



SIR BRANCH 171

June 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, June 3,
has been cancelled**



BIG SIR MESSAGE: RICK FEND

Back by popular demand is our Branch 171 newsletter that isn't the traditional newsletter.

I was tempted to forward to you some of the memes and jokes or even health tips on this crazy Covid-19 deal going on, but I decided you've probably seen all the same ones I have...so why bore you.

What I do have to share with you is info from the SIR State President, Ed Benson, regarding the opening of SIR activities. Here it is (in part):



- Branch Activity, Luncheon and Event Chairmen shall not begin any activity until its restart has been approved by the BEC, or if a State Activity or Event, the State Executive Committee.
- In cases where Branches straddle more than one county, and/or Area activities that do likewise, the most conservative county regulations shall be applied.
- Area Governors shall create a group of Sir leaders in each county who are responsible to ensure the regulations are communicated and understood by all Branches within each county.
- Branches shall take a conservative approach to reopening while incorporating national, state, county and city directions.
- Area-wide and state-wide activities and events shall also follow these directions.
- There shall be an appropriate lag time created between the lifting of regulations and the startup of any Branch luncheon, activity and/or event to ensure any potential problems are identified and dealt with. In some cases up to 30 days after the BEC has approved the activity, per a second email from State.

These directions do not apply to the holding of electronic meetings, which are heartily encouraged as long as groups of members engage in social distancing and shelter in place regulations.

Our BEC unanimously voted at the May 6 Zoom BEC meeting to encourage and support our activity chairmen to conduct Zoom or other online conferencing media to interact with the gentlemen involved with that activity. So, activity chairmen go for it (if not already being done) and perhaps a Zoom meeting will be a partial replacement for meeting in person.

Although not discussed at the BEC meeting, the Nominating Committee is looking for candidates to fill directors position and Little SIR to assist Graig Crossley in 2021. Contact John Haffner if interested johnhaffner@comcast.net

As SIR State President Ed Benson wrote to all of us a few days ago, there is a periodic newsletter published at the State level relative to what is going on in SIR. You might find the "SIR Happenings Newsletter" interesting. The document is attached to this newsletter mailing.

Lastly, no luncheon meeting in June. Hopefully in the near future.

Rick Fend, Big 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.

Committee Chair and Activity Chair reports are included that were provided to the editor. Please contact the chairs if you have any questions. The latest club Organization Chart is attached to 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.

JUNE SIR BIRTHDAYS

A happy birthday to all our SIR members whose birthday is in June. Best wishes to all honorees for a wonderful and healthy year.

GEORGE BARRON – JERRY BORRMANN – LEW EDWARDS – JACK FLANAGAN
DAN FRIEDMAN – BILL HUGHES – CHARLES KEZERIAN – BILL KORN – TOM LENZ
MACK RIDDLE – MIKE RIJAVEC – TOM ROBERTS – HAROLD SCATES – ED ZUBER

BRANCH REPORTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT: FRANCIS WONG

No luncheon meeting last month

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: ED DRASIN (Chair)

Report filed April 15, 2020

| <u>MEMBERSHIP</u> | |
|---|--|
| Prior Month: | 142 |
| Inductees | 0 |
| Deductions | 0 |
| Total, This Month: | 142 |
| <u>APPLICANTS AWAITING INDUCTION</u> | |
| | 0 |
| <u>APPLICANT LIST</u> | |
| | None |
| NOTES: | Total number of members in AR category is 11. |

Membership Application Forms are available 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

April 2020

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| Beginning | 5,227 |
| Receipts | 50 |
| Disbursements | (248) |
| Ending | 5,029 |

Please contact Bob if you would like additional details.

KNOW YOUR SIRs: RICH BELLOWS

While we have lots of time on our hands during the shelter in place, why not update your SIR bio, or look at some other bios and get to know your fellow SIRs better?

You can access the bios by going to our website (<https://www.sirinc2.org/branch171/>), then click on "Members" at the top of the page. From the dropdown menu, select "Member Site" near the bottom; then enter the site password (if you don't know it, there is a selection to request a member password just below "Member Site"). This member site will now take you to all the bios we have. Check yours and see if you want any changes to the content or photo.

If you don't find a bio for yourself, please take this down time to submit one with a photo. Submit requested changes or new bios to Rich Bellows, Know Your SIR Chair, at rich.bellows@gmail.com

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 (Eric Cho)

An update on our former Big **Sir Barry Leskin** is that he returned home last Saturday and is doing well. He was out for two months with a stroke and some other issues. Best wishes to Barry for his continual recovery!

As we continue to stay home with the Shelter in place, I'd like to ask all 171 SIR members to stay healthy and positive! If you would like to stay socially active, please check with your Activity Chairman about the possibility of a Zoom meeting! Eric

Branch 174 (Mark Mahoney)

Sir Bruce Johnson passed away from a heart attack on Good Friday, April 10. Bruce was 91. He had been a member of SIR since May 2002, first with Branch 171 then transferring to Branch 174 on its founding. He was an active member of the Branch and enjoyed participating in the strollers walk-talk-coffee activity group.

SIR Bill Mann passed away on April 14 at age 93. Bill had been a member of SIR since 1997, originally in 171 and transferred to 174 in 2009. He helped out for many years behind the bar at the monthly meetings. His obituary can be found at -- <https://legacy.co/2zRjWke>

••• 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 ACTIVITIES (BRANCHES 171 & 174)

ACTIVITY LIST

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 |

**ACTIVITES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. VIRTUAL ELECTRONIC MEETINGS MAY BE
SCHEDULED, AS APPROPRIATE. THE FOLLOWING GROUPS HAVE
SCHEDULED SUCH MEETINGS.**

APPLE USERS GROUP: STAN HOLCENBERG (Br. 171) JOE TRACY (Br. 174)

A Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, **June 1, at 10:00am.** The meeting can be accessed at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88405909183> -- password is 413871

The topics include: Sharing information and perspective on new Apple toys; Recent announcements; Rumors and buying decisions; Tips; Applications; Issues; General roundtable

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

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY - AREA 16: NEIL SCHMIDT (Branch 116) ; DICK CURRY (Br. 174)
376-5541

MAY: The SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology group will be meeting "virtually" via Zoom on Thursday, **May 21 at 9:30 AM.** The presentation topic for the meeting will be "Algorithms & Machine Learning" by Dean Steichen. There has been lots of discussion in the news about automatic decisions made by companies based on their algorithms and machine learning methods. Dean will help explain what this means and how it is being used.

The meeting can be accessed at <https://us02web.zoomus/j/81853312869> -- password is 763801.

JUNE: The SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology (CAT) Group normally does not meet in June. But this year, during these trying times, there will be an informal Zoom get-together on Thursday, **June 18, 2020 at 9:30 AM.**

There will not be a presentation topic for the June meeting but instead it will be open discussion between members about various computers and technology subjects. Members will be encouraged to introduce their technology problems (and solutions), favorite applications, new interesting products, etc. As usual, there will be several technical experts in "attendance" to answer most questions.

To attend the Zoom meeting, individuals need to sign-up for the CAT mailing list. Make sure you are on the CAT mailing list by sending an e-mail request to: sir.area2.cat@gmail.com A few days before the meeting, a Zoom weblink that is needed to connect will be sent to members on the mailing list
