



Mission Trail Branch 35, Los Altos, California

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- NEXT MEETING -

Tuesday, April 16th, 2024

SIR Branch 35 Lunch Meeting 11:00am-1:30pm

Business 12:15pm, Speaker 12:45pm

Venue: Mountain View Community Center

**Program: Nora Mason
A Short History of Ukraine**



A flat land with rich, fertile soil and plentiful water is prime real estate for habitation as well as invasion. We start with the Huns, go to the Vikings, and then the Kyivan state. We cover its glories, its battles, its kings and its trade with the great nations of the time.

We touch on famous generals, battles and treaties. We talk about occupation by other nations that lasted centuries while all the time

remaining a nation, steeped in culture, tradition and language. We talk about Holodomor, a genocide yet to be recognized.

We touch on our famous poets and composers and we end with Ukraine becoming an independent country for a short while. Until 2014.

Nora Mason is a Survivor of World War II and an Activist: She was only 3½ years old when her family was captured by the Germans while fleeing from Lviv, Ukraine, in 1943. They were sent

to a slave labor camp for one year in Germany. After the war ended, they were liberated by the French army and placed in a displaced persons camp for 5 years under the Marshal Plan. Nora immigrated to the US when she was 9 and moved to California when she was 18. She is part of the Northern California chapter of the Ukrainian Women's League of America, which sends aid to Ukraine, especially during the ongoing conflict with Russia..

Jerry Ososkie



The Big Sir says...

As the pandemic is now in our rear view, I invite all members to join me in our April 16th Luncheon and revel in the camaraderie of our community, whether you're reconnecting with old friends or forging new ones. As we get together, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the member volunteers who tirelessly contribute

to the smooth functioning of our branch operations and activities. Their commitment and work have kept our branch running continuously. I could not run the branch without them. From the discussions at the SIR State workshop, I come back feeling we are a shining example to emulate, as we are already doing the suggested ideas for a successful club.

We have over 40 volunteers leading and lending their time. Their contributions are the backbone of our success. I hope you will join me to extend a warm round of applause to these unsung members who make our branch a place we're proud to call home. Who are they, you ask? They are all listed at the back of this newsletter!

Let's get together and continue to nurture our community and strive for stronger connections. Each member has unique experiences and can contribute to make our branch a welcoming and vibrant place for all.

Peter Wong.

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Please note that April's luncheon gathering will happen on TUESDAY 16th, a break with the normal, due to availability of our venue.
- A Celebration of Life will be held for our dear friend Norm Pass on Saturday April 13th at 1pm. The location will be the Computer Museum in Mountain View, 1401 N Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View. All SIR Branch 35 members who knew Norm are invited to attend.
- We have a special article this month submitted by Bill Moniz.

APRIL 2024 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Active Members: 299 Net Monthly Change: -2

Four new members joined this month but, unfortunately, a few have decided to resign. We always welcome new members so bring a friend or neighbor as a guest to the lunch to 'check us out'!!

Remember, you can search our member database at this link:

[SIR Branch 35 - Membership Directory \(wildapricot.org\)](http://wildapricot.org/SIR_Branch_35_-_Membership_Directory)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

How long have you been a member? These members are celebrating more than 10 years with SIR Branch 35 this month!


John Daines (14)	Jay Jonekait (16)	Harold Kaye (14)
Stu Kennedy (17)	Frank Kiss (22)	John Kolb (11)
Glen Pedigo (13)	Jim Sandstrom (14)	Stan Scardino (15)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS


Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

Mack Asrat	Bill Blockie	John Brittain
Mike Hammond	Dick Henning	Andy Jurian
Frank Kiss	Ben Kuckens	Max Lun
Jim Lunt	Neil Miotto	Pat OConnor
Mark Rosenthal	Dan Schettler	Wes Smith
Mark Taylor	Steve Vonderach	Gary Waldeck
Jack Wu		

In Memoriam



Capp Spindt passed in December. Capp grew up in Los Banos during WWII and worked picking cotton and fruit in the fields. He obtained a EE degree from Berkeley afterwards was a fighter pilot with USAF in the 50's. Capp went on to become an expert in nanofabrication and vacuum nanodevices. He was an avid golfer with the SIR golfing group. Services will be planned for this summer. He will be missed.



Jim Dunaway passed on March 22nd. A life-long educator, Jim taught mathematics for more than 30 years and was math department head at Mountain View High School. With his wife Louise, they established scholarships at local colleges to encourage more students to become math teachers. He joined SIR in 2004, was a member of our Branch Executive Council for a while and was activity chair for the investing group. He will be missed.

