OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 by ZOOM

OUR ZOOM MEETING WILL COMMENCE BEGINNING AT 11:30 A.M.

Next Zoom Meeting Of The Executive Committee At 10:30 A.M. On APRIL 14

BIG SIR MESSAGE

BILL WADSWORTH

We had a nice turnout in March for Susan Skilton’s presentation on the history of Moraga and I’ve received many positive comments.

Acalanes High School grad Sara Lamson Nathan, our Zoom speaker for April 14th (see Rick Zavatero’s column), is the first speaker that establishes a mini-theme this year: ‘local high school graduates make good in the world!’

Continuing that mini-theme on June 9th, Miramonte High School alum Nicolle Wallace will join us on Zoom. Nicolle is a well-respected political analyst and anchor of the MSNBC news and politics program Deadline: White House, plus former White House Communications Director for President George W. Bush, and a New York Times best-selling author. Known for her calm, moderate demeanor in contrast to the many extreme, partisan voices found on cable TV, Nicolle will share her candid thoughts on the political news of the day and break down what’s going on behind-the-scenes in the White House and on Capitol Hill. This will be our first Zoom ladies day and we will also be joined by members and spouses of Branch 171 that day. More information will follow in a month or so about this June meeting.

Not wanting to appear to play favorites among the three local high schools, Campolindo graduate and accomplished artist Tia Kratter will make a Zoom appearance at one of our summer meetings, date yet to be determined. Tia worked as a background painter for a number of years at Disney, then became an employee at Pixar. In more than 25 years at Pixar, she was digital painter on their first feature film, Toy Story, then served as the Shader Art Director on Monster’s Inc., A Bugs Life, and 3 other films. Tia finished her time at Pixar as the Manager of Art & Film at Pixar University where she helped foster continuing education for Pixar’s 1,200 employees. She has just moved to Walt Disney Feature Animation as a Visual Development Artist. She describes her first assignment as “a top-secret, super-exciting project.” Tia will be introduced by her father, Clark Wallace.

Aside from speakers, the State SIR organization and we as a branch are evaluating the reopening of various activities. Tom Farr, our Branch Activities Coordinator, is working with his counterparts in other branches in our area so that we can identify all reasonable ideas of how and when to safely restart our 20-plus activities. I’m personally hoping that we may be able to get together in person for many of those activities, and maybe a luncheon, later this year...maybe in the Fall. As many of us as possible being completely vaccinated will help us achieve that goal.

Bill

LITTLE SIR PROGRAM

RICK ZAVATERO

Sara Nathan, our Zoom speaker on April 14th, is the CEO/President of Amigos de las Americas, an international nonprofit organization that empowers our youth to become lifelong leaders who share responsibility for our global community. Since 1965, Amigos has nearly 30,000 alumni who have participated in programs located in 17 countries across the Americas.

Sara grew up in Lafayette, graduated from Acalanes High School, then went on to Cal where she earned a B.A. in Spanish and Portuguese plus a B.S. in Conservation and Resource Studies. She topped that impressive academic career off with an M.S. in International Development from the London School of Economics.

Prior to joining Amigos, Sara served as Vice Chair of the Center for Latin American Studies at U.C. Berkeley where she facilitated research initiatives and dialogue between students, academics, thought leaders, and government officials throughout the Western Hemisphere. During her time with Amigos, she has been instrumental in launching year-round programs, including a gap-year program for high school graduates, and has doubled annual fundraising, plus achieved record enrollment levels.

Perhaps you had a high school student who participated in Amigos during the summer, or at least bought grapefruit which used to be the main fundraising vehicle for students who were heading on one of their programs. Sara will give us insight into the organization now and how their programs benefit the participants and those communities in various host countries.

Rick
HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO:

PAUL BRESLIN  JOHN ERICKSON  TOM FARR  DON KAVANAGH
JIM LIESKE  RUDY REICH  HAL STEUBER  WILLIE TAMAYO
TOM VINZENT  BOB WARNKE

With our “stay-at-home” requirement due to the coronavirus pandemic, we can only offer our birthday honorees our best wishes and may their birthday this year and the many yet to come be spent in good health and peace.

Happy Birthday Sirs.

BRANCH REPORTS

SUNSHINE REPORT: MARK MAHONEY (415) 269-2999
There are no health issues to report relative to Branch 174 members.

Please note: If any member of Branch 174 knows of any deaths, injuries, illnesses or of members who are recuperating, please email Mark at: mark@mahoneyweb.com and advise him. The cooperation of all members is truly needed to ensure that we may all be made aware of health issues of our members.

