



# SIR HAPPENINGS

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The Mission of SIR is to Improve the Lives of Our Members Through Fun Activities and Events—While Making Friends For Life



Fellow Sirs,

2020, a new year, is upon us, but we continue to have the old challenges to meet:

Volunteerism in SIR must improve to fill roles at all levels of the organization, and We must stop our continued loss of net membership primarily by recruiting new members and reducing preventable member turnover.

We have some exciting plans in the works, and they will be shared at our Regional Director/Area Governor training session on January 20 for buy-off and fine-tuning. From there they will go to the Board on January 30 for approval.

We are having three Town Hall meetings in February – one each in Fairfield (the 19<sup>th</sup>), Yuba City (the 24<sup>th</sup>) and Santa Clara (the 27<sup>th</sup>). There, the plans and their implementation will be discussed with SIR leaders from all our Branches. The plans' communication backbone will be two recently produced videos. One specifically focused on the fiduciary responsibilities of Branch Executive Board members and the other on all of you, the Sir members, asking for your help and commitment.

All of us working together as a team can meet our challenges and bring SIR back to its rightful place as the preeminent active men's social organization in Northern and Central California.

Wishing all of you a healthy, fulfilling and prosperous New Year,

Ed Benson, SIR State President

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# RAMP in Pictures



First-ever RAMP Workshop held in Fresno-Region 2. State SIR dignitaries included: President Ed Benson, State Trainer Barry Leskin, Videographer Chuck Joyce, Regional Director Rick Kindle. 5 SIR Fresno area branches; 40+ participants. Held at the Elks Lodge. Groups of 6 worked through three key challenges, and members offered suggestions, thoughts, and ideas. A group representative wrote down the offerings, another spoke for the group. A lot of great ideas were generated from this format. Those who actively participated got the most out of this brainstorming workshop. It was video taped for future training sessions; See YouTube: Fresno Final. Lee Moy, RAMP assistant

# RAMP in Pictures



Pictured above are SIR members from Branch 159, 163, 169, 175, 179. President Benson flew to Bakersfield to visit their Branch prior to RAMP workshop. One of the key challenges was addressing the recruitment of minorities. Another was discussing intra- & inter-branch activities together. The third area of concern was how to get more volunteerism within our branches. Upon taking an oath to join SIR, one requirement is to be willing to help out when asked. Let's all step-up and keep our membership growing for future mankind to enjoy. Lee Moy-Photos

# Fresno Branch 159 Reception



SIR Branch 159 Reception  
"Welcome to Fresno"

Generous contributions  
Dennis Rich & Russ Conrad  
Rick Kindle & Lee Moy  
Helpers  
Susan & Mi

A cross-section of Fresno-area SIR Branch members wine-n-dine with saxophone background music, Randy Morris; Guests: President Ed Benson, Trainer Barry Leskin, Videographer Chuck Joyce, and Rick Kindle; Big SIRs: Leland Nichols, Robert Saulsbury, and Rich Lewis. Lee Moy-Photos

# Fresno Branch 159 Reception



All-Fresno SIR Branches' "Welcome Reception" held in honor of our State SIR dignitaries: President Ed Benson, State Trainer Barry Leskin, videographer Chuck Joyce, Regional Director Rick Kindle. Preceded RAMP workshop and Officers' Training. Saxophone player Sir Randy Morris.

Lee Moy  
RAMP assistant

# New Members



**Arnold Branch 152**

*New member Jack Rice (L) with sponsor Doug Hjelmhaug*


## Chico Branch 110




*Ray Hansen (L) and Dan Houseman (R)*

## Roseville Branch 98


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*David Wood (L) and Cecil Braswell (R)*

## Santa Rosa Branch 17



*John Gnam (L) and Denny Hutton (R)*




*L to R: Tim Fawcett, Steve Marburger and Dan Schell*

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## Stanislaus Branch 103



*L to R: Orientation Chairman Bob Kredit with Lance Underwood and Rick Rariden*

*Branch 98 Roseville had a goal of 37 new members for 2019. They reached that goal with the 14 New Members show above—October and November! The January 2020 newsletter reports 13 New Applications!*

# New Members

Westgate  
Branch  
125



*Jim Ticehurst (L) and Sponsor Jim Hamner (R)*

Fremont Branch 59



*New members (L-R) Michael Huntzinger, Jim Vermazen, Gil Peters, and David Hunter with Big Sir Richard Henry.*



*Randy Patterson(L) and Sir Craig Rothbach (R) with Little Sir Larry Jett. Stan Hunt (R) with Big Sir Rich Henry*



[Links to SIR Website Tools](#)

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Recruiting Committee](#)

## Member Status for NOVEMBER 2019

By David Bills, Membership Chairman

We did it! We reached our 2019 goal for membership. We ended the year with 267 active members which 106% of our goal. We have 13 more applications to start off the 2020 membership drive. So we did a great job in 2019 and we are off to a good start for 2020. Great job guys, lets keep it going. Lets ALL welcome our new "STAR" Members into our club.



Roseville Branch 98

Sunnyvale Branch 62

*Please welcome our newest Branch 62 member: Tarik Peterson is sponsored by Bob Cheney.*

*Tarik was formerly a college professor and taught Chemistry. He also has a background in engineering. His interests include Chess, Coins, Photography, Economics, Gardening, Genealogy and more.*

Folsom Branch 49



*New members P.K. Hodge and Gary Pihlaja, flanking Big Sir Jerry Helme.*

# Membership Matters!

# Branch Awards

## Chico Branch 110



*Paul Pullen as Senior Sir (L) and Ken Edson as Senior Sir Honorary Life Member*



## Folsom Branch 49



*Belly up to the bar boys, Jerry Nakamura, who bought all the golf members a drink after his Hole-in-One, Bar staff John Cordero, Bob Garcia, and George Condon.*



*Presiding at his last meeting as Big Sir, all around good guy, and just a little bit country, Jerry Helmey, flanked by Rex and Goliath.*



*2020 Branch Officers: Al Edwards, Big Sir, Marc Perl, Branch Secretary, Bill Mutschler, Asst. Treasurer, Joel Reisman, Membership Chairman, Jerry Thomas, Treasurer, Joe Artim, Little SIR, and outgoing Big Sir Jerry Helmey.*



*Must be the poker group: From left: Lou LeDuc, Nick Econome, Mike Navone, John McCarthy, Ron Schultze, Tom Shigemoto*



# Concord/Walnut Creek Branch 8



SIR Branch 8 has held a meeting with all of its Activity Chairmen for the last 5 years. Continuing this tradition, on January 10 all of its 54 Activities were represented in a meeting of the Activity Chairmen. This meeting is facilitated by the Activity Coordinating Committee (ACC) each year to plan for the year. In the past, the ACC has used this venue to introduce and educate the Activity Chairmen on tools available to them, to highlight issues identified by the Business Executive Committee (BEC) and to promote some commonality across the Activities. But this year was different, rather than using a top down approach to setting goals for the new year, this meeting used a “grassroots approach”. The Activity Chairmen broke up into 6 smaller groups to discuss issues, identify what was working and to agree on what would be the right areas to focus on in 2020. These group findings were then consolidated. From this consolidated work will come the goals for the various Activities and the direction for the ACC’s efforts this year. The general consensus of the group was that this was a much more productive approach to keeping Branch 8 Activities healthy.



