



SIR BRANCH 171 August 2019

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



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

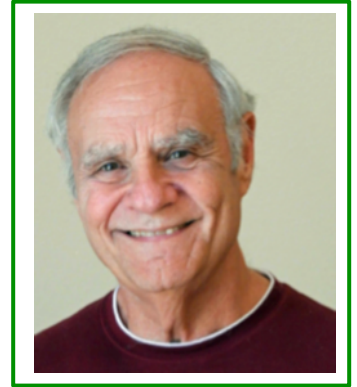
1700 School St., Moraga
Social time begins at 11
Meeting begins at 11:30

BIG SIR MESSAGE: BARRY LESKIN

My Fellow SIR 171 Members,

Our next Club luncheon date, August 7, is Election Day for the 2020 SIR 171 Board. The Officers and Directors slate that was approved at the July 3 BEC meeting will be presented to the club membership for approval. See the article in the Announcements & News section of this newsletter for the names on the slate as well as the process for approval.

The UCSF/SIR survey that we promoted has been completed. More than 2,600 members completed the survey, which could be the largest survey of senior men completed to date. UCSF will present the survey findings at the August 20 SIR leadership team retreat. We will share results with you shortly thereafter. My thanks to those who took the time to complete the survey.



Thanks to member Russ Aubry, our July speaker, for his excellent talk. His commentary and accompanying video on the 1991 Oakland Firestorm were outstanding. Significant learnings were discussed, which equates to a number of things we should all do to position ourselves should fires impact us in the future. His suggestions on ensuring our insurance policies effectively cover us were invaluable.

We have another interesting program lined up for our August meeting. The speaker will be Contra Costa County Sheriff, David Livingstone. He is a much in demand speaker and I thank Rick Fend for his effort to make this happen. Consider bringing a guest(s) to this luncheon. See the program details in Rick's Little SIR report.

Every month you hear from me that our meeting attendance has declined and is consistently below our objective. In fact Branch 171 has a much higher percentage of sign-outs each month than most branches in the SIR organization. It is a hit on our finances. The BEC has formed a small committee to review the high sign-out number and report back in August so we can position ourselves appropriately as we negotiate our 2020 caterer contract.

The newsletter last month included an article covering the financial situation and some options to address the situation. We asked for feedback from our membership to address the declining balance. Treasurer Bob Krompholz will discuss the situation at the August luncheon, the Board will vote on a plan going forward at the November BEC meeting, and any changes will be effective January 2020. Please provide your input and perspective.

Not too soon to mark your calendar for the yearly Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon. It will be held on Wednesday, December 18, and will again be at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center. The Devil Mountain Choir will provide the entertainment.

See you on August 7.

Barry Leskin, Big SIR

LITTLE SIR MESSAGE: RICK FEND

August 7 Program

The speaker at the June 5 meeting will be Contra Costa Country **Sheriff David Livingston**. The topic:

***"We still have Sheriffs? - Yes.
Check behind the scenes at the
Contra Costa Sheriff's Office"***

The Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff is the largest law enforcement agency in Contra Costa with over 1,100 sworn and professional employees.

The duties and mission of the Sheriff's Office are unlike most police agencies. Responsibilities include unincorporated area policing, contract cities and special districts, air support, marine patrol, dispatch, investigations, coroners, county detention facilities, custody alternative, court security, forensic services, police academy, and an Office of Emergency Services.

Sheriff Livingston was elected the 22nd Sheriff of Contra Costa County on June 8, 2010. He was sworn into his second term of office on January 6, 2015, and his third term of office on January 7, 2019.

He started his career as a Police Officer with the City of Fremont where he later rose to the rank of Captain. He then served as Chief of Police in the City of Pleasant Hill for three years before being selected as Concord's Police Chief in 2005. He served as Concord's Chief of Police for five years.

He has served on the California Police Chiefs' Association Board of Directors and the State Bar's Judicial Nominee Evaluating Committee, and is currently the President of the California State Sheriffs' Association.

Sheriff Livingston earned a Bachelor's Degree with Honors from the University of California, Santa Barbara and later earned his law degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the FBI National Executive Institute, and the California Command College. He is also an attorney admitted to practice in both state and federal court.



