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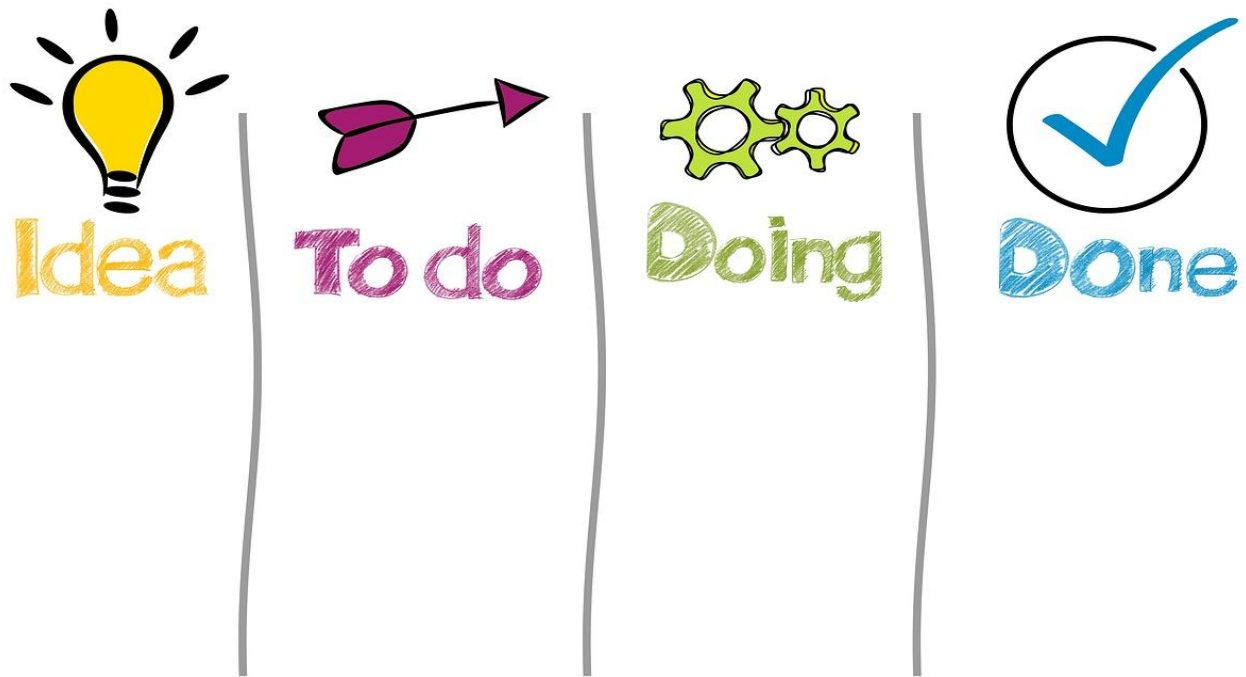
BRANCH 163

APRIL NEWS & NOTES



MARCH LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE WAS LIGHT

Even though we had a strong number of confirmations we only had 41 actual attendees. We have a commitment with Hodels for a minimum of 50 meals in order to retain the Kern Room. If we fall below that number the Branch has to make up the difference so the cost of Nine meals hit us pretty hard in March. One note please, If you commit to attending but fail to show, we need you to pay for your meal anyway.



MEN here's a mental picture to help you remember SIR meeting dates:

ALWAYS EVERY MONTH leave THURSDAYS OPEN for SIR'

Activities:

- Second Thursday we do "LUNCH – OUT". Sign up sheet on the registration table at Hodels Kern room
- Third Thursday we have our monthly SIR membership meeting at Hodels Kern room to do our business, eat lunch, hear our speaker, and make new friends.
- Last Monday each month is 'Pool Buddies' at Bank Shots

By Keeping Thursdays free from all appointments and marking your calendar for SIR events you won't miss them. More importantly you won't miss out on a great meal, good social time, and a meaningful speaker.

