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OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 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



Here we are in July and the heart of summer! I hope all of you are taking advantage of the many activities that our Branch provides during these times of great weather. We have much to be thankful for to be able to live in the Bay Area.

Some of you may be taking time for vacations this month with family and

friends, but please let us know if you are going to miss the SIR lunch. Doing this will save you the price of a lunch you don't get to eat and also help us with our planning. See the instructions on the last page of this newsletter for ways you can let us know you won't be able to attend. BUT, if you are planning on attending the lunch meeting on July 9, please invite a friend who might be interested in joining our Branch to take advantage of the great fellowship and activities we offer!

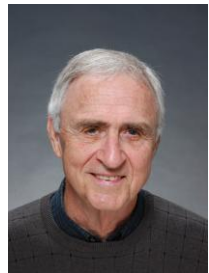
At our July meeting, Bill Sumner, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, will announce the men that have been nominated to be our Branch's officers and directors for 2015. The individuals nominated are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Many thanks to all of the nominees for their willingness to provide leadership for our Branch. Election of the officers and directors will take place at our lunch meeting in August.

Another of our Branch's "unsung heroes" who performs several very important "behind the scenes" functions that contribute to the success and smooth operation of our Branch is Dick Curry and I want to acknowledge him and his contributions this month. Dick has been Newsletter Editor of Branch 174 since its inception as well as Newsletter Editor for Branch 171 going back to 2004. In addition, he developed the website for Branch 174 in 2011 and has served as Webmaster since then. And, if that wasn't enough service, he has brought over one dozen new members into SIR. So, when you see Dick, please let him know that you appreciate the many ways in which he has served, and continues to serve, Branch 174.

I hope July is a very good month for each of you!

LITTLE SIR PROGRAM

DAN CAWTHON



On July 9, our luncheon speaker will be Michael Butler, who, for the past nine seasons, has been Artistic Director of Center REP, the resident professional company of the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek.

His many directing credits include award-winning productions of *Around the World in 80 Days*, *Nixon's Nixon*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

His directing work has also been seen in New York, Los Angeles, at major regional theatres around the country, and at The Julliard School, of which he is a graduate.

I learned from his resume that he is also a published songwriter and a dancer! Who knew? He is the co-writer and composer of numerous music-theatre pieces, which he has directed and performed in NY, LA, and festivals in India and Morocco. As a performer, he has worked on Broadway and off, in film and TV, and performed with the Erick Hawkins Dane Company.

When I asked him what he'd like to speak about he replied: "I always have a difficult time coming up with a pithy title for a talk, but how about "The Most Interesting Job in the World—Artistic Director of a Theatre Company." He'll talk about "producing professional theatre, connecting with audience, and keeping live theatre alive!"

Those of you who have met Michael know that his talk will be lively and informative! If you've not met him, you are in for a real treat.



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO:

NICK BIONDI HOWARD GUILD STU KNUDSEN RON LEIKER
JON LEUTENEKER GARY MOORE BILL SELBACH MIKE SIMENSTAD
 HAL TEASDALE RICHARD WHITE

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

SIR Tom Whitten passed away on June 6th. Tom was inducted into Branch 171 in 1995 and was a charter member of Branch 174.

From **Branch 171, Monte Logan** notes: We have good news. No serious illnesses have been reported.

TREASURER REPORT: BOB MAYNE 482-0511

May 2014	Balance, Beginning	\$5,274.31
	Month's Receipts	2,300.00
	Month's Disbursements	<u>2,286.48</u>
	Balance, Ending	\$5,287.83

ATTENDANCE REPORT: ED KELLER 254-5949

Attendance at the June luncheon was 102. There were 98 members (74%), 0 guests and 4 visitors. There were 32 excused members and 5 unexcused who will be asked to pay the cost for the lunch. 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: #**151, 154, 161, 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) 452-0189

Changes:

- Inactive List: No change.
- Candidate List: No new candidates have been presented for membership this month.
- Member Roster: Candidates Bill Comley, Ted Gamble, and Ron Smith were inducted into membership. As noted above SIR Tom Whitten passed away June 6.

Current status:

Inactive List = 15
Candidate List = 0
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.