The 1960 DiDia 150 was a luxury, custom-designed iconic, handmade car also known as the “Dream Car” forever associated with its second owner, singer Bobby Darin. The car was designed by Andrew Di Dia, a clothing designer, who Bobby Darin had met whilst on tour in Detroit in 1957. Darin telling Di Dia at the time that he would purchase the car if he ever “hit it big”. For seven years, from 1953

to 1960 the DiDia 150 was hand-built by four workers, at a cost of \$93,647.29 but sold to Darin in 1961 at a cost of over \$150,000 (1.5 million today). ] At the time the car was listed as most expensive ‘custom-made’ car in the world by the Guinness Book of Records. The body was hand-formed by Ron Clark and constructed by Bob Kaiser from Clark Kaiser Customs.

<https://www.sirbr8.com/cars/>

If you have an interest in joining Car Enthusiasts please contact any of the individuals noted below:

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Asst. Chair – Bob McMains, 937-6391 [stude35@mac.com](mailto:stude35@mac.com)

# Pioneer Branch 15 Vets Ceremony

## THE VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION:

Today, here in Pioneer, California we are honoring all our veterans and today especially our Vietnam Veterans. If you were a WWII vet, please stand up... If you were as Korean Vet, please stand up... If you were a Gulf War vet, please stand up.. Have each Branch stand up!!!

As you all know by personal experience or observation, Our Vietnam Veterans were not properly treated upon their return due to the war's unpopularity. Many have only able to wear their Vietnam Hats the last several years and to be proud of the fact they served.. The Secretary of Defense has authorized us and many others to perform programs on behalf of the nation to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Today we will honor basically three categories of Vietnam Veterans. First and foremost, we honor our Combat Veterans, those that were in the trenches and jungles, taking fire and giving fire. Second we honor the in country veterans who served in country and supported the Combat Veterans. Third, we honor Vietnam Era Veterans. For purposes of this Commemoration, these are United States Veterans who served in active duty between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975 regardless of location. All were called to serve and the overwhelming majority of these veterans served honorably and admirably. The Vietnam War was the longest running war in American History. It claimed over 58,000 American..of all services and ranks both men and women.. California led the rest of the United States with 5,572 killed in action in Vietnam... This also does not include those lost in training preparing to go to war. As the years pass, we must continue to honor our Veterans and the fallen soldiers who sacrificed everything for America in Vietnam. Locally, almost every community lost some of their very best in Vietnam. Most young men had just finished High School and answered the Call to Duty. They each signed a blank check payable to people of the United States and they all paid the ultimate price. Most never had the opportunity to marry their sweet hearts, have children, grandchildren and to grow old gracefully. To them, we are forever indebted. They died and we survived. We cannot forget and we will not forget them. We pay them and their families and our highest honor.

Today, in honor of Memorial Day which is this May

27, it is only fitting that we honor and recognize 4 young men from Alpine County that were killed in Vietnam:

We lost two from Sutter Creek

Richard Alan Randolph was 19 years old when he died on 2/29/1968 in Quan Nam Province. .. He was a PFC, Infantryman in the Army,.

Fredrick Henry Williams, Jr. was 24 years old when he also died on 5/26/1968 in Quang Nam Province.. He as an Army First Lieutenant, tank Officer.

James Dale Rinehart was from Jackson, also 19 years old when he died on 9/19/1968 in Quang Tri Province. He as a Lance Corporal Marine Infantryman.

Stephen William Clark was from Plymouth, was 26 years old when he died in Quang Tri Province. He as a Marine Captain Aviator, flying F-8 crusader in Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 235, which was known as the Death Angels...He was killed on 5/3/1968 , 8 days before his squadron as scheduled to depart from Combat.

Please pause for a moment of silence to honor these fallen warriors.

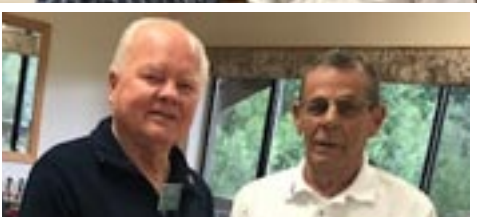
Assisting me today is Richard Vinson who is both a Korean and Vietnam Veteran, a Navy LCDR and Silver Star Receiptent. Richard will be pinning on the Label Pins. Also assisting will be your Little Sir, Mike Coombs..



# Pioneer Branch 15 Vets Ceremony



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# Branch 17 Santa Rosa

Travel Golf: (Article by Roy Thuestad)



Travel Golf is now in hibernation mode. Think of courses that you've dreamed of playing and we'll get you there. When the winter frost clears be ready to travel.

Roy Thuestad  
[roymond@comcast.net](mailto:roymond@comcast.net)

## The Poem of the month for January

*New Month,  
New Year, New Chapter,  
New Lessons, New Blessings  
New Beginning,  
New Mindset,  
New Focus,  
New Intentions,  
New Inspiration,  
New Opportunities,  
New Results!*

**Free Comedy! (Article by Mark Burchill)**



We're going to try something new.

Kingpins of Comedy is a free comedy show the second Tuesday of every month.

It's held in the lounge at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park. There are usually five comedians, in a show lasting about 90 minutes.

There is no admission fee, drinks are very inexpensive, but they usually ask for a tip for the comedians. The January show will be on the 14th at 8:30 pm. If you are interested in joining our SIR group and their partners (this is a co-ed activity) at these free comedy shows, please contact Mark Burchill at [SirMarkB@sonic.net](mailto:SirMarkB@sonic.net) for more details.

## Golf:

(Article by Roy Thuestad)

### *Welcome to 2020 and the World Handicap System.*



Change is inevitable, even in the game of golf. We saw this with the rule changes of 2019 and now with the posting requirement of 2020.

There are only two things that you really need to remember regarding this new handicap system:

- \* You must post your scores no later than midnight on the day of play, as indexes and handicaps will be update nightly. We will display the current handicap roster in the ProShop prior to our Monday morning tournaments, but if you play more than one game during the week, you'll need to do an index and course handicap look-up for that day.
- \* When you post your score, your highest allowable strokes per hole will no longer be based on "Equitable Stroke Control," it will be based on the notion of "Net Double Bogey." This change will mostly affect higher handicappers and duffers like myself who can't seem to avoid "blow-out" holes.

