



SIR BRANCH 171

July 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 **TUESDAY, July 3**
Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Hall

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

REMINDER !!!!

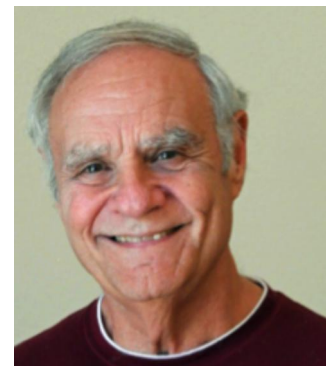
Our next meeting will not be on a Wednesday
(due to the July 4 holiday)

It will be the day before – **TUESDAY, July 3**

BIG SIR MESSAGE: BARRY LESKIN

My Fellow SIR 171 Members,

For the last few months attendance at lunch meetings has been 15- 20 members lower than the past. The low number is a combination of those members that sign-out and those that just do not come, and is a major concern of the BEC Leadership Team. Stable membership is critical to our success and future, and we discussed this issue at length at our recent June BEC meeting. This should also be a concern to you since we commit 118 lunches to the caterer and financially cover any gap in attendance below that number. The low attendance last month, 97 attendees, resulted in an excess cost of \$350 from our reserves.



There are predictable reasons for a drop in attendance as summer begins - members take longer vacations, etc. We hope that is the main contributor, but we will monitor more closely reasons why attendance is low, initially focusing on those members that do not attend at least half of the luncheon meetings. Membership Chairman Stew Chalem and others will contact those members who have missed numerous sessions to determine what factors are contributing to lower attendance. I encourage any of you to contact me if you have any suggestions or comments on this very important issue.

Our Little Sir, Graig Crossley, recently had heart bypass surgery. He is doing well. We wish him a speedy and healthy recovery. In the interim, Rick Fend, on the candidate slate for 2019 Little SIR, has agreed to work with me as Graig's temporary replacement

Our Photographer, Russ Aubry, is working on a SIRs audio/video presentation, highlighting many 171 activities and what's going on in the branch. We plan to show it at a luncheon meeting later this year.

Two quick survey items: (1) Our Bartender effort is working well with various members stepping up to assist – and we found that almost 1/3 of attending members in June chose to add an alcoholic drink with lunch; (2) we also learned that only 1/3 of our members use Facebook, so will not focus on this area at this time as a potential source for recruiting efforts.

Barry Leskin, Big SIR

LITTLE SIR MESSAGE: GRAIG CROSSLEY (Rick Fend)

Please note: As per Big SIR Barry's message, Rick Fend will be covering some of Little SIR Graig Crossley's duties while Graig continues his recovery. That includes being the focal point for our speakers.



GRAIG

The speaker at our July 3 meeting will be **Tim Argenti, General Manager of Republic Services**, the refuse service for Lamorinda.

Tim will discuss how the solid waste and recycling industry has changed over the years, the challenges facing the industry, and the impacts on your garbage bill. This is a topic that affects us all.

The title of the talk is:

The "Evolving" Ton

The "evolving ton" relates to the portion of a ton of garbage that goes to landfill, and it continues to change! Tim will speak on the wonderful, and definitely high tech, world of garbology.



RICK

Tim has been in the waste management business for over forty years. Starting on a garbage truck in the days when garbage was "packed" out of backyards, He moved through the ranks from route supervisor to General Manager of several garbage companies.

Tim became the General Manager of Republic Services in Contra Costa County in 1999. Republic's local operation puts 160 trucks on the road every day, servicing 140,000 single family homes and 10,000 businesses. Tim manages municipal contracts for 13 public agencies and works with 72 elected officials on a regular basis.

Tim has been named Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Boy Scouts of America; Business Person of the Year by the Central Contra Costa Labor Council; and has received several awards from the Board of Supervisors, California Assembly and Senate, and by Congress for his community services. He has been the Chairman of the Board of the Danville Chamber of Commerce and currently is the Chairman of the Board of the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce. Community outreach activities include the Moraga Parks Foundation, the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley, and the Independent Film Festival held at the Rheem Theatre.

