



SIR BRANCH 171

April 2020

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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, scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, has been cancelled

Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Hall

1700 School St., Moraga

Social time begins at 11

Meeting begins at 11:30

BIG SIR & LITTLE SIR MESSAGE: RICK FEND & GRAIG CROSSLEY

Future Br 171 activities and luncheons remain cancelled until further notice due to current County and State mandates.

With that said, please heed the shelter in place directive and choose your excursions to public places wisely as we've been told that our "age bracket" is high risk.

To date we have not heard that any of our fellow Sir's have become ill.

Stay safe and remember to wash your hands.

Rick Fend, Big SIR

Graig Crossley, Little SIR



Message from the Editor

Although meetings and activities have been postponed until further notice, we are publishing an abbreviated newsletter this month. You will continue to receive important notices relative to our club meetings, activities, and other matters as they occur.

The latest club Organization Chart is included at the end of this newsletter should you desire to communicate with a Board Member, Committee Chair, or Activity Chair.

Also, please refer to the club website, <http://www.sirinc2.org/branch171/> for member, newsletter, and activity information. Interim activity notices will be included on the site.

APRIL SIR BIRTHDAYS

BILL AUSFAHL -- LARRY BEANS -- RICH BELLOWS -- ERIC CHO -- CLAY CLAASEN

JIM COUNTRYMAN -- KARL DROESE -- TIM FREEMAN -- PETER HANELT

RICHARD JAMES -- BARRY LESKIN -- ROB OLSON -- CLARK VILAS

There will be a drawing at our next meeting for a free luncheon for a member whose birth month is in April. That member will need to be in attendance at that meeting to win the drawing. NOTE: Members 90 years of age or more, whose birth month is in April, will receive a free lunch at the next meeting, but they must notify the Big SIR prior to that meeting.

Featured Photos of the Month



Left -- The SIR Walking group the morning of Feb. 25 in Briones Regional Park. It was a perfect day to walk. Not visible in the pic are the 4 California poppies, 2 coyotes & 1 biker the group saw along the way.

Below -- the group that hiked to Wildcat Peak on March 2. Amazing 180 degree view of our San Francisco Bay.

Photos provided by Jorge Escobar & Joe Fitzgerald (Br 174)

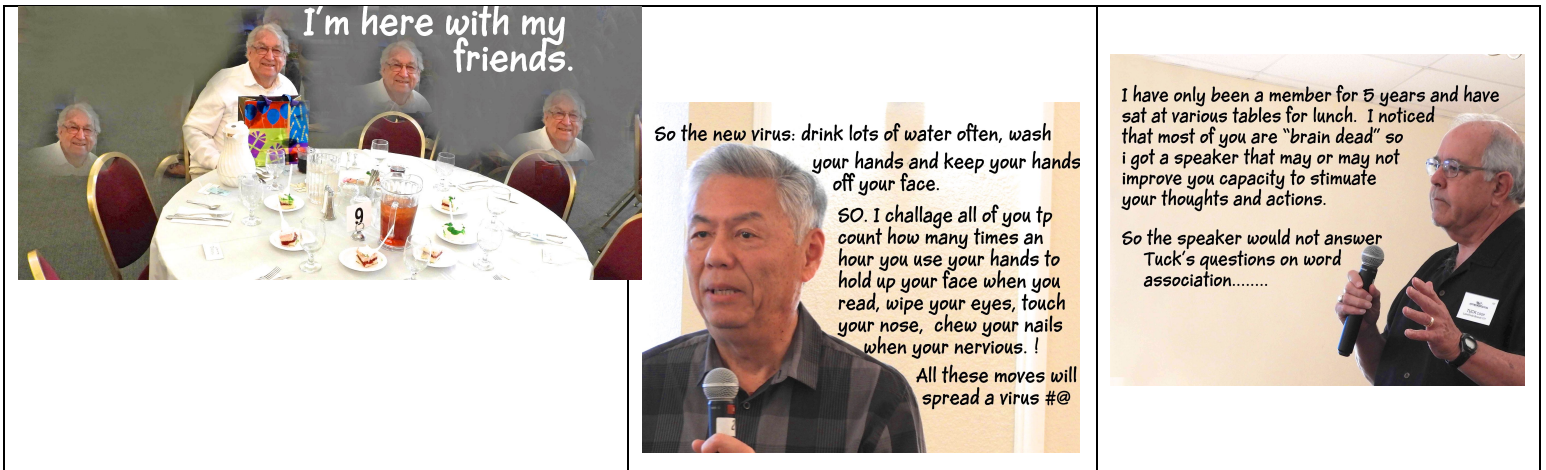


Left -- Historical Adventures group visits the County-wide recycling plant in Pittsburg on Feb. 26. Photo provided by Ken Fischer

SirPremes Performance

Enter the following link into your Internet browser -- <https://bit.ly/Sirpremes-March2020>

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



BRANCH REPORTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT: FRANCIS WONG

There were 89 attendees at the last meeting, which included 88 members and the speaker. There were 11 no-shows, 32 excused sign-outs, and 11 AR members that did not attend. There was one inductee. Member attendance, including AR members, was 62%. Member attendance, excluding AR members, was 68%

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: ED DRASIN (Chair)

MEMBERSHIP					
Prior Month:	142				
Inductees	0				
Deductions	1		Harold Knudsen #112, resigned		
Total, This Month:	141				
APPROVALS TODAY					
	1		Alfred Gertmenian #32 induction.		
APPLICANTS AWAITING INDUCTION					
	1				
APPLICANT LIST					
	None				
NOTES:	Total number of members in AR category is 11.				

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

February 2020

Beginning	4,862
Receipts	2,360
Disbursements	(2,051)
Ending	5,171

Please contact Bob if you would like additional details.

KNOW YOUR SIRs

AL GERTMENIAN

Al was born and raised in Alameda. He attended U.C . Berkeley for one year and U.C. Davis for three years. He completed law school at U.C. Berkeley (Boalt Hall) in 1964. From 1965 to 1980 he practiced law in Oakland as an associate and partner in the law firm of Stark, Stewart, Simon, & Sparrowe.

In 1980 Al and his siblings bought the family business (Henry Gertmenian Co.) in San Francisco, where he served as Vice President until the business was sold in 2015. During that time they were importers and wholesalers of hand knotted carpets from India, China, Pakistan, Nepal, Turkey and Iran.

Al and his wife, Hollace, moved to Moraga in 1964 and have lived here ever since. They have two children, Kay and Matt, both of whom graduated from Campolindo. Kay and her husband, Rich Scarpitti, live in Moraga with their daughters, Ally (a Freshman at Santa Clara) and Lindsay (a Junior at Campolindo). Matt and his wife, Heather, live in Kirkland, Washington with their daughter, Megan (a Junior at U. of Maryland) and their son Henry, a Junior in high School.

Al's hobbies are golf, fishing, hiking, and stock trading, and he is an avid sports fan.



Induction by John Moulton

Know Your SIR is edited by Rich Bellows. Rich captures bios from new members and they are published in a future newsletter. If you have been a member for awhile, did not have your bio published, and wish to have it published, please contact Rich. Please write down the salient points of your life (1/2 page).

WELLNESS REPORT: ERIC CHO

Branch 171

No reports this month.

Branch 174

No reports this month

••• 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.

*** Please contact Eric Cho by e-mail or phone if you are aware of a passing, injury, or illness of a member.

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 prefer.

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 Group	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

**ALL ACTIVITES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

No activity details are included in this newsletter. Please refer to the club website for information about these activities.