



# SIR BRANCH 171

## May 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, **May 2** Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Hall

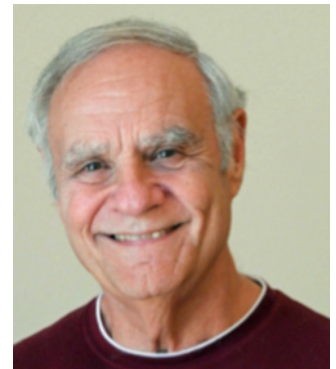
1700 School St., Moraga  
Social time begins at 11  
Meeting begins at 11:30

### **BIG SIR MESSAGE: BARRY LESKIN**

My Fellow SIR 171 Members,

The new national Sirs leadership team, headed by President Derek Southern and Vice President Ed Benson, are quite proactive communicating and moving to strengthen our Sirs organization.

- They have set up a 2 ½ day Annual Meeting for Big Sirs and Little Sirs and spouses for early August at Thunder Valley Resort and Casino. It will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sirs organization. The extended meeting will allow more time for interaction and sharing of experiences at Sirs with both work and play activities .
- “Go to Meeting” technology will be used this year to eliminate the time to travel to and from many meetings. The first use of this technology will be at an April 25 meeting.



Every Branch has a priority to maintain and increase their membership. One highlight has been Branch 128's efforts to grow membership. This past year they have grown from 213 to 285 with a focus on attracting new members and assuring the satisfaction of existing members. Although Branch 128 is very large, a 20% growth for any branch is fantastic!

A reminder that one successful strategy is to invite a guest to a Sirs activity they like, or would like to try out. Use that as a basis for a follow-up lunch attendance.

There are many activities going on within the Branch:

- John Schick is leading the effort to update our Branch 171 rules. We hope to finalize these changes at our May Board meeting.
- Tom Marnane has surveyed members regarding activities and interests. He will share the final survey with the Board in May, which will include prospective Officer, Director and BEC Committee candidates.
- Little SIR Graig is creating a committee to address our Bartender volunteer needs. He also has Moraga Mayor David Trotter as our May speaker, who will discuss an Alternative Energy System approach called MCE.
- George Adranly and Ed Beatson will be our co-planners with Branch 174 for the Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon.
- Another request for a piano player for our luncheon meetings.

**A reminder again that our scheduled July lunch meeting will be held on TUESDAY, JULY 3.**

*Barry Leskin, Big SIR*

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## **LITTLE SIR MESSAGE: GRAIG CROSSLEY**

The following is the program for the meeting:

### **“Moraga Mayor Dave Trotter discusses MCE”**

MCE (formerly Marin Clean Energy) is California's first "Community Choice Aggregation" program. Starting this month, Moraga's residents and businesses can choose how much renewable energy they want generated for their electricity usage.

The Moraga Town Council acted in 2017 to have Moraga join 13 other cities in Contra Costa County, as well as the County itself, as an MCE member community. Mayor Dave Trotter is Moraga's representative on the MCE Board and is a member of the Board's Executive Committee.

Electricity customers have received information about MCE and the options available through the program and Mayor Trotter's presentation promises to be a timely review.



*Graig Crossley, Little SIR*

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## **Featured Photo of the Month**



**We need a description  
for this photo taken  
at our last meeting**

**Send suggestions to  
[sir171-news@comcast.net](mailto:sir171-news@comcast.net)**



**APRIL MEETING PHOTOS** - by club photographer Russ Aubry (with intended typos)



We arrive early to roll off your soda



Our faithful greeters---



Pay! I take home the excess. @#\$



Volunteers to either drink or pour wine



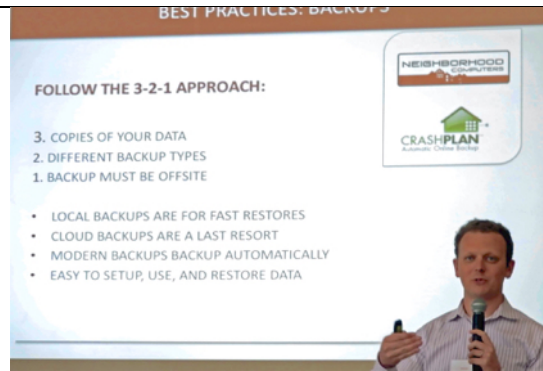
U sing 4 your lunch, and they give it to you for only \$25.00



A man of many talents. Calling home to say I am bringing home dinner.



I am just pleased to be a part of your SIRs 171



**BEST PRACTICES: BACKUPS**

**FOLLOW THE 3-2-1 APPROACH:**

- 3. COPIES OF YOUR DATA
- 2. DIFFERENT BACKUP TYPES
- 1. BACKUP MUST BE OFFSITE

- LOCAL BACKUPS ARE FOR FAST RESTORES
- CLOUD BACKUPS ARE A LAST RESORT
- MODERN BACKUPS BACKUP AUTOMATICALLY
- EASY TO SETUP, USE, AND RESTORE DATA



Robo calls: The IRS does not call you And neither does Microsoft



Norton No! Windows Defender - Yes! CPU Slow-10 years old? Replace



? AOL ? It was time to let them go 10 years ago!



