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Sons in Retirement, Inc.

Mission Trail Branch 35

Los Altos, California

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

February, 2021

— NEXT MEETING —

3rd Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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: *Richard Haiduck, Author*

Topic: *Shifting Gears*



Richard Haiduck, a former life sciences executive and mentor, in his own retirement has taken on the project of collecting Baby Boomers' stories about their post-retirement lives and how they figured out what they really wanted to do with their time. His new book, *Shifting Gears*, is based on interviews with retirees, telling how they are shifting

gears. Sometimes they shift smoothly, sometimes they grind the gears, and often they take some time to find their groove. The stories reveal the rich abundance of retirement ventures, from the exotic to the mundane.

His own retirement has been hyperactive. He learns new things through weekly interactions at Stanford, formerly via attending lectures and via zoom during the pandemic. Each year he reads about 100 books and bikes more than 3000 miles. He mentors organizations serving refugees and small farmers in Ghana. He combines family time with domestic and international travel.

The inspiration for the book came from hearing about the meaningful journeys in retirement taken by friends and colleagues. They were doing fascinating activities at this stage of their life, and often completely new directions from their prior careers. Richard's prior roles as both a leader and a mentor have been based on his ability to listen, and to get people to share their feelings.

Richard graduated from Miami University and got his MBA from Xavier University. He is happily married to his wife of 52 years and has 2 daughters and 4 grandsons.

The Big Sir Says . . .

Something Golden!

In the process of handing over the responsibilities of leading this branch, Andy and I set out to locate our branch charter and several other historical documents. When we found them in the hands of our Branch Historian, Frank Crossman, we discovered that Branch 35 will be 50 years old this year.



A Golden Anniversary is something special to be celebrated! When you consider all the men who have been a part of this branch during these fifty years, all of the speakers who have informed and entertained us during that time, all of the men who have contributed their time and talents to creating and maintaining our culture, we have a lot to celebrate!

We are planning a special picnic on August 18th at Blackberry Farm in Cupertino. We are hoping that this will be one of our first in-person gatherings as we emerge from the Covid-19 restrictions. There will be lots of great food, music and conversation. We will honor our Senior Sirs and former Big Sirs. Mark that date on your calendar. After all the months of isolation and restricted activity, this is going to be fun!

Stan

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Vaccine Arrives in Silicon Valley

As you read this, many of us will have already received our first vaccine shots. There are several locations where shots can be obtained and you are encouraged to make an appointment as soon as possible. Here are some of the organizations providing shots:

Kaiser Permanente, Palo Alto Medical Foundation (Sutter Health), Stanford Healthcare, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Hospitals and Clinics, El Camino Hospital, and Veterans Hospital (Veterans only). An updated chart is available at <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/COVID19-vaccine-information-for-public.aspx>

This is one time when being in our age group has put us at the front of the line. **Let's all get our shots and turn back this pandemic!**

FEBRUARY 2021 ROSTER

Active Members: 332

Net Monthly Change: 0

In Memoriam
Charles J. Cook

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS

Joe MacIntosh	28	Dell Smith	14
Del Fillmore	20	Norm Kitching	12
Bill Nugteren	17	Dave Ogle	12
Guy Thompson	17	Doug Anderson	11
Dick Wilson	17	Alan Gaudie	11
Don Gladstone	16	Ben Gikis	11
Neal Didriksen	15	Ron Nakamoto	11
Dick Morris	15	Tom Taboada	11
Cal Morris	15	Dan Zemanek	11
John Lehner	14		

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Peter Barba	Mike Foster	George Mednick
Jerry Belden	Joe Gardner	Jean Mordo
Leland Chan	Terry Hayes	George O'Brien
Wilson Chang	Syd Jacobsen	John Ray
Frank Crossman	Mike Kerr	Arnie Satterlee
Jim DeLong	Bob Martin	Ron Schoengold
Chuck Dunker	Doug McGee	Larry Yelowitz
Doug Ericsson	John McGowan	

January Virtual Birthday Winner

Gerry Feeney

Reopening Outdoor Activities

The SIR State Board held an emergency meeting in January to explore ways to reopen SIR golf. They had in hand the protocols provided by Branch 35 and two or three other very active branches. The Board members agreed to reopen SIR Golf and went to work crafting the protocols that will allow resumption of golf tournaments.

The new golf protocols have been received and as this issue is published, our Branch Executive Committee is voting to approve them. The Golf Committee will resume our tournament schedule as soon as the new protocols can be implemented. Golfers should watch for announcements from Golf Chairman Joe Cioni.