"Net Double Bogey" requires a few simple calculations that you can make on your score card prior to play. For each hole, the Maximum Allowable Strokes that you can post for that hole will be  $\text{par} + 2 + \text{the number of "pops" your course handicap allows for that hole ("pops" are simply your course handicap divided up among the eighteen holes and based on the order of difficulty for those holes)}$ . Remember to do this each time your handicap changes or each time you play a different course.

Click on the following links to view a sample BV Score Card prepared for a 25 handicapper, and a Max Allowable Strokes per Hole Cheat Sheet that we have prepared for all handicaps playing at BV.

Until next time, Good Golfing.

Roy Thuestad

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# Branch 17 Santa Rosa



*Couples Night Out dinner at Fior d'Italia restaurant in San Francisco before Beach Blanket Babylon show.*



# Folsom Branch 49



PBS Fred Jacobs, Ray Smothers, Ralph Burford, Russ Dawson, Jay Stirling, Joel Reisman, and Greg Taxera.



From left: Woody Woodson, Tom Lemly, Gary Gargano, Bill Cobb, Steve Holland, and Jerry Hudson.



From left: Tom Baker in the back, Dave Sutter, Warren Myers, Richard Haynes, Bob Haines, Bill Barnes, John Irwin, and Ron Schultze



From left: Allen Wong, David Farrelly, Franklin Call, Carl Foulk, Gary Pihlaja, and Dick Farity.



From left: The divine group, Bob Peterson, Bill Parr, Dave Brodie, Ken Rohr, PBS Karl Ryden, Bob Reilly, PBS Ed Puchi



Tom Shigemoto, Russ Ryno, Gary Jones, Norm Boyer, Ray Jerd, Jesse Wilson (front), and John McKim

# Folsom Branch 49



*From left: Bob Watts, Jack Rae, PBS Art Greenwood, Harold Himmelsbach, Harlan Dobyms (front), Allen Wong*



*From left: Franklin Call, Gary Pihlaya, Joel Reisman, Bob Hedges, Gary Jones, Norm Boyer, Gene Pearson, and Carl Faulk.*



*From left: Al Glaser, Jerry Hudson (back), Gary Gargano (front), Steve Holland, Bill Cobb, PBS Dick Merz, Marshall Aronson (front), Ken Anderson.*



*From left: Bill Bertsch, Scott Pearce, Tim Hammon, Steve Sims, Mike Long, Jerry Jackson.*



*From left: Verne Buer, PBS Jack DuBé, PK Hodge, Joe Artim, Cory Lindholm, Ed Nishio, PBS Ralph Lingis*



## **Branch 49 Golf Club**

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**Asst. Chairman/Prize Dir: Ron Schultze, 916-409-5501**

**Tournament Directors: Ed Nishio & Tim Hammon**

**Treasurer: Jack DuBe, 916-989-9131**

**Secretary/Special Projects: Tom Coultas**

**Rules Chairman: Bill Bertsch**

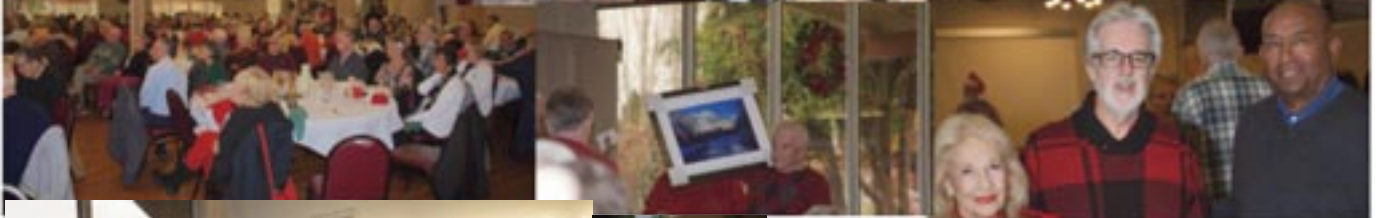
**Advisor: Tom Baker**



# Branch 59 Fremont



*Veterans Day Flag Ceremony with (L to R) Jim Green, Ed Guthrie, Nat Lord, Carlie Houseworth, and Howard Elz.*



*Branch 59 members celebrated the Holidays with their annual luncheon. Special music was provided by Dave Baddilla and the Harmony Fusion Chorus. Sir Carlie Houseworth was*



*given special attention as he played the role of Santa. Once again, special thanks to social chairman Rob Ingebretson and his wife Gig.*



# Branch 62 Sunnyvale

## SIR TRAVEL – BRANCH 62

Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt at (408 394-7226).

Assistant: Roy Jordan at (408 735-8765).

Trip brochures are available from the travel chairmen or at the travel table at the monthly Branch 62 Luncheon.

Reminder: Trips organized by Sons in Retirement (SIR) are available to SIR members and their spouses; also to guests and widows of SIR members.

Dec. 4th, 2019, Beach Blanket Babylon Holiday Show: Sorry, This trip is full.

Oct. 3rd – 15th, 2020: Paris to Normandy: Travel from Paris via Caen (visit the Peace Museum) to Honfleur and meet our river cruise ship. Tour the D-Day invasion beaches, the American cemetery and other sites. Then depart on a cruise up the Seine calling at such places as Rouen, Les Andelys, Vernon, Giverny (Monet's garden), Pontoise, and ending with 2 nights in Paris. The cost is \$5275 to \$5675 per person double occupancy (depending on cabin choice), including round trip air fare from San Francisco. Single occupancy is sold out. Deposit is \$500. A 4 night pre-trip to Brittany and Mont St. Michel for \$995 and a 3 night post trip in Paris for \$745 are available. The brochure is available on the branch web site <http://branch62.sirinc2.org> under Travel, then Additional SIR Area 11 Travel. For a brochure see your branch travel table, For more information, questions, and to sign up, call the travel chairmen by October 28th or after November 29th



## FISHING REPORT

Fishing Success in Monterey!!! Even though only Wally Anderson and Heber Slusser could make the trip, we had a good and successful time on the Monterey bay. We both caught

our limits of rock fish!

Our next trip will likely be in March when the weather starts to get nicer. However, planning will continue throughout the winter following the regular luncheon meeting (except Christmas Dinner).

Please contact Heber Slusser if you wish to join us. You don't need to know how to fish or have equipment to join in this experience.

## FISHING NEW MEMBERS WANTED!

If you aren't a member of our Fishing Group and would like to fish with us or just tag along to bask in the great outdoors, please contact me. Our current group members can help by loaning you equipment and providing free "expert" instruction and advice (but you get what you pay for ;-)).

We are now making plans for the 2020 fishing season which will include lake, stream, surf, and ocean fishing with overnight outings in Alaska and the Sierras. Visit our Branch web site and click on the Fishing icon to learn more.