NEW MEMBERS

We had four new members join us in the past month!

Name	City	Former Employer(s)
Craig Moyer	Sunnyvale	Pyromet Industries., Praxair Surface Tech.
Allan Ward	Los Altos	Pratt & Whitney, Lockheed, United Airlines, State Farm
Bruce Winterhof	Los Altos	Milliman Inc.
Henry Chik	Menlo Park	PwC, Deloitte, DST Global

JOHN KOLB CENTURY SIR AN APPRECIATION



John Kolb was born on November 11 1921 and joined our SIR branch in 2013. He was recently honored as our century member. He has a few sayings for us retired men.

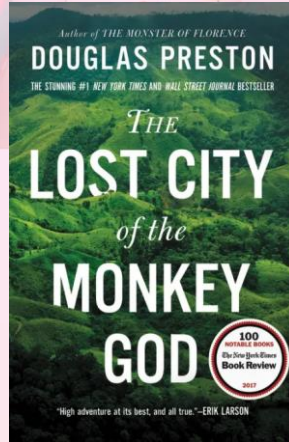
- Don't let age be a cage.
- Don't 'retire', 're-fire'
- Don't take life too seriously or you'll never get out alive!



When asked, he told us "my breakfast consists of grapes, maybe five or six, maybe ten blueberries, half a banana, vitamins, some milk, and I've learned to blend it into a smoothie drink. When I get up, I do enjoy a cup of coffee which I call 'water with an attitude'. Good for the "brain works." Way to go, John!

We saw him as Santa earlier this year at a Holiday Celebration hosted by the Community Services Agency. John is currently at Grant/Cuesta rehab center recovering from a back injury, 1949 Grant Road, Mtn. View CA, 94040. Telephone number 650-968-2990. I am sure that he will appreciate get well cards and other good wishes!

Pat



by Dava Sobel.

Honduran interior, called the White City or the Lost City of the Monkey God. In 2012, Preston joined a team of scientists using classified technology that could map the terrain under the densest rainforest canopy. They found evidence of not just an undiscovered city but an enigmatic, lost civilization and incurable disease. Most members thought the book was an excellent read.

Our book for April is "Longitude" (NF)

Jerry

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The SIR Branch 35 Personal Finance Group will meet on April 3rd from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Apricot Conference Room at the Los Altos Community Center behind the Los Altos Library at 97 Hillview Ave. Our current eMail distribution list has 25 members and attendance at our sessions ranges from 8 to 17.

On April 3rd, Henry Chik will lead an investor-oriented overview of what came out of the Nvidia 2024 Technology Conference earlier this month. He watched it on-line and will discuss Huang's keynote address and try to summarize the industries and publicly traded companies he expects to be most affected by the announcements. Others watched, too, and I'm sure will add their perspectives.

At our March 6th gathering Ron Wilensky briefed the group on some of the hazards of not appropriately updating beneficiaries on your trusts and estate plans. Howard Kalt initiated a discussion on the current state of AI and he and Henry Chik led the discussion as to which technologies and companies might be good investments because of the need for more compute power for AI implementations.

If you are interested in discussing personal finance issues, please email your topics to Andy Danver at adanver@ix.netcom.com and request to be added to our email invitation list.

Andy

BOOK SWAP

See our [web page](#)

The book swap will be in business at our next monthly luncheon. Bring a book you enjoyed for sharing, grab something that piques your interest!

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Tim

BOOK CLUB

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The Book Club is an activity where most months of the year, all members read the same book and then meet to discuss it.

The Lost City of the Monkey God (NF) by Douglas Preston was March's book. Since the days of Cortés, rumors have circulated about a lost city of immense wealth hidden somewhere in the

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SPECIAL ARTICLE USTA LEAGUE NATIONAL CHAMPS. BILL MONIZ

The Sunnyvale Men's 65+ 6.0 tennis team placed 2nd in the USTA National Invitational Tennis Championships held in Surprise, Arizona in early February. Twelve Sectional Champion teams from all over the United States competed in a grueling 3-day tennis tournament for both men and women in skill levels ranging from 6.0 to 9.0, featuring the best 65+ doubles tennis players in the country.