The State Board indicated that they will be providing similar protocols for other outdoor activities like biking, hiking and bocce ball at their meeting in February. As soon as we receive these documents and they are approved by our BEC, they will be passed along to activity chairmen.

Stan Barkey, Big Sir

Breakout Rooms:

A new way to join Small Social Groups at our monthly Zoom lunch meetings.

Many of you have been attending our monthly Zoom lunch meetings over the last nine months. Since August we have also been holding Small Social Group meetings before the main meeting. For the February Zoom lunch, we plan to try something new for these. Instead of having to join a different Zoom meeting before the main meeting, you will just join the main meeting at 11:45am (or later) and choose the Social Group (Breakout Room) you would like to attend. If you don't want to go to a Breakout Room, you can just stay in the main meeting and chat with the people who are there. **However, there is something very important that we need you to do:**

Please update your Zoom client software to the latest version.

The reason for this is that if your client version is not **5.3.0 or higher**, you will not be able to choose the Breakout Room you wish to go to yourself, and the Zoom hosts will have to interact with you to help you get there. This will be very distracting for those who just want to stay in the main meeting.

If you don't know how to update your Zoom client, please watch this video:

<https://youtu.be/E7zERcVLUBM>

The video applies to Desktops and Laptops, but for mobile devices, you will need to go to the App Store (for Apple) or Google Play (for Android) and check for an update.

If you have the updated client software version, when you join the meeting you will see an icon for Breakout Rooms in your meeting controls (at the bottom of the screen for Desktops and Laptops or at the left for Mobile devices).



The icon looks like this: Click (or tap) it and a list of the available Breakout Rooms will be shown.

Click **Join** next to the Breakout Room you wish to participant in, and confirm by clicking **Yes** in the popup (or for Mobile devices, tap to select the room, then tap **Join**).

Repeat this if you would like to join a different breakout room, or click **Leave Room** to return to the main meeting session. The Zoom host will close all the breakout rooms just before 12:30pm and everyone will return to the main meeting automatically.

One more request. **Please make sure that you log into your Zoom client with your email address and password before you join the Zoom meeting.** This will make it easier for us to take attendance for the meeting, because your email address will be saved along with your screen name.

If you have read this far, thank you very much! I hope you enjoy the February Zoom lunch and the new Breakout Rooms.

Richard Blackborow
(Technology Director)

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.

James (Jim) Davis

Editor's Note: Did you know that small businesses make up 99.8% of employers and 64% of net new private-sector jobs? Many of our members have carved their careers with large companies, blazing trails in technology, producing needed products and services and doing it with large teams of workers. But, for generations, workers were more likely to be employed with a small business with fewer than 100 people. This month we recognize a fellow member who was one of those small business owners who possessed the entrepreneurial spirit and sheer guts to risk everything to start a small business that employed people and helped power the U.S. economy.



On 14 November 2018, the following article was published in the Los Altos Town Crier. "Old-fashioned automotive shop revs into 36th year" - A photo taken in front of the "Jim Davis Automotive" shop had Jim with his arms around his principal mechanics, BJ Correia and Brian Nakai. An excerpt from the article starts out with: "A well-loved auto shop that services cars for

customers all over the South Bay, including residents of Los Altos and Mountain View, hosted a celebration Nov 8, 2018 for the man behind the muscle, Jim Davis. "I really try to accommodate the businesses here," Davis said of his Barron Park neighborhood." To mark his 36th anniversary, Davis priced gas for the day at \$3.60 per gallon (price matching his anniversary). I'm waiting to see if anyone notices, he said" Later, he said "Nobody noticed my great idea." So much for Jim's sense of humor.

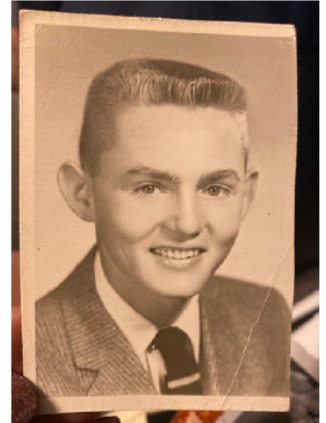
Jim was born at home in Urbana, Illinois. He was the youngest of four kids. "My parents were tenant farmers that lived working the land. We had a roof over our heads but at that time, no indoor plumbing, electricity or phone ... but we did have a great outhouse. All the kids went to a rural, one room school with a potbelly stove for heat and of course, no indoor plumbing. I remember contracting rheumatic fever three times, at nine, twelve and fourteen, and each time I was bedridden for three months which is probably why I like to be out and about all the time. (Editor's note: Rheumatic fever, along with Polio, was common in the 1950's and was not fully controlled until the widespread use of Penicillin and antibiotics.) During those periods, one of the few outlets I had to the outside world was listening to the radio and trying to catch any baseball game on the air. I developed a passion for baseball and became quite the expert for each of the teams, their players, and each player's individual

