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OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

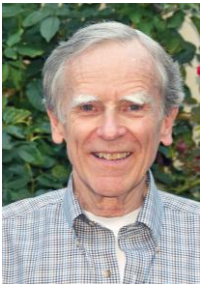
HOLY TRINITY CULTURAL CENTER – 1700 SCHOOL ST., MORAGA

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

BILL LUND



Our meeting date, February 8, is as far from Valentine's Day as our meetings ever fall. That means you have plenty of time to select something to give to your special loved one, besides a card. A single rose? A bouquet? A heart-shaped box of chocolates? Or better yet, a blooming potted plant for her garden that will last longer than those other choices, has no calories, and is not as expensive as jewelry.

The New Year got off to a good start with three first-time guests (hosted by Fred George, Ed Keller, and Chris Lardge) at our January meeting. My thanks to each of those gentlemen. Now, with proper follow-up, we may have a new member ... or more! If you haven't already thought of it nor done it, you might take him to a SIR Activity that you'd both enjoy. That is a more relaxed setting where you can talk more easily about other benefits of belonging to SIR.

On the other side of the equation, Jack Holtzapple, who I'm sure many of you know, has gone inactive. There is more to it than a just good friend whom we will see less often. Jack was our Auditor. You say, "So?" I say that without an Auditor, our Branch could be in jeopardy, and in this case that's not a game. Auditor is one of several positions in our organization that operates quietly behind the scenes. You see Big SIR and Little SIR month-after-month, but these other people you may be pretty much taking for granted are the ones that keep us on course, sailing smoothly.

While we are on that topic, Membership Chair, Induction Chair, and Travel Activity Coordinator are three very important positions of many that are open. Please give some serious thought to filling an open position.

LITTLE SIR PROGRAM

JUAN KELLY



Candace was first elected to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on June 5, 2012 and sworn in on June 26, 2012 to begin serving her first term as the District 2 Supervisor. In June 2016 she ran unopposed and was re-elected to another four-year term. Previously, Candace was on the Danville Town Council from 2003 through June 25, 2012, serving two terms as Mayor. In her role as County Supervisor, Candace currently sits on numerous boards, commissions and committees including the following:

- Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
- Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association (CCCERA) – Retirement Board
- Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (RecycleSmart)
- Contra Costa County Fire District Board (ConFire)
- Contra Costa County Housing Authority
- Contra Costa Centre Joint Powers Authority
- Contra Costa Health Plan Joint Conference Committee
- Central Contra Costa Transit Authority – County Connection
- Contra Costa Transportation Authority

Candace served on the Morgan Hill City Council in the early 1990's. She is an attorney licensed to practice law in California and Hawaii. She began her legal career as a Prosecuting Attorney in her hometown of Honolulu and worked as a civil practitioner with a law firm in Morgan Hill. Candace put her legal career on hold to serve the community and raise her family.

Candace received both her B.A. in Public Policy (1982) and Juris Doctorate (1985) from Brigham Young University. She attended Punahou School in Honolulu, Hawaii from K-12.

Along with her responsibilities on the Board of Supervisors, Candace remains an active volunteer in her church and community.

She and her husband, attorney Philip M. Andersen, have been married for 32 years and are the parents of six children ranging in age from 18 to 30, have three daughters-in-law, a son-in-law, and three grandchildren.



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

RON BASS
BOB HEANEY

RALPH DAVISSON
GREG HORNER
CURT WILKERSON

LARRY FOX
BILL MUESER

DAVID FUHRIMAN
JIM SHERMAN

One of the above members will win a free lunch if they attend the FEBRUARY 2017 luncheon. Members whose birth month is FEBRUARY and who do not see their name in the above list should call the Big SIR prior to the FEBRUARY 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.

From **Branch 171, Monte Logan** notes: One of the members of our SIR bridge group, **Al Hudgens**, passed away on January 11. Al was a member of SIR branch 8 but enjoyed playing with us for many years. He was good at teaching bridge. Al has been a member of SIR for 28 years. We enjoyed having him in our group. He was a para-mutual clerk at the race track and a draftsman for EBMUD. He was 86. Memorial service is scheduled for 2:00PM on Jan. 22nd at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church.