Fishing Chairman: Heber Slusser 408+769-1851

# Branch 98 Roseville

## Roseville Branch 98

### Sir TRAILS 2020

SIR TRAILS is a SIR Branch 98 hiking/walking activity for members, spouses and guests. We formed in 2018 with the idea of meeting with new and old friends to enjoy a healthy outing together. We encourage our members to recommend and lead us on their favorite trails.



In 2020 we'll continue the same concept alternating moderate hikes and easier walks on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays March through October and less frequently November through February, always pending favorable weather, trail and air quality conditions. We like to include historical features to our events along with an optional social gathering at a nearby eatery following the hike or walk.

NEXT UP: Sunset-Whitney Recreation Area,  
4201 Midas Ave, Rocklin.

Date: Wednesday, January 15th

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

11:45 AM Optional social gathering at the Granite Grill in Rocklin Weather permitting: Come and see what has happened to the golf course. Good parking, paved trails, gentle elevation change, two walking loops about 2 and a quarter miles. Occasional golf ball finds. No restrooms.

Sign up at the January Luncheon Activity Fair at the back of the room. Or RSVP me so that we will have your email address to send weather, trail conditions, cancellations and other event changes, directly to you:

Alan Ensign, SIR TRAILS activity coordinator  
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### 3rd. Annual Branch 98 Activity Fair

January 8, 2020

By Brien Hensley

The Branch Activity Committee in conjunction with our Activity Coordinators will be presenting our Annual Activity Fair before the January 8th luncheon from 10:30-11:30. Please plan to join us in the back of the room where a representative from each of our activities will be there to answer questions and take sign ups. There will also be a NEW activity table to sign up for "suggested" new activities or where you can suggest a new activity. Howard Rice has revived our fishing activity, and a new photography group and a travel group have been proposed. Let us know which of these you'd like to join.

The BEC and the Activity Committee would like to see everyone sign up for one additional activity on 2020. With over 30 to choose from, we all should find something new to join.

See you in the "Back of the Room" in January!

**Brien Hensley**, SIR Branch 98 Activity Chairman

**Tim Szumowski**, Assistant Activity Chairman

**Mike Flanagan**, Assistant Activity Chairman



### TOPgolf is Back!

By Ron Maximo

Mark Wed. January 22nd on your calendar.

Winter SIR Top Golf. Please join us on the 4th wed. of Jan., Feb., and Mar. at Top Golf. Guests and spouses are welcome, and non golfers will enjoy this also. Top Golf tells us that 1/2 of their clients are non golfers. We meet about 9:15 and head out to the bays from 9:30-11:30, followed by lunch.

This is a perfect opportunity for any of you who have never been to this fun experience! See you there.

Ron Maximo (916) 331-0444  
Brien Hensley (916) 813-0798



# Travel Info—Livermore Branch 101



2020:

## SIR 101 Travel

The world is a great place. You should see it!" Contact: Bill Britton, Chairman, 925-443-9913, [bill.britton@comcast.net](mailto:bill.britton@comcast.net)

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**February 25 – 27, 2020: Sierra Scenic Train to Reno.** Board in Oakland, Richmond or Martinez (Transportation to departure station on your own). 2 nights at Silver Legacy in Reno. Gold Service includes: Roundtrip Reserved Dome Car seat to Reno with 1st Class Service. "Welcome Aboard" and afternoon refreshments. 3-Course Dining Car luncheon served round trip. Access to Fun Train & Sierra Scenic Dance Car, Piano Lounge and Entertainment. Escorted by Werner. 2018 Price was \$ 524 pp. (expect a little more). More information to follow.



**June 26 - July 2, 2020: Spotlight on South Dakota** with Collette: 7 days (6 nights) in one hotel in Rapid City, SD, with daily bus excursions to nearby sights: Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Badlands NP, Devils Tower, Custer State Park and Deadwood. Escorted by Werner. Double: \$2699/pp, Single: \$3349. A small discount may be available to those who have traveled with Collette in the past.

Brochures available at SIR 101 meetings or click [http://sirinc2.org/branch101/Activities\\_files/BROCHURE Spot-light on South Dakota.pdf](http://sirinc2.org/branch101/Activities_files/BROCHURE_Spot-light_on_South_Dakota.pdf) to open the brochure.

Discover the spirit of the American West. Travel to the legendary Black Hills and see the American prairie as it was 300 years ago. Explore the legends of the city of Deadwood, home to Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. Travel the backcountry of Custer State Park and along the impressive Needles Highway lined with famous granite spires. Visit magnificent Mt. Rushmore. See Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain sculpture still in progress. Journey through the natural beauty of Badlands National Park by coach or take a guided hike on one of its trails. Discover the fascinating history and stories of the Lakota and Sioux through a Native American chronicler.

**June 26 – July 10, 2020 - Magical Rhine and Moselle River Cruise.** Escorted by Bill Britton. Bill still has space on next year's trip on the Rhine and Moselle rivers and Switzerland. This trip is with Collette on the brand-new Amadeus River Cruise Ship, Star. This will be the third SIR trip with this wonderful cruise line. About 18 spaces are still available leaving on June 26, 2020. We will arrive and stay in Amsterdam two days early and explore the city on our own. There are numerous sites to visit in Amsterdam. The cruise starts in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and sails to Basel, Switzerland. We will then visit the Black Forest and on to beautiful Lucerne for four nights of exploration on our own. Lucerne is a beautiful city in the heart of Switzerland on Lake Lucerne and surrounded by the Alps. There is an incredible amount to see and do in Lucerne and the surrounding area. We will fly home from Zurich on July 10th. Bill recently sailed on the second half of this cruise and has also driven the same area. It is not to be missed. If you are interested let me know. If you know of anyone else who might be interested in this trip, please share my contact information.

Here is what you can expect: Always included in the price - Round trip airfare from San Francisco, Transportation to and from Livermore and SFO, Trip insurance, Air Taxes, Hotels, and this time all gratuities are included in the pricing. Highlights: pre-trip 2 nights in Amsterdam, 7-Night River Cruise, Rhine River, Cologne, Moselle River, Cochem, Wine Tasting, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum, Mannheim, Speyer, Strasbourg, Titisee, Black Forest, Zurich, and post trip 4 nights in Lucerne.

Brochures available at SIR 101 meetings or you can click [http://sirinc2.org/branch101/Activities\\_files/Rhine Flyer.pdf](http://sirinc2.org/branch101/Activities_files/Rhine_Flyer.pdf). You can email Bill at: [bill.britton@comcast.net](mailto:bill.britton@comcast.net) with questions. For more information you can email me at: [bill.britton@comcast.net](mailto:bill.britton@comcast.net) with questions.

I mentioned that I still have 18 spots reserved, but cabin class choices are on a first come, first serve basis. These cruises tend to fill up fast, so it is wise to reserve early. Your reservation, with deposit, is fully refundable until October 22. You can cancel up to the day before we leave for any reason and get a full refund, minus the cost of the travel insurance. The cost increases if reserved after the end of October

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and my guaranteed spots will be released at that time too. So act soon.

