



Branch 35 web site: www.sirinc2.org/branch35/

October 2020

– NEXT MEETING –

3rd Wednesday, October 21, 2020
Social Time 11:45am
Business 12:30pm, Speaker 12:45pm
VIA ZOOM MEETING
 Zoom instructions will be sent via
 email before the meeting.

PROGRAM

Speaker: *Dr. Geoffrey Woglom, National Economic Education Delegation*

Topic: *"How COVID-19 is Impacting the Economy"*

During a most unusual year for all of us, the COVID-19 Pandemic has emerged as a world-wide concern that has impacted almost everything in our lives. While we anxiously await vaccines and medications to treat this virus, we have all been impacted by the way our lives have changed.

The economic impact of the virus has spread as rapidly as the virus itself with closures of businesses, schools, churches and so many activities. Our October speaker is Geoffrey Woglom from the National Economic Education Delegation. NEED is a collaborative of leading economists from around the country who are committed to providing economic education to general audiences from high schools to business and government leaders. Dr. Woglom is an emeritus economics professor who taught for 40 years at Amherst College. His presentation will shed light on the way our economy has been impacted by the virus this year and into the future. Bring your questions and bring a friend.



The Big Sir Says . . .

SIR -- Tell Me Again...

In these trying times where bad air, heat, COVID-19, and social unrest encourage personal isolation, it is easy to forget that human contact is necessary to live healthy and fulfilling lives. Friends need friends with whom to share their lives.



SIR was founded to give senior, active men a place to come together to enrich their lives while associating with old and new friends with common interests. SIR branches organize and support fun activities and events in which members can participate.

SIR's expectations of its members are simple: 1) be a friendly and sociable guy, 2) participate actively to support and improve the branch, 3) promote the organization within the community and 4) enhance it by inviting more men to share in the fun.

In Branch 35 we have over 300 "active" members. Most were businessmen, engineers, teachers, doctors and lawyers working and living locally. We like to get together. For 2 out of 3 of us, our primary branch activity was attending the monthly luncheons where we talked in person with others. Unfortunately, that opportunity ended in March with the pandemic.

Your board has tried to recreate these meetings with monthly Zoom virtual meetings featuring interesting guest speakers and encouraging you to come early and join small groups focused on current topics. Some find Zoom sessions to be less fulfilling than in-person, face-to-face human interactions, but they have become the new normal for students and organizations.

More than 100 members have yet to join a virtual meeting. **I encourage you to make an effort this October 21st to hear Geoff Woglom** discuss how COVID-19 is impacting the economy. Come early and share your recent adventures with other members in a small group setting.

We are interested in your well-being and what you have been doing these past six months. Please reply to this email and tell me 1) will you be there Oct 21st, 2) the best thing you have done lately and 3) if you know anyone who has tested positive to COVID-19.

Remember friends support friends in time of need, even if they can't shake hands.

Be Safe: Cover your Face and Stay a Social Distance when near Others,

Andy

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OCTOBER 2020 ROSTER

Active Members: 334

Net Monthly Change: 0

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS

Harold Wong	26	Ed Aguilar	13
Dick Peacock	24	Norm Pass	11
Buck Kendrick	22	Steve Pomeroy	11
Karl Reseck	22	Dave O'Hara	10
Harv Dixon	19	Darryl Walker	10
Bob Moss	14		

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Doug Anderson	Ed Haley	Norm Pass
Clod Barrera	Del Hanson	Ed Pausa
Howard Bull	Jack Heidmiller	Bob Shaw
Frank Cameron	Al Holzman	David Skurnick
Phil Canabou	Mike Jacobson	Don Taylor
Vern Dale	David Jeong	Guy Thompson
Pete Danforth	Jack Joos	Jack Tooley
Neal Didriksen	Norm Kitching	Frank Verlot
Harv Dixon	Gary Larson	Larry Wall
Bill Dolan	Mark Levi	George Warden
Rolf Fromm	Art Liberman	Walt Wilson
Chuck Green	Darrell Monda	Jim Withrow
Steve Gruber	Dave O'Hara	

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A SIR BRANCH 35
T-SHIRT OR CAP?
CHECK THEM OUT ON PAGE 7**

BOCCE BALL

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We continue to have about 6 to 8 players at the Cuesta Park courts unless the air quality is bad—which it has been this past month. Player participation has picked up now that the air quality is greatly improved.