Rick Fend (for Little SIR Graig Crossley)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elections

The election of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Board members for the calendar year 2019 will be held at the August meeting. The BEC members include Club Officers and Directors. The following slate was presented at the May 2 Board Meeting and approved unanimously:

Graig Crossley	Big SIR	
Rick Fend	Little SIR	
Mike Donovan	Secretary	
Bob Krompholtz	Treasurer	
Chris Lyne	Director	(3-year term)
Gary Yancey	Director	(3-year term)

The slate will be presented to the membership at the August 1 club meeting. Please plan to attend.

New Members – Sev Marsted and Ken Russi

A warm welcome to new members, **Sev Marsted** and **Ken Russi**, who were inducted at the June meeting.



Sev (*right*) was inducted by Bob Meadowcroft. He was raised in Connecticut, is married to Margie, has three children, and lives in Lafayette

Ken (*left*) found out about SIRs from a non-retired friend and was inducted by John Schick. He was raised in San Francisco, is married to Betty, has three children and five grand-children, and currently lives in Orinda.



Please introduce yourself to Sev and Ken, welcome them to the group, help them find a seat at a table, and answer any questions they might have.

Club Website Enhancement

Hopefully everyone has had a chance to look at and use our club website -- <http://www.sirinc2.org/branch171/> Our Club webmaster, Tom Lemmer, has done an outstanding job – building it, updating it, and enhancing it. You should be referencing it when needed, and also passing the link to prospective members.

Did you know there is a member-only area of the website? You can find it under the “Members” pop-down at the top of the Home screen. It include photos of the Board members and all club members. In addition there is a password-protected “Member Site” that contains the Member Roster and Organization Chart. Should you need to access this information, and have forgotten the password, select the “Password Request” choice – then fill in your name, your email, and submit. You won’t get the password immediately, but should get it within 24 hours.



I was sworn to secrecy and not allowed to tell you what they approved at this meeting, Warriors will win in 4.....

Thank you greeters



When mgmt. won't put the tables in the wright spot one of us would be happy to set as needed.



Discussing pay increas

and thanking for a job well done.

That is better than receiving a 1099 for this bartending

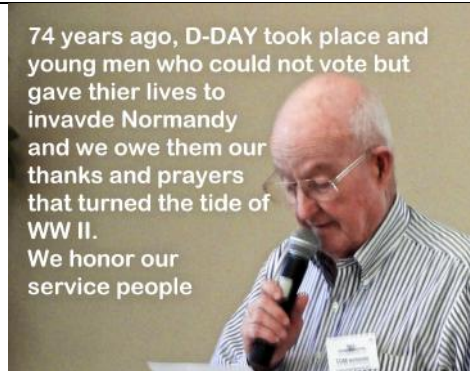


61 Number of years married 61 62 63

Thank god not to each other?



Karl welcomes new member KEN.



74 years ago, D-DAY took place and young men who could not vote but gave thier lives to invavde Normandy and we owe them our thanks and prayers that turned the tide of WW II. We honor our service people



And please don't loose our expensive hydrometer. You stick it in to the soil and if it comes out dry, you water your tree.

Winner of Hawaiian Shirt Contest, gets free lunchm runner uos make thier own Pina Colata with a fresh pineapple



Hands up if you can spell Humuhumukunukuapua'a

Featured Photos of the Month



The Historical Adventures group visits the Oakland Aviation Museum. Photo taken in front of the museum's prize flying boat, a Solent III.

In it's heyday in the late 40's, it would fly from Southampton, England to Johannesburg, South Africa over several days (stopping at night) for a cost in today's dollars of about \$35,000!

Excellent Dim Sum lunch at The East Ocean Seafood Restaurant in Alameda after a SIRs Walk



JULY LUNCHEON

JULY LUNCHEON MENU

BBQ Pork; Herb Roasted Potatoes; Corn Vegetable Medley
Green Salad; Fruit Salad; Dessert

JULY BIRTHDAYS TO SIRs

ED ATWOOD – RUSS AUBRY – BOB BURNETT – JIM FULFORD – STEVE KINSEY

TODD ROYSTER – ROBERT SORNSEN – REG WHITTINGTON – GARY YANCEY

One of the above members with a birthday in July 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 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 barryleskin@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.

