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Dick Curry



OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 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



Now that tax day has come and gone, and good weather is in the offing, I hope you will consider taking part in one of the many outdoor (or indoor) activities that our Branch offers. Check the Activities section of this newsletter for information about the options available, along with the dates and times of events.

May is a month of many celebrations - - Cinco de Mayo, high school proms, graduation ceremonies, first communions, spring festivals, and the Memorial Day celebration which marks the unofficial start of summer. May is also the month when we give special recognition to our mothers, to our wives who became the mothers of our children, and to our daughters and daughters-in-law who are the mothers of our grandchildren. For all of them we are VERY grateful (special thanks to Dan Cawthon for allowing me to use his words).

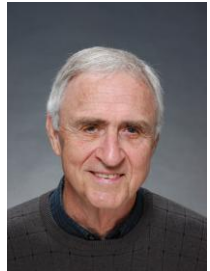
As of April, our Branch had 131 active and 15 inactive members. For the first four months of this year, the attendance at our monthly meetings averaged 78 percent of our active membership which is very positive. Dan Cawthon, as Little Sir, is doing a great job of attracting interesting speakers, and I hope you will complement him on the programs he has arranged thus far this year. Also let him know if you have suggestions for speakers for future meetings.

As a gentle reminder, I want to call your attention to the matter of unexcused absences at our monthly meetings. Each month we have a few members who are no-shows which results in an expensive non-lunch for them. If you know that you won't be able to attend a monthly meeting please sign out for that meeting using the appropriate sign out sheet available at the Attendance Table. If that isn't possible, then please follow the instructions on the last page of the monthly newsletter to obtain an excused absence.

I look forward to seeing each of you on May 14!

LITTLE SIR PROGRAM

DAN CAWTHON



Many thanks to Chris Lardge for his fascinating presentation at our April luncheon on T.E. Lawrence. His extensive research and many photographs provided a more complete portrait of Lawrence of Arabia than the movie we saw many years ago.

In May, Cindy Lima and an officer from the California Highway Patrol will address the topic "Age Well--Drive Smart." I suppose there are few topics of more concern to seniors than our ability to drive safely as we grow older. Cindy's presentation will offer helpful information for us, I'm sure.

KTVU (Channel 2) weatherman, Mark Tamayo, will join us in June to fill us in on what a day in the life of a weatherman is like. I'm sure you've seen Mark on the evening news; his congenial personality makes watching the weather portion a delight.

In July, Michael Butler, artistic director of the Center Repertory Theatre in Walnut Creek will give us a behind-the-scenes peak at Center Rep's upcoming season. Michael is an accomplished director and actor. This promises to be a lively afternoon.

Do mark your calendars!

**HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS TO:**TOM BEALES
GRAYDON ELIOT
BILL SUMNERPETER BERRYHILL
DAVE MUNSON
CLARK WALLACECHUCK COBURN
BOB PRINDLE
DICK WALSHBOB DeJOHN
JACK SECHLER
BILL WATSON

DON WOLFE

One of the above members will win a free lunch if they attend the MAY 2014 luncheon. Members whose birth month is MAY and who do not see their name in the above list should call the Big SIR prior to the MAY 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**

It is sad to report that **SIR John Gilcrest** passed away Friday afternoon, March 28th, after a brief illness. He had been a member of Branch 174 since August 2009. Vigil services for informal remembrances by friends and family will be held on Friday, May 9, at 5 p.m. followed by a funeral mass on Saturday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Perpetua's Church, Lafayette.

From **Branch 171, Monte Logan** notes: It is sad to report the passing of **SIR John Welliver**, former member of SIR Branch 171. He was a member from 2006 - 2009. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 12th, at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church. It is also sad to report the recent passing of **SIR Bob Reidelberger** on April 13. He had joined SIR in 2004 and went inactive in February.

SIR Lloyd Pera is at home recovering from a fall and plans to be at our meetings soon. **SIR Ted Westphal** is making a good recovery from his leg injury and he, too, plans to be at our meetings soon.

Tapan Monroe, who has been our SIR speaker many times, passed away on April 1. He was a well known economist, author and longtime Moraga resident. Tapan's passing is a real loss for the community.

TREASURER REPORT: BOB MAYNE 482-0511

Mar. 2014	Balance, Beginning	\$5,326.08
	Month's Receipts	2,675.00
	Month's Disbursements	<u>2,735.82</u>
	Balance, Ending	\$5,265.26

ATTENDANCE REPORT: ED KELLER 254-5949

April report not received. However, the following members have missed 6 or more meetings out of the last 12 and could be subject to termination if they do not attend the April meeting: #125, 140, 165, and 173. Certification of attendance at another SIR Branch will be considered a credit to the Attendance Record.