statistics. Of course, my favorite team was the New York Yankees with Yogi Berra and Mickey Mantle. Once I was on my feet, I stayed very active playing on the Unity High School baseball, track and basketball teams, lettering in each one. On the basketball team I was a six-foot guard when we took the State Conference and came within one game of making it to the State Championship. (Our team had a twelve-point lead in the fourth quarter but wasn't able to put it away.) I thrived in math and did well academically, graduated with the third highest GPA in our class.

"After high school, I enrolled at the University of Illinois and majored in aerospace engineering. (Can you imagine me as an aerospace engineer with a slide rule on my belt? I could not either, so after a year I transferred to Illinois State University and pursued a teaching degree as I enjoyed working with our youth. That pursuit became moot when I was drafted. After boot camp I was assigned to the First Calvary Division as a radio operator/forward observer at Fort Benning, Georgia. (Editor's note: The 1st Calvary Division, or "First Team" is famous for its distinctive triangular patch with a slash and a horse's head which you've seen Robert Duvall wear on his uniform in the opening sequence of "Apocalypse Now". The unit is unique as originally constituted as a horseback calvary, evolving over time to its present composition as a Combined-Arms (unit equipped with assault and troop carrier helicopters as the "horses" for rapid maneuverability freeing the infantry from the tyranny of the land.) As luck would have it, just prior to the unit deploying to Vietnam, I received my ETS (expiration-term of service) so the entire division left for Vietnam except for a few of us who were left behind to process out of the military.

"As a single guy I spent the next few years discovering and enjoying life which I term "my wild years". A group of us would on a whim decide to take off to Chicago or to New Orleans to enjoy the Mardi Gras by chartering a private airplane and deciding where to stay only after we partied all night. Al Hirt and Louie Armstrong were doing their thing in small clubs on Bourbon St. during that time. Pre- and post-party years, I worked at a gas station and became a part-owner of the station at a time when the gas station owner purchased a business was invaluable experience for me albeit for only a short time.

"After that experience, I took a one-month vacation to California in 1969 and took the opportunity to reconnect with a young lady named Mary Jo, who I met in high school in Illinois and was now living in the area. While there I decided to call and visit. We hit it off and enjoyed each other's company until I returned to Illinois. We kept in contact by phone which at that time was considered long distance so paying the bill took a chunk out of my paycheck, but then again, you know about young love. Our long-distance relationship was great, but I wanted to see her, so I flew out with tickets to attend the play "Hair" in San Francisco. I had a well-planned date night only ruined when the cast decided to protest the Vietnam war by shutting down the show. What a bust, but I secured an "A" for effort and we later married. We started our life together with her working at the Wall



Crew cut Jim in high school

Street Journal while I attended DeAnza Junior College and later San Jose State College on the GI bill. I majored in Computer Science, enjoyed it and was doing well but as is common with young couples, money or more appropriately the lack of it became a real challenge with a wife and a child on the way. I put school on the back burner and took a job as mechanic at Matador Shell gas station in Palo Alto.

"I had learned all things about cars early on in my life starting with part-time jobs at service stations changing tires, checking oil and other fluids on a car. I developed my mechanical expertise by watching and working with "Pappi" an old mechanic that was a wiz at diagnosing and fixing cars but didn't like dealing with people. I became the "go-between" with the back and forth between customer and mechanic and soon was able to discern problems on my own. I learned everything through good old fashion "hands on" learning.

"For the next ten years I became quite experienced with the various types of car mechanical and electrical problems, pricing, inventory management and most importantly customer service and employee management.

My troubleshooting skills always followed the scientific method of deductive reasoning (probably based on my math skills). But the most important lessons I learned, all evolved around people relationships. The customers are always looking for good work at a fair price. Employees cared about respect and being able to earn a fair wage with benefits to support their families. While these seem to be common sense principles, I was always amazed at how few practiced those principles.