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: ALLEN ESPENMILLER 376-3977

November 2016	Balance, Beginning	\$5,554.20
	Month's Receipts	568.11
	Month's Disbursements	<u>212.53</u>
	Balance, Ending	\$5,909.78

ATTENDANCE REPORT: HAL TEASDALE/TED GAMBLE (510) 529-4277 or 376-5310

Attendance at the JANUARY luncheon was 111. There were 107 members (80%), 3 guests and 1 visitor, the speaker. There were 19 excused members and 9 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 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**, respectively, on the [last page of this Newsletter](#). Please ensure you use the correct e-mail address.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Changes:

- Inactive List: Jack Holtzapple has requested and been granted Inactive status.
- 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 = 135

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:

There were no Inductions into membership at our January meeting.

GREETERS: Our January meeting greeters were **SIR RALPH THORNICROFT** and **SIR HERB WEHMEYER**. Did you meet them?

FREE LUNCH: Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch? Ask **TERRY MORELAND** (December birthday recipient), **WALT SASSER** (January birthday recipient) and **DICK COURTNEY** (membership recipient) who will receive a free lunch at our February 2017 meeting. Were you one of the lucky ones?

ROSTER CORRECTIONS:

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 **APRIL 2016** edition of *SIR Happenings* on our SIR State website at www.sirinc.org. There are some very interesting articles including one spotlighting our newly elected State President, Jerry Strain, and comments from past State President Don Dill on several key requirements of RAMP essential to the long term survival and improvement of our Branch 174. If you don't know what RAMP stands for then this is a must read.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS (Branch 174 & Branch 171)

APPLE USER GROUP ACTIVITY: DICK MACY (Br. 171) 376-1180, **JOE TRACY** (Br. 174) 954-7801

Our meetings are held in the conference room at the Contra Costa County Supervisor's Office 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 meet on the fourth Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 27. We will discuss the Apple computer, iPad and iPhone applications and Q&A on problems, answers and new ideas on use of these devices. Subjects of interest are the new iPhone, the new iOS 10 release and the Mac desktop and laptop and new OS release Sierra. 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, February 13. Please join us for an entertaining meeting. All are welcome. Please call or e-mail George (GECBlue@aol.com) and visit our website at www.sirbr8.com/astrometry for details and further information.

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

HELP! ---- The SIRpremes really do need another tenor!

We are earnestly searching for another 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. That's important, because in barbershop harmony, the tenor notes are generally a few notes higher than the melody. But you don't have to be a "natural" tenor to sing tenor in barbershop harmony. You can use your falsetto voice. Some basses have become excellent tenors by using their falsetto voices. So, if you are with Branch 171 or Branch 174 and have any interest or any questions, please give Brad Dewey (Branch 171) at 376-3349 or Ron Leiker (Branch 174) at 376-3884 for information.

BOCCE BALL: OPEN (Br. 171), **Ed Protiva** (Br. 174) 254-1631

We now await the start of our 2017 season which should commence in early May. You could be a part of this great group of guys.

Our Bocce Ball games are played at the Moraga Commons Park located at the corner of Moraga Road & St Mary's Rd next to the bandstand in the Town of Moraga. The game consists of 4 players on each court, creating 2 teams of 2 members each. Each team has one player at each end of the court.

BOWLING - AREA 2: Mike Kropf (Branch 19) 689-1453

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: Mike Kropf, 689-1453 mdkropf@astound.net, or John Dorsett, 827--2852, 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 and reservation.



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. Our next meeting is on February 16.

The topic for our February CAT meeting will be "Computing Fundamentals (How does a computer work?)" presented by Dean Steichen. If you think of a computer as a 'black box' into which you input some data, and are surprised when it outputs something useful, come and listen to Dean explain what's goes on in the box! This will help you understand if you need more memory, why an SSD drive is faster than a spinning disk, and which processor meets your needs, and more. Check the CAT Web page about a week before the next meeting to download a copy of the presentations: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org>.



Members usually arrive around 9:15 to enjoy coffee and chat with friends and new acquaintances before the presentation. 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.

