

# LAMORINDA SIR BRANCH 174

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## OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014

HOLY TRINITY CULTURAL CENTER – 1700 SCHOOL ST., MORAGA

Social Hour: 11:00 – Lunch: 11:45 – Cost \$25.00. Payment in the exact amount would be appreciated.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS AT 9:45 AM

## **BIG SIR MESSAGE**

### **DICK COURTNEY**



The Ladies Day Holiday lunch on December 18 was a great success with excellent food and drink along with lively conversation among friends, old and new alike. The singing of the SIRpremes and the Contare Con Vivo youth ensemble was wonderful entertainment and very much appreciated by the audience.

Numerous individuals contributed to the success of the lunch but special thanks are due Mike Donovan of Branch 171 and Pete Giers of Branch 174 for all their efforts in planning and making the lunch a highlight of the Christmas season. Lou Edwards and Chuck Healy, both from Branch 171, also contributed significantly to making sure the event operated smoothly. When you see any of these individuals, please let them know how much you appreciated their efforts. Special appreciation is also extended to the staff of the Soda Center at Saint Mary's College and Sodexo catering, especially Matt Carroll and Ruth Hickman, who were very helpful and flexible in working with the representatives of Branch 171 and 174 to organize the lunch. Finally, I want to thank the local merchants who generously donated merchandise for prizes at the luncheon. Please patronize these merchants when you can and thank them for supporting our Holiday lunch.

Big Sir, Neal Huntley, and the other officers and directors of Branch 174 did a fine job of leading Branch 174 in 2013, and I want to thank all of them for their leadership. As usual, the activity leaders provide the vitality for our organization, and we all owe them a large vote of thanks. A special thank you is also extended to Fred George, who has served as Secretary for many years, and who is leaving the BEC.

Please welcome Dan Cawthon as Little Sir and Gil Neff as Branch Secretary. Dick Curry will become Assistant Secretary in addition to his role as editor of our newsletter and Webmaster. Also welcome Ron Leiker, Jon Leuteneker, and Bill Lund as new Directors.

One thing I would like to have our Branch achieve this year is an increase in membership, especially by boosting the number of younger members. So, if you have friends who have retired recently, please invite them to join our Branch. You will be doing them a favor and also helping our Branch grow. As one means of encouraging you to invite a guest to our January meeting, the cost for guest in January will be only \$15. That is, if you pay for your guest's lunch, or the guest pays, the cost is only \$15 so please try to think of individuals you might invite to attend as a guest with the hope that they will choose to become members and gain the benefits that all of us enjoy.

Finally, I hope each of you enjoys a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to working with you in 2014. Please note that our meeting in January will be held on the **THIRD Wednesday (January 15).**

## **LITTLE SIR PROGRAM**

### **DAN CAWTHON**

I'm looking forward to serving as Little Sir during 2014. We're going to have some very interesting speakers join us for our monthly meetings. On January 15, Dr. Audrey Berman, Dean of Nursing at Samuel Merritt University in Oakland will speak to us about the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) which is scheduled to go into effect on January 1. When I invited Audrey to be our January speaker several months ago, it seemed, then, that it would be a matter of reviewing how the plan works. But, as you know, Obamacare has had to negotiate some pretty stormy waters recently, so Audrey's presentation should generate lots of interest and questions. Do plan to attend.

Other luncheon speakers during the early part of the year will cover such topics as the Academy Awards, the fourth bore of the Caldecott tunnel, and Court Appointed Special Advocates for children in the East Bay foster child system. Hopefully they will provide stimulating reflections on topics that concern us all. If you know of other speakers I can invite to join us during the course of year, I would be glad to hear from you.

Happy New Year!





**HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:**

PHIL BROOKS	DAN CAWTHON	JACK CLARKSON	DICK COURTNEY
DOUG COWDEN	JOE FITZGERALD	TOM HENRY	GORDON HEPLER
HAL HILL	GIL KLINGMAN	RICHARD MILLER	BRIAN MORRIS
DON REICHERT	WALT SASSER	WINSTON VAN WINEGARDEN	

One of the above members will win a free lunch if they attend the JANUARY 2014 luncheon. Members whose birth month is in JANUARY and who do not see their name in the above list should call the Big SIR prior to the January meeting to ensure their names are included in the drawing.