**September 27—October 4, 2020: 7-day Classic California Coastal Cruise.** 7-day cruise on **Star Princess** from San Francisco and back to San Francisco with Ports of Call: San Diego, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and Ensenada. More details to follow. Brochures available at SIR 101 meetings or you can click <http://sirinc2.org/branch101/Activities files/WERNER-Princess-CA-Coastal-Sept-2020.pdf>. Escorted by Werner. **SIR Travel Opportunities for 2019 with other SIR groups** click <http://sirinc2.org/branch101/Activities files/SIR Travel Opportunities.pdf> to open the brochure.

Sir 101 hikers. Photos by Art Hull, John Goldsmith, Larry Wiley, Bill Leach and Emile Meylan (and maybe others). So many good hiking photos, so little space. This month: seasonal changes. Remember to Zoom in (Ctrl+) and out (Ctrl-) of photos.



Sir 101 Spotlight on Tuscany and Rome travelers on Sep. 2019 at Villa de Este. Photos by Bill Brisson.



## Woodcarving

When: Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Where: Pleasanton Senior Center Woodshop

When: Wednesdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Where: Livermore Community Center When: Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM Where: Pleasanton Senior Center Woodshop

Contact: open, Chairman

Please contact Activities chair Ron Saltgaver for more information.

**New Way to Pay:** Livermore Members now have the option to use their PC or smartphone to pay for lunch. Most major banks support Zelle money transfers. Want to know more? Click [ZELLEPAY.COM](http://ZELLEPAY.COM). On your PC login to your bank web site. On your smartphone download your bank's app. If your bank doesn't have Zelle, then download the Zelle app from [ZELLEPAY.COM](http://ZELLEPAY.COM). Either way, connect Zelle to your bank account. Connect Zelle to Treasurer Fred Coffield's cell phone number 925-216-0227. Either way, you use Zelle to send the money to the SIR bank account.

If you use Zelle, please notify the person selling lunch tickets and he will record your name.

ZELLE gives people another option in case you forgot to bring enough money. You can also use ZELLE to pay your annual membership fee to SIR. If you have questions, please contact Treasurer Fred Coffield at [fcoffield1@comcast.net](mailto:fcoffield1@comcast.net).



**NEAL'S ROMEOs** (Retired Men Eating Out)—**Sorry—Men Only**

When: 2nd Thursday for lunch.

Where: At various restaurants.

Next: tbd

Contact: Roy Porfido, Chairman, 925-455-0600, [rpmagic@comcast.net](mailto:rpmagic@comcast.net).

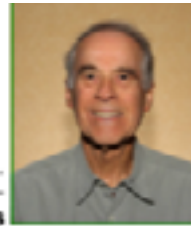
Neal's ROMEO's, those Retired "O" Men Eating Out, meet on the second Thursday of the month at a different restaurant for lunch.

On October 10th 5 Romeo's enjoyed a meal at the Chaat Bhavan Indian Restaurant in Dublin [www.chaatbhavan.com](http://www.chaatbhavan.com). Jani Janakiraman and Mike Pocha co-hosted this adventure in Indian food. Jani helped select the dishes for us.

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## Hiking and Walking

**When:** Wednesdays at 8:30 AM  
**Where:** southeast corner of South L St. and Railroad Ave, Livermore  
**Contact:** Art Hull, Chairman, 925-443-5479, [alhull@gmail.com](mailto:alhull@gmail.com)



We meet every Wednesday at the southeast corner of South L St. and Railroad Ave. and leave at 8:30 A.M for our hiking destination. We form three groups of various hiking levels (Ablers, Ramblers, and Scramblers). Bring plenty of water. The **Ablers** do a level hike usually at a park such as Sycamore Grove. The **Ramblers** do a moderate hike and the **Scramblers** do a more strenuous hike at one of the many surrounding regional parks.

Hiking is good for your heart, good for your brain, and good for making friends. Try it, you might like it!

Our Motto: Remember, there's no such thing as bad hiking weather, just inappropriate clothing.



Hiking at Sycamore Grove and Del Valle



## Kayaking

**When:** usually 1st Thursdays **Next:** Nov 7, 2019, 9:30 am, launch 10:00 am  
**Where:** Lake Del Valle boat ramp, Livermore  
**Contact:** Dick Ryon, 925-447-8907, [dickryon@comcast.net](mailto:dickryon@comcast.net)  
Doug Mansur, 925-640-5233, [dmansur@gmail.com](mailto:dmansur@gmail.com)



Our last outing was on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>, launching at Kirby Park, Elkhorn Slough, up the estuary from Moss Landing. There were six of us: Dwight Lang, Steve and Phyllis Hatchett, Ron Colvin, Greg Davis, and Dick Ryon. It was a beautiful, warm, fall day, with lots of wildlife (otters, seals, several kinds of birds). After a nice lunch at Phil's Fish Market in Moss Landing, we headed back to Kirby Park. Due to good planning, we had tides and wind with us in both directions. Total distance was a bit more than nine miles. Photographs by Greg Davis and Dwight Lang are at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/UBHkcMUqZE7QiweV9>.



If you wish to get up-to-date information about SIR Kayaking Group outings and are not already on our e-mail list, send a message to Dick Ryon [dickryon@comcast.net](mailto:dickryon@comcast.net). Regularly scheduled events are the first Thursday of each month. Lake Del Valle is the default place. From time-to-time, we go elsewhere, such as Discovery Bay, the Oakland Estuary and San Francisco Bay and Monterey Bay.

For those who do not have a kayak, but are interested in trying some kayaking, there are those in the group that have a spare kayak and are willing to share. Also, if you need to share a ride in order to transport yourself, boat, and gear, let us know and that can be arranged.

Elkhorn Slough, Moss Landing, Sunday October 6, 2019

Paddle and live long, Dick Ryon and Doug Mansur.





November 14, 1969 (Friday): At 11:22 in the morning local time (1622 UTC), NASA launched Apollo 12 from Cape Kennedy in Florida, with Pete Conrad, Richard Gordon and Alan Bean, making the second manned mis-

sion to a Moon landing. After being sent up during a rainstorm, the rocket was struck by lightning, 36 seconds into its ascent, and again 16 seconds later, experiencing electrical surges that shut down the computer for the fuel cells. Fortunately, the main computer in the Instrument Unit "soldiered on without a hiccup". Inspection by the crew of the orbiter and the lunar module found no damage after the ship achieved Earth orbit. A little more than an hour after reaching parking orbit, Apollo 12 fired its third stage at 2:09 to begin its four-day travel toward the Moon.