*Rick Fend,
Little SIR*



ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Elections – 2020 Officers and Directors

The following 2019 Branch Executive Committee (BEC) nominees were approved at the July 3 BEC meeting and will be voted on at the August 7, 2019 General Meeting:

- **OFFICERS**

- Big SIR Rick Fend 2019 Little SIR
- Little SIR (*open*)
- Secretary Mike Donovan *incumbant*
- Asst. Secretary Al Donner *incumbant*
- Treasurer Bob Krompholz *incumbant*
- Asst. Treasurer Hal D’Ambogia *incumbant*

- **Directors**

- Laszlo Bonnyay
- Eric Cho *incumbant*
- Chris Lyne *incumbant*
- Tom Westhoff *incumbant*
- Barry Leskin 2019 *Big SIR*

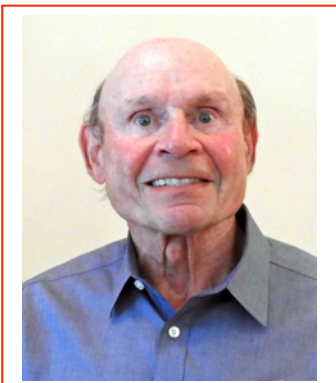
Each Officer and Director will serve for a one-year term.

Additional nominations for the BEC will be taken from the floor at the meeting. All nominees from the floor must signify their agreement to accept the office if elected.

Voting will be by voice or show of hands for non-contested positions. Contested positions, if any, will be by secret ballot.

New Members

A warm welcome to two new members inducted at the July meeting. Please introduce yourself to each of them, welcome them to the group, help them find a seat at a table, and answer any questions they might have.



Dr. Jerry Meyers was inducted by John Haffner. Jerry was born in Canada and came to California from Connecticut. He and his wife Ellen have been married 53 years, have two children and four grandchildren, and lives in Lafayette.

Dr. Mike Gibbs was inducted by Ken Fischer. Mike is a Californian, has been married 31 years, has one son, and lives in Moraga.



JULY MEETING PHOTOS & COMMENTARY – by club photographer Russ Aubry (with intended typos)



Are those socks or a cartoon?



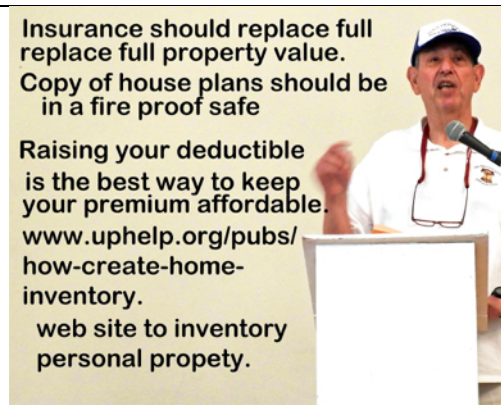
We love the 4th of July



I hear the speaker is long winded, so i will stock up on drinks



Welcome new Members
Mike Gibbs
Jerry Meyers

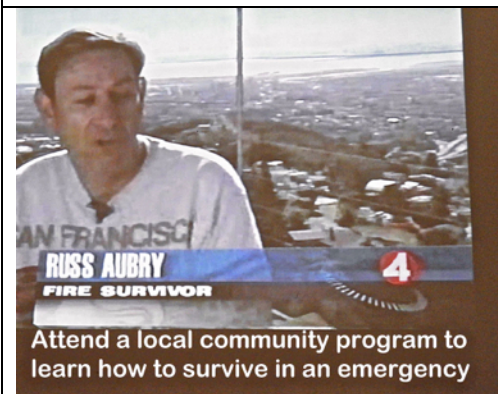


Insurance should replace full value.
Copy of house plans should be in a fire proof safe

Raising your deductible is the best way to keep your premium affordable.
www.uphelp.org/pubs/how-create-home-inventory.
web site to inventory personal propety.



Russ & Annette are 2 of the 5 people who saw the fire start
7:21
OAKLAND HILLS Live
Fire started in backyard by laborer's cutting down brush.