NOTE: Members 90 years old or more will receive a free lunch in their birth month each year; however they must notify the Big SIR prior to the meeting.

**BRANCH REPORTS**

**SUNSHINE REPORT: STEWART KNUDSEN 376-4919**

Good news. No reports of serious illnesses have been reported.

From Branch 171, **Monte Logan** notes: It is sad to report the passing of SIR John Moore on Saturday, Nov. 30th. John was 92 years of age and he had been on our inactive roster since November 2012. Church services were held on Saturday, December 14th at the Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, Orinda.

**TREASURER REPORT: BOB MAYNE 283-8924**

Dec. 2013	Balance, Beginning	\$5,291.20
	Month's Receipts	2,575.00
	Month's Disbursements	<u>2,429.19</u>
	Balance, Ending	\$5,437.01

**ATTENDANCE REPORT: ED KELLER 254-5949**

Branch 174 had 44 couples signed up for our Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon plus 4 guests. Totals for both Branch 171 and 174 are not currently available.

**Note:** To be excused from a future meeting or to bring a guest, please see instructions under **ATTENDANCE INFORMATION** and **TO BRING A GUEST** on the last page of this Newsletter.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: JOHN RINGER (510) 452-0189**

Changes:

Inactive List: No change to report.  
Candidate List: No change to report.  
Member Roster: No change to report.

Current status:

Inactive List = 17  
Candidate List = 1  
Member Roster = 133

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS** are available at the front desk, on our website, or, preferably, requested from John Ringer at our General Meeting, phone (510) 452-0189, or [Jeringer@comcast.net](mailto:Jeringer@comcast.net).

**INDUCTIONS: JOHN RINGER (510) 452-0189**

There were no inductions in December.

**GREETERS:** There were no Greeters at our December Ladies Day luncheon.

**FREE LUNCH:** Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch? Although there were no free lunches given at our December Ladies Day Luncheon there were lots of door prices. Were you one of the lucky ones?

**ROSTER CORRECTIONS: JOHN RINGER (510) 452-0189 [jeringer@comcast.net](mailto:jeringer@comcast.net)**

NOTICE: Whenever your mail or E-mail address, your phone number, or other data reported in the Members Roster changes please advise John. He will in turn update the master Roster and advise the Newsletter staff. Current Member Rosters are posted on our Branch 174 website monthly and may be viewed using your User ID and Password.

**BRANCH #174 NEWSLETTER:** Editor **Dick Curry** 376-5541 racorinda@pacbell.net, 19 Descanso Drive, Orinda, CA  
The deadline for receipt of Newsletter material by the Editor is the 20th of each month! E-mail is preferred.

Also enjoy reading *SIR Happenings*, our State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can now find the **Fall 2013** edition of *SIR Happenings* on our SIR State website at [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org).

### **ACTIVITIES REPORTS (Branch 174 & Branch 171)**

#### **ASTRONOMY: GEORGE COBB (Br. 174) 200-7749**

We meet the second Monday of each month in the Tilden Room at the Concord Hilton Hotel on Diamond Boulevard. Our meetings commence at 1:30 immediately following Branch 8's monthly luncheon. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2014 immediately following Branch 8's regular luncheon. Bill Hunter will be the new Astronomy Activity Chairman. Please join us for an entertaining meeting. All our welcome. Please call or e-mail George ([GECBlue@aol.com](mailto:GECBlue@aol.com)) for details and further information.

#### **BARBERSHOP HARMONY: BRAD DEWEY (Br. 171) 376-3349, RON LEIKER (Br. 174) 376-3884**

HELP---The SIRpremes still NEED TO ADD ONE MORE TENOR---HELP

We are still looking for one more person to sing the tenor part in our songs. Tenors are special people--they have the ability to sing higher than the rest of us. Even some basses make excellent tenors by using their falsetto voices. Please check your falsetto next time you're in the shower. Maybe you can do it. If you think there's a chance, give me or Ron Leiker a call. In addition to the home phone numbers shown above, my cell phone number is (510) 914-4644.