When you check the Los Altos Community Center construction project status at: losaltosca.gov/communitycenter on the construction schedule “Sitework North” section, the two Bocce courts are shown as being planned for installation in two months during the last 3 to 4 months of the project. Since Covid-19 and other delays have occurred, we can now expect the courts no sooner than the second quarter of 2021, given some cooperation with the weather and support for project approvals from the Santa Clara County. Below you see an external street-side view of the status of the structures being constructed (as of 9/25/20).



September Virtual Branch Meeting Drawings

September Birthday: Jim Harvey
Zoom Attendee Award: Greg Ross

HIKING

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There will be no SIR hike in October.

The SIR sponsored monthly group hiking is postponed until the COVID-19 crisis is over and trail regulations are updated. Members are encouraged to still hike. However, if with anyone outside their family group, the social distancing recommendations should be followed. For those that want to hike with another SIR member and get trail recommendations, we are developing an on-line contact procedure. I have 30+ members on my hiking email list. They will be notified as the process develops. If you want to be added the list let me know.

A Zoom social hour HIKING break out room will be available at the monthly meetings.

TENNIS

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SIR Tennis remains cancelled until Santa Clara County opens courts for doubles play.

DINING IN

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There will be no Dining In activities until the COVID-19 restrictions are revised.

BOWLING

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Bowling is postponed until we receive an OK from SIR - and when Homestead Bowl reopens – which NOW may be after the first of next year. They are making repairs to lanes and allowing individual bowlers but no league bowling yet.

If this changes, all the league bowlers and SIR Branch 35 will be notified.

TRAVEL

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SEE THE OCTOBER TRAVEL BULLETIN ON THE WEBSITE

Also, see the article from the Mayo Clinic on the Branch 35 website under Travel Activity titled “Coronavirus travel advice.”

Stay healthy and safe until we can again travel the world.

Member Profile

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This monthly article highlights one of our branch members. We hope that you enjoy knowing a little more about your fellow members and the interesting life they have had. If you have someone you would like to nominate or if you would like to help author an article, please email ron.nakamoto@yahoo.com.

LELAND CHAN

In 1979 the Shah of Iran was overthrown by the Ayatollah Khomeini. The U.S. Embassy was overrun by a mob and the embassy's American staff were taken hostage. With the change of government, Iran, now hostile, stopped all ongoing contracts with the U.S. Ford Aerospace Corporation was one of the companies that suffered work stoppage. Unable to settle our differences after years of litigation, our company ultimately proceeded to a trial at the World Court at the Hague. As the finance manager for the litigation team, I attended the trial and provided conclusive evidence of a breach of contract. The trial had three judges—one American, one Iranian, and one neutral German. After many months, we received judgment awarding Ford Aerospace substantial monies on the case. You could say "we scored one for the home team." From the alleys of San Francisco's Chinatown into the halls of the World Court and beyond,

here is my story.

My maternal grandmother was born in what was then the Kingdom of Hawaii. She met and married my grandfather, a man from China who became a seaweed farmer in the coastal California town of Cayucos. My father emigrated from China as a child and served in the U.S. Army, stationed in the Philippines during World War II.



My mother was born in San Francisco and grew up to become a superb cook and head chef for the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco. Although we were a modest middle-class family, we did enjoy the best of foods, including the juiciest prime rib served at our many family celebrations.