From Branch 171: ERIC CHO 377-1801
We are sad to report the passing of SIR Charlie Kezerian on February 21. Charlie joined SIR 171 in 2001 and was an active member at the time of his passing at the age of 94. Services were private. The obituary from the Lamorinda Weekly is available via the following link -- http://bit.ly/CharlieKezerian

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 Mark or Eric know by e-mail or phone.

TREASURER REPORT: JON LEUTENEKER 376-7035  jonleuteneker@comcast.net
As meetings of our branch since February continue to be cancelled there is no Treasurer Report to submit.

ATTENDANCE REPORT: MIKE MERCHANT 324-1911  mmerchant70@gmail.com
As there continue to be no monthly meetings of our branch due to the coronavirus pandemic there continue to be no Attendance Report to be submitted.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: TOM WELTE 330-3934  tomwelte1@gmail.com

Changes:

Candidate List: At present there are no pending Membership application requests.
Member Roster: There are no changes in the Member Roster this month.

Current status:

Candidate List = 0
Member Roster = 122
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS are available on our website (branch174.sirinc2.org/MembershipApplicationPacket-fillable Rev 2020-01.pdf), can be obtained from Tom Welte, phone (925) 330-3934, tomwelte1@gmail.com, or from Tom Welte at our General Meetings.

INDICATIONS: OPEN
There were no inductions of new members at our March Zoom meeting.

GREETERS: No meeting; no greeters.

FREE LUNCH: No free lunches. We will catch up on drawings at the next meeting we are able to hold in-person.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS: TOM WELTE 330-3934
NOTICE: Whenever your mail or e-mail address, your phone number, or other data reported in the Members Roster changes please advise Tom. 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 Joe Freedman (510) 922-9977, jfreedman15@gmail.com, 10073 Broadway Terrace, Oakland, CA 94611.
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 FEBRUARY 2021 edition of SIR Happenings on our SIR State website at www.sirinc.org. Lots of interesting and timely articles. Our new State President Stuart Williams is introduced. CHECK WHAT OTHER BRANCHES ARE DOING. See something you like? Let your Activities Chairman know about it and see if we can adopt something similar for our Branch!!

ACTIVITIES REPORTS (Branch 174 & Branch 171)

As you know, although most SIR Branch activities are still on hold, we believe we can “see the light at the end of the tunnel.” Hopefully the restart of in-person, indoor activities can be approved toward summer as more people receive their vaccinations and we begin to approach a level of herd immunity. Please note comments below relative to the restart of those branch activities you have a particular interest in and be sure to attend Zoom meetings that are being scheduled by some of our Activities Chairmen.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS (Branch 174 & Branch 171)

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN: Our Activities Chairman is Sir TOM FARR. Tom’s responsibilities include supporting the various chairmen of our branch activities, providing liaison with these chairman and the Branch Executive Committee, and assisting in organizing new activities of interest to our branch members. Tom’s phone number and e-mail address, respectively, are: 283-1561 and ruskfarr@pacbell.net. Please contact Tom if you have thoughts/suggestions on other activities you would like our branch to sponsor.

Golf-18 holes, Golf-9 holes, Walking-Original Group, and Walking-Senior Strollers have been approved by the BEC for re-opening. Approved Covid protocols need to be followed. Bocce Ball, Fishing, Tennis, are near re-opening. Apple Users Group, Computer & Technology, and Investment Group are meeting in Zoom. If you participate in a volunteer organization that you think other Branch members would like to participate in, please send your email address or phone number and your volunteer organization to Tom Farr and it will be published in the Branch newsletter. Interested members will be able to contact you via a phone call or email to discuss the volunteer opportunity with you. For your information, this is not a Branch activity.

APPLE USER GROUP ACTIVITY: STAN HOLCENBERG (Br. 171) <sholcenb@icloud.com>, JOE TRACY (Br. 174) 954-7801
Please note that our meetings are now held bi-monthly on the 1st Monday of even number months. Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled on Monday, April 5 at 10:00 am. This will be a facilitated meeting with the members discussing recent announcements; sharing information and perspective on new Apple toys; and a general roundtable discussion on rumors and buying decisions, tips, applications, and Issues. Novices and advanced users are welcomed.
Come and be a part of the group. Please contact Stan Holcenberg at sholcenb@comcast.net to be added to the Apple User Group distribution list. The Zoom meeting link will be shared with members approximately one week before the meeting. Contact Stan for the Zoom meeting ID and password.