November 19, 1969 (Wednesday): Apollo 12 astronauts Pete Conrad and Alan Bean landed the lunar module Intrepid at the northern edge of the crater Mare Cognitum within the Oceanus Procellarum ("Ocean of Storms") area, becoming the third and fourth humans to reach the surface of the Moon. Conrad became the third person to walk on the Moon, and Bean alighted almost half an hour later. Richard

F. Gordon remained in orbit, piloting the mothership Yankee Clipper. The landing was made to come close to the Surveyor 3 lunar probe that had arrived on the Moon two years and seven months earlier, on April 19, 1967, and set down only 200 meters (660 ft) away. A plan to televise live color images from the Moon was ruined after Bean accidentally pointed the camera at the Sun, burning out the imaging tube.

November 24, 1969 (Monday): The Apollo 12 spacecraft splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean, ending the second manned mission to the Moon. The capsule landed in the South Pacific Ocean only 3.1 miles (5.0 km) from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet, at a point about 400 miles (640 km) southeast of American Samoa. As with the Apollo 11 astronauts, the crew of Apollo 12 was placed into a mobile quarantine unit while scientists did tests to see if the trio had returned to Earth with microorganisms; they would be allowed to leave after 21 days confinement that found no contamination.



## Honey Run Covered Bridge

When the Honey Run Covered Bridge burned in the Camp Fire, we lost a true icon dearly loved by everyone who ever saw it. Almost immediately after the fire, the Honey Run Covered Bridge Association, which owns the adjacent Covered Bridge Park, received passionate messages locally and from as far away as San Antonio, Texas, expressing deep-felt hope that the Bridge would be rebuilt. Since neither FEMA nor Butte County has funds for the rebuild, HRCBA held a meeting with multiple public and private stake-

holders, who determined that the Bridge should be rebuilt. Accordingly, HRCBA agreed to take over ownership of the Bridge, raise private funds and manage the rebuild. Discussions are now nearly completed between HRCBA and Butte County on details of the transfer.



# Chico Branch 110



*Members of a quintet from the Air Force Band of the Golden West playing for our group.  
(Picture is courtesy of Steve Laird)*

## Woodworking

At our 1st meeting in October: Craig Lindquist ripped up a short weathered plank of claro walnut (black walnut) into strips for a new butcher block project; Michael Kobelt milled a maple runner for a bandsaw resaw sled, and squared up two faces of a chunk of claro walnut; and Bill Gebhardt showed us a 12-sided needlepoint frame he made for his daughter. Don Levensaler came in to socialize, and said he was working on a large frame for a chalkboard at home.



Later that month: Bill worked on making a carry case for a set of horseshoes; Craig brought in some thick weathered black walnut to mill the sides smooth and square (see photo); and Michael squared three sides of a short log of black walnut to prepare it for resawing into thin boards. Bob Thomas stopped by to borrow Bill's electrical multimeter to test some wiring.

The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Bill's shop. Call Bill Gebhardt at 879-0429 or Craig Lindquist at 898-8483 for information.



## Piscatology

We had a good turnout at our December breakfast. Our six fish trip dates are planned for 2020. Destinations will be decided soon. If you like to fish, join us at the Cozy Diner at 7:45 AM on the second Thursday of each month. Many of us have fish boats but an equal number or more do not. We are not limited to just fishing from boats. We offer you the opportunity to connect with someone who just likes to fish too. A schedule of trips in 2019 is on our web site section. The 2020 dates will soon be posted.

If you like to fish, join us for breakfast at the Cozy Diner on the second Thursday of each month at 7:45 AM. Call Bob Weckerle at 864-6698.



The **Boeing 747** is an American wide-body commercial jet airliner and cargo aircraft. The first wide-body airplane produced, it was dubbed a "Jumbo Jet". Its distinctive hump upper deck along the forward part of the aircraft has made it one of the most recognizable aircraft. Manufactured by Boeing's Commercial Airplane unit in the United States, the 747 was originally planned to have 150 percent greater capacity than the Boeing 707, a common large commercial aircraft of the 1960's. First flown commercially in 1970, the 747 held the passenger capacity record for 37 years.

**January 22, 1970:** The first scheduled airline flight for the Boeing 747 "jumbo jet", operated by Pan American Airways, departed from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport at 1:52 in the morning local time (0652 UTC), after a delay of almost seven hours. Pan American Flight 001 was to have started its maiden flight at 7:00 the previous evening. Once aloft, the gigantic airplane carried 332 passengers and a Pan Am crew of 18 to London's Heathrow Airport, where it arrived at 1:05 in the afternoon (1305 UTC). Though the flight had been sold as a round trip, 128 passengers canceled their reservations to return to New York on the 747, "perhaps the greatest number ever compiled by a single airliner."

(Information obtained from Wikipedia January 11, 2020.)



# Branch 125 Westgate



*Ken Rose, resplendent in his fall golf attire, was among the contingent of SIR 125 members who had a swingin' time at the semi-annual golf trip to the Gold Country.*

On October 1-3, 27 of our SIR members went on the semi-annual golf trip to the Gold Country, where again the weather was absolutely beautiful. On Tuesday, they played the Copper Valley course in Copperopolis, where Charles Nieto shot 78 for the lowest gross score and Jon Goldsworthy and Hal Schmidt had the lowest net score of 65. The others had to remind themselves that they were there to have fun.

On Wednesday, the guys played Greenhorn Creek in Angels Camp, where Nieto again had the lowest gross score with an 82 and Dave Butt had the lowest net score of 68.

On Thursday, they played a scramble format tournament at Greenhorn Creek, where Pat Doran's team won with members Butt, Bill Croxton and Elmer Pasquinelli.

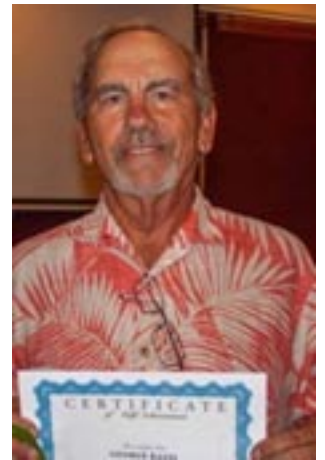
The group had a dinner on Wednesday evening at Camp's Restaurant at Greenhorn Creek and gave out prizes, had fun, and enjoyed a great evening together. Goldsworthy was the overall winner of the two-day event, with Butt coming in second, followed by Nieto and Bob Lopes. Everyone was a winner with the top golfer getting \$70 down to the 27th golfer receiving \$6.

The spring Gold Country trip will take place the last week of April or the first week of May in 2020. If

you want to go on that trip mark your calendar and save the dates, which will be announced in late February or early March.

As with all SIR activities, a number of people volunteer to put the trip together. This trip is one of the many activities of SIR 125 that makes it one of the best SIR branches.