I was born at the Chinese Hospital in Chinatown, San Francisco as the second of three sons. As is typical, we all grew up speaking Cantonese at home and English in everyday life. I remember my early childhood, traveling by train with my family to my grandfather's home in Cayucos and my uncle's home in nearby Cambria. We spent summers there living in homes with no electricity, gas, or water. Each morning, my mother would carry in water from the well. Kerosene lamps provided light at night. All night we heard the crickets and the mice shuffling around the roof. In the spring, my grandfather would clean the rocks along the shore with a gas torch. This allowed the purple seaweed used by the Chinese in soups, to grow on nice clean rocks. In the summer, we would pick the seaweed and lay it in squares on the ground to dry. By the end of the summer season, the dried seaweed was loaded into burlap sacks and sent to market in Hong Kong. As I reflect back, I must say I enjoyed a wonderful childhood and learned early on that a farmer's life was not for me.

Attending public schools in San Francisco, I was a sprinter on my junior high track team and in high school, played on the tennis team and served as Junior class President. I worked during my school years as a bus boy at the historic Officers Club in the Presidio of San Francisco. Dressed in a white jacket with a black bow tie, I learned how to set formal tables and carry heavy food trays over my head with one hand. I saved enough money for college and was able to buy my first car, a new bright blue, Pontiac LeMans.

Upon graduation from San Francisco's George Washington High School, I enrolled at the City College of San Francisco studying engineering. I then transferred to the University of California at Berkeley. During my college years, I worked at the U.S. Post Office during Christmas holidays

sorting and delivering mail, often in pouring rain. My summers were spent with the U.S. Forest Service at Lake Tahoe, policing campgrounds and fighting forest fires. Even though I was not on a full-time fire crew, all U.S. Forest Service personnel received training to fight forest fires. My training was put to work as I actively fought a number of fires. I remember being transported to fires on vintage DC-3 and DC-6 airplanes on which we sat on the floors. In those days, they used old B-17 bombers to dive and drop fire retardant at tree top levels. Firefighting was dangerous, nonstop and hard work. During one northern California fire, I discovered how cold it could be without a jacket, when water in buckets turned into solid ice, overnight. We slept within a foot of the fire to keep warm, so we really had to trust the person on watch to stay awake. As a teenager from a big city, my time with the Forest Service provided first-time opportunities to ride horses, fire trucks with blaring sirens, helicopters, and vintage planes.



In my forest service uniform at Lake Tahoe

I became the first in my family to graduate from college when I received my B.S. from U.C. Berkeley in finance and accounting. (I switched majors as the space race was coming to a close and many engineers were being laid off.) After Berkeley, I continued my education at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and attained an MBA.

I returned to the Bay Area to work as a financial analyst at Ford Aerospace (then called Philco). I chose Ford Aerospace because they were at the forefront of innovation, specializing in weather and communications satellites, software control systems and satellite ground tracking systems for government and commercial customers as well as some classified programs.

I progressed up the job ladder to manage finance, contracts administration and scheduling support for programs. Working long nights and 7 days a week, month after month, was common practice for me. During this time, I decided to pursue a law degree and enrolled at Santa Clara University. I've always loved history and much of the study of law is history. It took me four years of non-stop evenings, weekends, and summer classes to complete the

curriculum and graduate with a Juris Doctorate in 1983. I remember having to wolf down sandwiches during breaks in the evening classes and to this day disdain sandwiches. I took the California Bar Exam that year in July. When I got the call that I passed the first time through, I was ecstatic!

My goal had always been to work in the General Counsel's Office at Ford Aerospace Corporation. I am certain that my successful performance on the Iranian litigation helped me attain that coveted position in the Office of the General Counsel of Ford a few years later. In my work as general counsel I participated in disputes at all levels of litigation, including a full hearing of one of our cases by the justices of the California Supreme Court. My work took me to many countries around the world. I processed about 200 patents during my tenure. Our group in Silicon Valley was the most inventive group within Lockheed Martin Corporation with a per capita of 1 patent for every 3 engineers. I remember one unique invention that we did not submit for a patent because we thought it was too far-fetched and out of our line of business. The invention was a process to remove carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, which today one would consider highly relevant.

