



SIR HAPPENINGS

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State SIR Board Meeting

SIR Leaders Meet

August 18th through the 20th brought many of our SIR Leaders together at the Thunder Valley Resort Casino in Lincoln.

The social events started off on the 18th with a small but hardy group visiting three wineries near Lincoln. If you happen to be in the area it is a fun way to spend an afternoon. We were impressed with the quality of the wines we tasted, And, to top it off, the tastings were either free or a very low cost with the fee applied against any purchase.

Next up was the kickoff wine and cheese reception in the President's suite, followed by a no host dinner at the Asian restaurant at the Resort.

August 19 began with a State Board meeting. We had 48 SIR Leaders in attendance, and that is the largest gathering for a Board meeting many of us can remember. The meeting's minutes will be posted on sirinc.org shortly. While we were meeting, our partners were entertained with a visit and lunch to the Galeria in Roseville.

Social events after the meeting included another wine and cheese event in the President's suite, an appetizer and beverage event at the Resort and a no host group dinner at The Buffet at Thunder Valley.

Tuesday morning led off with the 61st SIR Annual Meeting. Over 150 State and Branch Leaders attended. The slides used at the meeting are posted on sirinc.org. Take a look at them, we think you'll find them interesting. The business section covered the election of State Officers for 2020 and the passage of numerous, minor Bylaw changes brought about by our recent change from State Rules to Policies and Procedures.

A highlight of the meeting was a talk by Dr. Christine Ritchie, of UCSF who provided us feed back on our recently completed SIR/UCSF survey. At the conclusion of her talk those in attendance could see the value of our participation and partnership with UCSF.

State SIR Board Meeting

Dr. Ritchie was followed by presentations from State Activity Chairmen and State Administrative Chairmen. Past President Derek brought us up to date on the SIR Foundation. President Ed covered two areas of interest – What the Branches Expect from the State and What the State Expects of the Branches.

The meeting ended in a high note with the announcement of the 2019 SIR Best Branch Awards. Eleven Branches won Area Governor's Awards, and three Honorable Mention Awards were made (Mission Trails Branch 25 – Palo Alto, Westgate Branch 125 – San Jose and San Ramon Valley Branch 128 – San Ramon).

Then it was time to announce the top three SIR Branches. The Second Runner-Up Award went to Arnold Branch 152, and the First-Runner Up Award went to Contra Costa Branch 146 and the Best Branch Winner of the Dwight B. Sale Award, Bidwell Branch 110 – Chico.

Our partners participated in an excellent tour and lunch at High Hand Nursery in Loomis. If you are in the area and have any interest in gardening or outdoor design, it is definitely worth a visit.

After the meeting there was a mixer for those leaders who wanted to stick around and a SIR-wide poker tournament. We will provide more information about the tournament in the next regular issue of Happenings. Both the mixer and the tournament were held before our closing banquet

This is a quick report about the events held over the three days. Many pictures follow taken professionally by our Chief Photographer, Lee Moy. President Ed has received unsolicited positive feedback about the meetings as well as the social events even if they were rather sparsely attended. Those leaders who were unable to attend missed some fine events and meetings, and hopefully, they will be in attendance next year.

State SIR Board Meeting



Social Gathering

2019-State SIR Annual Meeting

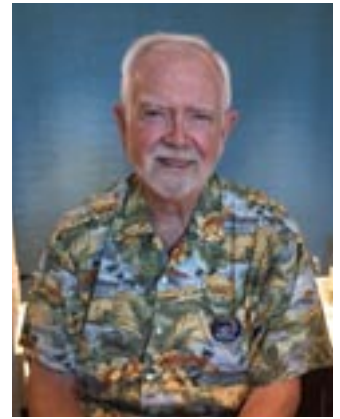
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SIR President Benson's

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Social Gathering



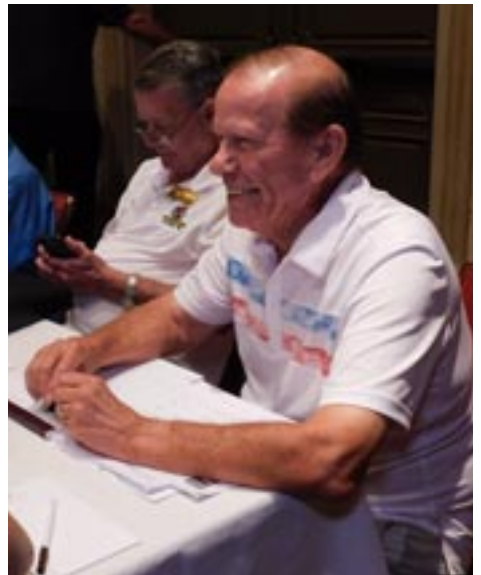


Social Gathering-3
61st State SIR Annual Meeting

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August 2019**



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Treasurer's Remarks

SIR Inc. Financials January to July 2019

Account	Actual	Budget	Variance	2019 Budget
REVENUE				
Assessments	\$64,702	\$64,170	\$532	
Foreign Sales	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0	
Other	\$193	\$1,000	(\$807)	
Total Revenue	\$67,295	\$67,570	(\$275)	\$27,000
EXPENSE				
Administrative	\$2,520	\$4,120	(\$1,600)	
Marketing	\$28,900	\$29,122	(\$222)	
Travel	\$2,100	\$2,700	(\$600)	
Other	\$6,200	\$6,700	(\$500)	
Depreciation	\$8,300	\$7,900	\$400	
Interest	\$0	\$175	(\$175)	
Total Expense	\$48,020	\$53,637	\$5,617	\$20,000
Net Income	\$19,275	\$13,933	\$5,342	\$7,000