Thanks for a great lesson on computers. This tree represents the hard drive of our club. Nurture it and it will act as a fire wall from lifes problems.

## MAY LUNCHEON

### MAY LUNCHEON MENU

Beef Enchiladas; Mexican Rice; Re-fried Beans  
Green Salad; Fruit Salad; Dessert

### MAY BIRTHDAYS TO SIRs

**RICHARD CARMEL -- BILL COOPER -- JAMES COY -- 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 contact 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 [baryleskin@gmail.com](mailto:baryleskin@gmail.com).

### 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.*

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## BRANCH REPORTS

### ATTENDANCE REPORT: FRANCIS WONG

There were 107 attendees at the October meeting, which included 104 members, two returned guests the speaker. Also, there was one inductee. There were 13 no-shows and 33 excused sign-outs. 69% of our membership attended. Our guarantee was 118, which was 11 over our actual attendance **(COSTLY TO OUR CLUB)**.

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.**

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**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 member to the \$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**  
JOHN SCHICK

**ACTIVE**

**Prior Month:** 150

**Inductees** 1 Steven Patton (#57), Learned about SIR via a newspaper notice

**From Inactive:** 1 Dick Morrison (#29)

**Deductions** (1) Alan Kite (#43), Resigned,  
(1) John Mossman (#97), Moved to Inactive

**Total, This Month:** 150

**INACTIVE**

**Prior Month:** 30

**Additions:** 1 John Mossman (#97)

**Deductions** (1) Dick Morrison (#29), Returned to Active

**Total, This Month:** 30

**APPLICATIONS AWAITING INDUCTION (This Meeting)**  
Steven Patton (#57), Learned about SIR via a newspaper notice

**APPLICANT LIST**  
George Andranly, Sponsor, Mack Riddle (#81), to be inducted in May

**NOTES**  
None

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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.

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**New Member – Steve Patton**

A warm welcome to new member, **Steve Patton**, who was inducted at the April meeting. Steve found us in a newspaper notice. He attended Saint Mary's College, has been married 38 years, and has lived in El Sobrante over 40 years. He was inducted by Membership Chairman, Stew Chalem.

Please introduce yourself to Steve, welcome him to the group, help him find a seat at a table, and answer any questions he might have.





**TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Krompholz**

**March 2018**

<b>Beginning</b>	<b>8,351</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>3,210</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>(2,743)</b>
<b>Ending</b>	<b>8,818</b>

Please contact Bob if you would like additional details.

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**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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**SUNSHINE REPORT: MONTE LOGAN**

**Branch 171**

**SIR Karl Droese** is home recovering from a foot operation.

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**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.

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**BRANCH 171 NEWSLETTER:** Editor **STAN HOLCENBERG.** The deadline for receipt of Newsletter material by the Editor is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. E-mail to [sir171-news@comcast.net](mailto:sir171-news@comcast.net) 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/](http://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 comments and article to [HappeningsEditor@gmail.com](mailto:HappeningsEditor@gmail.com)

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## 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
<b>Bocce Ball</b>	Book Club
Bowling	Bridge
<b>Computers and Technology</b>	Couples Dining Out
Dominoes	<b>Fishing</b>
<b>Golf</b>	Historical Adventures
<b>Investment Group</b>	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.

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**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, APRIL 23**

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**ASTRONOMY:** (OPEN) Br. 171  
GEORGE COBB (Br. 174)  
**BILL HUNTER** (Area 16 - 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)  
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.

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**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.

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**BOCCE BALL:** (OPEN) Br. 171  
ED PROTIVA (Br. 174)



**BOCCE SEASON OPENS ON MAY 8.**

**171 DOES NOT HAVE A CHAIRPERSON TO SHARE THIS VERY IMPORTANT ACTIVITY WITH THE 174 CHAIRPERSON. CONTACT SAM ZORICH IF YOU CAN TAKE OVER THE 171 CHAIRPERSON ROLE OR CAN BE AVAILABLE TO FILL IN THE ROLE FOR SOME OPEN DATES.**

**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.

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**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.

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**BOWLING:** (OPEN) Br. 171  
**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.

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**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.

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**COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY:** (OPEN) Br. 171  
**DEREK SOUTHERN** (Area - Br. 8)  
**NEIL SCHMIDT** (Area - Br 116)



The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on **Thursday April 19, 2018** starting at 9:30 am, but come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

The topic for the April CAT meeting will be "Computer & Technology Information 'Potpourri'". How do you keep abreast of advances in technology? Our CAT meetings provide some information about new and interesting technology but there are numerous other sources available. The April CAT meeting will look at some of these supplemental sources and members will also be encouraged to contribute their favorite sources as well (Hint: One great source is on our new CAT web site). In addition, some articles such as "What Google and Facebook Knows About You" and "Highest Rated and Free Antivirus Software" will be discussed. Come to the meeting to learn and contribute.