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: TOM WESTHOFF (Br. 171), **DENNIS ROSS** (Br.174) 937-5797

We meet every Thursday at the Moraga Royale in Moraga from 10 to 12. Please call Dennis at 937-5797 or e-mail to denrenross@aol.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, February 23, 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.

Winter trout and sturgeon are biting. Shadow Cliffs Reservoir was very productive early on; Terry Hatcher, Gordon Linebaugh, Mario Moritorio, Romano Gnusti, Dick Thomson, Thom Watkins, Rich Fiscina, and Paul Dubow, all got early limits fishing with Carl Moyer, followed by brunch at Jim's restaurant, and safely back home for an early afternoon nap, this is gentlemen's fishin. Rich Fiscina, Paul Dubow, and Ray Pixton caught the tail end of the hot bite but did go home with trout. Meanwhile, Rich Fiscina took Pedro Contreras, Pete Gates, Paul Dubow, Tom Boltz, Joe Karg, and Bruce Person. Pedro caught his first ever keeper sturgeon after years of trying, Paul Dubow put his tag on one, Tom Boltz watched a monster leap into the air and throw the hook. Steve Paulson and Ben Sala got on a combo boat from Bodega bay and returned with limits of crab, rock fish and ling cod. Stan Wong did the same from Emeryville, and he and his grandson got limits of nice trout from the shore at Contra Loma Reservoir. Don Mittlestaedt made his annual pilgrimage to Louisiana where he caught big redfish on his fly rod. Tom Kostik, Mike Corker, Terry Miller, and Ben Sala plugged for stripers in the delta and did well till the water cooled.

We will be very busy this winter fishing for catfish, striped bass, black bass, sturgeon, trout, and salmon. We live in a fishermen's paradise.

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

GOLF: DONN MALL (Br. 174) 254-7145 **GENE BELL** (Br.171) 284-1786

Golf outings this month are: February 13 at Las Positas Golf Course, Livermore, and February 27 at Canyon Lakes Golf Course, San Ramon. Members who are interested in joining the Golf Group will find contact information, the 2017 schedule of golfing events, and other information at our web site, www.SirLamorindaGolf.com.

HISTORICAL ADVENTURE and VETERANS ACTIVITIES: OPEN (Br. 174) **TED WESTPHAL** (Br. 171) 283-2172

Branch 174 has been without a coordinator for this activity for the past several months. This activity has been one of our more popular activities for many years. In order that we can continue to offer these most interesting tours of San Francisco and the Bay Area it is imperative that one of us step forward to fill this slot. To find out more and to learn what you can do please contact Ted Westphal at tawiii@att.net, 283-2172. Also advise our Branch Activities Chairman, David White, dandjw@comcast.net, 376-6152, of your interest.

We are currently reviewing new and exciting adventures to undertake during 2017. Dates for touring Bay Area historical sites will soon be arranged and announced. Please note one or possibly two SIRs are needed to serve with me in the leadership of this most enjoyable group activity. The time required is very minimal but very rewarding. Please contact me (Ted Westphal) to learn more as to what would be involved at 283-2172 or email tawiii@att.net. Your suggestions of activities to

add to our list are always welcome.

INVESTMENT GROUP - AREA #2: TOM HENRY (Br. 174) (510) 502-5724 and **DAVID SUTTON** (Br-8) 686-0158

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.

Our next meeting will be on February 22. Our speaker will be John Hutchinson of Stifel and Co. He will be speaking about tax-free issues from states and localities.

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 and second 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, **Open** (Br. 174)

We meet on the Friday following the first Wednesday of each month at Larry Bean's home, 20 Carr Drive, Moraga. Call Larry 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 Masses 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) Jim Countryman 631-1766

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: We have three walking groups as outlined below. There is a group for each of us based on our needs and abilities.

ORIGINAL WALKING GROUP: 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.

SENIOR STROLLERS WALKING GROUP: JIM COUNTRYMAN (Br 171) 631-1766 (Br 174) Open

This is a second walking group formed by Jim Countryman who, with Clay Sealy, began the original Walking Group more than a decade ago. The Senior Strollers meet every Wednesday at 9 a.m. for an easy walk of less than a mile around/near Moraga Center, generally with a stop for coffee at some point along the way. It is a group of SIRs who prefer a more relaxed walking outing. Our starting point varies so please contact Jim Countryman to get on the mailing list and to obtain other information.