While at Berkeley, I met Vicky, the love of my life who would become my wife. We used to hang around the Moffett Undergraduate Library while "studying". She caught my eye and one day I asked her out. I took her out to a fine dinner in Chinatown and a movie, in my shiny Pontiac LeMans. We immediately hit it off together and have been married for some 45 years. Together, we worked and lived in apartments and several homes until we were able to purchase land in the Fremont hills and built our dream home where we reside today. My wife graduated from Stanford with a PhD in Mathematics Education and worked as a math teacher and math professor at various local colleges. She published her first math book for children titled, "Geometry is Fun for Me" which features our dog as Professor Brando.

Vicky and I have two daughters, Cheryl and Amanda, and one son, Alan. Cheryl and her husband Colin met while she was doing campus ministry work at St. Mary's College in Moraga, where Colin is currently a professor. Their family includes a boy and two girls. Amanda is an anesthesiologist at Kaiser, and her husband Jerry is a software engineer. They are enjoying their young son. My son Alan was a collegiate All-American archer at UCLA and a competitor at the 2012 Olympic Trials. He is presently an aerospace engineer at Northrop Grumman working on satellite systems.

I retired from Lockheed Martin in 2011 at the age of 61, taking advantage of a very generous separation package which was available to certain employees at the time. Looking back at my career as general counsel, I would not trade it for any other line of work. My initial work in finance had prepared me well for continuing my career in law. I enjoyed all the work and all the people I met throughout my career. I feel that it turned out just perfectly for me.

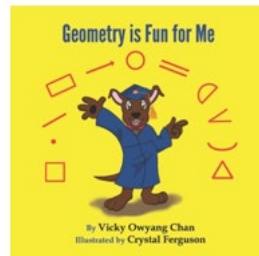
In retirement, my grandchildren have given me the greatest pleasure. Before the pandemic, Vicky and I took the traditional grandparent's role and routinely shuttled our grandchildren to the playgrounds, parks, ju-jitsu practice, swimming lessons, McDonald's, libraries and many other fun places. The bonding, we created with

each grandchild is priceless. The simple pleasures like pushing each of them on swings and encouraging them to come down on slides are wonderful blessings for me.

We love traveling and were enchanted to cruise the ancient cities of Greece, the palaces of Russia, and the castles and temples of Japan. I also love to cook, and I know my culinary expertise comes from the lessons I learned from my mother. I enjoy cooking Chinese food with the wok and roasting meats like prime rib and leg of lamb in my oven, but I think I do best on my BBQ. My favorite BBQ dish and the dish beloved by all tasters is my unique BBQ lemon chicken thighs.

Vicky and I are regular church goers. As a child, I was active in the youth activities provided by Presbyterian missionaries in San Francisco's Cameron House. After a long absence from church while we were busy parenting our young children, we started to attend church again when our children were in elementary school. Vicky and I are thankful for all of the blessings we have had in our lives. After 45 years of marriage, we look forward to many wonderful years ahead.

I enjoy attending the SIR luncheons and social activities to visit old friends and meet new ones. According to the ancient Chinese proverb, "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." Step by step, I have taken my journey in life. Throughout my many years, I have found that it is not the destination but the journey itself that is most important.



Vicky's First Book

BIKING

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2nd Thursday— October 8, 2020, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome; Rain cancels ride; Helmet mandatory.

PROTOCOL IN PLACE MASK REQUIRED

Half Moon Bay/Pillar Point

The Ride: We will ride the paved flat trail along the ocean shore for about 6.5 miles from Poplar beach, located south of Half Moon Bay, to Pillar Point. We will return to Princeton where we will have lunch (if something's open or eat what you have brought), then ride the same trail back for a total ride of about 13 miles. **(There is a bridge out: we will have to make a detour around that part of the ride).**

Directions: Take I-280 to Highway 92, then take the exit to Half Moon Bay. Continue on Highway 92 about 10 miles to the intersection with Highway 1, turn left. Go about one mile to Poplar St., turn right. Go to the end of Poplar St and park in the Poplar Beach parking lot. Some riders park in the streets before you get to the Beach parking lot and ride bicycles to the lot. Driving time is about 45 minutes. It may be windy and cold, so be sure to bring a wind breaker and gloves to wear. Or it may be a lovely sunny day.