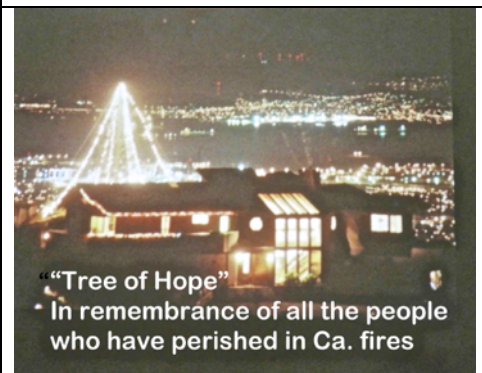
RUSS AUBRY
FIRE SURVIVOR

Attend a local community program to learn how to survive in an emergency



John Garamendi Insurance Commissioner assisted in getting additional funds for policy holders

Attend 5 & 10 year ceremony to light the "Tree of Hope"



"Tree of Hope"
In remembrance of all the people who have perished in Ca. fires

Cost: Donations & Money	
Total to Date:	\$30,450
Trees are Us:	\$8,400
Bigge Crane:	\$7,500
Gills Electrict:	\$1,000
City of Oakland:	\$2,750
Repair pole & lights:	\$2,700
Cost to light the tree-----	
27 years x \$300 =	\$8,100
The "Tree of Hope" 27 years	



Congratulations !! we took a vote and you won for putting the most members to sleep than any other speaker. So trust this koffee cert. will keep you awake !

The story of the 1991 Oakland Hills "Firestorm" & "Tree of Hope" Scene

Featured Photos of the Month



Western Railroad Museum outing on July 11. Provided by Ken Fischer



Nice catch !!! Provided by Karl Droese

Please send in a photo that you would like to have considered for inclusion in the Photos of the Month section of the newsletter. These should typically come from one of the SIR activities, but do not need to if there is another picture of a member or members that would be great to share in the newsletter. Send your choice(s) to sir171-news@comcast.net by the 10th of each month for consideration. Please include a description of the photo. Cell phones work great, and also simplify mailing the photo.

AUGUST LUNCHEON

LUNCHEON MENU

Carved Angus Roast Beef; Masjed Potatoes; Fresh roasated Vegetables
Green Salad; Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad; Dessert

AUGUST SIRS BIRTHDAYS

Ian Baird – Jorge Berindoague – Dudley Braun – Roy Cuneo – Phil Eyring – Michael Gibbs – Richard Haddock

John Haffner – Tom Keele – Jim Kline – Rich Laufenberg – Tom Lemmer – Tom Marnane—robert Meadowcroft

Larry Monin – Joseph Muscat – David Ohlson – Kenneth Russi – John Schick – Mitch Tarkoff

One of the above members with a birthday in August will win a free lunch if he attends the August meeting. Members whose birth month is in August, 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 of \$25 will be charged for subsequent visits as a guest.

BRANCH REPORTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT: FRANCIS WONG

There were 94 attendees at the last meeting, which included 91 members, the speaker (who is a member), three visitors and two guests. There were two no-show guests, 12 no-shows and 43 excused sign-outs (*including seven AR members*). There were two inductees.

ONLY 62% of our membership attended, which includes the 11 AR members.

Members, if not on AR (Attendance Relief) status, need to call the SIR 171 hotline at 925-377-5880 before 1:00pm on the Saturday before the meeting if they will not be attending the meeting or will be 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: "Attendance Relief" (AR) status members need not call to be excused for lunch attendance. However, should an AR status member desire to or is able to occasionally attend a monthly lunch, he must call in to the branch hot line the Saturday preceding the lunch.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: ED DRASIN STEW CHALEM (Chair)

JOHN SCHICK (Assistant Chair)

Prior Month: 139
Inductees 2 Mike Gibbs #98, sponsor Ken Fischer #169, Jerry Meyers #78, sponsor John Haffner #150
Former Inactives
to Membership 8 LEZAK, FREDERICK (FRED) #100
BERINDOAGUE, JORGE #44 (AR Status)
BROSSART, DENNIS #42 (AR Status)
COUNTRYMAN, JAMES #52 (AR Status)
CRONIN, DAVID M #96 (AR Status)
MARABLE, DARWIN #90 (AR Status)
OLSON, ROB, JR #97 (AR Status)
TIPPETT, FRANK #171 (AR Status)
Deductions (2) Dennis Kelleher #168 Deceased, Laurie Lethin #82 Deceased

Total, This Month:  147

APPROVALS

Mike Gibbs #98, sponsor Ken Fischer #169, Jerry Meyers #78, sponsor John Haffner #150

APPLICANTS AWAITING INDUCTION

None

APPLICANT LIST

None

NOTES: There is no longer an Inactive Status or Roster. All members are shown under "Membership"; the term "Active" is dropped.

