you were not at the last meeting, or have not made the payment, please send to Bob Krompholz or bring to the March meeting.

Please let me know of any suggestions you have to improve the SIRS experience for our members

Barry Leskin, Big SIR



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE: GRAIG CROSSLEY

This is the third month as your Little SIR. I will be leading our March luncheon and Board meeting.

Our speaker this month will be **Chief Jon King** of the Moraga Police Department. Chief King will speak on “**Moraga Community Policing and other Adventures**”



Graig Crossley, Little SIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Position Openings

We need a **Pianist** to play Happy Birthday, God Bless America, and possibly a couple of other songs at our monthly meetings.

We also need someone to head the **Bar Management** committee. Don't let us get to the point where we do not have refreshments prior to our meeting.

Updated Newsletter and Website Format

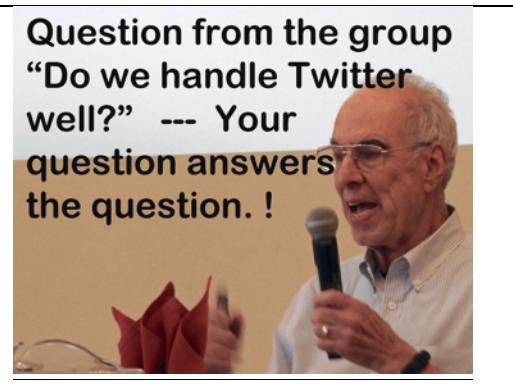
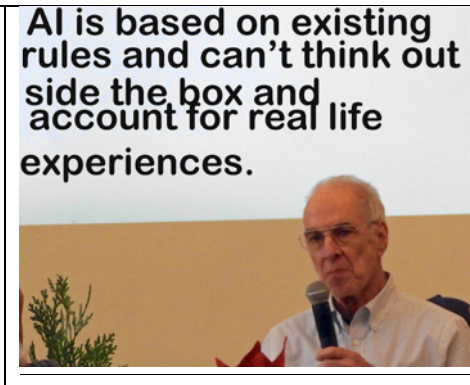
The February 7 BEC meeting included a discussion of member privacy rights, which focused on the current practice of including phone numbers and email addresses of Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, and Activity Chairs on the club website and in the monthly newsletters (which are available on the club website).

The Board voted to discontinue the inclusion of that information. Here is the process we will follow:

- Beginning with this newsletter, there will not be any phone numbers or email addresses included within the version of the bulletin that is stored on the club website and within all but the last two pages of the newsletter you receive.
- The Member Roster and Organization Chart are attached to this mailing of the March 2018 newsletter. **PLEASE PRINT THESE TWO DOCUMENTS OR STORE THEM ON YOUR COMPUTER SO THEY ARE READILY ACCESSIBLE --- THEY CONTAIN CONTACT INFORMATION FOR OUR MEMBERS.**
- The Organization chart, which includes phone numbers and email addresses of Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, and Activity Chairs, will be included as the last two pages of the newsletter each month that you receive. These two pages will be removed from the newsletter when stored on the website.
- All references to phone numbers and email addresses have been removed from the website, except for a membership contact and for the Big SIR.
- All prior newsletters have been removed from the website since they contained phone and email information. Send an email to sir171-news@comcast.net if you would like a previous newsletter.
- A Member Site is now available on the website. This site currently contains the SIR 171 Organization Chart. It may contain other documents in the future. You have been provided a password for access.

Send an email to sir171-news@comcast.net if you have any questions or comments.

FEBRUARY MEETING PHOTOS & COMMENTARY - by club photographer Russ Aubry (with intended typos)



MARCH LUNCHEON

MARCH LUNCHEON MENU

Corned Beef; Cabbage; Carrots; Parsley Potatoes
Green Salad; Fruit Salad; Dessert

MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO SIRs

Laszlo Bonnyay – Brad Dewey – Ray Horton – Harold Knudson – Steve Wright

One of the above members with a birthday in March will win a free lunch if he attends the March meeting. Members whose birth month is in March, 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 Barry Leskin can be reached at barryleskin@gmail.com. **NOTE:** For the March meeting please notify Little SIR Graig Crossley

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 114 attendees at the February meeting, which included 109 members, four guests, and the speakers. There were no inductees. There were 10 no-shows (*a vast improvement over last month, but still not good*) and 33 sign-outs (*let's try to get to as many meetings as possible and only miss those when you are on vacation or have a very important conflict*). 72% of our membership attended, which is close to our target of 75%. Our guarantee was 118, which was four over the actual attendance.