To ride or for info, contact me (see above) or Gordon Tong at gordy6850@gmail.com.

INVESTMENTS

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Contact Jim to find out if there is a Zoom meeting on investments on Wednesday, October 7th at 1:00pm.



JOE CIONI, GOLF CHAIRMAN
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SIGN-UP with John Gerich by October 16 for the following:

Half Moon Bay Old (HMD) (Cart)	Mon Nov 2	9:40	\$101
	Enos 650-712-1201 J.enos(at)comcast.net/ Schutz		
Poppy Ridge (PPR) (Cart)	Thu Nov 5	9:30	\$57
Club Championship	Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com/ Garten		
Chuck Corica South (CCS)	Mon Nov 9	9:00	\$45
Club Championship	Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com/ Miles		
Moffett Field (MFD)	Thu Nov 12	9:30	\$41
Shuffle the Deck	Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1(at)comcast.net/ Holman		
Boulder Ridge (BRG) (Cart,Range)	Mon Nov 16	10:00	\$75
Joint with Monterey Bay Seniors	Jonekait 650-283-9786 jay(at)jonekait.com/O'Meara		
Seascape (SCP)	Thu Nov 19	10:00	\$50
unconfirmed			** TC Needed**
Callippe Preserve (CPR) (Cart)	Mon Nov 23	10:00	\$54
			** TC Needed**
Spring Valley (SPV)	Mon Nov 30	10:00	\$48
			** TC Needed**

Rittweger and O'Meara Have Best Rounds of the Month

On Sept. 9 at Dublin Ranch **John Rittweger** and **Tim O'Meara** both had outstanding rounds of net 57 (minus 5.1 strokes) from White tees to earn Round of the Month honors. Congratulations, gents!

Prize Money Will be Credited to Your Green Fee Balance

Because we can no longer distribute cash envelopes to golf prize winners at our monthly meetings, we will distribute prizes by crediting the winners' green fee balances. **Ron Grace** will handle the credits as well as the bills.

New Criteria for Closest to the Pin (CTP) Prizes

An updated version of Joe Cioni's Sept. 7 email

We have started playing tournaments for prizes again. However, because courses do not want flagsticks handled, we are not going to have CTP contests, as scurrying around the green with tape measures and other paraphernalia would not be good optics as well as subjecting us to criticism.

However, since CTP monies are included in your tournament fee, we will have a pool set aside for any golfer whose tee shot is within a putter length of the hole (using a putter no longer than 35 inches). If there are no such feats, then that fund gets carried over to the next tournament.

On Sept. 3 at DeLaveaga \$6 was set aside for CTP. Nobody was able to claim it, so the pool at Dublin Ranch grew to \$12, which was won by **Larry Low**. On the 133-yard seventh hole Larry's 9-iron shot landed slightly left and in front of pin. Larry thought he had a chance for an ace as it rolled toward the hole, but it slid by to the right and ended up 6-8" away. (Yes, he made the putt!)

The maximum award will be \$25. If more than one person accomplishes that feat in a single tournament, then the pool will be split accordingly. Any par 3 (and any short par 4 for you long, long hitters) will be eligible for this prize.