#### **BOCCE BALL: BILL BONDY (Br. 171) 254-1266, NICK BIONDI (Br. 174) 376-3233**

Bocce Ball is normally played weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. just beyond the bandstand at the Moraga Commons, weather permitting. However, play has been postponed temporarily due to weather conditions. For information, call Bill or Nick.

#### **BOWLING - AREA 2: Lloyd West (Branch 19) 228-9037**

Area 2 Tournament bowling is held at the Clayton Valley Bowl on Wednesdays starting at 10 a.m. Contact: Mike Kropf - 689-1453. The format is four-man teams where at least three members have to be SIRs. COSTS: Lane costs, prize money and administrative expenses are currently \$13 per week for three games. All bowlers must join the USBC (United States Bowling Congress). There is an annual \$18 fee for the USBC. Contact Lloyd for additional information.

Additionally, SIR members are bowling at Diablo Lanes on Monument Blvd. also commencing at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays. Contact Dean Lucas 933-2737

#### **BRIDGE: GREG TCHERKOYAN (Br. 171) 838-0361 STEWART KNUDSEN (Br. 174) 376-4919**

We meet at the Moraga Hacienda on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Please arrive by 9:50 a.m. Play starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. Bring \$5 and a bag lunch. Call Greg or Stu for further information.

#### **COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY - AREA 2: NEIL SCHMIDT (Branch 116) <np\_schmidt@pacbell.net>, DEREK SOUTHERN (Branch 8) <derek.southern@gmail.com>; DICK CURRY (Br. 174) 376-5541 <racorinda@pacbell.net>**

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We offer coffee & pastries and ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental and refreshments. Some months are free, so come and see if next month is one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome.

At our next meeting on January 16 Barry Brown and Derek Southern will demonstrate FREE video 'phone' calls using laptops, tablets smart phones etc and will discuss the necessary and inexpensive equipment you will need.

They will discuss video messaging 1:1 (rather than video conferencing with tens or hundreds of participants). They will demonstrate three free programs which support 1:1 easily (more people if you pay for a subscription), and may show one which permits multiple attendees (up to 25 for free). To make the presentation more interactive they are planning to include some audience members, with laptops, tablets, or smart phones to demonstrate how different platforms can communicate. The programs to be featured are Skype, Google Hangout, Faceview and Teamviewer.



Time permitting, there will be a Q&A session with The Gurus of A2CAT where the advice is always 'priceless'. Suggestions for future presentations are always welcome. For more information and copies of our prior presentations visit our web site at [www.sir-web.org/computer/](http://www.sir-web.org/computer/).

**DOMINOES: OPEN (Br. 171), OPEN (Br.174)**

Currently we are looking for interested members to resurrect this activity. Please call Donn Mall at 254-7145 or e-mail to [dmall@malltel.com](mailto:dmall@malltel.com) for details.

**FISHING - AREA 2: KARL DROESE (Br. 171) 376-0468, Big Fish PETE GATES 937-2035**

All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be held Thursday, January 24, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill, Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meetings start at 8:30 a.m.

A fishing report for December activity is not available.

Please contact Karl Droese (Br 171) at 376-0468 or Carl Moyer (Branch 8) 925-685-5243 for more information .

**GOLF: TONY SCHOEMEHL (Br. 174) 376-1471 GENE BELL (Br.171) 284-1786**

We begin the 2014 golf year on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at Paradise Valley Golf course, one of the premier courses on our schedule. Cost is \$45 including cart, a putter towel & a sleeve of balls. Let's get a good turnout. We can accommodate 40 players. Guests are welcome provided space is available. This year's officers are: Tony Schoemehl, Chairman; Alan McDonald, Vice Chairman; David Geary, Secretary/ treasurer; and Al Simonsen, Handicap Chairman.

I would like to thank Dennis Ross for serving as Vice Chairman for the 2013 Golf year.

You will find our 2014 schedule, the SIR golf rules, a membership application and other information on our website (<http://branch174.sirinc2.org/golf/home.htm>).