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. **Please ensure you use the correct e-mail address.**

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

Inactive List: John Ringer has been granted Inactive status.

Candidate List: No new applicants are currently awaiting membership.

Member Roster: SIR John Gilcrest passed away March 28. sir Dick Nash has resigned and has moved out of the area. Two new members were inducted (see below).

Current status:

Inactive List = 15

Candidate List = 0

Member Roster = 131

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.

INDUCTIONS: JOHN RINGER (510) 452-0189

APRIL INDUCTIONS

APPLICANT	NO.	YR.	ADDRESS	EMAIL	PHONE	BM
JUAN KELLY	192	2014	16 Valley Drive, Orinda	irahayesshoshone@msn.com	636-9684	10
WALTER BELL	195	2014	12 Mariposa Lane, Orinda	walter-bell@sbcglobal.net	258-9966	11

GREETERS: Our April meeting greeters were **SIR BILL SELBACH** and **JOE FITZGERALD**. Did you meet them?

FREE LUNCH: Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch? Ask **TOM WHITTEN** (birthday recipient) and **JUAN KELLY** (membership recipient) who will receive a free lunch at our May 2014 meeting. Congratulations guys!!

ROSTER CORRECTIONS: **JOHN RINGER** (510) 452-0189 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 **Winter 2014** edition of *SIR Happenings* on our SIR State website at www.sirinc.org.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS (Branch 174 & Branch 171)

APPLE USER GROUP ACTIVITY: DICK MACY (Br. 171) 376-1180, Open (Br. 174)

Our meetings are held in the conference room at the Contra Costa County Supervisor's Office at 3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette on the fourth Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The location is at the fire station across from El Charro restaurant. Enter through the left side door at top of steps. We will discuss the Apple computer, iPad and iPhone applications and Q&A on problems, answers and new ideas on use of these devices. Novices and advanced users are welcome.

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, May 12, immediately following Branch 8's regular luncheon. Bill Hunter is our new Astronomy Activity Chairman. Please join us for an entertaining meeting. All are welcome. Please call or e-mail George (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, **JOE FITZGERALD** (Br. 174) 376-4656

Note: Our 2014 season of weekly Bocce Ball kicks off Tuesday, April 29 & Friday, May 2. Weather permitting, we normally play each Tuesday and Friday morning. We begin at 10 a.m. The courts are located just beyond the bandstand at the Moraga Commons. Charge: \$1 per day to cover the court rental fee. For information call Bill or Joe.

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 May 15 the presentation topic will be on "Migrating from XP". As many of you already know, on April 8, 2014, Microsoft stopped their support for their Windows XP software and there are several ramifications of this move to individuals who still have an XP computer. The basic question is: "How does this impact me and what should I do?" There are three basic options: 1) Continue to use your XP with perhaps some software modifications, 2) Convert your existing computer to Windows 7 or 8.1, or 3) Buy a new Windows 7 or 8.1 computer and transfer your stuff over to the new machine. The three presenters, Neil Schmidt, Phil Goff and Dean Steichen will delve into these issues and explain how you can smoothly transition via each of these options. These presentations will also be a valuable learning experience for individuals who have already transitioned out of Windows XP.



There will also be a Q&A session, time permitting, 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/.

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 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, May 22., 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.

Salmon season looks normal based on the opener on April 5th. Though not large, the fish were plentiful both north and south of the gate. Carl Moyer caught a 10 pounder opening day at Moss Landing. Bodega Bay boats are also doing well. Our annual fishing gear auction went exceedingly well, and everyone got bargain treasures. Sturgeon continue to entertain us, Gordon Linebaugh, Terry Miller, and Carl Moyer caught keepers, but released them in hopes of tagging larger ones. Mike Corker came home with a delicious keeper striper while fishing for sturgeon with Carl. Further downstream, Tom Kostik and Terry Miller fished only for stripers in the rain. They caught 38, 13 of which were keepers to 10 lbs. Joe Karg fished for sturgeon from party boats twice, getting a striper and then some sturgeon meat from fellow anglers. Upstream from there, Karl Droese, Mario Moratorio, and Joe Miscione caught small stripers and a near keeper sturgeon. Even farther upstream Gene Schulting and son caught a fine mess of catfish. Chuck Vanoncini and son fly fished for trout at the Henderson Springs resort near Redding catching over 50 trout from 4 to 7 lbs over 3 days. Fishing at San Pablo Reservoir, Terry Miller caught a nice limit, and Harry Sherinian, fishing with Terry, caught 3 from 5 to 8 lbs. Mike Corker got a nice 4 pounder. George Vogt, Gordon Linebaugh, George Schultz, Carl Moyer, Ron Maciak, and Barry Rauchle all got fine eating trout at San Pablo. Paul Dubow and Carl Moyer were unsuccessful from the shore at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir which has been a disappointment this year. And, Tom Boltz caught a 60 lb sturgeon fishing with Rich Ficina, Pete Gates, and Joe Karg. They released another keeper on a very memorable tax day, April 15th.