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. **FAILURE TO CALL THE HOTLINE TO SIGN OUT WILL RESULT IN A \$25 CHARGE.**

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 BEFORE 1:00PM ON THE SATURDAY BEFORE THE MEETING IF YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE MEETING OR IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST. Failure to follow this procedure will subject the missing a \$25 no show charge. It is not necessary to call the HOT LINE if you have placed your name on the "Absence Notification" sheet at a prior meeting. Leave a message as soon as you can if the absence is due to a medical reason. **Please note: If you are requesting a SIR membership status change, contact Stew Chalem, Membership Chair (377-0698) rather than calling the SIR 171 HOT LINE.**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: STEW CHALEM

TOM LENZ
JOHN SCHICK

ACTIVE

Prior Month: 154

Inductees None

From Inactive: None

Deductions (1) Pete Johnson (#57), Resigned, Illness, Travel
(1) Will Tissue (#34), Resigned, Illness

Total, This Month: 152

INACTIVE

Prior Month: 37

Additions: None

Deductions (1) Michael Mainini 5 Yrs. Inactive, Contacted, Letter, "Returne to Sender"
(1) Louis Gomez 5 Yrs. Inactive, Contacted, No Reply
(1) Peter Sellers 5 Yrs. Inactive, Contacted, No Reply
(1) George E Thomas 5 Yrs. Inactive, Contacted, No Reply
(1) Gene Ghio 5 Yrs. Inactive, Contacted, No Reply
(1) Fred Ostrander 5 Yrs. Inactive, Contacted, No Reply
(1) Dave Snell 5 Yrs. Inactive, Contacted, No Reply
(1) Norman McRae 5 Yrs. Inactive, Contacted, No Reply

Total, This Month: 29

APPLICATIONS AWAITING INDUCTION (This Meeting)

None

APPLICANT LIST

Gary Lansman, Sponsor, Larry Beans (#83)

Steven Patton, responded to newspaper notice, will attend the March meeting as a guest.

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

ROSTER CORRECTIONS: STEW CHALEM

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Krompholz

January 2018

Beginning	7,366
Receipts	3,030
Disbursements	(3,370)
Ending	7,026

SUNSHINE REPORT: MONTE LOGAN

Branch 171

Good news. No serious illnesses reported.

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

Todd Royster

I was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and while my dad was a Marine on Iwo Jima, my Mom completed five years at Washington University while taking care of my younger brother, David, and me. I received my education at Henry Ford College and then completed my studies at the University of New Mexico. At this time, I began the most interesting and formative period of my life. I was invited to take several examinations and upon successful completion of a several month long communications intelligence courses in Massachusetts, I chose an assignment with the Army Security Agency to work alongside the NSA in Germany.

With my Top Secret Crypto clearance, special ID card and a new little MGA, I was able to travel all over Europe in my spare time. I fell in love with the architecture, music and people of Europe. After completing my service, I moved to Hollywood to "live it up" for a couple of years. I thought of a career in the CIA, but got a job as an insurance investigator. Then, I took a position as District Marketing Manager for an insurance company which required a transfer to the Bay Area. Living in Berkeley, I met my wife, Nancy, who had been working her way through UC Berkeley and just completed her five years with an Education Degree. We were never interested in having children but we babysit our niece's two kids a few hours each week.

We love traveling to Europe for four to six weeks each year. We love cooking, dining, wine, ballet, opera and Nancy is a member of the Orinda Women's Club. World War II history, and history in general, appeals to me a lot and we visit the locations of battles, classical composers and artists. I like spending some time managing our financial portfolio and doing a little trading in Apple, Amazon and Boeing.

Nancy and I have attended the same gym in Orinda for many years, and it was there that Jim Fulford encouraged me to join the wonderful gentlemen of SIR.

SIR MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

We have a reknowned and excellent author in our group – Al Foley.