**HISTORICAL ADVENTURE and VETERANS ACTIVITIES: RICH SJOBERG (Br. 174) 254-1661 TED WESTPHAL (Br. 171) 283-5467**

We are reviewing new and exciting adventures to undertake during 2014. Your suggestions of activities to add to our list are always welcome.

**INVESTMENT GROUP - AREA #2: ALLEN ESPENMILLER (Br. 174) 376-3977 KEN NAKASHIMA (Br. 171) 376-0421**

The Area 2 \$ums Investment group meets at 8:00 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except November when we meet on the third Wednesday and December when there is no meeting) at the Diablo Creek Golf Course in Concord, off Port Chicago Highway. The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 a.m. so plan to have a leisurely breakfast along with your fellow members. Bring along a prospective member or two to hear this very timely talk and see what the Investment Group offers as an activity. Let me know if you are bringing a guest so we can acknowledge them. Let's support the restaurant and its excellent staff. Occasionally we will ask for a \$2.00 donation which we need to pay for items that come up. Please make sure that you all support us in this regard.

At our next meeting on January 22 our guest speaker will be Tom Kopas from Pring Turner Capital Group. He will update the firm's secular and cyclical outlook for stocks, bonds and commodities. Packed with fresh new material based on their unique, internationally recognized research, this program will answer many of today's topical questions, including: ***What's ahead for the Economy in 2104? Where are we in the Current Business Cycle and how can this information Help Investors? Which is the bigger risk, Inflation or Deflation? Are Bonds still safe?***

Mr. Kopas will discuss what asset allocation decisions will bring investors profitably through this cycle, and where the risks and opportunities are for investors now and in the coming months and years.

Tom is one of most popular guest speakers having been invited to the \$ums Investment Group each year since 2002. He is the principal and portfolio manager at Pring Turner Capital Group in Walnut Creek, CA. Tom co-manages the Pring Turner Business Cycle ETF (NYSE symbol DBIZ), an actively managed ETF based on Pring Turner's " Six-Stage business cycle investment strategy. In addition Mr. Kopas co-authored a book published by McGraw Hill entitled ***Investing in the Second Lost Decade.***

**MODEL RAILROADING: GEORGE McLAIN (Br. 174) 283-1957 TOM WESTHOFF (Br. 171) 283-5467**

We have a small group of model railroaders, and I would like to invite all other interested members (and those on the waiting list) to join us. There is no need to have a model railroad of your own, as we will also be visiting some amazing model railroad club exhibits from time to time throughout the Bay Area. Just call George (or e-mail: [geomclain@prodigy.net](mailto:geomclain@prodigy.net)) to be included in our plans.

**PINOCHLE: Open (Br. 174), BILL KORN (Br. 171) 376-1643**

Our pinochle players meet from 9:30 to 12:30 at the Moraga Royale, 1600 Canyon Road, Moraga every Wednesday (except we meet on Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday of each month). An optional lunch is available following play for \$10.00. Please check with Bill as space is limited.

**POKER: DICK MEDEL** (Br. 174) 376-5568 & **BILL WIEGMANN** (Br. 174) 376-6088

Our low-stakes poker group meets the fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. We meet at various locations. To join, please call Dick or Bill for information.

**RUBBER BRIDGE - AREA 2: ROD SPICER** 935-5306

Rubber bridge is played on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month from 9 a.m to 1:00. We meet at Carl's Jr. located in the Nob Hill Shopping Center on Oak Grove Road near Ygnacio Valley Road in Walnut Creek. Call Rod for information.

**STAMP GROUP: LARRY BEANS** (Br. 171) 376-7306, **RICH SJOBERG** (Br. 174)

We meet on the Friday following the first Wednesday of each month in the Board Room of Aegis, 950 Country Club Drive in Moraga at 9:30 a.m. Call Larry for information.

**TABLE POOL - AREA #2: BILL WEINBERG** 682-0962

We meet the 1st & 3rd Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Masse's - 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. No advance notice is necessary. Just show up and play. Cost is \$5.00 for as long as you want to play. We usually play about 2 hours but not everyone stays for the final curtain. All SIRs in our area are welcome.

**TENNIS: RALPH THORNICROFT** (Br. 174) 376-8140, **JIM COUNTRYMAN** (Br. 171) 631-1766

The tennis group plays at St. Mary's College at 8 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday each week. They have players at every skill level and additional members are welcome. Call Ralph for information.