"In 1982, an opportunity arose to buy a business in Palo Alto's Barron Park district. My kids were six and twelve at the time and my wife was a full-time mother so we had no safety net but that is why they call it "an opportunity". Of course, I didn't have the money for the down payment, but I had some very good customers/friends that offered to loan me the funds I needed, all with a simple handshake. I didn't even have sufficient cash on hand to handle the first day's cashflow needs. But in spite of the obstacles, I was absolutely convinced that this was the right decision and I made it work."

Through luck and much hard work, the "Jim Davis Automotive Service Station" business became successful and grew quickly with its word-of-mouth reputation for good work, fair pricing, and excellent customer service. Jim's business approach and differentiator simple stated was: "Most owners of service stations were mechanics. I wanted to be a business manager who owned a business."

"As a small business owner, I would regularly support various local initiatives and causes and gladly did so as I could see the benefit of their efforts in my community. I coached little league baseball and served as a Board Director for over ten years. For several years, I volunteered to coach a habitual "underachieving team" and managed the kids to win their senior division. I always believed and preached that a win in my book was defined by the 110% effort on the field.

"As the business grew and was running well, I was able to pursue other activities, joined SIR, played more golf started travelling, and had to endure a knee replacement with an extensive rehab period. I

officially retired in 2019 and now spend my time gardening and golfing. I enjoy experimenting with grafting and transplanting various plants. I practice the trial and error method of gardening which I first picked up from my father when he worked for the University of Illinois in the horticulture department. Growing rose bushes from cuttings is my current passion."

Jim concludes his story with the following comments to his fellow SIR members. "I am awed by the accomplishments of my fellow Sirs and feel privileged to be a fellow member. I grew up on a farm with nothing and believed at the time that this must be how it is. I say with deep pride that America gave me the opportunity to better myself and I was fortunate enough and worked hard enough to improve my lot in life, for myself and my loved ones. I think and hope that someday everyone in this great country of ours believes that they have an equal chance of improving their lot in life for themselves and their loved ones."



*Jim and Mary Jo on a cruise to somewhere.
Jim forgot where but a great photo to
capture the moment.*

Member Profile Call for 2021 Candidates

Fellow Branch 35 members,

Wouldn't you like to know a little more about your fellow members? Every member in our branch has lived a long and interesting life. Whether they did it in academia, within the business community, their local community/church, or indulged in a favorite sport or hobby, your fellow member would be interested in your story. It is a very simple process to do one and you can start by just sending me an email (ron.nakamoto@yahoo.com) that you would be interested and want to know more. If you have already been Profiled I would encourage you to let your fellow members know what you thought about the process and article and to encourage them to participate.

TRAVEL

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Biden To Implement Travel Restrictions To Combat
New Coronavirus Variants

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2021/01/25/960229515/biden-to-implement-travel-restrictions-to-combat-new-coronavirus-variants>

BIKING

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The SIR bicycle group is not riding in February. SIR has giving the order that all outdoor activities are to be suspended. We take this to mean that protocols have to be re-submitted at the appropriate time. We have complete trust in your protocols and hope to be back riding again.

HIKING

DELL SMITH 650-968-5006 (LOOKING FOR A Replacement)
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The SIR sponsored monthly group hiking is postponed until the Covid 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, there is an on-line contact procedure. SIR Hiking members are now included in a Google Group. If you would like to join, contact Peter Thurston, the administrator.

BOCCE BALL

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Because of Covid, all Bocce activity by Sir Branch 35 is shut down until allowed by the Branch and State SIR leadership as well as Santa Clara County.

We are attempting to stay in contact with some of our more active players. For example, **Bob Taggart**, who is equally enthusiastic about SIR Bowling as well as SIR Bocce and SIR Golf, can only now drive by the closed bowling alley used by the SIR Bowling league and wonder when it will open this spring for practice and then league play—maybe! He does play golf once a week with two fellow Sirs at "Deep Cliff" in Cupertino, but this is not a SIR activity. Bob emphasizes how much he misses fellow Bocce players and the regular chance to socialize and have fun with the games.

A Projection? Since the median age of our Branch members is about 75, that means that about one half will have had their second vaccination before the end of February [three Bocce players recently surveyed will receive their second vaccinations on 2/14, 2/18 and 2/19]. Allowing for a brief period for the immunity to fully develop, this cohort should be ready to play together, with the Covid protocol formulated earlier for Bocce by Ron Schoengold and approved by our Executive Committee, as soon as Santa Clara County Health, the State Sir leadership and the Branch 35 Executive Committee approve such activity. Could we be enjoying fun games of Bocce as soon as this late Spring? In the newly built Los Altos Community Senior Center? Stay tuned.