The Men's Northern California Champions from the Sunnyvale Tennis Club included Sir Branch 35 member Bill Moniz and players from Los Altos, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Campbell, Sunnyvale, and San Jose. Players ages ranged from 70 to 84. For Captain Jerry Machle, at age 87 and retiring after 16 years leading many teams to Sectional and National tournaments, this team's performance in placing second is a fitting send off. This was the team's fourth National Tournament and third year in a row, besting its 3rd place finish of two years ago.



From left: Greg Borrromeo, Jerry Money Penny, Larry Hayes, John McManus, Jerry Machle, Steve Honodel, Bill Freeman, Rich Reitman, Cliff Nishimoto. Missing Bill Moniz, Clem Jue, Dennis Imazeki, Bob Coe, Phil Rosario, Joe Tremba, Tak Young

The team won their league for the 6th consecutive year and swept teams from Vallejo and Walnut Creek in the Sectionals to again represent Northern California at the National Championship.

The 6.0 (skill level) 65+ (age level) men's team had a tough first round loss (1-2) to the Midwest team from Ohio, but later that night defeated a strong Texas team out of Austin 3-0. Day two included a tough battle with the Mid Atlantic team from Maryland, winning 2-1 and then finished the day with a 3-0 defeat of Hawaii. With the 3 wins and one loss Sunnyvale finished in second place behind Northern and qualified for the semi-finals.

The next day Sunnyvale played the 3rd place Pacific Northwest team from Seattle, winning a close match 2-1 and qualifying for the finals against Northern, who defeated 4th place Southern 3-0. In the finals Sunnyvale lost 3-0 to the Northern team that has won the tournament for the last 3 years.



Added Machle: This is a wonderful end to my tennis career. Next season (now begun) will carry on with the same players under a new captain and they expect to be back at Nationals again. Finishing second best in the U.S. is a very good way to end my coaching career. And thanks for all the friendships!"

Added team member Bill Moniz (pictured above), "tennis is a game for life and we are all glad we can still play. Next year we want to beat Northern for sure".

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Next ride: 2nd Thursday, April 11th, 2024, 11:00am

Wives and guests welcomed; helmets required and face masks optional.

Half Moon Bay Coastal Trail

Ride: This is one of the best bike rides in the Bay Area! We will ride a paved, flat trail along the ocean shore for about 6 miles from Poplar Beach, located south of Half Moon Bay, to Pillar Point, just past the town of Princeton. There is an optional ride to Mavericks Beach (1.5 miles) where surfing competitions take place and then on to the infamous Moss Beach Distillery (3 miles) on 140 Beach Way, HMB. There are several lunch options along our ride. This adds about 4.5 miles for a total 22 miles with no inclines. We can decide on what ride options once we arrive at Pillar Point.

Directions: Take I-280 North approximately 15 miles 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, near the port-a-johns. If you park in that lot, there is a hourly parking fee that you have to prepay. There is also neighborhood street parking on side streets off of Poplar St. If you park on the neighborhood streets, please pay attention to ALL posted parking signs. Driving time is about 40 minutes. It may be windy and/or cold, so bring a wind breaker or vest.

If you plan to ride or have questions please contact Gordy Tong Hank Bottino (details above).

Gordy

HIKING

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SIR Hikers at Edgewood Park and Nature Preserve

These 25 hardy souls hiked 4.35 miles at Edgewood Park and Nature Preserve on our March SIR Branch 35 monthly hike on Friday, 3/22/24. We had sunshine, good trail conditions and stimulating conversations. It was a good day! Come join us next month.

April Hike: Our next hike will be Friday, April 26, 2024. Come join us and bring a spouse or friend.

If you would like to get on the mailing list for the Hiking Group contact John Tucker.

John

APRIL SPECIAL DAYS

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- 1st April Fool's Day
- 1st Cesar Chavez Holiday
- 1st-8th March Madness contd.
- 7th CMT Music Awards
- 7th National Beer Day
- 8th Masters, Augusta GA (Golf)
- 10th World Snooker Champ.
- 13th UK Grand National (Horse)
- 13th & 14th New Years Day (Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Bengal, Tamil, ...)
- 16th NAACP Awards
- 15th Boston Marathon
- 15th Tax Day
- 22nd Earth Day
- 25th NFL Draft (Football)
- 25th Take Your Child To Work

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This activity is for couples who want to have fun and meet new people. We gather at the home of a host couple to blind taste, grade wines and share appetizers. Contact either Alan or Russ to join or for more information.