**WALKING: KEN NAKASHIMA** (Br 171) 376-0421 **LYLE DECK** (Br. 174) 254-3829

We meet every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Serbian Church, unless we advise you otherwise via E-mail.

**WINE TASTING: FRANK COMPRELLI** (Br. 171) 376-3187, **GENE BELL** (Br. 171) 284-1786, **JON LEUTENEKER** (Br. 174) 376-7035

There are now two wine tasting groups. Both are couples events and normally held in-home starting about 7:00 p.m. with a cost per person averaging about \$15. Jon Leuteneker is chairman of the group that meets on the second Tuesday of each month - this group has a full roster. Gene Bell is chairman of the group that meets on the third Tuesday of each month - membership in this group is still open. For more information give Jon a call.

**TRAVEL: JOE TRACY** (Br. 174) 954-7801 e-mail: jotracy@comcast.net, **Open** (Br. 171), and **Bob Spellman** (Area 2) 934-8428

**May 2014: Hidden Gems of the Dalmatian Coast & Greece.** A 16 day Cruise aboard a privately owned Grand Circle small ship with a maximum of 50 passengers. Ports of Call will include Zagreb, Split, Hvar, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Montenegro, Butrint, Albania, Corfu, Delphi and Athens. Prices range from approximately \$4,595 to \$6,170 depending on accommodations and airfare. Trip also includes 37 meals, 12 exclusive tours with personal headsets, home hosted dinner, and resident Grand Circle Program Director. Currently 22 people have signed up. Contact Ken Richter Br 146, 689-6217.

**Sep 19-Oct 3, 2014: Grand Norwegian Coastal Voyage.** 14 night trip starting in Bergen, Norway with a stay at a Superior First Class Hotel before boarding your working Norwegian coastal vessel designed for comfortable cruising. You will visit 34 ports of call, with 12 orientation walking tours with Program Manager. Additionally cost of \$4,649 includes accommodations, 36 meals, audio headsets, all transfers and baggage handlings. Post trip to Copenhagen, Denmark also available. Contact Bob Spellman Br 146, 934-8428 for more information

The quarterly State **SIR Happenings** travel web page at <http://sirinc.org/HappeningsTravel-2013-11-Vol-10-Issue-4.pdf> offers additional SIR travel options. Tours addressed include a Mississippi River Cruise, a Mexican Riviera Cruise, a cruise to the Dalmatian coast and Greece (Branch 146), a tour of Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and Cape Cod, and a 13 day trip in Spain. Be sure to check these tours out!!

### ***Know Your SIR***

**Please Note** – No new biographies of SIR Branch 174 members have been posted this month to our Members Biography directory link on our website <http://branch174.sirinc2.org>. View your and other member biographies by visiting our website, <http://branch174.sirinc2.org>, and clicking on the Members Biographies link in the column on the left side of the page. You will need your User Name and Password to access this section as well as the section with our current Member Roster. If you have forgotten or misplaced your user name and/or password, check with Dick Curry at [racorinda@pacbell.net](mailto:racorinda@pacbell.net). **Do we have your biography?**

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**Know Your SIR** is edited by **DICK COURTNEY** 376-1295, [courtney@silcon.com](mailto:courtney@silcon.com). We would like to have all of our members included in this directory which can be viewed by Branch 174 members on our website. If you have not previously done so please write down the salient points of your life (1/2 page) and provide it to Dick (via e-mail if possible). It will then be written up and posted on our website.

**Ask not what your Country can do for you; ask what you can do for your fellow SIR**

We all enjoy our SIR Branch, the activities, the camaraderie, the speakers, the food. But there is more. You can help make our organization more enjoyable and add to that which you draw from the Branch by filling a position and helping to distribute the work load from a few to many. If you have an interest in serving in a capacity in Branch 174 please contact Donn Mall at 254-7145 [dmall@malltel.com](mailto:dmall@malltel.com).