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Homestead Bowl is closed and there will be no league bowling in 2021 until further notice. We will be in contact with Homestead Bowl after we receive approval from SIR to continue bowling again.

GOLF

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GOLF INFO**Local Golfer Shoots a Condor at Lake Chabot**

Last month's column mentioned an Irish golfer who scored a rare hole in one on a par 5 hole in 1995. But a local golfer recently did something even rarer. **Kevin Pon** of Castro Valley used a driver and a pitching wedge to score 2 on a par 6 hole and achieve the rarer-than-rare "condor." It was the first condor ever shot on a par 6 hole in the US.

The January 12 issue of the *Mercury News* featured a lengthy front page story on 52-year old Kevin Pon who, on Dec. 10, scored a 4 under-par "condor" on the 649-yard eighteenth hole at Lake Chabot Golf Club in Oakland. It's reported to be the only par 6 hole west of the Mississippi. You can read the story here: <https://tinyurl.com/yvrl6vf>.

If you'd like to know more about par 6 holes – which are not quite as rare as hens' teeth – here's a recent article from GolfPass that also extolls Kevin's condor: <https://www.golfpass.com/travel-advisor/articles/lake-chabot-golf-course-condor-par-6>. Many SIR golfers are familiar with that hole at Lake Chabot. We play the course frequently. The fairway starts out flat, then there's a very long and steep downhill section which flattens out about 100 yards of the hole. The cart path crosses the fairway five times, and it's likely that Mr. Pon's drive bounced off the path at least once.

Phil's First Ace

Branch 35 golfer **Phil Vanderwerf**, playing in a casual round on December 28 with fellow Sirs **Joe Cioni** and **Richard McGrath**, made his first-ever hole-in-one at the Poplar Creek Golf Course.

Playing the 171-yard 7th hole, Phil and the others hit their tee shots into a glaring sun and couldn't see them land. Richard, in his motorized cart, was the first to arrive at the green and saw only two balls on the green. He was walking across the green toward one ball, stopped at the hole and asked: "Phil, are you playing a Callaway?" Phil replied "Yes". "It's in the hole!"

As a side note, Phil and Joe were playing Richard and Joe's friend **Santhosh Soudamini** in a four-ball match for a drink. Phil and Joe won the match 3-2 but Phil bought the drinks. While the restaurant was closed, the bar was open for take-out drinks.

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday February 5 for the following:				
Poppy Ridge (PPR) (Cart)	Thu Mar 4	9:30	\$60	
Goodman 510-745-9318 goodmancxxx@gmail.com/ Newton				
Wente Vineyards (WNT) (Cart,Range)	Mon Mar 8	10:00	\$75	
Goodman 510-745-9318 goodmancxxx@gmail.com/ Rittweger				
Shoreline (SHL)	Thu Mar 11	9:00	\$35	
Lau 408-730-9115 ronwjau@gmail.com/ Gerich				
Cinnabar Hills (CBH) (Cart,Prize)	Mon Mar 15	10:00	\$71	
Nakamoto 408-440-2330 Ronandela(at)comcast.net/ Hall				
Bayonet (BYN) (Cart,Range)	Thu Mar 18	10:00	\$90	
O'Meara 408-251-5402 Omearatimo(at)gmail.com/ Jones				
Poplar Creek (PCR)	Mon Mar 22	9:30	\$39	
UNCONFIRMED Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com / Wong, Peter				
Poppy Hills (PPH) (Cart,Range)	Thu Mar 25	10:00	\$90	
O'Meara 408-251-5402 Omearatimo(at)gmail.com/ Cioni				
Santa Teresa (SNT)	Mon Mar 29	10:00	\$52	
McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath(at)yahoo.com/ Hall				
Silver Creek (SCR) (Cart)	Thu Apr 1	11:00	\$105	
Joneskait 650-283-9786 jay(at)jonekait.com				

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Ann Hepenstahl, the January speaker, gave lots of information related to emergency preparedness. You can find a copy of her powerpoint presentation on the Branch 35 website under *List of Speakers*. Here are some of the links she provided:

Emergency notifications

- Santa Clara County www.alertscc.org
- San Mateo County: www.smcalert.org

Block Action Team:

www.losaltosbat.org www.laares.org Los Altos Amateur Radio

Emergency Service

Los Altos PREPARES

- losaltosca.gov/emergencyprep
- Info on training, communications plans, emergency kits, CERT and more
- Losaltosca.gov/gobag

Earthquake Country Alliance

- Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety: <https://www.earthquakecountry.org/sevensteps/>
- Webinars: <https://www.earthquakecountry.org/safer-at-home/>

Info from Los Altos Hills County Fire District <https://www.lahcfd.org/>

Or check your home City's emergency preparedness site!

