



SIR Monterey News

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Big SIR Report

Hi SIRs,

As I reflect on the recent past of SIR Monterey, the pandemic's effect on organizations, our changing of meeting venues, and the passing of several long term members and leaders, I believe we have not only survived difficult times but can now look forward to the future with great optimism. We have together overcome these challenges and are once again a growing and thriving branch of SIR thanks to your involvement in our goals of *recruiting, helping* and *simplifying* our administrative efforts. It has required changes in how we operate, greater use of technology in communicating such as Zoom, shared leadership responsibility, and generally getting in step with life and business realities in the 21st century. So, thank you for being active, supportive and loyal!

Speaking of the future, in August we will be inviting spouses and partners to our luncheon meeting. And we'll have a very special guest speaker. **Anne Clunan** is Associate Professor of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School and a Faculty Affiliate at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University. She teaches Global Political Economy, Science and Technology in Geostrategic Conflict, Eur-Asia in the Global Economic Order, Russian Foreign Policy and International Law. I'll talk more about her impressive resume of experience and awards next month. She earned a Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley and her B.S.F.S. at Georgetown University. Incidentally, she is a member of the International Working Group on Russian Sanctions, chaired by Ukrainian President Zelensky's Chief of Staff, Andrii Yermak, and former U.S. Ambassador to Russia Mike McFaul. And she'll be talking about the current conflict between Russia and Ukraine. So, please put **Thursday, August 8th** on your calendar for this very interesting and informative presentation.

See you soon.....*Big SIR John*

July Guest Speaker



Our program on July 11th will be about a Rotary sponsored program at Rancho Cielo Youth Campus in classic car restoration and repair that provides teens with a diploma and a future. **Mark Grandcolas**, President of Carmel-By-The-Sea Rotary Club, will talk to us about this new addition to the vocational programs at the school and how Rotary helped make it possible. He will be accompanied by **Tom Forgette** who is the program's instructor and one of his students **Natalia Montiel**. The school is located in Salinas, has about 220 students each year and also offers vocational education and training in Agriculture Technology & Mechatronics, Construction & Sustainable Design, Welding & Fabrication, Culinary Academy, Auto & Diesel Repair.



And members with classic cars, don't forget to bring yours to the luncheon!

Calendar of Activities, Events & Meetings

7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29 SIR Golf Club

Various Monterey Bay Courses

Contact: [John Ecklund](mailto:John.Ecklund@sbcbglobal.net)

jecklund@sbcbglobal.net

7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23 Geezer/SIR Golf

Tee times beginning 9:00am

Monterey Pines Golf Club

1250 Garden Road, Monterey

Contact: [Jack Orchard](mailto:Jack.Orchard@gmail.com)

jojoorchard@gmail.com

7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31 SIR Bocce Ball

10am followed by lunch

Monterey Custom House Plaza

Contact: [Scott Van Tyle](mailto:Scott.VanTyle@gmail.com)

gonzo7hunter@gmail.com

7/9 SIR BEC Monthly Meeting

10:00 – 11:15am via Zoom

Contact: [John Hetz](mailto:John.Hetz@yahoo.com)

hetz.john@yahoo.com

7/11 SIR Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Check in begins – 11:30am

Monterey Elks Lodge

150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey

Contact: [Don Battles](mailto:Don.Battles@msn.com)

donbatt@msn.com

7/18 SIR Book Club

2:30 – 4:00pm via Zoom

Contact: [John Hetz](mailto:John.Hetz@yahoo.com)

hetz.john@yahoo.com

7/19 SIR Bowling

2:00 – 4:00pm

Monterey Lanes

2161 No. Fremont St, Monterey

Contact: [Mike Hartter](mailto:Mike.Harterter@gmail.com)

mhartter@gmail.com

7/30 SIR/Geezer Golf

Tee times beginning 8:30am

Del Monte Golf Course

1300 Sylvan Rd, Monterey

Contact: [Ben Richards](mailto:Ben.Richards@hotmail.com)

gilbtr@hotmail.com

New Members



New SIRs receiving their membership certificates at the June 13th luncheon meeting are **Tom Motley** (2nd from left), **Michael Bachik** (center) and **Rob Dunne** (4th from left). Rob was the most recently approved new member and is a retired attorney. He's also has been playing Bocce on Wednesdays and has an interest in Bowling, Golf and other sports.

The BEC has just approved two more applicants for membership that will be inducted at our upcoming July 11th luncheon meeting – **Bob Tilden** and **Wayne Smutz**. Bob and Wayne will be our 10th and 11th new members this year compared to eight among us who joined in 2023. And our total number of SIRs will be 62. So, welcome to you all and hopefully you will be active and have fun!