If you missed the article about Al in the January 24th Lamorinda Weekly, you have another chance. Read about Al, and about Al's book "Caleb's Watch" by cutting and pasting the following link into your web browser --

<http://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1124/Moraga-resident-pursues-unique-idea-in-new-book.html>

An exciting novel conceived while on a visit to Gettysburg.

SIR HAPPENINGS

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. Send article contributions and comments to HappeningsEditor@gmail.com

BRANCH 171 NEWSLETTER: Editor **STAN HOLCENBERG**. 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 *(items in blue are informational; items in red have updated information)*

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

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN: SAM ZORICH (BR. 171)



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)
JOE TRACY (BR. 174)**



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

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

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 25.

**ASTRONOMY: GEORGE COBB (Br. 174)
BILL HUNTER (Area - 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)
RON LEIKER (Br. 174)**



The SIRpremes are a barbershop octet, composed of members from both 171 and 174, that sing songs in four-part harmony. By having two people on each part, the problems caused by absences are greatly reduced – obviously. The group's self-determined purpose has been to periodically add a little variety to the monthly luncheon meetings of Branches 171 and 174, plus the Christmas luncheon with the ladies.

The group meets every Tuesday at 3:00 pm at Brad Dewey's. Contact Brad Dewey, Sam Zorich, or Ron Leiker for additional information.

BIG HIKERS: AL DONNER (Br. 171)



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

BOCCE BALL: LAURI LEHTIN (Br. 171)
ED PROTIVA (Br. 174)



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

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

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

BOOK CLUB: BOB KROMPHOLZ (Br 171 co-chair)
AL DESSAYER (Br 171 co-chair)



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

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

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

BOWLING - AREA 2: MIKE CROFF (Area)



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

BRIDGE: JOHN SCHICK (Br. 171)
JUAN KELLY (Br. 174)



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

**COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY: DEREK SOUTHERN (Area - Br. 8)
NEIL SCHMIDT (Area - Br 116)**



The Area 16 Computer and Technology (CAT) Group meetings are held at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge (1435 Creekside Dr.) on the 3rd Thursday of every month (no meetings on June & December) starting at 9:30 am, but you can come a little early for coffee, goodies, and chat. SIR from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend. At our meetings we ask for a \$5 donation to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee, and cookies -- but some months are free, so come and see if our next meeting is another free one! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

No meeting information is posted yet for the March 15 meeting. Information about the group, including current and past presentations, is available on the SIR Area 2 Computes and Technology website -- <https://sirinc2.org/a16cat/> Make sure you are on the CAT mailing list by sending an e-mail request to: "SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com"

COUPLES DINING OUT SAM ZORICH (Br. 171)



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

The next gathering will be on Wednesday, March 21st. It will be held at the Bellevue Club, an architectural gem by Lake Merritt, and will be arranged by David and Paula Byrens.

The January dinner, arranged by Mitch and Karen Tarkoff, was held at the Orinda Country Club, was in a private room, and was our largest turnout we have had.

DOMINOES TOM WESTHOFF (BR 171)



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) HARRY SHERINIAN (Area 16)



All SIR members and guests are welcome and encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. **Next meeting will be Thursday, March 22,** 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 over 100 events scheduled throughout the year, some type of fishing is available almost every week.

February Results: Excellent winter fishing! Ten members caught good sized rainbow trout at Shadow Cliffs and San Pablo Reservoir. Five members caught several stripers in the Delta. Five others fished for sturgeon but did not catch any keepers. Several sand dabs and crabs were caught on a party boat at Monterey. Another member caught northern pike, ice fishing in Wisconsin. Carl Moyer held his annual lunch at Barbara's Fish Trap in Half Moon Bay.

Activities Scheduled for March and April: Multiple sturgeon/striper trips to the Delta and Sacramento River; Several rainbow trout outings to Shadow Cliffs, Del Valle, San Pablo Reservoir, Lake McSwain and Los Vaqueros Reservoir; Kokanee/rainbow trout trips to Collins Lake and Pardee Reservoir; and the Fred Hall sports show.

GOLF – 18 HOLES: GENE BELL (Br. 171)
BILL WADSWORTH (Br. 174)



The SIR 171/174 golf website (www.sirlamorindagolf.com) includes the membership application, a list of current members, the 2017 schedule, the results of prior events, and other pertinent information for members and prospective members.

