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OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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



It seems that the summer is flying by all too quickly and soon it will be September and the start of all the usual fall events. I hope each of you is enjoying a great summer - - and participating in some of the fun activities our Branch has to offer.

For our lunch on August 13, our caterer, Dennis Wallace, will be preparing a LUAU (roast pork, chicken, and rice, along with

other great items). Be sure to bring your appetite - - and **wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt!!**

As noted by Dan Cawthon in the adjacent column, our speaker in August will provide us with a look back at the construction of the fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel which should be most interesting. By now, most of us take the fourth bore pretty much for granted so it will be useful to have a “behind-the-scenes” look at its construction.

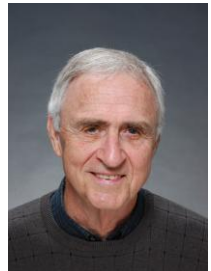
At our August meeting we will also elect our Officers and Directors for 2015. I hope you will support the men elected to provide leadership to our branch for the coming year.

As we begin to think about the fall season, it's definitely not too early to mark your calendar for our annual Ladies Day Lunch that is a combined lunch with Branch 171. The event will be held on Wednesday, December 17 at the Soda Center on the Saint Mary's College campus. This lunch is one of the highlights of the year with the chance to bring your Lady, enjoy a wonderful social time with friends in both SIR branches, be served a wonderful lunch by the Soda Center staff with choice of entrée, have the chance to win one of several door prizes in the drawings, and also enjoy some wonderful entertainment. This year's event is being coordinated by Pete Giers in our Branch so if you have questions, please address them to him. AND, there will be no increase in price this year from last year!! How's that for a hard-to-beat offer?

So, I hope you will continue to enjoy the summer, however you are choosing to spend it, and I look forward to seeing you on August 13.

LITTLE SIR PROGRAM

DAN CAWTHON



From your enthusiastic applause, and the long line of SIR members to speak with Michael Butler following our July 9 meeting, I could tell that his presentation was warmly appreciated. Not only did we learn a lot about the duties of an Artistic Director of a theatre, we were treated to a live performance of Hamlet's “To be or not to be” soliloquy, adapted for *four* different audiences—including GOD!

When I wrote him a note to thank him for his presentation, he responded: “Thank YOU Dan, that was a lot of fun for me. What a great group! Honestly, those were the best questions I've ever received. Very impressive.” So, it looks like he enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did!

When I began lining up speakers for 2014, I had hoped to have someone from the Contra Costa Transportation Authority make a presentation on the completion of the fourth bore of the Caldecott tunnel. (As you remember, it opened on time, under budget, and with little fanfare, compared with the opening of the new east span of the Bay Bridge.) I discovered that many other groups had already requested a speaker, so our SIR Branch was put on the waiting list. On August 13, Randy Iwasaki, CCTA's executive director will join us to discuss not only the construction of the fourth bore—an engineering feat—but also its great success.

Randy has been with CCTA since 2010 and is responsible for the overall management of the Authority, including its projects, programs, policies, and procedures, the board-approved budget, and all personnel decisions. Prior to that, he was with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for 26 years; he was appointed the director of Caltrans by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2009.

Iwasaki earned his Bachelor's degree in Engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and his Master's in Engineering from California State University, Fresno.

It should be a fascinating presentation! Do plan to join us on August 13.



HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO:

GEORGE COBB
DON HOSKINS

ALLEN ESPENMILLER
GARY IRWIN

BILL FETHERSTON
GEORGE JEFFERY

HERB GORDON
PETER WILLIAMS

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

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

TREASURER REPORT: BOB MAYNE 482-0511

June 2014	Balance, Beginning	\$5,287.83
	Month's Receipts	2,539.00
	Month's Disbursements	<u>2,590.25</u>
	Balance, Ending	\$5,236.58

ATTENDANCE REPORT: ED KELLER 254-5949

Attendance at the July luncheon was 90. There were 88 members (66%), 1 guest and the guest speaker. There were 41 excused members and 4 unexcused who will be asked to pay the cost for the lunch. Certification of attendance at another SIR Branch will be considered a credit to member's 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: Nick Biondi has requested and been granted Inactive status.
- Candidate List: No new candidates have been presented for membership this month.
- Member Roster: John Ringer has requested change from Inactive to Active status.

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

There were no Inductions into membership at our July meeting.

GREETERS: Our June meeting greeters were **SIR FRANK LINDSKOOG** and **MIKE La TORRE**. Did you meet them?