ASTRONOMY: TOM FARR (Br. 174) 283-1561 <ruskfarr@pacbell.net>, ALLEN GROSSMAN allengross7@sbcglobal.net
Due to the current health situation, we are unable to have our Astronomy activity meeting in person. See Larry Lange’s Astronomy comments in Branch’s 8 monthly newsletter (https://www.sirbr8.com/astronomy/). In addition, please check out the Astronomy member link on this site for other links and articles of astronomical interest.

BARBERSHOP HARMONY: BRAD DEWEY (Br. 171) 376-3349, RICK ZAVATERO (Br. 174) 278- 683-2373
In-person participation in this activity is still on hold.

BOCCE BALL: Steve Patton (Br. 171), Ed Protiva (Br. 174)
In-person participation in this activity is still on hold.

BOWLING - AREA 16: Mike Kropf (Branch 19) 689-1453
In-person participation in this activity is still on hold.

BRIDGE: JOHN SCHICK (Br. 171) STEWART KNUDSEN (Br. 174) 376-4919
In-person participation in this activity is still on hold.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY - AREA 16: NEIL SCHMIDT (Branch 116) <np_schmidt@pacbell.net >; DICK CURRY (Br. 174) 376-5541 <racorinda@pacbell.net >.
The SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology Group will not be meeting in April because we have had difficulty finding volunteers to lead a discussion. A person does not need to be an expert on a subject to be a presenter. They just have to do some research and report their findings to the group. If you are willing to volunteer, send an email to: SIRArea2CAT@gmail.com
Always check out our CAT website at https://sirinc2.org/a16cat/ for information about our meetings and for info on past presentations.

DOMINOES: TOM WESTHOFF (Br. 171), Br. 174 DON MERSON 287-0874 DSMERS19@comcast.net
In-person participation in this activity is still on hold.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE – AREA 16: TOM HENRY (Br. 174) ) (510) 502-5724 tomh925@icloud.com
In-person participation in this activity is still on hold.

FISHING - AREA 16: KARL DROESE (Br. 171) 376-0468, Big Fish HARRY SHERINIAN 510-207-7067
All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Unfortunately at this time we cannot schedule a date for our next in-person meeting. However it will be held at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill, Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord with meetings starting at 8:30 a.m
We will be holding a Zoom meeting on Thursday, April 22, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please check with Carl Moyer at 685-5243 for meeting ID and password.
Spring is sprung, the trout are biting, the halibut in the bay are beginning to feed. Stan Wong, Phil Scimonelli, Brion Beetz, Carl Moyer, and Bob Lively in his kayak are all getting trout at San Pablo Reservoir. Phil is in the lead with a 6+ pounder. Bob Hilacker and Chuck Vanoncini went to the upper sac. Chuck got trout, Bob blanked on steelhead. Tom Kostik upon the delta caught stripers, flounders, catfish and small sturgeon. No one has yet fished for the halibut in the bay, but the party boats are just starting, and we have flat fish hopes.
Because our activity happens outdoors, we have been able to pursue our passion, observing all the COVID limitations. We now have SIR sponsored in-person events. We do have meetings and discussions via computer.
Please contact Karl Droese (Br 171) at 376-0468, Carl Moyer (Branch 8) 685-5243 or Ron Lew 550-4166 for more information.
GOLF:

18 Hole Golf – ED McBRIDE (Br. 174) 284-9479, Steve Wright (Br. 171)
Golf under the SIR banner has restarted and our events in April include Poppy Ridge on April 12 and Blue Rock Springs (East Course) on April 26. Sign up by emailing 1wadsy@gmail.com or roneleiker@gmail.com. Our website will hopefully be updated by the time you read this, but if it isn’t, don’t despair because the 2021 full year schedule will be on it soon. Ed McBride, Chair.

9-Hole Golf – TIM FREEMAN (Br. 171) 283-5945 Open (Br. 174)
For those that don’t want to play 18 holes, or want to play a shorter course on occasions, there is a 9 hole group that meets each Friday morning at Diablo Hills Golf Course in Walnut Creek. Tim Freeman coordinates this and sends out a note to all members on his interested party list each week, a few days before the game, to see who is interested in playing. Contact Tim (timfre@comcast.net) if you would like to be added to the interested party list.

HISTORICAL ADVENTURE and VETERANS ACTIVITIES: OPEN (Br. 174) JIM KLINE/KEN FISHER (Br. 171) 376-4173/518-3104 TOM FARR (Br. 174) 683-9476 ruskfarr@pacbell.net
In-person participation in this activity is still on hold.