Membership Application Forms are available at the desk at the meetings, from Ed Drasin, or on the Club website (<http://www.sirinc2.org/branch171/>). For the website, select "Application: from within the "Members" selection"

ROSTER CORRECTIONS: John Schick.

NOTE: Please contact John Schick 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 status change or to resign). John Schick will in turn update the Master Roster.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob KROMPHOLZ

June 2019

Beginning	5,160
Receipts	2,575
Disbursements	(2,574)
Ending	5,160

Please contact Bob if you would like additional details.

WELLNESS REPORT: ERIC CHO

Branch 171

- It is sad to report the passing of SIR Dennis Kelleher on June 24.
Dennis was elected to the Moraga School Board for three terms and served twice as the Board President. He was active in the SIR golf group. His funeral mass was on July 12 at the Saint Monica's Catholic Church in Moraga. His obituary is available via the following --
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/eastbaytimes/obituary.aspx?n=dennis-joseph-kelleher&pid=193268938>
- It is sad to report the passing of SIR Lauri Lehtin, who also passed away on June 24.
Lauri was very active in the SIR Bocce Group. He died peacefully at home and a Memorial Service will be held later. His obituary is available via the following --
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=lauri-lehtin&pid=193385660>
- It is sad to report the passing of SIR Stew Chalem on July 15.
Stew was an active Board Director and Chaired the Membership Committee. He was an active participant with the Walking Group. His funeral service was held at Oakmont Memorial Park in Lafayette on July 17. His obituary is available via the following --
<https://www.oakmontmortuary.com/obituary/stewart-chalem>
- John Schick had successful back surgery on July 12 and is recovering at home.

Branch 174

- It is sad to report the passing of **SIR Burt Swenson** on June 27, 2017.
Burt was inducted into Branch 171 in December 1994 and transferred into Branch 174 when the branch was chartered. Burt was a Charter Member of both branches. Burt was an active participant in the Computer User Group activity, initially serving as the Branch 171 coordinator. His obituary is available via the following --
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/eastbaytimes/obituary.aspx?n=burton-c-swenson&pid=193322208>

•••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 inform Eric Cho by e-mail or phone.

KNOW YOUR SIRs

Rich Brosio

Rich was born in 1934 in the Hollywood hospital, Los Angeles, California. His father brought the family to San Francisco when he was 6 years old. Rich attended parochial schools growing up in the City. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1952 and went on to USF. He subsequently was drafted into the U.S. Army and spent two years at Ft. Lewis, Washington, then returned to finish college and receive his degree in Business from San Francisco State Univ. In September of 1956, Rich married Helen Maiocco, had a wonderful 62 years of marriage and enjoyed their home in Moraga for the past 50 years.

Rich's working career began primarily in 1962, when he became an IRS agent in the San Francisco District which lasted until November of 1969, when he joined the Tax Department of Crown Zellerbach Corporation. During his time at Crown Zellerbach, he received his certificate as a Certified Public Accountant. Rich became their last Director of Taxes until the company was taken over by a corporate raider and dissolved in 1988. Subsequently, he became the Director of Taxes for two more corporations in the Bay Area until he retired in 1998.

Rich says he and Helen have been blessed with a son, Paul, and a daughter, Marilyn, and they have given them four wonderful grandchildren, who thankfully have all finished college and have their degrees and are all gainfully employed.

Rich spends much of his time with friends and family doing trips to Tahoe and traveling on tours and cruises. Until very recently, he belonged to Tradewinds sailing club enjoying days on San Francisco Bay. Lately, most times, he's at Oakwood Athletic Club in Lafayette doing his daily exercises.