Alan

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SIR Bridge Group in action! From left to right; Jack Tooley, Fred Emmenegger, Les Fisher and Mark Levi

The Bridge Club is regularly meeting at the Los Altos Senior Center on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We play from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Join us for a fun afternoon of bridge and good conversation. We are looking for additional players of any experience level.

Mark

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The Chess group meets on Wednesdays 9am to 1pm at the Los Altos Civic Center, 97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, in the senior center room. All are welcome to come and play non-competitive friendly games of chess (no time clocks). All levels of players are welcome. Ben and a few others are available to play on many other days, dates and times are flexible. If interested, contact me.

Ben

BOCCE BALL

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Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. (for a couple hours), at Homestead Bowl, Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino.

This is the final standings of the Winter Session, with the Spring Session starting on April 9th. If you have been considering bowling - or are new to SIR - this is an excellent time to start. We bowl every Tuesday (1:00 PM for a couple hours) at Homestead Bowl in Cupertino. Call Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

Doug

STANDINGS - WINTER SESSION FINAL - APRIL 2024

1st Place --	Chris Weberg, Rick McColloch, Bob Garten
2nd Place --	Fred Emmenegger, Jim Holman, Gerry Cooley, Joe Enos
3rd Place --	Ruth Ososkie, Jerry Ososkie, Perry Brown
4th Place --	Jim Narva, Darryl Walker, Arnie Satterlee, Don Haythronwhite
5th Place --	Larry Mailbaum, Alan Gaudie, Larry Low
6th Place --	Les Fisher, Bob Taggart, Ron Nakamoto, Scott Hiller
7th Place --	Ranney Thayer, Peter Wong, Marc Haberman
8th Place --	Doug Anderson, Ken Allen, Jay Jonekait

SEASON HIGH SCORES

Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	574 - Larry Low	1st	232 - Perry Brown
2nd	560 - Jay Jonekait	2nd	209 - Joe Enos
3rd	542 - Marc Haberman	3rd	204 - Arnie Satterlee
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	727 - Jerry Ososkie	1st	257 - Peter Wong
2nd	683 - Chris Weberg	2nd	247 - D Haythronwhite
3rd	661 - Jim Holman	3rd	213 - Bob Taggart

LAST WEEK HIGH SCORES

Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
1st	574 - Larry Low	1st	232 - Perry Brown
2nd	492 - Scott Hiller	2nd	170 - Arnie Satterlee
3rd	489 - Marc Haberman	3rd	154 - Jay Jonekait (TIE)
		3rd	154 - Ruth Ososkie (TIE)
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
1st	626 - Bob Taggart	1st	221 - Joe Enos
2nd	629 - Doug Anderson	2nd	219 - Ken Allen
3rd	614 - Darryl Walker	3rd	209 - Alan Gaudie

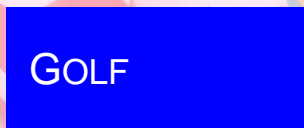
John

Every Friday, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Guests are welcome.
Location: Bocce Ball Courts at the Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos (off San Antonio Road), 650-947-2790. Ample parking in front. The Bocce Ball courts are in the left rear of the site as you face the front entrance of the Center.

Status of Court Use: Since our weather has turned to intermittent lighter rain and sunshine, the court surfaces are firm after a couple of days of sunshine and amenable to our standard maintenance before play—raking and rolling with loose debris removed. Access to the locked equipment (balls, measuring tapes) cabinet outside next to the court is readily obtained by getting the key from the inside reception desk (simple form without cost to establish your personal “account”). One issue noted recently: that since we have not been playing on both courts, a non-Sir couple came, checked out a set of balls and used the court we were not using that Friday.

Status of Volunteer Support: Frequent player Ed Austin is unable to assist until at least May. John Richardson who has provided support (mostly Trail Tips inputs, etc.) for the last ten years since we started this Branch Activity, will complete his service in this capacity by the end of April. Therefore, as is the spirit of what is done in Sir, new volunteers need to step forward and assist for at least two areas: A. Notifications to all players for play schedule cancellations (weather or holiday conflicts) and primary contact for the Bocce Activity, and B. Monthly submittal of the Bocce Trail Tips input.

We all have very much enjoyed the opportunity to play Bocce with our Sir friends and want that to continue with new volunteer participation. Please let Ed or John know if you are willing to assist in supporting the Bocce Activity. Thanks so much."



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more rematches!