BRANCH REPORTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT: FRANCIS WONG

There were 97 attendees at the last meeting, which included 95 members, one speaker, and one visitor. Also, there were two inductees. There were 14 no-shows and 41 excused sign-outs. 63% of our membership attended, an extremely low number. Our guarantee was 118, which was 21 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.

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.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Krompholz

May 2018

Beginning	8,676
Receipts	2,210
Disbursements	(2,969)
Ending	8,237

Please contact Bob if you would like additional details.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: STEW CHALEM
JOHN SCHICK

ACTIVE

Prior Month: 150

Inductees 1 **Kenneth Russi (#159), Filled-out Online Application, Designated Sponsor, John Schick (#135),**
1 **Severn Marsted (#160), Sponsor, Bob Meadowcroft (#147)**

From Inactive: None

Deductions (1) **David Cronin (#96), to Inactive, Work Commitments**
(1) **Larry Muth (#20), Resigned, No Reason Given**

Total, This Month: 150

INACTIVE

Prior Month: 30

Additions: 1 **David Cronin (#96), Work Commitments**

Deductions None

Total, This Month: 31

APPLICATIONS AWAITING INDUCTION (This Meeting)

Kenneth Russi (#159), Filled-out Online Application, Designated Sponsor, John Schick (#135),
Severn Marsted (#160), Sponsor, Bob Meadowcroft (#147)

APPLICANT LIST

None

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.

SUNSHINE REPORT: MONTE LOGAN

Branch 171

Little SIR Graig Crossley had a successful heart bypass operation on June 14th. We wish him the very best for a speedy and full recovery.

SIR Al Simonsen is being treated for a severe neck injury. We wish him the very best in recovery.

Branch 174

Good News. No serious illnesses reported.

••• Please try to contact SIR's with illnesses to offer your support and encouragement and keep them in our thoughts and prayers. A friendly call is welcome. Cards and letters are always appreciated. If you are aware of an ill SIR, please let Monte Logan know by e-mail or phone.

KNOW YOUR SIRs

Steve Patton

Steve was born in French Camp, CA, in the Sierra foothills. The family lived in Manteca until he was five when they moved to Richmond. He attended public school there and then went on to Contra Costa Junior College.

After working in retail and selling and repairing crane attachments, he eventually joined Chevron at the Richmond refinery where, after going through an apprenticeship program, he worked as a journeyman machinist. He continued with Chevron for the next 7 years, but when a back injury limited his work, he enrolled in St. Mary's College and obtained a paralegal certificate in 1989.

Steve began with the law department at the California State Automobile Association (CSAA) and in 1995 obtained his BS in Business from St. Mary's. He transitioned to the Association's IT group as an analyst to implement the department's first electronic case management system and later worked to implement its successor before retiring in 2017 after 26 years.

Last September, Steve and his wife, Marta, celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. Since they have no children, they are happily spending what would have been their inheritance on travel, fine dining and wine.

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.

BRANCH 171 NEWSLETTER: Editor **STAN HOLCENBERG**. The deadline for receipt of Newsletter material by the Editor is the 15th of the month. E-mail to 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/
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

BRANCH ACTIVITIES (BRANCHES 171 & 174)

ACTIVITY LIST

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, June 25.**

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) 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 SIRpremes are in need of new blood!

This activity has been in existence for a number of years; however, recently, we have lost many of our members. We are a barbershop octet that sings songs in four-part harmony. Notwithstanding, there is great interest by those remaining in our group to continue this very enjoyable and rewarding activity. All parts are open, but another tenor would be delightful. So, if you are with Branch 171 or Branch 174 and have any interest or any questions regarding our group, please give Brad Dewey (Branch 171) at 376-3349 or Ron Leiker (Branch 174) at 376-3884 a call for information.

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. **BIG HIKER walks are scheduled periodically.**

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



BOCCE SEASON IS OPEN FOR THE SEASON.

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.

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: (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.

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: (OPEN) Br. 171
NEIL SCHMIDT (Area - Br 116)



The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group meetings are fun and informative, where we discuss applications for computers and technology. At each meeting we have a presentation on a topic covering everything from antivirus programs, ways to back up your data, digital photography, genealogy research, smart phones and many other topics. It's a great way to learn about new technology and to also get answers to your computer questions or problems.