INVESTMENT GROUP - AREA 16: TOM HENRY (Br. 174) (510) 502-5724 tomh925@icloud.com, DAVID SUTTON (Br-8) 686-0158
Due to the restriction placed on us because of the coronavirus pandemic $UMS has discontinued monthly meetings including informal presentations using Zoom. However, we have been invited to join Branch 128 (San Ramon) and their guest presenter in their once a month Zoom meeting. We will again join Branch 128 (San Ramon) for their April 28 Zoom meeting at 1:30 PM.
The topic for this presentation has not yet been announced. For further information please contact Dave Sutton at 686-0158 and also to be added to our email list.

POKER: DICK MEDEL (Br. 174) 376-5568
In-person participation in this activity is still on hold.

RUBBER BRIDGE - AREA 16: ROD SPICER 935-5306
In-person participation in this activity is still on hold.

STAMP AND COIN GROUP: LARRY BEANS 376-7306 & BRUCE BERMAN (Br. 171), DON MERSON (Br. 174) 287-0874
In-person participation in this activity is still on hold.

TABLE POOL - AREA #16: BILL WEINBERG 682-0962
In-person participation in this activity is still on hold.

TENNIS: RALPH THORNICROFT (Br. 174) 376-8140, (Br. 171) Jim Countryman (Br. 171) 631-1766
In-person participation in this activity is still on hold.

WINE TASTING: GENE BELL (Br. 171) 284-1786, JON LEUTENEKER (Br. 174) 376-7035
In-person participation in this activity is still on hold.

TRAVEL: BILL HAGERMAN (Br. 174) 464-9175 e-mail: Bulabill@gmail.com, Br. 171 (Open).
Generally speaking, all planned SIR travel events have been cancelled. However, we advise you to check with each individual trip coordinator to determine the latest status.
Our State Travel Chairman, Tom Molinari, advises of the following listed tentative trips that are being planned for SIR members and their guests. Tom is stepping down as State Travel Chairman. He will be replaced by Sir Don Murray (Branch 116) and Milt Smith (Branch 146). Milt will assist in communication with the various Chairmen particularly as it relates to SIR travel news and marketing. Don will be taking care of the paperwork…and it is vitally important now that all paper work be completed properly and on time as our insurance requirements are quite detailed. For foreign travel we will maintain the $27 per person insurance fee for the foreseeable future.
Be sure to check with the tour director for each trip you may have an interest in joining.

May 2-10, 2021 Columbia River Cruise: Aboard the American Empress. 7 night cruise from Clarkston, WA to Vancouver, WA. Includes Home pick up, R/T Air Pre-cruise stay in Spokane WA (includes Breakfast) Complimentary shore excursion, plus beer and wine with dinners. Price range $4170 to $4565 DO. $6245 to $6840 SO For additional Information contact John Pletsch #32 jeplet@sbcglobal.net
July 11-19, 2021 Canadian Rockies by Train: Featuring the Calgary Stampede, Banff, Lake Louise, Athabasca Glacier and Vancouver BC. Includes 7 Breakfast, 1 Lunch and 4 Dinners. R/T air from SFO. Travel by Collette. Cost $6880 DO, SO slightly higher. For additional information contact Bill Rodman #38 408 274-4521 brodman@sbcglobal.net or Alan Patmore 408 867-4197 alan-patmore@earthlink.net

The Latest edition of the State **SIR Happenings** may offer additional SIR travel options. Numerous tours had been scheduled for 2021. Most of these tours, of course, are now being held in abeyance or have been cancelled.

**WALKING:** We have three walking groups. All three of these activities are back on hold for participation of Branch 174 members.

**ORIGINAL WALKING GROUP: STEVE BEHNKE** (Br. 174) 817-8317
SIR State Board of Directors has announced that outdoor activities may resume immediately subject to each branch approval. Branch 174 Executive Committee on February 5 approved the resumptions of the Golf and Walking groups We meet every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Serbian Church, unless we advise you otherwise via E-mail. Please note that masks are still required. We’re walking “low traffic” routes so social distancing is not an issue. For information regarding the schedule of future walks and for a copy of the Branch 174 approved walking group COVID protocols please contact Steve Behnke.

**SENIOR STROLLERS WALKING GROUP: JOHN SCHICK** (Br 171) 376-9412
The Strollers Walking Group welcomes new members for whom the regular walking group agenda has become a bit strenuous. Our walks are limited to about one-half mile (one mile optional) on a flat, paved surface, at a leisurely pace geared to the ability and limitations of the participants. Our strolls give us the opportunity to get exercise, get some fresh air, and to socialize, yet while continuing to observe all the prescribed COVID precautions. A return of this activity is dependent on member interest. If you are interested, please call John Schick, 925-376-9412.