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Fixtures for the Coming Month

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday April 12 for the following			
San Jose Muni (SJM)	Thu May 2	9:30	\$49
			** Need TC ** / **Need ATC**
Redwood Canyon (RCN)	Mon May 6	10:00	\$47
			Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com / **Need ATC**
Pacific Grove (PGR)	Thu May 9	10:00	\$67
			O'Meara 408-506-4714 Omearatimo@gmail.com / **Need ATC**
Crystal Springs (CSP)	Mon May 13	9:30	\$66
			Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni@yahoo.com / **Need ATC**
Moffett Field (MFD)	Thu May 16	9:30	\$51
			Lau 408-730-9115 ronwjau@gmail.com / Wilson
Rancho Solano (RSO)	Mon May 20	10:02	\$56
			Rittweger 650-740-3156 olygolfjr@aol.com / **Need ATC**
Shoreline (SHL)	Thu May 23	9:30	\$44
			McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com / Squellati
Bridges (BRI)	Wed May 29	9:36	\$69
			McGrath 408-307-8056 richard.mcgrath@yahoo.com / **Need ATC**
Sharp Park	Thu May 30	9:30	\$64
			Rittweger 650-740-3156 olygolfjr@aol.com / **Need ATC**

Schutz Has the Round of the Month

Paul Schutz had the round of the month and possibly the best round of his life on March 18 at Cinnabar Hills. His 86 gross was the lowest gross among guys playing from the forward tees. His net 65 was 6.5 strokes under what someone with his index would be expected to shoot, and he won his flight by a dozen strokes. Way to go, Paul!

Why are Some Names Printed in Red?

Achievements in red are outstanding results in a Branch 35 tournament that should be applauded by all our golfing members. There are four ways to join the red brigade: (1) if your "over/under score" is -2.0 or better; (2) if your tee shot on a Par 3 is within a putter length of the hole; (3) if you score an eagle or a hole-in-one; or (4) if you shoot your age or better on a course rated 66 or higher.

Cash prizes are \$15 for IPL, \$25 for eagle, \$200 for a hole-in-one and \$200 for the very first time you shoot your age or better in a SIR tournament and \$25 for each subsequent occurrence, but no more than one cash prize per calendar year.

Two Matches All Square after 18 Holes

So far two matches have ended in ties after 18 holes. In the singles tournament Les Miles and Stan Scardino tied at Poplar Creek. In their team match at Poplar Creek Dave Squellati and Brad Metheany walked off the 18th green all square with Herb Petersen and Dick Wilson. Chris Weberg and Richard Pattison had also been all square after 18, but Chris prevailed after playing another 18 holes at San Jose Mun. Stay tuned for

2024 Individual Match Play Tournament Results				
Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize
1	Spring Valley	Mack Asrat def. Wendell Stephens	2 up	\$10
1	Poplar Creek	Marc Haberman def. Bob Garten (20 holes)	1 up	\$14GC
1	Poplar Creek	Tom Taboada def. Balbir Kalsi	5 & 3	\$14GC
1	San Jose Muni	Joe Cioni def. Bill Hall	2 up	\$10
1	San Jose Muni	Chris Weberg def. Richard Pattison	2 up	\$10

2024 Team Match Play Tournament Results				
Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize
1	Spring Valley	Miles & Garten def. Ray and P. Wong	3 & 2	\$10@

Poppy Ridge			Par 71		Feb. 29, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Dick Wilson	67	\$25	Dave Dardis	69	\$15	
Herb Petersen	71	\$19	Peter Lau	78	\$7	
Tom Taboada	75	\$14				
Dave Squellati	75	\$9				
Chris Weberg	76	\$5				
Low Gross: Robert Manetta 85						

Wente Vineyards			Par 72		Mar. 4, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Chris Weberg	68	\$22	Balbir Kalsi	77	\$12	
Robert Manetta	75	\$16	Dave Dardis	78	\$5	
Les Miles	77	\$12				
Joe Cioni	78	\$7				
Low Gross: Chris Weberg and Robert Manetta tied at 82						

Monterey Pines			Par 69		Mar. 8, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Les Miles	79	\$12	Tim O'Meara	76	\$17	
Chris Weberg	79	\$5	Jim Narva	77	\$10	
Low Gross: Chris Weberg 92						