Webinars related to emergency preparedness

- Schedule of upcoming programs
- "COVID-19 Q&A with Dr. Yu:" 2nd Friday, 4th Wednesday
- And presentations and recordings from prior webinars
- www.losaltosca.gov/prepares

PG&E

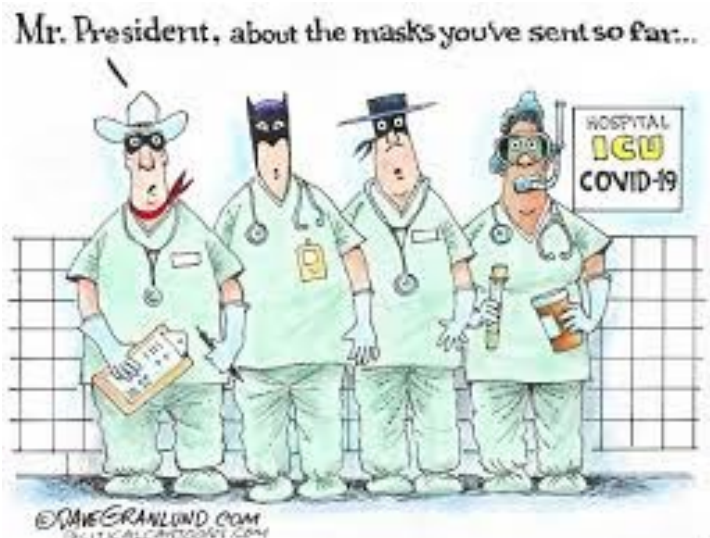
- PSPS: https://www.pge.com/en_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/public-safety-power-shutoff-faq.page
- <https://m.pge.com/#login>

MOVIE REVIEWS

Fisherman's Friends. Based on a true story, this is an utterly charming film about ten guys from Port Isaac, Cornwall, UK who catch lobsters by day and sing up a storm in their spare time. These ten fishermen are dedicated Cornwallians who don't trust the fancy men from London who want to sign them to a record deal. A dedicated "posh" agent and some locals convince the ten men to give it a go. They sign a record deal and quickly achieve a top ten hit with their album of Sea Shanties. Some twenty years later they are still performing in the UK and the Commonwealth. We get to sing along too. This is great story of talent and good intentions being rewarded. Rated PG-13 for some strong language, and suggestive references. Currently streaming on Netflix and is a Peggy's Pick.

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom. This brilliant portrait of the Blues and what it means to Black Americans is set on one day in Chicago, in 1927. The famous and mercurial Blues singer, Ma Rainey (Viola Davis), and her band have a recording session. Ma Rainey is demanding as she should be - she demands the best from herself, the band and her producers. Conflicts are thick between Ma and her aspiring horn player, Levee (Chadwick Boseman). Levee wants to expand the Blues with a new sound and Ma is a traditionalist. Ma's agent and the record company producer are white and walk a fine line to keep Ma happy and produce a sellable record. The racial tension is intense as Ma knows how to work the system for all of their benefit. Based on the Pulitzer Prize winner play by August Wilson. Look for Viola Davis and Chadwick Boseman (his last performance) at Oscar time. Rated R for language, some sexual content and violence. Streaming on Netflix and it is a Peggy's Pick.

Driveways. This film wastes no time as it tells its compelling stories. Themes of friendship, choices, aging and death are all explored. Eight-year-old (almost 9) Cody is spending the summer with his mother Kathy cleaning out his deceased aunt's house. It is a new town and neighborhood for them. Cody feels more awkward than usual with the local kids. The aunt was a hoarder so the task of cleaning the house is daunting. But the next-door neighbor, Del (Brian Dennehy) provides an anchor for them. Del is a Korean War veteran and a widower who is full of charm and sage advice. It is a story of young and old and how we can enhance all of our lives through friendship. Not rated but likely would be R for language. It is a Peggy's Pick. It is available on Apple TV and Showtime.



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