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Pictured: SIR President Ed Benson, VP Jim Johnson, Chief Admin Dean Steichen, Dwight Sales, Asst. Secretary Stu Williams, Treasurer Roy Hodgkinson RD 5 Bill Holly, AG Giorgio Dina, and Bowling Chairman Russ Salazar



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**State SIR 61st Annual Meeting & Social Gathering
 General Assembly-Town Hall; Guest Speakers:
 UCSF Division of Geriatrics Dr. Christine Ritchie,
 Napa Community College Partnership Bill Weddington
 Thunder Valley Resort & Casino-August 20, 2019**

Pictured: President Ed Benson, VP Jim Johnson, Parliamentarian Dwight Sales, InfoSys Dean Steichen, Secretary Stu Williams, SIR Sports Lee Moy. Other presenters included: Mark Stuart-Golf; Russ Salazar-Bowling; Jack Meylink-Bocce; Bob Hairston-RV; Dale Decker-Bylaws; Derek Southern-SIR Foundation; Treasurer Roy Hodgkinson

State SIR Social Gathering
61st Annual Meeting-2019
Award Winners



Region 1-Area 3
Rocklin Branch 98

Area Governor
Giorgio Dina
Big Sir
Dave Gonzales

AG Citation Awards



Region 1-Area 1
Bidwell Branch 110

Regional Director
Mark Stuart
Big Sir
Phil Morgan

AG Citation Awards



Region 2-Area 5
Arnold Branch 152

Dale Decker
Area Governor
Big Sir
Brian Raley

2nd Runner Up
AG Citation Awards



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Area 6-Lake Tahoe-Br 160-AG Gary Johnson
Big SIR Skip Hempler
Region 2-Best Branch-AG Citation



Area 18-Stanislaus-Br 103-AG Patrick Reed
Big SIR Gary Goodman
Region 2-Best Branch-AG Citation



Area 19-Fresno Br 159-Big SIR Rich Lewis
Little SIR Dell Kerns
Region 2-Best Branch-AG Citation



Area 7-Wine Valley Br 149-AG Carl Mason
RV Cmt Bobby Hairston
Region 3-Best Branch-AG Citation



Area 11-Westgate Br 125
AG Robert Grandey
Big SIR Don Rosenbaum
Region 4-Best Branch-AG Citation



Area 16-Contra Costa Br 146
AG Walter Busenius
Little SIR Brad Hatcher
Region 5-Best Branch-AG Citation



Area 17-San Ramon Valley-Br 128
AG Bob Turner
Big SIR Joe Santone
Region 5-Best Branch=AG Citation



2018 Best Branch Awards-AG Citation-Honorable Mentions

Region 4-Area 13-Br 35-Mission Trails-Palo Alto-BS Peter Thurston
 Region 4- Area 11-Br 125-Westgate-San Jose-BS T. Roger Danielson
 Region 5-Area 5-Br 128-San Ramon Valley-San Ramon-BS Joe Santone

Dwight B. Sale Annual Award for Excellence

2nd Runner Up-Big SIR Brian Raley-Arnold Branch 152

1st Runner Up-Little SIR Brad Hatcher-Contra Costa Branch 146

Excellence Trophy-Big SIR Phil Morgan-Bidwell Branch 110



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"Thanks" to AG Area 5 Reg 2 Br 136 Dale Decker
Awards Ceremony presenter



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THANKS A MILLION



Your help is requested!
Please submit Photos as jpg files and news Articles for SIR Happenings in Document format. It is extremely difficult to import many of the newsletters pdf files because of the color blending, and fixed layouts etc. when in pdf format. I can still use the pdf files but it would be nice if I didn't have to choose what goes into the Happenings. For example, the feature about Veteran' Honor Flight was not taken from a pdf.

I do appreciate the newsletters and other information that has been sent as you can tell from the large file size of the Happenings e-file.

Publication Deadline for Future Issues

SIR Happenings will be published Quarterly

Deadline for future issues will be:

- *January 15 for the February Issue*
- *April 15 for the August Issue*
- *July 15 for the August Issue*
- *October 15 for the November Issue*

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Just a quick note:

Results from the SIR Poker Tournament will be published in the November Edition of the Happenings. This may become an annual event.

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