Spring Valley			Par 70		Mar. 11, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Scott Hiller	69	\$25	Balbir Kalsi	74	\$18	
Paul Schutz	75	\$19	Don Mattson	77	\$14	
Richard McGrath	75	\$14	Jim Narva	77	\$10	
Dick Wilson	77	\$9				
Low Gross (forward tees): Scott Hiller 79						
Low Gross (back tees): Larry Low 90						

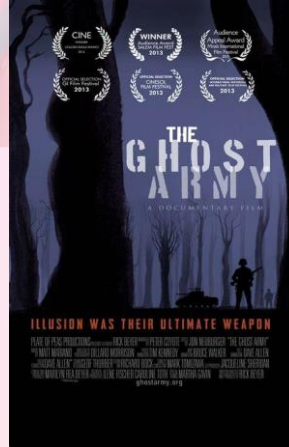
Salinas Fairways			Par 70 G, 72 W		Mar. 14, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Les Miles	73	\$18	Man Tran	71	\$18	
Herb Petersen	74	\$12	Jim Narva	72	\$14	
Dick Wilson	76	\$7	Balbir Kalsi	74	\$10	
Low Gross (forward tees): Les Miles 86						
Low Gross (back tees): Tom Taboada 105						

Cinnabar Hills			Par 72		Mar. 18, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Paul Schutz	65	\$25	Sam Im	74	\$18	
Les Miles	77	\$19	Jim Narva	75	\$14	
Jim Thorne	79	\$14	Balbir Kalsi	79	\$10	
Richard McGrath	81	\$9	Larry Wall	80	\$5	
Walt Joyce	82	\$5				
Low Gross (forward tees): Paul Schutz 86						
Low Gross (back tees): Jim Thorne 84						

Bayonet			Par 72		Mar. 21, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Robert Manetta	71	\$17	Peter Wong	68	\$17	
Les Miles	74	\$10	Jim Narva	68	\$10	
			Man Tran	73	\$5	
Low Gross (forward tees): Richard McGrath 85						
Low Gross (back tees): Robert Manetta 80						

Poplar Creek			Par 70		Mar. 25, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Larry Low	71	\$17GC+\$9	Sam Im	73	\$17GC+\$9	
Jim Thorne	74	\$22GC	Alvin Begun	76	\$22GC	
Peter Daley	74	\$19GC	Ramesh Patel	78	\$19GC	
Scott Hiller	75	\$16GC	Jim Narva	78	\$16GC	
Chris Weberg	75	\$10GC	John Ray	81	\$10GC	
Low Gross: Jim Thorne 80						

San Jose Muni			Par 72		Mar. 28, 2024	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Brad Metheany	69	\$24	Jim Narva	69	\$24	
Rob Garten	70	\$18	Tim O'Meara	71	\$18	
Ron Nakamoto	70	\$12	Dave Dardis	71	\$12	
Paul Lesti	73	\$8	Balbir Kalsi	74	\$8	
Shot his age: Joe Cioni shot 83 (one under his age) in match play						
Low Gross (forward tees): Weberg and Garten tied at 85, Cioni shot 83 in a match						
Low Gross (back tees): Paul Lesti 86						



the War in Europe they put on quite a show and saved countless lives. Their secret missions were kept top secret for 50 years after the war's end. A very interesting piece of WW II history that may be news to you. Check it out on Amazon Prime Video. Rated TV PG. It is a must see and a Peggy's Pick.

MOVIES

MOVIES

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See Jim's [web page](#)

Our Movies group will meet on Zoom on April 19th at 3 PM. If interested, contact Jim Quillinan.



Lessons in Chemistry Brie Larson's talent is put to good use in this 8-episode drama on Apple TV+. Put this on your to watch list. It is the 1950s, and women are not meant to be scientists. Their place is in the home cooking, cleaning, and tending to the kids. Women could only dream of being a Ph.D. in chemistry candidate. Elizabeth Zott (Brie Larsen) is a gifted scientist who challenges society and finds herself alone, pregnant and without a

meaningful job. She is clever and resourceful and lands a job as a Chef on a TV Cooking show that becomes quite successful as she does not pander to the establishment. Elizabeth goes on quite a journey as she develops friendships, both men and women that take her into leadership roles. Her relationship with her daughter is quite touching. The series has a number of rich storylines that help make the experience engaging. Rated TV MA for language. It is a Peggy's Pick.