**2014**

**YOUR OFFICERS**

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*(Photos will appear in our February Newsletter)*

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# January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>New Year's Day</b>	2 Tennis Rubber Bridge	3 Stamps	4
5	6 Table Pool	7 Tennis Walking Pinochle	8 League Bowling	9 Tennis	10	11
12	13 Golf	14 Tennis Walking Pinochle Wine Tasting 1 Bridge	15 <b>SIR Branch 174 General Meeting</b> League Bowling	16 Tennis Computer & Technology	17	18
19	20 Table Pool <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>	21 Tennis Walking Wine Tasting 2	22 Pinochle League Bowling	23 Fishing Tennis Tourn. Bowling	24	25
26	27 Golf	28 Tennis Walking Bridge Open Bowling	29 Pinochle Poker League Bowling Investments	30	31	

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# *SIR ORGANIZATION 2014*

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#### PAST BIG SIRs

2009	BILL SUMNER
2010	BILL SUMNER
2011	PETE GIERS
2012	RON BASS
2013	NEAL HUNTLEY

### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

2011	BILL SUMNER
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### ACTIVITY

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RUBBER BRIDGE					457-0807
STAMPS	<b>LARRY BEANS</b>	376-7306	RICH SJOBERG	254-1661	<b>GEORGE SCHULZE</b>
TABLE POOL					429-1756
TENNIS	JIM COUNTRYMAN	631-1766	<b>RALPH THORNICROFT</b>	376-8140	<b>BILL KORN</b>
TRAVEL	OPEN		<b>JOE TRACY</b>	954-7801	376-1643
WALKING	<b>KEN NAKASHIMA</b>	376-0421	LYLE DECK	254-3829	<b>ROD SPICER</b>
WINE TASTING	<b>GENE BELL</b>	284-1786	<b>JON LEUTENEKER</b>	376-7035	935-5306

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**SONS IN RETIREMENT INC.** is a Non Profit Organization for Retired Men, Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement.

**NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:** All activities and trips arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement Incorporated or its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Inc., Lamorinda Hills Branch 174 Inc., and its Officers, Directors, and Activity Chairmen do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants; their property; or for any monetary loss in matters pertaining to SIR activities or to travel.

**PARKING:** Luncheon parking is available in the lot at the side of the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, the lot at Willow Springs Church across the street, and on the street. Car-pooling is recommended.

**TABLE RESERVATIONS:** Seats at tables at our luncheon meeting may only be held or "reserved" when a paid luncheon ticket is placed on the table in front of the seat.

**ATTENDANCE INFORMATION:** Members missing three (3) consecutive meetings without being excused, or attending less than six (6) of the last 12 meetings (excluding Ladies Day), may be subject to termination. Certification of attendance at another SIR Branch will be considered a credit to the attendance record.

**TO BE EXCUSED FROM A FUTURE MEETING:** At each regular meeting, a sign-out sheet will be available at the Attendance Table for the next 2 regular meetings. If you have other planned activities for either of those meeting dates, please enter your name and number on the appropriate sign-out sheet. You can also be excused from a meeting by E-mail to lunch609@yahoo.com providing your name, membership number, and request to be received no later than 1 p.m. on the Saturday before the scheduled meeting (for those without E-mail capability see instructions below). UNEXCUSED MEMBERS will be asked to pay the cost of the missed luncheon.

**TO BRING A GUEST:** A member may bring a guest to a meeting with an E-mail request to lunch609@yahoo.com providing your name and number and the guest's name as he wants it on his Guest badge. If you do not have E-mail capability, you may call the HOTLINE at 925-377-5880, identify yourself as a Branch 174 member and provide the information above for either being excused from a meeting or bringing a guest. Either the call or your E-mail request must be received by 1 p.m. the Saturday before the meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** A Guest must attend a regular meeting before submitting an application for membership. Branch 174 application forms can be obtained at the front table or from Marv Rasmussen. Completed applications should be handed to Marv or mailed to his residence at 1 Scenic Ct., Orinda, CA 94563.

**TEMPORARY INACTIVE STATUS** may be granted by the Executive Committee for "prolonged illness of the member or his spouse, or for an extended absence from the Branch locale". To request inactive status call or e-mail Membership Chairman Marv Rasmussen at 254-0187<mcras12@sbcglobal.net>.