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 jlsabo2@comcast.net or HappeningsEditor@gmail.com

BRANCH ACTIVITIES (BRANCHES 171 & 174)

ACTIVITY LIST

Apple Users Activity	Astronomy
Barbershop Harmony	Bocce Ball
Book Club	Bowling
Bridge – Social	Bridge – ACBL Duplicate
Computers & Technology	Couples Dining Out
Dominos	Fishing
Golf – 18 Holes	Golf – 9 Holer
Historical Adventures	Investment Group
Pinochle	Poker
Stamp Club	Table Pool
Tennis	Travel
Walking – Original Group	Walking – Senior Strollers
Walking – Big Hikers	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) Co-Chair)
STAN HOLCENBERG (Br. 171 Co-Chair)
JOE TRACY (BR. 174)



Meetings are held bi-monthly on the 4th Monday of odd number months from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The next meeting will be on July 22. The meetings are held in the conference room of the Contra Costa County District 2 Supervisor's Office at 3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, adjacent to the fire station and across from El Charro restaurant. Enter through the left side door at top of steps.

The meetings focus on Apple/Mac computers, iPhones, iPads, and other Apple devices. Meetings include a roundtable on products, applications, rumors, issues, problems, and Q & A. Special discussions will occur after major product announcements and developer conferences.

Novices and advanced users are welcomed. Come and be a part of the group.

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)
RICK AVATERO (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.

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

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 Rick Zavatero (Branch 174) at 683-2373 a call for information

BOCCE BALL: STEVE PATTON Br. 171
ED PROTIVA (Br. 174)



Bocce is played every Tuesday and Friday thru the summer. 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 -- SOCIAL: JOHN SCHICK (Br. 171)



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 for further information

BRIDGE – ACBL DUPLICATE (OPEN) Br. 171
TOM HENRY (Br. 174 & Area 16)



Area 16 duplicate bridge is held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the American Contract Bridge Center (First Christian Church Fellowship Hall), 3039 Willow Pass Rd, Concord (phone: 925-935-2273). Guests of SIR members are welcomed.

Games are played at the Contra Costa Bridge Center; 3039 Willow Pass Road in Concord. Registration begins @ 9:15AM; a lesson with Ravi Bhalla begins @ 9:30AM; play starts at 10:00AM and finishes before 2:00PM. **Reservations are required.** If you wish to play please contact Tom Henry [bridgewiz612@gmail.com]

This activity is fully sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League and, as such, ACBL Master Points will be awarded to the top three pairs

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY: (OPEN) Br. 171
Dick Curry Br. 174
NEIL SCHMIDT (Area - Br 116)



The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group meetings are fun and informative where the group discusses applications for computers and technology. At each meeting there is 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.

NOTE: The August presentation information was not available at the time of this newsletter mailing. See the CAT webpage (<https://sirinc2.org/a16cat/>) for updated information on the topic. Also, the presentation notes are typically available on the web page several days prior to the meeting.

Information about the group, including current and past presentations, is available on the SIR Area 2 Computers 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)



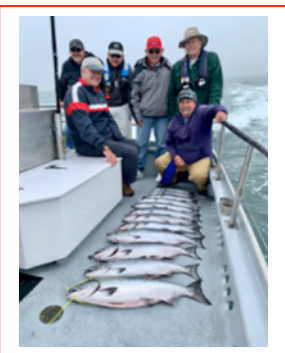
There were 12 couples at the La Finestra gathering in Moraga on July 10. The group celebrated Russ Aubry's big #85. His wife Annette made a delicious carrot cake for dessert.

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, August 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. You can order breakfast and have it served in the meeting room.

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.

July Results: The great Salmon and Halibut season continues with many members scoring limits inside the Bay for halibut and outside the Gate for salmon. Several others traveled to Alaska for some really big halibut with three 100 plus pounders caught. Rock cod fishing outside the Gate was very good. As usual, the Delta provided good black bass and striper action. Our fly fishermen caught and released many shad on the Sacramento and Yuba rivers. Kokanee fishing was excellent at several locations

Activities Scheduled for August and September: Several salmon/rockfish/halibut trips out the Gate and in the Bay on member boats, six packs and party boats; shark fishing in the Bay; kokanee/trout on Lake Berryessa in member boats; a backyard BBQ at a members home; Delta fishing for stripers/black bass and salmon; A SIRs in the kitchen fish fry.

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



The outings this month will be at Chardonnay on August 5, Monarch Bay on August 19, and Tilden Park on August 26. Check out our website at www.sirlamorindagolf.com and join the fun group.

The SIR 171/174 golf website includes the membership application, a list of current members, the 2019 schedule, the results of prior events, and other pertinent information for members and prospective members.