We will be very busy this spring with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes, salmon from the ocean, and halibut in the bay. We live in a fishermen's paradise. 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

Golf outings this month are: May 5 – Tilden and May 19 – Franklyn Canon. Members who are interested in joining the Golf Group will find an application, the 2014 schedule, and other information at our Branch web site, <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: GARY MOORE (Br. 174) 254-8742, David Sutton (Br-8) 686-0158, and Leary Wong (Br-8) 457-0807

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 May 28 our guest speaker will be **Stacey L. Velez** and **Eswar C. Menon** of **Geneva Investment Management of Chicago, LLC**. Their topic will be "Investment Opportunities in Emerging Markets." They will discuss growth, quality, valuation and the favorable demographics and emerging consumer in emerging markets around the world and Geneva's approach to investing in those markets.

Stacey is a financial advisor, with 14 years experience in providing investment management services and advice to high net worth individuals. Eswar is a Portfolio Manager on the Geneva Emerging Markets Equity and Geneva International Small Cap Strategies. Prior to joining Geneva, Eswar was a portfolio manager and equity analyst at WHV Investment Management. Previous to that, he founded Denahi Global Investments, LLC an investment advisor that managed a long-short hedge fund, the Denahi Asia Focus Fund LP. He also held portfolio management positions at Loomis Sayles & Co., L.P. and Nicholas-Applegate Capital Management.

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) 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 1st 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 or Rich for information.

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

We meet the 1st & 3rd Monday at 11:30 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. This is a special rate that Masse's gives the SIR members. You can also play during the day, at other times, for the same \$5.00 fee. Just tell them you're a member of SIR. We play mostly two man teams of eight ball, or a unique three-player game, called "Crazy Eights", depending on the number of participants. 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: AL DONNER (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: 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 13-25: 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. Contact Ken Richter Br 146, 689-6217.

(New) Sep 12-30, 2014: The Essence of China. A journey to the Dynastic Past on a 19 day tour of China featuring Beijing, Zhengzhou, Xi'an, Chengdu, Guilin and Shanghai. Tour includes r/t air, motor coach transportation, 4 star hotels, all daily

meals, English speaking guides, all city departure taxes, all entrance fees, baggage handling and tips. Contact Dick Schally, Br 8, 925-260-5534.

Sep 19-Oct 3: 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-2014-03-Vol-11-Issue-1.pdf> offers additional SIR travel options. Tours addressed include a Mississippi River Cruise, a cruise to the Dalmatian coast and Greece (Branch 146), a tour of Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and Cape Cod, an 8 day daylight train tour of the Canadian Rockies, a 12 day tour of the British Isles, a 14 day Norwegian Coastal tour (Branch 146), a cruise from San Francisco to Fort Lauderdale via the Panama Canal, from Istanbul around the Black Sea, and a 13 day trip in Spain. Be sure to check these tours out!!

Know Your SIR

Please Note – Biographies of our newest SIR Branch 174 members Juan Kelly and Walter Bell have been posted this month to our Members Biography directory 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. **Do we have your biography?**

Know Your SIR is edited by **DICK COURTNEY** 376-1295, 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.

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May 2014

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11	12	13 Tennis Walking Open Bowling Bridge Wine Tasting 1 Bocce Ball	14 <i>SIR Branch 174 General Meeting</i> League Bowling	15 Tennis Computer & Technology	16 Bocce Ball	17
18	19 Table Pool Golf-Franklyn Can.	20 Tennis Walking Open Bowling Wine Tasting 2 Bocce Ball	21 Pinochle League Bowling Pinochle	22 Fishing Tennis Tourn. Bowling	23 Bocce Ball	24
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PAST BIG SIRs

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2011	PETE GIERS
2012	RON BASS
2013	NEAL HUNTLEY

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SENIOR CERTIFICATE AWARD

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OPEN	
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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), are subject to termination. Certification of attendance at another SIR Branch will be considered a credit to the attendance record.

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