MARK THAT CALENDAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

An April note from our BIG SIR JIM SHAPAZIAN

Gentlemen, I am contemplating the month of April. There are many things going on in April. Think about it. The first day is April Fools Day. Did you pull a joke on someone this time or did someone pull a joke on you? I'm not an April Fool jokester but I've been around a lot of them.

Also, of course it is tax time and the last date to file is April 15th. Yes, death and taxes, you can't get away from either one. Hope you all filed by now otherwise you might consider filing an extension.

This year Easter comes on April 20th. A time of reflection and renewal in your spiritual life. There are those that take advantage of "spring break"; Usually college students that sometimes get crazy and later wish they hadn't.

Over all, April is a great month when the temperature starts to warm up and we get busy doing more outdoor things. I personally plant a vegetable garden each year and this year I'm about 2 weeks late. It seems to rain every time I want to work outside. Oh well, it will get done eventually.

I want to let you all know that I am working on a luncheon presentation to not only provide information, but also entertainment. Due to the fact we don't pay dues as members, we have little to no income so it is difficult to arrange entertainment. I'll keep you all posted but for now, have a great April!



See you at the next SIR activity: Big Sir Jim Shapazian

GREAT QUOTES TO REMEMBER

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, then having the two as close together as possible.

George Burns

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I was called Rembrandt Hope in my boxing days, because I spent so much time on the canvas. ~ Bob Hope.

If you think golf is relaxing, you're not playing it right. ~ Bob Hope.

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Money can't buy you happiness, but it helps you look for it in a lot more places.

Now that doctors have stopped making house calls, lots of patients now have to die without their help.

This is how it is today: The teachers are afraid of the principals. The principals are afraid of the superintendents. The superintendents are afraid of the board of education. The board is afraid of the parents. The parents are afraid of the children. The children are afraid of nothing!

Milton Berle

1. Do you know what it means to come home at night to a woman who'll give you a little love, a little affection, a little tenderness? It means you're in the wrong house, that's what it means.
2. A Jewish woman had two chickens. One got sick, so the woman made chicken soup out of the other one to help the sick one get well.
3. If at first you don't succeed... so much for skydiving.
4. Just got back from a pleasure trip: I took my mother-in-law to the airport.
5. I once wanted to become an atheist, but I gave up – they have no holidays.
6. I've been in love with the same woman for forty-one years. If my wife finds out, she'll kill me.

Henny Youngman

SPEAKER FOR MARCH

- Mike McCoy—Exec. Director of the KC Museum
- Shared his accomplishments for the last 8 years updating 65 of the 70 buildings on site making them visitor worthy
- Gave a humorous narrative on houses for: Basque, Italians, Mexican, Chinese, Native American, and more.
- If you were not here you missed a wonderful presentation



SPEAKER FOR APRIL

JACK JAMES, a Branch 163 member, has agreed to share some of his Pharmaceutical experiences at our April 17th meeting.

Mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss this one!

APRIL 2025 EVENTS

- **3RD Honor Flight Breakfast, 8:00 A.M**
- **10th SIR Lunch-Out: Sugar Mill - 11 A.M. Airport Drive/ West China Grade Loop. Delicious!**
- **17th Sir Luncheon: Hodel's Kern Room, 11:00 A.M. \$21 per person. Cash only . Don't be shy Bring a friend!**
- ***(Sorry but we cannot take credit cards)***
- **28th Pool Buddies: Bankshots; Olive Dr. / Roberts Lane 11:00 A.M.**



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50 / 50
DRAWING

- SIR ANDY DISNEY cashes in twice with the winning numbers. He won \$36 EASY DOLLARS
- The 50/50 Drawing is our only revenue source for SIR so remember to be GENEROUS!
- Next one up on April 17th



MEET SIR HARVEY WARREN:



Harvey Warren has been an esteemed member of two SIR branches since 2000. In his earlier branch, he served as the Sunshine Committee Chair. He appreciates both the social and business aspects of the SIR organization. Additionally, he is an active member of the East Bakersfield Lyons Club – a similarly spirited but more informal group—where he has served as President twice. He is also involved with the Kern County Honor Flight association.