INDUCTIONS: JOHN RINGER (510) 452-0189

JUNE INDUCTIONS

APPLICANT	NO.	YR.	ADDRESS	EMAIL	PHONE	BM
Bill Comley	196	2013	3358 Sweet Dr., Lafayette	comleyresidence@juno.com	283-1141	10
Ron Smith	197	2013	127 Shuey Dr., Moraga	Rrsmith12@comcast.net	509-998-9361	9
Ted Gamble	198	2013	1762 Donald Dr., Moraga	tedgam@aol.com	376-5310	12

GREETERS: Our June meeting greeters were **SIR PHIL BROOKS** and **CHUCK COBURN**. Did you meet them?

FREE LUNCH: Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch? Ask **SIRs DICK DODDS** (birthday recipient) and **AL McDONALD** (membership recipient) who will receive a free lunch at our July 2014 meeting. Also **SIR DON HOSKINS** won a drawing for a free lunch for members who have sponsored a new member into membership during the period January through June 2014. 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 **SPRING 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. Our next meeting will be held July 28. The location is adjacent to 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, July 14, immediately following Branch 8's regular luncheon. 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

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.

Our next meeting will be held July 17. Phil Goff and Barry Brown will talk about "Setting up a New Computer." They'll be covering subjects such as removing "bloatware," transferring data, using free support help and



installing new software. A copy of the presentation should be available the week prior to the meeting on the CAT Web page at: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org>.

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 DICK THOMSON 944-1760

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, June 26,, 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 fishing has been slow, but is starting to pick up. The ocean has been turbid, and the wind is angry everywhere. Tough fishing conditions. We have caught trout from the shore at San Pablo and Shadow Cliffs Reservoirs. George Schulz was the lucky one at Shadow Cliffs, but he used a borrowed pink reel, which resulted in significant loss of macho points. Ron Masick, Barry Rauchle, and Carl Moyer did not fare as well there, but Carl fished San Pablo with Gordon Linebaugh for limits to 4 lbs, and once solo for lots of small fish. Gordon came back with his grandson and caught 4 trout from the shore there. Ernie Wong's expertise with Shad with the fly rod up river on the Sacramento continued with vigor. Fishing with Don Mittlestedt and Carl Moyer, Ernie caught over a dozen, with a busy day of near 60. With Ernie's help, Carl caught his first shad, and a few more. Rich Fiscina took home a 45 inch sturgeon fishing with Carl and Joe Karg. Mike Corker caught a keeper striper just a bit upriver, and Raleigh Davis caught two nice stripers even further upriver, and Tom Kostik again did well with stripers and black bass all over the delta. Carl Moyer also managed to catch some rockfish and lingcod on an occasional milder ocean. Pete Gates, Brad Hatcher, Chuck Vanoncini, and Tom Boltz fished Lake Don Pedro with a guide for king salmon, kokanee salmon, and rainbow trout.



Tom Boltz, Pete Gates, Brad Hatcher and Chuck Vanoncini caught these King salmon, Kokanee salmon and rainbow trout fishing Lake Don Pedro

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: Jul 7 – Crow Canyon with Branch 116, Jul 14 – Monarch Bay, and Jul – 28 Metropolitan in Oakland. 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 again have scheduled a tour of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory to be held July 8. The tour is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. and is restricted to no more than 14 attendees. There is no tour charge. On July 24 we are scheduled to tour the Western RR Museum in Rio Vista. There is a \$ 2 entrance fee. And on August 7 we have a tour of the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos lined up. Here we have an \$8 entrance fee. Informational forms will be made available at our July general meeting. We are also reviewing new and exciting adventures to undertake during the rest of 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 July 23 our guest speaker will be **Peter C. Karp** of Karp Capital Management. Peter's topic will be **"An Energized Market."** Peter will discuss recent global events and how they are affecting the markets. He'll touch on rising energy prices, ways to hedge against inflation, and the anticipation of rising interest rates.

After years of experience managing investments at institutional brokerage firms and banks, Peter C. Karp founded Karp Capital Management to provide asset management and financial planning service for individuals. He has experience in a variety of investment management and financial planning roles. Peter received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Bio-Chemistry from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

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

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.

Aug 21-Sep 12, 2015: Treasures of France-a River Journey from Normandy to Provence. A 22 day river cruise aboard a deluxe river boat. The highlights include visits to D-Day Beaches of Normandy, Beaujolais, Burgundy Regions, Lyon, and other river towns. Prices range from \$6,499 to \$8,299 which include airfare, 22 nights accommodations, 59 meals, 17 sightseeing tours with audio headsets, all transfers, luggage handling, and beer or wine at dinner. Pre and post trips are available. Contact **Ken Richter** Br. 149, 698-6217.