*Jerry Davis, Golf Chairman*



Three branch golfers – Jack Weber, George Bassi and Jon Goldsworthy have achieved Paulie Emeritus status. The certification is given to a player who has scored three Paulies.

## WINE TASTING GROUP



# Branch 125 Westgate



*The Branch 125 Executive Committee for 2020 poses for its close-up.*



*Big SIR Don Rosenbaum, right is presented by Roger Danielson with the "Above and Beyond" Award at the December Luncheon.*



*The "Outstanding Member" Award is presented to John Figini, left, by Roger Danielson at the December Luncheon.*



## BRANCH 125 IS AREA'S BEST

*Bob Grandey, right, SIR Area 11 Governor, presented Westgate Branch 125 with awards acknowledging it as the Outstanding Branch in Area 11 for 2018, and its Honorable Mention Statewide status. Big Sir Roger Danielson, left, accepted the Governor's Branch Citation after John Figini, the 2018 Big Sir, was handed the Outstanding Branch Award at the October Luncheon Meeting. Grandey cited the branch's leadership, extensive databases, hosting of many coed activities, and membership growth among the reasons Branch 125 was selected.*

# San Mateo Branch 142



# Branch 152—Arnold



Scenes from our November luncheon. Above, singing God Bless America. Below left, our speakers - descendants of the Tuskegee Airmen. Below right, Area Governor Dale Decker shops for Tuskegee Airmen souvenirs.



*Left: Area Governor Dale Decker presents Big SIR Brian Raley with a Certificate of Appreciation.*

*Above: Desserts honored our Veterans and Branch 152's 30th Anniversary and reaching 125 members.*

# Branch 152—Arnold



*Cathie Anadel, Harriet Johns,  
and Cyndie Hawkins*



*Kevin Anadel with Michele Stahlberg*



*Alan Court, Kevin Anadel, Steve Jones,  
and Bob Kruger*

## *Scenes from Branch 152 Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance*



*Chris Gossweiler, Patty Tillotson, Cathie  
Anadel, Syl Walton, and Dodie Raley*



*Here's to a Happy and  
Healthy 2020 to  
you and your families. I  
hope to see you  
on the 21st and get the  
year rolling!  
Big Sir Kevin Anadel*



*Patty Tillotson, Linda Utter and Syl Walton*



*Dale and Carol Ward*



*Jeannette and Jay Brethauer*

# Lake Tahoe Branch 160



*A Golf reminder from the Lake Tahoe Branch 160 Newsletter for January. The State SIR golf website at <https://www.sirinc2.org/golf2018/> contains up-to-date golf tournament information.*

*The Sir State Golf Committee would like to invite you to*

**April**

*"Spring Time in Napa"*

A 2 DAY TOURNAMENT AT

**Eagle Vines GC & Chardonnay GC**

APRIL 20th & 21st, 2020

MEN PLAY LOW NET on Day 1 - 4 MAN 2 BEST BALL on Day 2

LADIES WELCOME! LADIES PLAY Format for both days SCRAMBLE – No Handicap Required

**May**

**Area Team Qualifying Period**

May 1 thru June 30 (Reports and Results to State Chairman by July 7th)

**JUNE**

**Annual Reno Blowout**

3 Days June 22nd Thru June 26th, 2020

**Somerset GC, Red Hawk Lakes Course & Red Hawk Hills Course**

MEN PLAY LOW NET on Day 1 - 4 MAN 2 BEST BALL on Day 2

LADIES WELCOME! LADIES PLAY Format for both days SCRAMBLE – No Handicap Required

**July**

Area Qualifying Period for Individual Championship

Area Tournaments held between July 1 and July 31 (reports to Regional Chairman by 8/1)

**August**

**State Team Championship Tournament**

("The Chairman's Tournament")

Monday, August 10th at **Rancho Solano GC** – 8:30 Shotgun – in Fairfield

**September**

**The Fall Classic Blue Rock Springs Golf Course**

A Member/Guest Event Two Days September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Vallejo, CA

**LADIES WELCOME!**

**October**

*Individual State Championship and Open Play*

**Hiddenbrooke CC**

Monday, October 12th and Tuesday, October 13th

DAY 1 WILL BE OPEN PLAY - DAY 2 WILL BE THE CHAMPIONSHIP & OPEN PLAY

Ladies Welcome Both Days!

# Lake Tahoe Branch 160

*A Bowling reminder from the Lake Tahoe Branch 160 Newsletter for January.*

*This Calendar is subject to change! Visit <http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html> for updates.*

*The State Bowling website has a lot of information. All SIR Bowlers are invited to attend tournaments. The website also has application forms for upcoming tournaments. Entry requirements are basically—USBC membership, and league records from bowl.com.*

SIR BOWLING TOURNAMENTS 2020						
As of January 4, 2020						
City	Month	Days	Center	Code	Tournament Manager(s)	Phone
Napa	Jan.	Tues 21 Weds 22	Napa Bowl	4	Keith Knox	707-257-7537
Concord	Feb.	Tues 25	Clayton Valley Bowl	4	Mike Kropf Doug Schuster	925-689-1453 925-687-4543
Concord	March	Tues 17 Weds 18	Clayton Valley Bowl	4	Dan Weller	925-935-5510
Carson City	April	Mon 13 Thru Thurs 16	Gold Dust West	3	Ray DiBasilio	530-558-9727
SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT						
Modesto	May	Weds 13 Thurs 14	McHenry Bowl	1	Jim Pastorelli	209-406-8156
Pacheco	May	Thurs 28 Fri 29	Paddock Lanes	4	Del Locke	707-745-3475
Sutter Creek	June	Thurs 11 Fr 12	Gold Country Lanes	4	Emil Leese Ray DiBasilio	916-275-8684 530-558-9727
Dublin	June	Tue 23 Wed 24	Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl	4	Victor Okumura Jerry Sabo	510-557-2687 510-790-3135
Pollock Pines	July	Fri 10 thru Sun 12	Knotty Pine Lanes	4	Ray DiBasilio	530-558-9727
Yuba City	July	Mon 27 Tues 28	Nu Generation	4	Ray Buttacavoli	H-530-671-5599 C-530-329-2038
Reno	Aug.	Mon 10 thru Wed 12	National Bowling Stadium	3	Ray DiBasilio	530-558-9727
Grass Valley	Aug.	Wed 26 Thur 27	Prosperity Lanes	4	Charlie Babiarz	530-470-8964
Carson City	Sep.	Fri 11 Sat 12	Carson Lanes	4	Tim Hall	H-775-246-1027 C-530-409-3494
Brentwood	Sep.	<b>Tues 22</b>	Harvest Park	4	John Fry	925-783-5614
Citrus Heights	Oct.	Tues 20 Weds 21	Fireside Lanes	4	Art Tourtillot Ron Johnson	916-635-6148 916-206-1483
Modesto	Nov.	Thurs 5 Fri 6	McHenry Bowl	4	Jim Pastorelli Vern Masse	209-406-8156 209-538-4275
Danville	Dec.	Wed 2 Thurs 3	Danville Bowl	4	John Monahan	925-837-1598
CODE: 1 - SIRs ONLY - 4 MAN TEAM - DOUBLES - ALL EVENTS 2 - SIRs ONLY - DOUBLES - SINGLES - ALL EVENTS 3 - SIRs or MIXED - 4 BOWLER TEAM - DOUBLES - SINGLES - ALL EVENTS 4 - SIRs or MIXED - DOUBLES - SINGLES - ALL EVENTS						

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# Special Interest Articles



## PLANNING MY TRIP -

Dave Baugher  
Branch 152 Arnold

Ok, I'm really not leaving California... For those that did not finish the "Rest of the Story," from an earlier article; Luann

and I are not pulling up stakes and leaving the State. However, the recent power outages really have us wondering about those folks regulating PG&E from Sacramento.