The Ghost Army This documentary tells the story of the remarkable 23rd Headquarters Special Troops during World War II. They were selected largely because they were artists. Their job was to create a fake army that could fool the Germans. They created inflatable rubber tanks, sound trucks, and convincing performance art to get the Germans to react to their bluff. Commencing in Britain before D Day and continuing to the end of



Problemista This is a very strange but engaging film. Tilda Swinton is known for her quirky roles; this may be her quirkiest. As Elizabeth she is an artist trying to protect the legacy of her late husband. He is cryogenically preserved, and she needs money to keep the freezer going. Alejandro (Julio Torres) is from El Salvador. He wants to be a toy designer. He hooks up with Elizabeth because he needs her to sponsor his work visa and she seems willing to sponsor him. But she is also a whacko constantly blowing up with tirades against the most venal of sins. Whether she will sign is questionable. Somehow all of this craziness gets resolved. Torres not only stars in this film, he also wrote it and directed it. Quite a feat. Rated R for some language and sexual content. In Theatres.



One Life This wonderful biopic was released over two months ago and is just now finding its way to the cinemas. Anthony Hopkins plays an older Sir Nicholas 'Nick' Winton. Johnny Flynn plays a much younger Nicky. The film deftly moves between 1938-39 and 1987 as Nicky's story unfolds. In 1938 Nicky is a young London stockbroker who is appalled with the refugee crisis in Prague brought on by Nazi aggression. In the time before

World War II breaks out, he is able to rescue over 600 children from Nazi controlled Czechoslovakia and transport them to safety in London. His story was largely unknown in the UK until 1987 when his story and the story of the children came to national attention under the bright lights of TV. This is a heart-warming tale, well told. Seek it out and enjoy. Rated PG for thematic material, smoking and some language. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.

Jim

with Warner Brothers hiring the real Grace Kahn as an advisor on the movie. Doris Day is a natural for this musical film, but Danny Thomas as Gus was a bit of a risk, and he pulled it off beautifully.

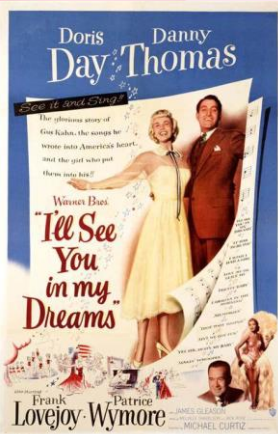
Amos Alphonsus Muzyad Yakhoob, a.k.a Danny Thomas, was one of ten children born a Lebanese Catholic in Deerfield, Michigan. He started working at the age of 11, selling candy and ice cream at a burlesque house. He dropped out of school and worked and began his showbiz career at age 20 on a Detroit radio program, "The Happy Hour Club". A guest appearance on Fanny Brice's radio program (Editor's note: Yes, the play and movie "Funny Girl" was based on her life story), led to his own radio show, "The Danny Thomas Show" in 1944. He went on to acting in several films before being selected to portray Gus Kahn alongside Doris Day. He continued as an actor in other movies and later graduated to producing or co-producing such TV hits as "The Dick Van Dyke Show", "The Andy Griffith Show", and "The Mod Squad". He always knew where the money was.

MOVIE AND MUSIC HISTORY

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This month, a combined review, a movie spawned from a song!



Movie & Music: "I'll See You in My Dreams" by Gus Kahn

Released in 1951, this Doris Day and Danny Thomas musical film was based on a biography of lyricist Gus Kahn. Who is Gus Kahn? Although his name is little known today, he wrote the words to some of the best known and loved American songs at the dawn of the 20th century. His first hit song, "I Wish I had A Girl" in 1907 was a big hit, later followed by a series of more recognizable songs

like "Carolina in the Morning" (1922), "It Had to Be You" (1924), "Yes Sir, That's My Baby" (1925), "San Francisco" (1936).



"I'll See You in My Dreams" was written by Gus in 1924. It was recorded and released by Brunswick Records, climbing the charts to number one for seven weeks. (Editor's notes 1: Yes, this is the Brunswick Corporation you know today for its line of recreational boats, marine, and bowling equipment. Note 2: J.M. Brunswick Manufacturing Company started in 1845 to first dominate the billiard business with Brunswick Billiard. Note 3: Did you know that the first bowling balls were made of solid wood? But ... that's another story.)



