Our first in-person meeting together will be on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> at our regular meeting spot, the Holy Trinity Serbian Church on School Street in Moraga. Social time at 11 AM; meeting will begin at 11:30 AM.

The luncheon format will be a box lunch prepared by our caterer. You will receive a 'Survey Monkey' email to respond with your reservation and sandwich selection. The cost of the lunch is \$20. Soft drinks will be available in the bar area. Your Board members are all excited to finally get all our members together, so reserve your spot! Yes, we will honor one of our March birthday members with a free lunch at a future meeting.

All members will have to present proof of vaccine and booster and have a completed waiver on file. If you haven't already done so, please print and sign the attached waiver and bring it with you. As of this writing, masks will still be required indoors, except when you are eating or drinking. Members may gather before lunch indoors or out on the lawn, weather permitting, and doors to the outside will be kept open to facilitate better ventilation if at all possible

# **Speaker Program**

We will have **Amy Worth** as our speaker, a 35 year Orinda resident, Cal Grad and current Orinda City Council member. Amy has served as Mayor and was instrumental in the building of the Orinda Library and securing funds for the 4th Bore of the Caldecott Tunnel. She gave a very nice presentation to Branch 174 in 2017 and we're pleased to have her back. Her insights into the regional housing and transportation issues will be very welcome.

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### Please support your Speaker Committee

Branch 171 has formed a Speaker Committee in an effort to expand our reach to prospective speakers for our monthly luncheons. Finding people with interesting backgrounds who bring relevant and interesting topics to discuss with our group can be a challenge. To that end, Clark Wallace (clarkewallace@comcast.net), Steve Patton (steven\_patton@hotmail.com), Bill Wadsworth (1wadsy@gmail.com), and Steve Behnke (stevebehnke@mac.com) have teamed up to tackle the task together. As SIR members who have lived and worked in the area for years you probably know or know of someone who would make an interesting speaker. We encourage you email any one of us on the committee with suggestions and we will reach out to them with an invitation to speak.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congratulations to Past Big SIR Jim Gibney on his 90 Year Presidential Award!

2022 SIR GOLF "Spring Fling" - Members, Ladies, and Guests Invited. PLAY ONE OR BOTH DAYS, Tuesday April 19th and Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>

More information can be found on the SIR State Golf website at "www.sirgolf.org".

ACTIVITIES: David Zeimer dzeimer12@gmail.com

Please check the club website ( <u>sirinc2.org/branch171/</u>) for information on the various activities. Some activities are meeting in-person, others via zoom, and some have not re-opened. If you are not on a mailing list for an activity, and would like to be on a distribution list or have questions about an activity and dates, contact the chairperson for the activity of interest.

## MEMBERSHIP: Ed Drasin edrasin1@gmail.com

Prior Month: 135

Inductees: 123 Members from Branch 174

Deductions: 0

Total, this month: 158

# TREASURER: Ed Protiva edprotiva1@comcast.net

Beginning balance: \$3,517.70

Receipts: 5,143.82 (transfer from Br. 174)

Disbursements: 0.00 Ending Balance: \$8,661.52

### WELLNESS ("Sunshine") REPORT: Eric Cho eric411cho@gmail.com

Nothing to report this month.

\*\*\* Please 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 if you are aware of a passing, injury, or illness of a member.

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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 -- <a href="https://sirinc.org/newsletters/">https://sirinc.org/newsletters/</a> Some very interesting articles highlighting news of interest from other SIR branches. Send comments and article to <a href="https://sirinc.org/newsletters/">HappeningsEditor@gmail.com</a>