Anyway, I did get out for a week of backpacking this past month with my son Jacob and son-in-law Patrick. This was a late autumn trip, the Sierra wilderness was chilly, clean-smelling and filled with sublime colors providing as beautiful a hiking ground as you could find anywhere in the world. We headed into the Sierras from Twin Lakes near Bridgeport, and as we ascended the mountains to the east lay the great State of Nevada, brilliant with shades of gold and threaded by the shining network of roads. Ahead of us, huge and theatrical against the sweet spread of the afternoon sky were the Sierra Peaks, big and sun-shadowed, holding many hidden valleys and mysterious watersheds. We followed the PCT and emerged 90 miles later near Ebbetts Pass. The trip was fantastic and hypnotizing, but that got me wondering, "What is the process I use to create these trips?"

Well, it's academic. In the world there exists a model

outlining the five phases of recreation and tourism experience. Researchers have actually come to understand how our overall satisfaction with our trips depends on the degree to which our experiences are met or exceeded in each of the different phases. Huh? Let's look at this and fit it into our life.

The first phase is the planning and anticipation phase. It can begin with a cruise brochure, newspaper article about an interesting place or a conversation with a friend. This stage builds the hype. We set goals and create expectations often months and sometimes years in advance, reading books, making reservations and pouring over maps.

Phases two and four are the travel to and travel from phases. From a tourism economic perspective, the travel stages are big business. For us, done right, these two phases can be as important as the adventure itself.

Stage three is the easy one – the actual trip. So long as the adventure meets our physical, social and intellectual needs we pretty much are going to have a good time. We usually do enjoy the fruits and memories of our adventure.

Phase five is the reason we buy souvenirs and hold potluck suppers. As time passes by after the trip, we tend to heighten the good memories and forget about the bugs, wind, rain, aches, and blisters. This recollection phase is why I'm already planning my next adventures for 2020!

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## 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*



# Bits and Pieces

## Travel Branch 103 Stanislaus

### **HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL TOUR FEATURING MACKINAC ISLAND'S GRAND HOTEL**

May 7- 14, 2020

Price: \$3,365 Dble. \$4,415 Sgle. Tour Includes: Airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit Airport transfers, 2 nights in Holland Michigan, visit Tulip Gardens and a working Windmill, attend the Festival along with the Music Parade. 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel on Mackinac Island with horse-drawn carriage tour

A tour of the Ford factory and watch a F150 pickup truck being built Plus optional tours and much, much more, and \$40 in Mayflower Money. Final payment due on January 15, 2020.

Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Stay in Oberammergau, Germany for the Passion Play (Only performed once every 10 years). August 29-Sept. 9, 2020

The play is a staging of Jesus' passion, covering the short final period of his life from his visit to Jerusalem and leading to his execution by crucifixion.

Price: Approximately \$5700 per person. Air Fare to be determined in Oct. 2019. Price includes all transportation, hotels, gratuities for tour manager, and more. \$500.00 deposit per person holds spot. Final payment not due until March 1, 2020

All the reservation forms are available on the SIR Area 18 website for printing:

<http://sirinc2.org/branch144/travel>

Contact Bill Stires for detailed Flyers and Applications for all SIRtravel at 544-2684 or cell ph. 209-988-5445.

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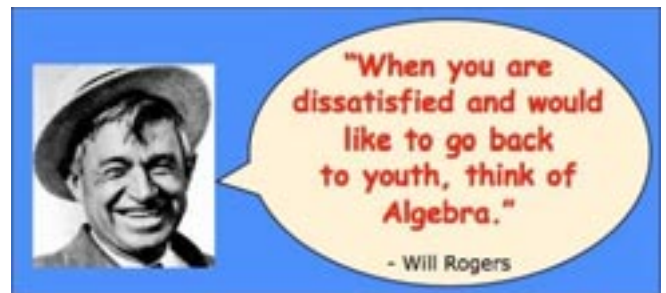
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## Travel Branch 62 Sunneyvale

Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt at (408 394-7226).

Assistant: Roy Jordan at (408 735-8765). Trip brochures are available from the travel chairmen or at the travel table at the monthly Branch 62 Luncheon. Reminder: Trips organized by Sons in Retirement (SIR) are available to SIR members and their spouses; also to guests and widows of SIR members.

Oct. 3rd – 15th, 2020: Paris to Normandy: Travel from Paris via Caen (visit the Peace Museum) to Honfleur and meet our river cruise ship. Tour the D-Day invasion beaches, American cemetery and other sites. Then depart on a cruise up the Seine calling at such places as Rouen, Les Andelys, Vernon, Giverny (Monet's garden), Pontoise, and ending with 2 nights in Paris. The cost is \$5275 to \$5675 per person double occupancy (depending on cabin choice), including round trip air fare from San Francisco. Single occupancy is sold out. Deposit is \$500. A 4 night pre-trip to Brittany and Mont St. Michel for \$995 and a 3 night post trip in Paris for \$745 are available. The brochure is available on the branch web site <http://branch62.sirinc2.org> under Travel, then Additional SIR Area 11 Travel. For a brochure see your branch travel table. For more information, questions, and to sign up, contact the escorts



# Upcoming Activities

## Golden Gate Fields



### SIR Day at the Races

March 27, 2020; Friday

Gates Open: 11 am

Buffet: noon-3:30 pm

First Race: 12:45 pm

Cost: \$41

#### Includes:

parking, admission,  
reserved seating  
daily racing program  
prime rib buffet  
tax & tip for food service



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PLEASE: Have a Branch co-ordinator collect the individual checks; clearly mark the Branch number.

**Then send group check—with Branch number to:**

Sheri Espique, Group Sales Assistant Manager,  
Golden Gate Fields, 1100 Eastshore Highway,  
Berkeley, CA 94710. Deadline: March 20, 3 pm.

**Kentucky Derby—May 2, Sat  
Standard seating \$65 at GGF**