Activities

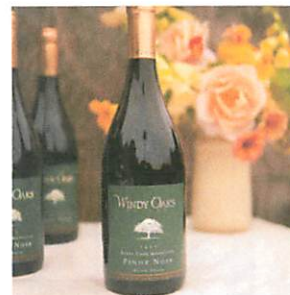
Bocce

Our weekly Bocce Ball activity at Custom House Plaza in Monterey has been growing with now 22 members and prospective members on the reminder list. And recently there's been at least a dozen participants most of whom go to lunch with the group at various local restaurants of their choosing. But there's room for more, so contact [Scott VanTyle](mailto:Scott.VanTyle@gmail.com) at gonzo7hunter@gmail.com if you would like to join in the fun.



Wine Tasting

Come on out to our June wine tasting event at **Windy Oaks Wines** in Carmel Valley on **Friday, June 28th** from 2-4:00pm. Their tasting room is located at 19 E. Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley Village. The tasting cost of \$25 is waived if you buy 2 bottles of wine. Spouses and partners are welcome. Please notify [Mike Carbaugh](mailto:Mike.Carbaugh@gmail.com) if you plan to come at mfcarbaugh@gmail.com so he can give them a count on how many will be attending. Join in the fun!



4th Annual SIRs/Geezers Golf Tournament

Tuesday, July 16th

Spring Hills Golf Course, Watsonville



9:00am first tee time, \$35 discount rate plus optional shared cart for \$15 each. Great competition, camaraderie and prizes. Bring a guest or two. Contact Geezer [John Robbins](mailto:John.Robbins@gmail.com) for a reservation(s) at johnrobbins53@gmail.com.

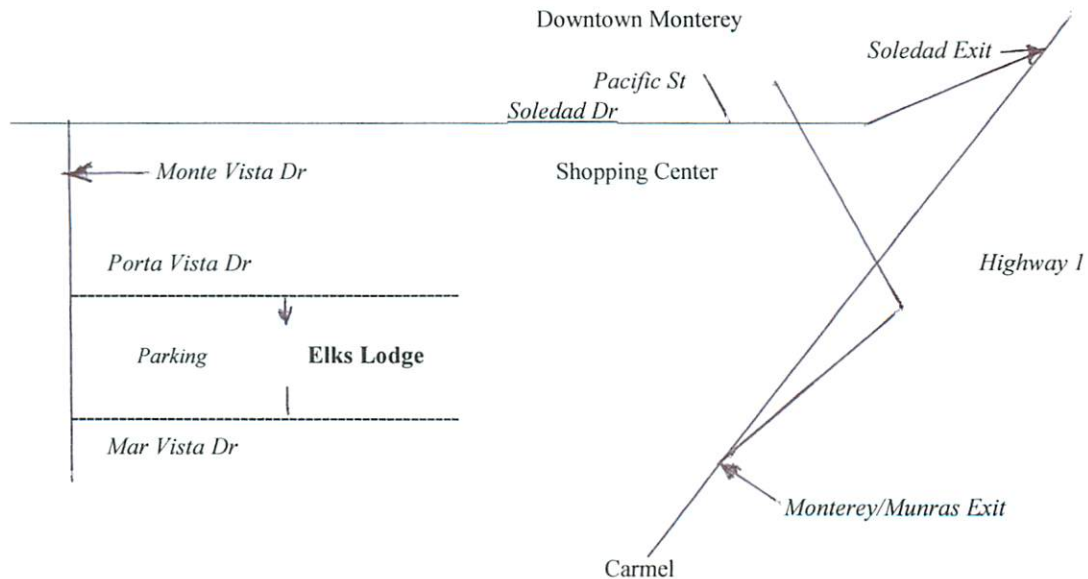
Whale Watching



[Mike Hartter](mailto:Mike.Harterter@gmail.com) is organizing a SIR Whale Watching Trip for members and spouses/partners on **Tuesday, August 13th** that departs from Monterey Fisherman's Wharf at 10:00am. The usual duration is 2 1/2 – 3 hours. Tickets are \$60 for adults which is a group discount price. Mike will again have a sign-up sheet at our July luncheon, so please be sure to add your name(s) if you would like to be aboard. Or email him at mhartter@gmail.com.



Monterey Branch 28
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Thursday, July 11th at 11:30am
 Monterey Elks Lodge
 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey
PJ's Salad Bar/Buffer



Luncheon Reservation

Make check payable to:
SIR Branch 28

Mail reservation form and check(s)
 for \$30 per attendee to:

Don Battles, Treasurer
25513 Hacienda Place
Carmel, CA 93923

Member Name _____

Email or Phone _____

Guest Name _____

Guest Name _____

No. _____ @ \$30 each = Total enclosed _____

Reservation(s) must be received by:
Monday, July 8th