Aug 21- Sep 1, 2015: Paris & Highlights of Normandy-a Seine River Cruise. 12 day cruise aboard deluxe river boat with visits to Paris, D-Day Beaches of Normandy, Vernon, Honfleur, and Rouen. Prices range from \$3,699 to \$6,199 including 10

night accommodations, 29 meals , 9 sightseeing tours with audio headsets and beer or wine at dinner. Two for one airfare is available plus pre or post trips. Contact **Ken Richter** Br.146, 689-6217.

Aug 31-Sep 12, 2015: French Waterways- Highlights of Burgundy, Beaujolais & Provence. 12 day river cruise on deluxe river boat with visits to Lyon, Avignon, Vivier . and Beaujolais-Burgundy regions. The prices range from \$3,999 to \$6,649. Trip includes 10 night accommodations, 29 meals, 8 sightseeing tours with audio headsets, and beer or wine with dinner. Two for one airfare is available plus pre & post trips. Contact Ken Richter Br 146, 689-6217

The quarterly State **SIR Happenings** travel web page at <http://sirinc.org/HappeningsTravel-2014-05-Vol-11-Issue-2.pdf> offers additional SIR travel options. Tours addressed include a Mississippi River Cruise, a cruise to the Dalmatian coast and Greece (Branch 146), a five day bus tour to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, a daylight train tour of the Canadian Rockies, a 12 day tour of the British Isles, a tour of Nantucket/Martha's Vineyard/Cape Cod, a 14 day Norwegian Coastal tour (Branch 146), a cruise from San Francisco to Fort Lauderdale via the Panama Canal, a Princess Line cruise to Hawaii, and a 13 day trip in Spain. Be sure to check these tours out!!

Know Your SIR

Please Note – Biographies of our new inductees – Bill Comley, Ron Smith, and Ted Gamble – 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, 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. Remember many hands make for little work!! If you have an interest in serving in a capacity in Branch 174 please contact Donn Mall at 254-7145 dmall@malltel.com.

2014

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YOUR DIRECTORS



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Rule 133 of the *SIR Manual* requires that the slate of officers and directors proposed by your Nominating Committee for the coming year be posted in the July issue of the Branch Newsletter. Additional nominees will be accepted from the floor at our August meeting. This will then be followed by an election of officers and directors by the membership. **The slate of officers and directors proposed by the Nominating Committee for the year 2015 are:**

Big SIR:	Dan Cawthon	Director (1 yr):	Ed Keller
Little SIR:	Jon Leuteneker	Director (1 yr):	Tony Schoemehl
Secretary:	Gil Neff	Director (2 yrs):	Bill Lund
Asst. Secretary:	Dick Curry	Director (2 yrs):	Ron Leiker
Treasurer:	Bob Mayne	Director (3 yrs):	Tyler Hunt
Asst. Treasurer:	Lou Ciapponi	Director (3 yrs):	Chris Lardge

<i>July 2014</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tennis Walking Open Bowling Pinochle Bocce Ball	2 League Bowling	3 Tennis Rubber Bridge	4 Stamps Bocce Ball  <i>Independence Day</i>	5
6	7 Table Pool Golf	8 Tennis Walking Open Bowling Bridge Wine Tasting 1	9 SIR Branch 174 General Meeting League Bowling Dominoes	10 Tennis	11 Bocce Ball	12
13	14 Astronomy Golf	15 Tennis Walking Open Bowling Wine Tasting 2 Bocce Ball	16 Pinochle League Bowling	17 Tennis Computer & Technology	18 Bocce Ball	19
20	21 Table Pool	22 Tennis Walking Bridge Open Bowling	23 Pinochle Poker League Bowling Investments	24 Fishing Tennis Tourn. Bowling	25 Bocce Ball	26
27	28 Golf	29 Tennis Walking Open Bowling Bocce Ball	30 Pinochle League Bowling	31 Tennis		

June 2014							Notes:	August 2014						
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SIR ORGANIZATION 2014

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REGION 6 DIRECTOR
AREA 2 GOVERNOR

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PAST BIG SIRs

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

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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.

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 lunch677@gmail.com providing your name, membership number, and request to be submitted prior to 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.

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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, on our Branch website at <http://branch174.sirinc2.org> or from John Ringer. Completed applications should be handed to John or mailed to John at his residence at 165 Oak Road, Piedmont, CA 94610.

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