Our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge will be on Thursday, July 19, 2018 starting at 9:30 am. Come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. The July presentation topic will be "Password Security" by Richard Andrus. Richard will discuss password security, how hackers steal your password, safe password practices, other ways to safeguard your online assets, and the state of the art in passwords and user authentication.

We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there...

We are always looking for interesting topics for our meetings (and presenters). If you any suggestions, please send them to me at: sirarea2cat@gmail.com.

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

COUPLES DINING OUT SAM ZORICH (Br. 171)



Eight couples enjoyed dinner at the Moraga Country Club in May. The gathering was arranged by Bill Bondy. The July dinner will be arranged by Phil Arth.

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.

DOMINOES

TOM WESTHOFF (BR 171)

The SIR 171 **Domino group meets every Thursday** at Moraga Royale from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Contact Tom Westhoff 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, July 26** 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.

June Results: Chuck Vanoncini led our semi-annual 3 day trip to Lake Almanor resulting in good catches of trout for 10 anglers. Ernie Wong is having another good shad year and took 7 members fly and spin fishing at his hot spot on the Sacramento River. Karl Droese, Dick Thomson and Paul Dubow fished at Sitka Alaska, catching few salmon, but having better luck with halibut, lingcod and rock cod. Karl and six other members fished Lake Pardee catching rainbow trout and kokanee. Four member caught halibut and stripers on the Bay. Three members caught trout on San Pablo Reservoir. Others caught black bass in the delta and rock cod in the ocean.

Activities Scheduled for July and August: Several SF Bay and Ocean trips on private boats and six packs for salmon, stripers and halibut; a rock cod/ling cod trip on a party boat; several striper/black bass outings in the Delta. kokanee fishing at Stampede reservoir; salmon fishing with a guide on the Feather River; trout and catfish trips to San Pablo Reservoir; and our annual backyard picnic.

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



There is an event most Mondays. Our regular events in July are at Metropolitan on the 2nd, Monarch Bay on the 16th, and Tilden Park on the 30th. Informal events are on the 9th at Franklin Canyon and the 23rd at Indian Valley.

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



The group focuses on highly popular and educational tours. The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Port Chicago National Memorial, Computer History Museum, and Oakland Aviation Museum are some of the sites that have been included in the past. Please inform Jim or Ken if you have requests or suggestions.

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



The group is not meeting during the summer. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 26** 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.

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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/>

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:

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.

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.

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



We usually meet on the Friday following the Branch 171 monthly 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: (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.

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 16)



Trips currently scheduled for 2018:

- Aug 6 – 12, 2018 --- Yellowstone, A Wildlife Safari
- Aug 7 – 18, 2018 --- Alaska Land / Crusie Tour
- Aug 22 – 30, 2018 --- Colors of Provence River Cruise Tour
- Sept 3 – 13, 2018 --- Alaska Inside Passage
- Sept 8, 2018 --- Colorado Train Trip
- Sept 13 – 23 --- Alaska Inside Passage
- Sept 17 – 25, 2018 --- The Big E
- Sept 20 – 27, 2018 --- Islands of New England
- Oct 21 – 31, 2018 --- Crystal Mozart River Cruise
- Oct 24 – Nov 2, 2018 --- Tastes and Sounds of the South
- Nov 5 – 13, 2018 --- Branson, MO – Bentenville, ARK and Beyond
- Dec 30, 2018 – Jan 3, 2019 --- Tucson New Years with Tucson (two tours)
- Jan 30 – Feb 15, 2019 --- Princess Panama Canal Cruise
- Feb 15 – Mar 2, 2019 --- Cruise from San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale
- April 24 – 28, 2019 --- San Antonio Spring Fiesta
- July 25 – Aug 3, 2019 --- Alpine Swiss Villages
- Aug 23 – Sept 9, 2019 --- Pacific Princess Cruise Iceland and Norway
- Sept 7 – 22, 2019 --- Taste of Bordeaux

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 **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)
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 -- July 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		Every Tuesday			Every Friday
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 -- July date				
Dominoes				Every Thursday of month	
Fishing				4th Thursday of month	
Golf	July 2, 19 & 16				
Historical Adventures	Next outing July 13				
Investment Group	Off for the summer. Next meeting Sept. 26				
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			