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Dick Curry



OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015

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

DAN CAWTHON



I'm writing this item for the newsletter just prior to the Christmas dinner that awaits us at Saint Mary's on December 17. I'm looking forward to seeing you there, and meeting your wives and friends. I know it will be a very festive occasion.

As we enter fully into the holiday season, I want to extend best wishes to my fellow

SIRs and their families. As members of SIR, we have much to be grateful for: we have had the opportunity to discover new friends, enjoy engaging activities, and be introduced to interesting perspectives on the world around us. Our retirement has been enriched through the camaraderie we've enjoyed with each other.

High on my agenda as Big Sir for the coming year is to explore ways to increase our membership. You've heard the adage, "Growth is the surest indicator of life!" Over the past few years we have lost a few more members than we have gained. It's important that we extend invitations to men we know who are just leaving the work force. SIR is a terrific way to help make the transition smoothly. I think it's accurate to say that they need us as much as we need them! So, I encourage all of you to help make Branch 174 grow in 2015.

Let me say once more how indebted we are to those who make our organization run smoothly: past and present officers and board members, and those who serve at the area and regional levels. I want to single out, especially, Dick Curry, who has taken on the task of keeping us informed about the many activities of our branch. His monthly newsletter is always timely, accurate, and thorough. His long service over the years is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our first meeting of the New Year on January 14.

Happy holidays!

LITTLE SIR PROGRAM

JON LEUTENEKER



As we head off to our Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon, there is rain in the air. A minor inconvenience for a much-needed weather event. Let it rain, let it rain.

Speaking of rain, we have had a bucket full this past week or so, but we are told the drought is not over, the reservoirs are down and the reserves are running out. In the long run, where shall we turn?

Our speaker at the January meeting will provide some potential solutions. Tom Lindemuth is going to tell us about desalination technology. Tom worked with the foremost desalination manufacturer in the world. He went on to join Bechtel Research and Development and was assigned to develop the master plan segment of the water supply at the Jubail Industrial City in Saudi Arabia. This is one of the largest completely planned cities and is located at a spot where there is essentially no natural fresh water. The site has several plants raging in size from five million gallons per day (mgd) to 200 mgd. Tom is continuing to work with other experts to scale up the size of the production modules. There can be little doubt that the time is coming when desalination can start to fill the needs for more pure water in North America.

Happy Holidays to all and please join us on January 14th to hear about a very timely topic, desalination.



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

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

One of the above members will win a free lunch if they attend the JANUARY 2015 luncheon. Members whose birth month is 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

No serious injuries to report this month.

From **Branch 171, Monte Logan** notes: This month it is with pleasure that we have no serious injuries to report.

Please try to contact your SIR friends with illnesses to offer your support and encouragement and keep them in your thoughts and prayers. A friendly call is always welcome. Cards and letters are also appreciated. If you are aware of an ill SIR, please let Stu or Monte know by e-mail or phone.

TREASURER REPORT: BOB MAYNE 482-0511

December 2014	Balance, Beginning	\$5,117.93
	Month's Receipts	2,800.00
	Month's Disbursements	<u>2,523.36</u>
	Balance, Ending	\$5,394.57

ATTENDANCE REPORT: ED KELLER 254-5949

For our Ladies Day Luncheon Branch 174 had 122 people in attendance; Branch 171 had 172 people in attendance.

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: There were no changes this month in the Inactive list.
- Candidate List: No new candidates have been presented for membership this month.
- Member Roster: There were no changes this month made to the Member Roster.

Current status:

- Inactive List = 18
- Candidate List = 0
- Member Roster = 129

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 December meeting.

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

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 Member Roster and advise the Newsletter staff. Our current Member Roster is 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 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 is scheduled for January 26. The location of our meetings is at 3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette 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, January 12. 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

You could be a part of this great group of guys come next Spring when our Bocce Ball activity recommences with the return of good weather. 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 Winter/Spring league has commenced; the league initially consists of 8 teams. 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. Some months we ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and pastries, other months are free. All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome.

Our next meeting will be held January 15. For most of us the primary use of the home computer involves access to the internet. Whether shopping, reading the latest news, genealogy research or downloading financial information, the internet has become the "go to" source of information and commerce. There are many Browsers available to access the internet with Internet Explorer and Google Chrome being the most popular. Both products have a lot of hidden features which can make your access to the internet much faster and more fun.