Crazy Horse Ranch (no prizes)			Par 72Wh 70Rd	Aug. 27, 2020
Palmer Flight	Net		Nicklaus Flight	Net
Goodman Chris	67		Enos Joe	70
Lau Ron	71		Narva Jim	71
Grace Ron	73			
Jonekait Jay	75			
Low Gross: Robert Manetta 84				

The Bridges (no prizes)			Par 72	Aug. 31, 2020
Palmer Flight	Net		Nicklaus Flight	Net
Goodman Chris	68		O'Meara Tim	72
Schlatter Jim	71		Ogle Dave	74
McGrath Richard	72		Lau Peter	75
Rittweger John	74		Narva Jim	77
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 77				

DeLaveaga			Par 70	Sep. 3, 2020	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Rittweger John	64	25 GC	Tran Man	67	20 GC
Nakamoto Ron	69	20 GC	Gikis Benjamin	71	17 GC
Gerich John	69	15 GC	Narva Jim	72	13 GC
Squellati David	73	\$9	O'Meara Tim	75	\$7
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None					
Low Gross: Robert Manetta 82					

Dublin Ranch 4 man 2 best ball			Par 63	Sep. 9, 2020
Team			Score	Prize
Ron Nakamoto, Peter Lau, Joe Enos, Tim O'Meara			101	\$15@
Joe Cioni, John Rittweger, Chris Goodman, Phil Vanderwerf			106	\$10@
Benjamin Gikis, Peter Wong, Man Tran, Gerald Cooley			111	\$5@
Palmer Top 4 Net: J. Rittweger 57, P. Vanderwerf 58, D. Wilson 61, R. Nakamoto 62				
Nicklaus Top 4 Net: T. O'Meara 57, P. Lau 59, B. Gikis 60, M. Tran 62				
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: Larry Low (\$12)				

Los Lagos (no prizes due to raised cups)			Par 68Wh 65Rd Sept. 10, 2020		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	Nicklaus Flt.	Net
Wilson Dick	62	Barnhart Terry	57	Mattson Don	61
Rittweger J	66	Ososkie Jerry	60	Gikis Ben	62
Low Larry	66	Schutz Paul	64	Narva Jim	63
Goodman C	66	Nakamoto R	68	Ogle Dave	63
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None					
Low Gross: Terry Barnhart 78					

Moffett Field			Par 72			Sept. 17, 2020		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Davis James	69	\$20	Nakamoto R	71	\$20	Ogle Dave	74	\$18
Manetta R	70	\$15	Feeney Gerry	71	\$15	Tran Man	77	\$14
Low Larry	71	\$10	Booth Bob	72	\$10	Wong Peter	78	\$10
Cioni Joe	73	\$5	Grace Ron	75	\$5	OBrien G	79	\$5
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None								
Low Gross: Robert Manetta 75								

Spring Valley				Par 70		Sept. 21, 2020		
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt.	Net	\$
Vanderwerf P	69	\$18	Davis James	66	\$18	Gikis Ben	69	\$22
McGrath R	71	\$14	Nakamoto R	66	\$14	OBrien G	71	\$16
Jonekait Jay	71	\$10	Barkey Stan	69	\$10	O'Meara Tim	72	\$12
						Mattson Don	72	\$7
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None								
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 77								

Corica Park South			Par 72	Sept. 24, 2020	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize
Low Larry	71	\$18	Wong Peter	68	\$21
Davis James	72	\$14	Lau Peter	69	\$16
Newton Ken	74	\$10	Gikis Benjamin	69	\$10
			Ray John	70	\$5
"Within a Putter Length" Winner: None					
Low Gross: Richard McGrath 81					

Beginning to use Zoom

Zoom is one of a number of web-based applications which make it easy to communicate over the internet both visually (video camera) and/or verbally (microphone). It runs on a desktop, laptop, tablet and smartphone. The bigger your display, the newer your computer and the faster your internet connection the better your experience.

There is great Zoom documentation on the internet. Zoom has lots on www.zoom.us and so does YouTube www.youtube.com (search for “How to use Zoom”). For a quick overview of Zoom functions find/click [Zoom – SUPER-EASY-GUIDE.pdf](#) which is available on the Branch 35 website.