GOLF – 9 – HOLER: **TIM FREEMAN** (BR. 171)



For those that don't want to play 18 holes, or want to play a shorter course on occasions, there is a 9 hole group that meets each Friday morning at Diablo Hills Golf Course in Walnut Creek. Tim Freeman coordinates this and sends out a note to all members on his interested party list each week, a few days before the game, to see who is interested in playing. Lunch follows at the Diablo Hills clubhouse. Contact Tim (timfre@comcast.net) if you would like to be added to the interested party list.

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



Central Sanitary Water Treatment Tour

The Historical Adventures Committee has arranged for a tour of the Central Sanitary Water Treatment Facility in Martinez on **Wednesday, September 25 at 10:30**. There is no cost. This should be a very interesting hour and half given the complicated nature of water treatment today compared to the past. Interested members should contact Ken (*see Org chart at end of newsletter for contact info*) to add their name to the list. Also, there will be sign up sheets at the August and September meetings.

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 for additional adventures.

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



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\$UMS in Retirement meets next on **Wed August 28 at 8 AM** at the Legends Restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf Course on Port Chicago Highway, Concord, just north of Hwy 4.

The presenter will be Mike Frazier of Bedell, Frazier Investment Counselors in Walnut Creek. Mike will talk on the conflicting signals from the bond market about a possible recession.

The Legends opens at 7 AM. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting. Ladies are welcome.

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.

If you regularly have breakfast at Legends, ask the cashier for a Legends card. Once you're signed up, you get \$5 off your bill every time you get up to \$100.

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.

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: (OPEN) (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: (OPEN) Br 171
JOE TRACY Br 174)
TOM MOLINARI (Area 16), stmolinari@sbcglobal.net



Trips currently scheduled in 2019 and sponsored by our SIRs Area 16 follow:

Aug 23-Sep3, 2019: 12 Day Land and Sea Scenic Alaska Adventure. 4-day pre-cruise Denali Tour followed by an 8-day cruise from Anchorage to Vancouver on the Crystal Symphony. Ports of call include Seward, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan, and Tracy Arms Glacier. Cost of \$5250 to \$6425 now includes everything. Milt Smith, Br 146, 925-285-2897

The quarterly **State SIR Happenings** travel web page at <http://www.sirinc.org/Travel.pdf> offers additional SIR travel options. There are upcoming tours to:

Aug 23 – Sept 9, 2019 Princess Cruise Iceland and Norway on the Pacific Princess
September 7-22 2019 Taste of Biordeaux

Be sure to check these tours out !!

Contact Tom Molinari to add trips to the list (*contact information is contained in the link above*).

WALKING: *There are three walking groups. There is a group for each of us based on our needs and abilities*

WALKING – ORIGINAL GROUP

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

WALKING -- SENIOR STROLLERS: (OPEN) (Br 171) Al Donner oversees the activity.



Meets **every Wednesday at 9:15 AM** for a casual slower-paced, shorter distance, level-land, sidewalk group of walkers. No plans ahead. Just meet in front of SiSi's at 9:15 every Wednesday morning to walk and then have coffee.

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

WALKING -- 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.**

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 -- August 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple Users Activity	22-Jul				
Astronomy	2nd Monday of month				
Barbershop Harmony		Every Tuesday of month			
Bocce Ball		Each Tuesday			Each Friday
Book Club			Last Wednesday of month		
Bowling			Every Wednesday of month		
Bridge		2nd & 4th Tuesday of month			
Bridge - ACBL Duplicate		First Tuesday of month			
Computers and Technology				Aug. 15	
Couples Dining Out	August				
Dominoes				Every Thursday of month	
Fishing				4th Thursday of month	
Golf	August 5, 19, 26				
Golf - 9 Holvers					Each Friday
Historical Adventures	Sept. 25				
Investment Group			Aug. 28		
Poker			4th Wednesday of month		
Stamp & Coin Club					First Friday after Club Meeting
Table Pool	Every Month of month				
Tennis		Every Tuesday of month		Every Thursday of month	
Travel	No meetings scheduled. Only trips. See newsletter section				
Walking - Original Group		Every Tuesday of month			
Walking -- Senior Strollers			Every Wednesday of month		
Walking -- Big Hikers	As scheduled				
Wine Tasting		2nd & 3rd Tuesday of month			