In January Phil Goff will be our presenter and he will show many tips and tricks you can use with your browser software. He will focus on Internet Explorer and Google Chrome to demonstrate features such as bookmark bars, tabbed browsing, application extensions, browsing incognito and more. Even if you are a Firefox or Safari user, there should be a tip or trick for everyone.

Also, since passwords have become such an issue, Phil will show some of the more popular password manager programs. Many companies have developed password manager software to cash in on the common problem of remembering and using



good passwords. He will show the most common design approaches and demonstrate two of the most popular products, LastPass and Dashlane. Both are robust products and if used properly, can greatly improve your security and reduce the pain of remembering and using strong passwords.

If there is time following the presentation, there will be a Q&A with the gurus, and possibly an informal "Sharing Tips & Tricks" segment where individuals will be asked to share some of their computer, Smartphone, tablet, etc. tips with the group.

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, January 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.

It has been a rather bleak fishing period since our last report; really wretched weather. However, we did have a good day for Carl Moyer's backyard fish fry. Over 20 of us enjoyed the food and fishing stories. Don Mittlestaedt caught nice steelhead on the Feather River with flies. Don also travelled to Louisiana where he caught some giant redfish. Joe Karg caught an 11 lb striper in San Pablo Bay. Carl Moyer and Gordon Linebaugh made one last try for trout and catfish from San Pablo Reservoir before it closed for the winter. Harry Sherinian and Terry Miller fished Honker Bay with lures for stripers and caught and released quite a few, including a 38 inch beauty.



Harry Sherinian caught and released this beautiful 38 inch striper in Honker Bay

We will be very busy this winter with delta fishing for bass, catfish, bluegill, crappie, striped bass, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes; and rockfish and crab from the ocean. 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: January 12 at Paradise Valley and January 26 at Shadow Lakes. Members who are interested in joining the Golf Group will find an application, the new 2015 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 currently reviewing new and exciting adventures to undertake during the first quarter of 2015. 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 January 28 our guest speaker will be **Tom Kopas** from Pring Turner Capital Group. Tom's topic will be **Financial Outlook—2015**, and will address many of today's topical questions, including: What's Ahead for the Economy in 2015? Tom 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. Timely investment themes for both income and growth will be reviewed.

Tom is one of our most popular guest speakers having been invited to present to the \$ums Investment Group each year since 2002. He is a principal and portfolio manager at Pring Turner Capital Group in Walnut Creek. Tom co-authored a book published by McGraw Hill entitled "Investing in the Second Lost Decade".

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 every 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 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, Br. 171 (OPEN)

We play at St. Mary's on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. during the summer and 9 a.m. during the winter. An email call is sent out on Friday and the roster is emailed Sunday. Let Ralph know if you would like to be on the email list. Open to members of both SIR Branches. Ralph can be reached at 925-376-8140 and at grtincal@aol.com.

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

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 includes airfare, 22 nights' accommodation, 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-2014-11-Vol-11-Issue-4.pdf> offers additional SIR travel options. Tours addressed include a cruise from Los Angeles to Fort Lauderdale via the Panama Canal, a Princess Line cruise to Hawaii, a 13 day trip in Spain, a 19 day tour of China, 7 days in Baton Rouge/Cajun country/New Orleans, and a 6 day trip of Washington D.C. and historic Virginia tour. 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 Member 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.

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<i>January 2015</i>						
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4	Table Pool 5	Walking Pinochle Tennis 6	League Bowling 7	Tennis 8	Stamps 9	10
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18	<i>M L King Day</i> 19	Walking Wine Tasting 2 Tennis 20	Pinochle League Bowling 21	Fishing Tennis Tourn. Bowling 22	23	24
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2009	BILL SUMNER
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2011	PETE GIERS
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2013	NEAL HUNTLEY
2014	DICK COURTNEY

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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), 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.

TO BRING A GUEST: A member may bring a guest to a meeting with an E-mail request to lunch677@gmail.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 submitted prior to 1 p.m. the Saturday before the meeting. Sponsors must make a reservation for each guest for each meeting attended and will be responsible for paying for his guest(s) meal should his guest not show.

E-MAIL CONFIRMATION: If you advise the Attendance Chairman using our e-mail address (lunch677@gmail.com) you will receive a confirmation response. If you fail to receive a response please submit your request again.

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.

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 the Membership Chairman John Ringer at 510-452-0189 or [<jjeringer@ix.netcom.com >](mailto:jjeringer@ix.netcom.com).