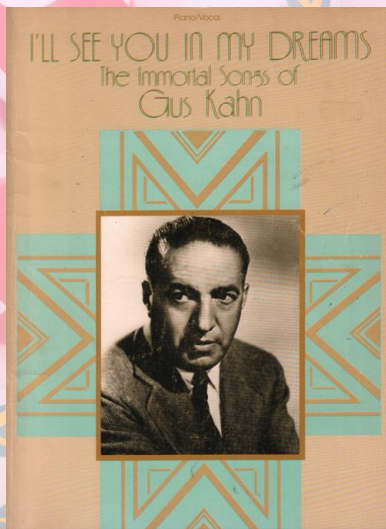
When first released at Radio City Music Hall in New York, the movie toppled that theater's opening week box office records that stood for 20 years. The film depicted the career of Gus Kahn, lyricist of more than 300 songs. The story was

written from the perspective of Grace, his co-writer and later wife



Danny Thomas is best known today as the founder of the St Jude Children's Research Hospital. As Tony, Danny's son recalls, "My father grew up very poor. He lived in a neighborhood where children died of appendicitis, tetanus, or various infections that they never should have died from because they couldn't afford medical care. The catalyst that got it all going came from a heartbreaking newspaper article where a young black child was hit by a white driver in Mississippi. The driver picked up the child and drove to several hospitals seeking treatment but to no avail and the child died." Danny said, "I'm going to build a hospital in the South where no child is turned away for race, religion, or anything else." Danny started fundraising efforts in the early 1950's and the dream became a reality when the doors to St Jude opened in Memphis, Tennessee, in February 1962. He always considered this, his greatest achievement. He was recognized by Congress and received the Congressional Gold Medal in 1983. Danny said, "Success, has nothing to do with what you gain in life or for yourself. It's what you do for others."

Back to Gus. While working as a clerk at a mail order glassware company, he was introduced to composer Grace LeBoy at a New Year's Eve party. This led to a collaboration that produced his first big hit, "I Wish I Had a Girl" in 1907. At her prodding, he started to work with other writers and his partnerships with Egbert Van Alstyne, Walter Donaldson, and Isham Jones led to a series of



smash hits in the 1910 - 1920's. His success and relationship to Grace is the basis for the movie.

In their real life together, Gus's success, as viewed by others, was attributed to the nurturing, and prodding of his wife. An artist's ego is always very fragile, and Gus was no exception. He became jealous of his wife's reputation and success and announced his retirement at the height of his popularity. Soon

after, the stock market crashed, and he lost all his money forcing him to restart his career but this time without Grace's help. He failed and Grace revitalized his career but this time, from behind the scenes. Isn't this another great example of why you hear the phrase "Behind every great man is a great woman."

Later in life, after the passing of Gus, Grace went on to composing various other songs for her own career to include the theme for the Ed Sullivan Show, titled "Toast".

Here is a youtube clip of the Ed Sullivan Show theme song, "Toast".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZEfblShipo&t=28s>

Here is a historical introduction to the Ed Sullivan Show with many short clips of performances and performers you remember.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3cAls2WAU>

Here is the original movie trailer for "I'll See You in My Dreams".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9-blGrPsd4>

Here is Doris Day singing "I'll See You in My Dreams" with various still photos of her. Gosh Darn, she was the girl next door.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1eiHm6Peh0>

Here is an original news broadcast of the Opening Day for St Jude Children Hospital.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sxj-Qm7MErc>

As Paul Harvey says, "And now, ... you know the rest of the story."

Ron



Our State SIR Organization publishes a quarterly bulletin highlighting SIR events, branch activities and state-wide activities. It's called **SIR Happenings**, and you can read the latest issue [here](#)

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SIR Branch 35 Activities - April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Golf 10:00am Boulder Ridge - \$85	2 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	3 Personal Finance 1:30pm Los Altos Community Ctr.	4 Golf 10:00am Eagle Ridge - \$83	5 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	6
7	8 Golf 10:00am Seascape (SCP) - \$75	9 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	10 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	11 Golf 9:30am Canyon Lakes (C - \$52) Biking 11:00am HMB Coastal Trail Poplar Beach Parking Lot, HMB	12 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	13
14	15 Golf 10:00am Santa Teresa (- \$76)	16 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl Branch 35 Luncheon/Meeting 11:00am - 1:30pm Mtn. View Community Center	17 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	18 Golf 11:30am The Villages (VLG - \$83)	19 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	20
21	22 Golf 10:00am Spring Valley - \$48	23 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	24 Chess 9:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	25 Golf two dayam Eagle VI	26 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	27
28	29 Golf 9:02am Callipp - \$69	30 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	1 Golf two day Chardona Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	2	3 Hiking 10:00am Location TBC	4