



Make friends for life.

Our next in-person meeting together will be on **October 12th, social time at 11 AM, the meeting will begin at 11:30 AM.**

We had 78 members attending in September! Let's get those numbers up! Invite a guest, recruit through activities or call friends and encourage them to attend! Also, at the September luncheon...



Your 2023 Officers and Directors, from left-to-right: Steven Patton, John Erickson, Marty Aufhauser, Brian Morris, Chris Harnett, David Zeimer, Ed McBride, Rich Carmel, Steve Behnke, Ralph Blumenthal, Rich Larsen. Not pictured, Mike Merchant, Ed Protiva



Ralph Blumenthal, Director, and past Big SIR is presented with the Senior Sir Presidential Award celebrating his 90th birthday. Congratulations Ralph!

Visit our website at [Photos « Lamorinda Branch 171 \(sirinc2.org\)](http://Photos%20Lamorinda%20Branch%20171.sirinc2.org) for more pictures from the September Branch meeting.

Our speaker for the October meeting: Tony Schoemehl

Tony is a member of our branch and a docent on the USS Hornet, a museum ship located on the southernmost

pier of the former Naval Air Station Alameda in Alameda.



Some statistics on the USS Hornet:

- 668 Japanese planes shot down
- 742 Japanese planes destroyed on the ground
- 1,269,710 tons of enemy ships sunk or heavily damaged: 73 ships sunk, 37 probable, 413 damaged, including 1 carrier sunk, 1 cruiser sunk, 10 destroyers sunk, 42 cargo ships sunk, and assisted in the sinking of the IJN super battleship *Yamato*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

At the September meeting of your Branch Executive Committee, several proposals were made and passed that will take effect in 2023.

1. Sandwiches will continue to be served at the monthly meetings at a price of \$20 per member
2. Beginning in 2023, members will pay annual membership dues of \$35. Members must submit a check, not cash, in the amount of \$35 no later than 11/15/2022. Checks should be made payable to "SIR Lamorinda Branch 171". You can drop off your check at the monthly meeting or send to:

ED PROTIVA
7 MORAGA VIA
ORINDA, CA 94563

Members who do not remit a check by that date will be sent a reminder with a final due date of 12/14/2022. The annual membership fee for 2023 is required to remain on the active member roster.

BIRTHDAYS! The prize is a free lunch (YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!)

Rick Abrams, George Adranly, Dennis Brossart, Graig Crossley, Hal D'Ambrogia, Mike Donovan, Roy Elliot, Ken Fischer, Al Foley, Andy Giertz, Roger Gregory, Matt Harrison, Stan Holcenberg, Juan Kelly, Kerry Kinrade, George Korte, Mike LaTorre, Chris Lyne, Al MacDonald, Donn Mall, Gerry Meyers, Sid Meyers, Herb Montgomery, Howard Tevelson, Herb Wehmeyer, Tom Welte, Bob Zimmerman

ACTIVITIES REPORT: DAVID ZEIMER**

Historical Outings: Ken Fischer/Jim Kline

September 28th visit to Benicia Historical Museum

The museum highlights Benicia's important role in the developing west. The military base, financed by a \$50K grant from Abraham Lincoln, was the first U.S. Army installation in California. The Powder magazine (below) has 4-foot-thick sandstone walls and a fan vaulted ceiling! Click here for more information, to volunteer or make a donation: [Benicia Historical Museum | Welcome to the Benicia Historical Museum at the Camel Barns.](#)



Left to right: Roger Fry, Tom Smigielski, Jim Kline, Ian Baird, George Barron, Gene Blanc, Steven Patton, Kurt Teichmann and Tom Henry.

If you'd like a representative picture and description of your activity in the newsletter, please send them to steven_patton@hotmail.com.

**If anyone is interested in chairing an activity, please contact David Zeimer (dzeimer12@gmail.com).

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: ED DRAISIN (taken from Form 27)

Prior Month:	235
Inductees:	0
Deductions:	0
Total, This Month	235

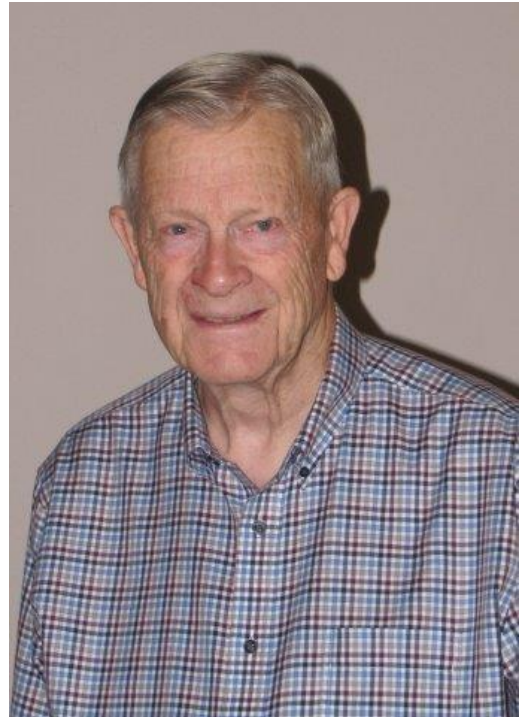
TREASURER'S REPORT: ED PROTIVA (taken from Form 28)

Beginning Cash Balance:	\$7940.04
Receipts:	\$1430.00
Disbursements:	\$2954.47
Ending Cash Balance:	\$6415.37

WELLNESS REPORT: STEVEN PATTON***

SIR Jim Countryman informed John Schick that long-time Br. 171 member, SIR Frank Tippett, passed away some weeks ago. John knew him from playing bridge, a very sharp but also respectful player. Frank joined SIR in 1997 and resigned this past June for health reasons. He was 97 years old.

Janet Supple emailed to let us know that her father, Al Dessayer, can no longer participate in SIRS due to health reasons. She thanks us and wishes much success to the branch.



*** 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 Steven Patton, steven_patton@hotmail.com**, if you are aware of a passing, injury, or illness of a member.

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/.