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, March 15, 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 March 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/> Make sure you are on the CAT mailing list by sending an e-mail request to: [sir.area2.cat@gmail.com](mailto:sir.area2.cat@gmail.com)

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**COUPLES DINING OUT** SAM ZORICH (Br. 171)



Bill Bondy will arrange our May dinner at the Moraga Country Club.

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.

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**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, May 24 at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord, starting at 8:30am.

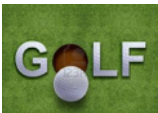
Whether you fly fish, spin fish, troll or bait fish there will be events of interest. If you are new to fishing or are interested in trying a different type of fishing we have experienced and knowledgeable members happy to share their expertise, and even their equipment. With over 100 events scheduled throughout the year, some type of fishing is available almost every week.

**April Results:** Pete Gates caught an 8 1/2 pound rainbow at San Pablo reservoir (biggest trout so far this year) but Rich Fiscina outdid him, catching and releasing a 108 inch Sturgeon(**estimated weight 400+ lbs**) on the Delta. Eleven other members fished for sturgeon and stripers on the Delta with mixed results. Seven members caught trout at Shadow Cliffs. Three others caught black bass and stripers on the Delta. Four members fly fished from ladders at Pyramid Lake NV. Six members trolled the Mokelumne and San Jauquin Rivers for stripers, catching several nice keepers.

**Activities Scheduled for May and June:** Fly fishing for shad on the Sacramento or American River; fly and spin fishing for Lahontan Cutthroat trout at Pyramid Lake NV. Multiple sturgeon/striper trips to the Delta and Sacramento River; 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 Lake Berryessa; a four day Rainbow and Brown Trout trip to Lake Almanor; striped bass fishing at New Hogan Reservoir; plugging for black bass on the Delta; halibut fishing on the Bay; salmon and rockfish out the Gate on a member's boat; and a fish fry at a member's home.

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



Our regular events in May are at Diablo Creek on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Canyon Lakes on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and Poppy Ridge on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

The SIR 171/174 golf website ( [www.sirlamorindagolf.com](http://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.

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



The **Oakland Aviation Museum** tour will be 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

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**INVESTMENT GROUP: (OPEN) Br. 171  
TOM HENRY (Br. 174)  
DAVID SUTTON (Br-8)**



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Our next meeting is **Wednesday, April 25** at 8 AM at the Legends Restaurant at the Diablo Creek Country Club - Port Chicago Highway, 1/4 mile north of Highway 4 in Concord.

Our speaker will be Dave Munson of Branch 174. He last spoke to us in June 2016 about Websites, Newsletters and Tools available to make good investment decisions. This time Dave will be giving us his take on "navigating your investment ship during a storm at sea," or what you need to know about tariffs and the less accommodative monetary policy going forward.

Our subsequent meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 23**. Our speaker will be Jill Henderson, J. D., Contra Costa Co. Deputy District Attorney, Elder Abuse Unit. Spouses and significant others are always welcome and may be especially interested in this topic.

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\$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.

**BTW, we ask that everyone donate \$2 each month to cover expenses.** We pay the restaurant \$40 each time in lieu of tips and rent. If everyone pays, we break even with 20 attendees. But not everyone pays and we're going in the hole. Please remember the donation box.

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

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**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.

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**POKER: OPEN) Br. 171  
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.

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**SENIOR STROLLERS: JIM COUNTRYMAN (Br 171)**



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.

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**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.

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**TABLE POOL:** (OPEN) Br. 171  
AREA 16: **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.

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**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.

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**TRAVEL:** ERIC CHO (Br 171)  
JOE TRACY Br 174)  
**TOM MOLINARI** (Area 16)



Trips currently scheduled for 2018:

- Apr 28, 2018: Sir Day at the Races
- Apr 11-21, 2018: Tulip Time on the Rhine.
- May 24, 2018: Sacramento Lunch and River Cruise
- July 19, 2018: Follow the Seagull San Francisco 49 Mile Scenic Tour.
- Sep 8-15, 2018: Colorado Train Trip

Check the SIR Area 2 website for the details, cost, and contact information for these trips. Cut and paste the following link into your internet browser -- <http://www.area2.sirinc2.org/Travel.pdf> If you have trip information you would like to post on the area website, 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

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**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 **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.

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**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 may still open.



## Activity Calendar -- May 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	Resumes May 8. Tuesdays and Fridays.				
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	To Be Schedule -- May date				
Dominoes				Every Thursday of month	
Fishing				3rd Thursday of month	
Golf	May 7, 14 & 21				
Historical Adventures	30-May				
Investment Group	April 25 & May 23				
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			