**BIG HIKERS: STEVE BEHNKE** (Br. 174) 817-8317
This activity was established to engage SIRs who want a walking route longer and stronger than our other two walking groups. It offers opportunities for hikes more than 3 miles in length and, perhaps, with a little more elevation. We are considering offering perhaps one hike per month. Please contact Steve for more information.

**Know Your SIR**

**Please Note** no new member biographies have been posted on our website this month. However, you can view your bio as well as those of our other members by visiting our website and clicking on the Member Biographies link in the left column on the page. You will need your User Name and Password to access this section and 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 CURRY**, 376-5541, racorinda@pacbell.net. 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 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 an activities capacity in Branch 174 please contact Tom Farr at 283-1561, ruskfarr@pacbell.net. 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 Tom Henry at (510) 502-5724 or tomh925@icloud.com.
MIND-BENDER PUZZLE
Steve Behnke

Our March Mind Bender was:
Sargent O'Brien and his assistant Ned are just getting ready to pull out of the local donut shop parking lot in their police cruiser. They get a call on the police radio that says the town 15 miles north of them has just had a bank robbery. The suspects were observed proceeding south.
The radio says to be on the lookout for a yellow Mustang with two men in the front seat and a woman in the back seat.
Just at that moment, a yellow Mustang speeds past them with two guys in the front and a woman in the back. Sargent O'Brien says, “That’s the car, Ned! Flip on the siren, and let’s get ’em!”
As they pull out and get behind the Mustang Ned says, “Forget it, Sarge. It’s not them.”

The puzzle question is:
What did Ned see that made him so sure this was not the right car?
The correct and only answer is:
When Sargent O’Brien and Ned got behind the Mustang, Ned saw water droplets dripping from the tailpipe. As you know, this only happens when a car has just been started. Condensation forms when a hot engine cools down and the droplets run out when the car starts up again. The Mustang used in the holdup had been driven at least 15 miles and its engine and exhaust system were HOT. Any water left in the exhaust system would at that point have been vaporized. The Mustang used in the holdup could NOT have been dripping water from its exhaust.

And our winners are: No one got this month’s puzzle correct yet you have all observed this phenomenon many times.

JOKE OF THE MONTH
as selected by our Jokester-in-Chief Fred George

The winning joke this month per our Jokester-in-Chief was submitted by John Ringer as follows:
911 Operator: “What’s your emergency?”
MAN: “A man just got hit by a car; needs an ambulance.”
Operator: “What is your location?”
Man: “I’m on Eucalyptus street.”
Operator: “Can you spell that for me?”
(long awkward pause)
Operator: “Sir, are you there?”
Man: “Yeah. Hold on a minute; I’m gonna drag him over to Pine St. and then I’ll call you right back.”

!!And our thanks to Fred and Steve for providing us with this mind boggling and amusing information!!
Photos taken by our Branch photographer, Joe Fitzgerald, at our March Branch Zoom Meeting.

Let’s Look at Moraga History and Contra Costa History!
—By Susan Skillern, Accredited Genealogist®
SIKS Presentation
March 2021

Gabriel Moraga (1849–1922)
On the 23rd of April 1847 was
baptized at the mission Santa Clara
Gabriel Moraga, son of José Moraga
and Maria de la Cruz Sibrian.

Location, location, location
• Moraga was considered for the
  United Nations headquarters in
  1945.
• The Contra Costa Board of
  Supervisors pitched the idea of
  having the U. N. situated in the
  Moraga Valley

The old town site: Munster Drive
These large concrete units were constructed on Munster Drive by the Moraga Land Company in 1910. This street was envisioned to be the center of town at the time. Due to the high price of land and the difficulty of obtaining water, this plan was abandoned.

St. Mary’s College Pre-Flight School

St Mary’s College

Don’t drive: Take the train to St. Mary’s
Somuch ist still there—the cross on the hill, the chapel, the trees... just no track.
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Due to the Coronavirus prohibition against gatherings, SIR Branch activities, except as noted below, have been cancelled for this month.
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2011 PETE GIERS 2019 CLARK WALLACE
2012 RON BASS 2020 TOM HENRY

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:
2011 BILL SUMNER (deceased)
2014 PETE GIERS
2019 DON MERSON

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:
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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 Email 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 Email request (preferred) to lunch677@gmail.com providing your name and number and the guest’s name as he wants it on his Guest badge. Only if you do not have Email 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 for bringing a guest. Either the call or your Email 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.

EMAIL CONFIRMATION: If you advise the Attendance Chairman using our Email 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/MembershipForm.pdf or from Tom Welte. Completed applications should be handed to Tom or mailed to Tom at his residence at 135 Fiesta Circle, Orinda, CA 94563.