Born in Tryon, Oklahoma, in June of 1933, Harvey approaches his 92nd birthday with humor, acknowledging that it is coming rather quickly! His family moved to Buttonwillow when he was 5 years old and where his father secured a job as a truck driver. In 1944 the family moved to Bakersfield where

his father worked for the city as a refuse driver and later joined the street sweeper department in 1956.

Harvey attended Bakersfield High School and graduated in 1952. During those early years he sought part-time work, though opportunities were scarce. His father's advice, **"I'll help you as long as you help yourself"**, became a guiding principle in his life. Even while attending Bakersfield College Harvey faced the harsh realities of racial prejudice, which limited job opportunities for Black men to only the most menial tasks. Harvey worked tirelessly in the potato and cotton fields and in vineyards earning \$6 to \$7 per day picking cotton—a testament to his determination and resilience in developing his personal economy.

A talented athlete, Harvey played football and participated in track during high school and college. He excelled as a tight end for Bakersfield High School, which was regarded as a premier football team at the time. The team traveled by train to play far away teams but in 1951 they **"FLEW"** TO Phoenix for a league game-- a real morale booster!

Harvey played on two valley football teams, known today as regional or sectional teams. In 1953, Bakersfield College's team went undefeated, winning 13 games and claiming the national championship, along with the Junior Rosebowl. That same year Harvey earned a spot on the Second Team All-Metro Conference.

Harvey joined the U.S. Marine Corps where he served honorably from 1954 – 1957. Stationed in Japan and Okinawa, he was assigned to the Transportation Units. Due to Harvey's athletic talent he earned a place on the base football team. During boot camp at Camp Del Mar and also at Camp Pendleton Harvey played against college level American teams. He even played against the Pro-Hall of Famer, Ollie Matson.

After his discharge in 1957, Harvey was married in August, and pursued higher education at Montana State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He also played football for the Montana

State Bobcats, and in 1958, was named to the Associated Press 'Little All-American Team'. The Korean GI Bill combined with his athletic scholarship, covered his college expenses.

Harvey and his wife moved to Los Angeles, where he worked for the Postal Service. Seeking a more rewarding career, he transitioned to the Kern County Welfare Department as a social worker in 1965.

Later in 1972 Harvey decided to expand his knowledge and earned an MSW, Master of Social Work, from California State University Fresno. He returned to Bakersfield in 1974 and joined Bakersfield College as a counselor. In 1995 Harvey retired as Chairman of Counseling, Bakersfield College for which he is most proud.

In recognition of his athletic achievements, Harvey was inducted into the Bakersfield College Hall of Fame for track and field in 1988.

Despite Harvey's impressive athletic career, he chose a path dedicated to helping others. he reflects; "Sports helped me get where I was" but "I like to help people; help them get an education; help them get on their feet and move up in society".

Bitter-Sweet times: Harvey shared a long, loving marriage with Polly, a PE major at San Francisco State University. They have two sons, a cherished grandson, and one great grand-daughter. Sadly, Polly passed away five years ago after 63 years of marriage. Harvey fondly wishes they could have shared life a few more years together.

Most Proud: Having a long enduring marriage, and a successful family who all turned out well; receiving the Sam Lynn award for "Most Outstanding Player" in football and track in 1953; and being the first in the family to earn two college degrees.

Harvey's journey reflects unwavering determination, resilience, and compassion. He embodies his father's enduring words: "I'll help you as long as you help yourself". Harvey's life serves as an inspiring testament to perseverance and the importance of lifting others up along the way.

Pictures of Harvey in high school and college



I wish I could have watched Harvey play. I think he was very good!

Thankyou Harvey for your continuing example of friendship to all in need of a kind word.

Serbrina Rivers, Harvey's Niece

Sir Larry Sitzman