It easiest to use Zoom if you create a FREE “Basic” account at Zoom.us which downloads the Zoom application to your device. Once you have a FREE “Basic” account you should go to your “PROFILE” and **edit your full desired name** (Joe Jones) so that others know who you are and Branch 35 can check you in as attending one of our sessions. It’s nice if you can **add a picture** that best represents you to others when your camera is turned off.

To make the Zoom screen take up your whole display click on “Full Screen” in the upper right hand corner. To return from “Full Screen” hit the ESC key.

To change how your participants appear on your display you can select “Speaker” mode (the speaker becomes dominate and everyone else is smaller and to the right side) or “Gallery Mode” (multiple participants appear in the same size with usually up to 25 per screen). To select the desired view click on the desired label in the upper right hand corner of the display. The label shows the mode you want to move to.

To best watch a presentation with Zoom make the presentation and the speaker appear side by side (you can change the size of each by sliding the divider left and right). To setup side by side click on the yellow “View Options” button on the top of your screen and towards the bottom of the now visible selections click on “Side x Side”.

There is so much more you can do with Zoom but this will get you started. For answers to frequently asked question go to the Branch 35 website or click here [Zoom FAQs & Guidance](#).

MOVIE REVIEWS from Jim Quillinan

The Social Dilemma. The effect of social networking is examined in this hard-hitting documentary. It even weaves into the film a scripted drama of how addictive modern technology can be. The Social Dilemma uses interviews with former executives and leaders at Google, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and others to enlighten what the algorithm really does, it turns the users into the product to be sold to advertisers. In turn the advertisers work with high tech to use our data to influence and to manipulate us. Once the user gets a taste of the candy, it becomes an obsession. This obsession can and does turn some brains to mush. The film points out several ways to handle this new addiction, but the best one is to just disconnect from all social media. Rated PG-13 for some thematic elements, disturbing/violent images and suggestive material. It is a must see and a Peggy's Pick. Available on Netflix.

Robin's Wish. Robin Williams' widow, Susan Schneider Williams, made this captivating documentary film to celebrate Robin's life and explain what really happened when Robin took his own life. Robin's death was a shock as we all appreciated his humor and his quick-fire wit. The film interviews his neighbors, friends and co-workers who noticed significant changes in his moods and sharpness. We get to see Robin at his best inventing comedy on the fly and making his characters larger than life. We also get to see him in decline and wonder why. The answer came only after he died. He was suffering from a nearly impossible to diagnose brain disease Lewy Body Dementia (LBD). LBD is a disease that can cause heightened fear, paranoia and confusion. Not knowing that you have LBD, makes it even worse. Robin lost his battle with dementia, but he succeeded at his lifelong goal - To make people less afraid. This is Robin's wish. Not rated but would be R for language. This is one to see, especially for Robin's fans. Available on Prime Video. It is a Peggy's Pick.

SIR Apparel can be Ordered Online

Shirts and hats, etc. with the SIR logo are available online at:

<https://sir.go.customprintcenter.com/>

Items can be customized by adding "Branch 35" in the blank space below the logo. Or the space can be deleted and then left blank.

Wearing these items can invite inquiries from men not familiar with SIR.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Golf- San Juan Oaks 9:30 a.m.	2 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	3
4	5 Golf- Moffett Field 9:30 a.m.	6	7	8 Golf- Spring Hills 10:00 a.m. Biking 11:00 a.m. Half Moon Bay	9 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	10
11	12 Golf- Los Lagos 9:27 a.m.	13	14	15 Golf- Crystal Springs 9:30 a.m.	16 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	17
18	19 Golf- Wente Vineyards 9:30 a.m.	20	21 ZOOM MEETING Social Time 11:45 a.m. Business 12:30 p.m. Speaker 12:45 p.m.	22 Golf- Cinnabar Hills 4 Man 2 Best Ball 10:00 a.m.	23 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	24
25	26 Golf- Shoreline 9:00 a.m.	27	28	29 Golf- Blackhorse 9:30 a.m.	30 Bocce Ball Per Sign-up	31