The February events will be at Boundry Oak on **March 12th** and at Lone Tree on **March 26th**.

HISTORICAL ADVENTURES: JIM KLINE (Br 171 co-chair)
KEN FISCHER (Br 171 co-chair)



We have responded to your requests.

Two of the three most wanted tours that you voted for in our January survey are being offered right now. Spouses and other guests are welcome.

Lawrence Livermore National Lab. tour on **March 27**. No fee. See the National Ignition (fusion) Facility plus the Atmospheric Tracking center and the carbon dating facility. To sign up contact Jim Kline.

Oakland Aviation Museum tour on **May 30**. \$7 fee for seniors. See various aircraft including the Solent flying boat, Norden bombsight, various engines, etc. To sign up contact Ken Fischer

INVESTMENT GROUP: TOM HENRY (Br. 174)
DAVID SUTTON (Area)



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The next meeting will be on Wed. February 28. The speaker will be Special Agent David Strange of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He will be talking about frauds and scams perpetrated on seniors.

Our presenter for **March 28** will be Scott Horton of J.P. King Advisors. Scott will update us on his thinking about the possibility of a 'Summer rally' for stocks in the coming months.

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

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

PINOCHLE: BILL KORN (Br. 171)



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) & BILL WIEGMANN (Br. 174)



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



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

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

STAMP and COIN GROUP: LARRY BEANS (Br. 171) STAMPS
BRUCE BERMAN (BR 171) COINS



We usually meet on the **Friday following Branch 171 lunch meeting at 9:30 am**. The group meets at Larry Beans' home at 20 Carr Drive in Moraga. Please call Larry questions and a possible change of meeting schedule.

TABLE POOL: AREA #2: BILL WEINBERG



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)
RALPH THORNICROFT (Br. 174)



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) JOE TRACY Br 174)
TOM MOLINARI (Area 2)



Trips currently scheduled for 2018 & 2019:

- April 4 – 14. Tulip time in Holland
- April 18 – 27. Spring Tulip Trip Cruise
- April 22-30. Explore the Magnificent Northwest
- May 12 – 18. Southern Charm Discovery

- May 25 – June 9. Historic Cities of Eastern Canada & New England
- Sept. 8 – 15. Colorado Train Trip
- Sept. 13 – 23. Alaska Inside Passage
- Sept. 17-25. The Big E (East Coast)
- Sept. 23 – Oct. 2. American Queen St. Louis to Memphis
- Oct. 21 – 31. Crystal Mozart River Cruise
- Feb. 15, 2019 – March 2, 2019. Crusie from San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale

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, send the information to Tom Molinari by the 25th of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed

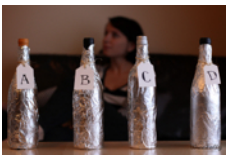


**WALKING: AL DONNER (Br. 171)
LYLE DECK (Br. 174)**

If you feel left out of something good, come join the group. Just show up across from the Serbian Church by **9am each Tuesday** (weather permitting) 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)
JON LEUTENEKER (Br. 174)**



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

Activity Calendar -- March 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple Users Activity	4th Monday of month				
Astronomy	2nd Monday of month				
Barbershop Harmony		Every Tuesday of month			
Big Hikers	As scheduled				
Bocce Ball	No play now. Resumes next May				
Book Club			Last Wednesday of month		
Bowling			Every Wednesday of month		
Bridge		2nd & 4th Tuesday of month			
Computers and Technology				3rd Thursday of month	
Couples Dining Out	21-Mar				
Dominoes				Every Thursday of month	
Fishing				3rd Thursday of month	
Golf	March 12 & 26				
Historical Adventures	Mar 27 / May 30				
Investment Group	Feb 28 / March 28				
Pinochle			Each Wednesday of month		
Poker			4th Wednesday of month		
Stamp & Coin Club					First Friday after Club Meeting
Senior Strollers			Every Wednesday of month		
Table Pool	Every Month of month				
Tennis		Every Tuesday of month		Every Thursday of month	
Travel	No meetings scheduled. Only trips				
Walking		Every Tuesday of month			
Wine Tasting		2nd & 3rd Tuesday of month			