FREE LUNCH: Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch? Ask **SIR GARY MOORE** (birthday recipient) and **HERB GORDON** (membership recipient) who will receive a free lunch at our August 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 **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 August 25. 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, BILL HUNTER 947-6947

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, August 11. 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: \$2 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, sponsored by Branch 19, is held at the Clayton Valley Bowl on Wednesdays starting at 10 a.m. The Fall/Winter league has ended; however, the 2014-2015 season will commence in early September. Contact: John Carl – 827-2444 for information.

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 August 21. Derek Southern will discuss "Setting up your (new) Email" and Phil Goff will present his "Removing your desktop hard-drive" show & tell.

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

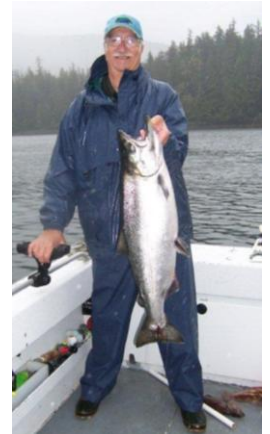
DOMINOES: OPEN (Br. 171), OPEN (Br.174)

Currently we are looking for interested members to resurrect this activity. Please call Donn Mall at 254-7145 or e-mail to dmail@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, August 28, 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.

The year for salmon continues to be disappointing. Raleigh Davis did get a salmon from Bodega Bay, but he is the only one to eat fresh red meat from the ocean. Six of us chartered a boat from Bodega early on, and caught only rockfish, lots of rockfish and limits of ling cod, but no salmon. Tom Kostik continued his success with black bass and stripers in the delta. Dick Thomson, Harry Sherinian, and Terry Miller went to Alaska and brought back coolers full of salmon and halibut. Dick got the big fish, a 61 pound halibut. Carl Moyer ended the local trout season with two



Harry Sherinian caught this nice salmon in Alaska

successful shore fishing trips to San Pablo Reservoir. George Vogt and Harry Sherinian joined Carl on the ocean for rock fish and ling cod. Brad Hatcher got 2 Mackinaw trout from Lake Tahoe. Rich Fiscina got some trout from Battle Lake, but trips to the bay were not very productive. Joe Miscione got both Kokanee and King salmon from New Melones reservoir, and two keeper stripers from Montezuma slough. Steve Paulick also got limits of Kokanee from New Melones. Don Mittlesteadt and Ernie Wong ended the shad season in great style.

We will be very busy this summer with delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes; salmon and rockfish 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: Aug 4 – Lake Chabot, Aug 18 – Mare Island, and Aug 25 - Tilden. 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 two additional tours of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory to be held August 19 and September 16. There is no tour charge. On July 24 we are scheduled to tour the Western RR Museum in Rio Vista. There is a \$9 entrance fee. And on August 7 we have a tour of the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos lined up. Here we also have a \$9 entrance fee. Contact Rich or Ted for further information regarding these tours. 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 August 27 our guest speaker will be **Brent Cunningham**, a Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch. Brent's topic will be "Sell Side Indicator and What to Do in 2014, Mid Year Update." Brent will discuss current market conditions and how to know when it is time to sell.

Brent has been in the financial services industry since 2008 and joined Merrill Lynch in 2011. His focus is on developing strategies and recommendations for high net-worth individuals, their families and their businesses to help them meet their financial goals. Brent graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder with a BA in Economics and earned an MBA in finance from the University of Nevada, Reno. He holds a series 7 and 66 securities license.

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 Masses 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.

Sep 15, 2014: Levi's Stadium Tour. We will be the first to go behind the scenes of this state-of-the-art venue that has created the ultimate quest experience through innovated technology. Following our visit to all areas of the stadium we will go to a local restaurant for a no-host lunch. Cost is \$57.00 including r/t motorcoach, admission to the 49ers museum, and driver gratuity. 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 – No new biographies have been posted this month. But you can 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@maltel.com.

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August 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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SENIOR CERTIFICATE AWARD

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ASTRONOMY		
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BRIDGE	GREG TCHERKOYAN	838-0361
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DOMINOES	OPEN	
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GOLF	GENE BELL	284-1786
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HORSESHOES		
INVESTMENT	OPEN	
MODEL RAILROAD	TOM WESTHOFF	376-2609
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RUBBER BRIDGE		
STAMPS	LARRY BEANS	376-7306
TABLE POOL		
TENNIS	JIM COUNTRYMAN	631-1766
TRAVEL	OPEN	
WALKING	AL DONNER	376-1594
WINE TASTING	GENE BELL	284-1786

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DICK CURRY	376-5541
OPEN	
OPEN	
TONY SCHOEMEHL	376-1471
OPEN	
RICH SJOBERG	254-1661
OPEN	
GARY MOORE	254-8742
OPEN	
GEORGE McLAIN	283-1957
OPEN	
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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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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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