BIG HIKERS: In its continuing effort to fill SIR members' interest in a range of activities, a Big Hikers group has been established. The Big Hikers walking group aims to engage SIRs who want some longer and stronger routes than our two around-town walking groups. It offers opportunities for hikes more than 3 miles in length and, perhaps, with a little more elevation. It is an outgrowth of several hikes that attracted a half dozen SIR members from Branch 171 and 174 recently. One was a 6-mile hike in canyons and hills on the north side of Mt. Diablo; another was a guided hike into the remote Vasco Caves of Far East County. The Big Hikers operate on a varied schedule, and will try to do a couple hikes each month. Contact Al Donner (aajdonner@gmail.com) to get the on the Big Hikers notice list.

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: OPEN (Br. 174) **Open** (Br. 171), and **Bob Spellman** (Area 2) 934-8428

There are no travel outings scheduled in February.

The quarterly State **SIR Happenings** travel web page at <http://sirinc.org/HappeningsTravel.pdf> offers additional SIR travel options. Tours addressed include 13 days cruising the Best of Scandinavia, a 5 day trip to Las Vegas, 11 days on the Italian Riviera and Lake Como, 8 days cruising the Mississippi River, an 11 day Eastern Mediterranean cruise, 18 day land tour of Turkey, and a round-trip cruise to the Mexican Riviera. **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 **BILL WADSWORTH**, 963-0442, wadsy1@aol.com. We would like to have all of our members' biographies 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 Bill (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 an activities capacity in Branch 174 please contact Chris Lardge at 376-7830 chrislardge@aol.com. If you have an interest in a position on our BEC as an officer or director (and get your picture in the Newsletter!!) please contact Pete Giers at 254-4667 paulgiers@comcast.net.



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PHOTOS OF YOUR 2017 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS WILL APPEAR IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 League Bowling	2 Rubber Bridge Tennis Dominoes <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 Stamps	4
5 <i>Super Bowl Sunday</i>	6 Table Pool	7 Walking Pinochle Tennis 	8 <i>SIR Branch 174 General Meeting</i> League Bowling	9 Tennis Dominoes	10	11
12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13 Table Pool Astronomy Golf- Las Positas GC	14 Walking Bridge Wine Tasting 1 Tennis <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Pinochle League Bowling	16 Computer & Technology Tennis Fishing Dominoes	17	18
19 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	20 	21 Walking Wine Tasting 2 Tennis	22 Poker League Bowling Investments Pinochle	23 Tennis Dominoes	24	25
26	27 Table Pool Apple CUG Golf-Canyon Lakes	28 Walking Bridge Tennis				

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SIR ORGANIZATION 2017

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AREA 2 GOVERNOR

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PAST BIG SIR

2009	BILL SUMNER
2010	BILL SUMNER
2011	PETE GIERS
2012	RON BASS
2013	NEAL HUNTLEY
2014	DICK COURTNEY
2015	DAN CAWTHON
2016	JON LEUTENEKER

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

2011	BILL SUMNER
2014	PETE GIERS

SENIOR CERTIFICATE AWARD

EV BERG	WOODY CONE (SUPER SENIOR)
JACK CLARKSON	STU KNUDSEN
BILL COMELY	CURT WILKERSON

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

2015	DICK CURRY
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ACTIVITY

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>BRANCH 171 COORDINATOR</u>	
APPLE USERS	DICK MACY	376-1180
ASTRONOMY		
B'SHOP HARMONY	BRAD DEWEY	376-3349
BOCCE BALL	OPEN	
BOWLING		
BRIDGE	GREG TCHERKOYAN	838-0361
COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY		
DOMINOES	TOM WESTHOFF	376-2609
FISHING	KARL DROESE	376-0468
GOLF	GENE BELL	284-1786
HISTORICAL ADVENTURES & VETERANS	TED WESTPHAL	283-2172
HORSESHOES		
INVESTMENT	OPEN	
PINOCHLE	BILL KORN	376-1643
POKER		
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

MEMBERSHIP

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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.

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 [<jjring@ix.netcom.com >](mailto:jjrjeringer@ix.netcom.com).