



SIR Monterey News

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President's Message



Hi again Monterey SIRs,
Well, Spring is here! Our flora is beginning to bloom and warmer weather is on its way to the Central Coast. And with that our outdoor activities Bocce and Golf will benefit from warmer start time temps, fewer frost delays, and no water on the courts or course. We'll also be planning some nature trips and tours, ball games, and other outdoor activities. So, stay tuned for more information.

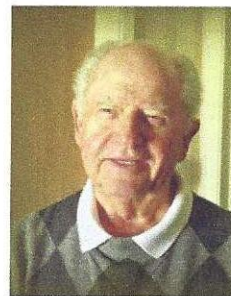
Also want to mention there is a new chef, Josh Kinzer, at the Elks Lodge who plans to enhance our Thursday salad bar/buffet. Gina Gomez will continue to provide her excellent service and special desserts as his kitchen assistant, so that is good news, too.

As mentioned last month, we are ramping up our efforts to recruit new members since we've lost some who are physically unable to participate or have other reasons for not continuing their membership. So, I'll be bringing to our luncheon on the 10th copies of our updated branch brochure for each of you. If you have exhausted friends, family and acquaintances, another possible source of new members is realtors you may know. They might be willing to provide a brochure to seniors moving to our area. So, again we appreciate your help in finding new members who can join in the fun we have at SIR Monterey.

So that's all for now. See you soon,
John Hetz



April Speaker



Forney Lundy

Join us on April 10th when our guest speaker will be SIR Branch 28's own Forney Lundy. Forney will draw on his long career in air traffic control (ATC) to talk about *Air Traffic Control: Past, Present and Future.* Since his retirement from the FAA, he has also been deeply involved with the Association of Federal Employees and Retirees.

Forney is eminently qualified to speak on the subject of ATC in the U.S. with 39 years of experience. Most of his experience was in en-route control of air traffic, but he served his last ten years as the Air Traffic Manager (Chief) of the Monterey Air Traffic Control Tower. Considering the recent spate of incidents involving commercial aircraft around the United States, Forney's insights and knowledge will give us an inside look at the ATC system, current issues, and future outlook for the system. Bring your questions about how the safety of commercial aviation travel is enhanced by the dedicated service of our professional air traffic controllers.

Upcoming Event



Elkhorn Slough ECO Nature Tour
April is sea otter pupping season
1.5 hour electric-powered catamaran ride
Followed by lunch at dockside restaurant
Date and time to be announced

Calendar of Activities, Events & Meetings

4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29 Geezer/SIR Golf
Tee times beginning 9:00am
Monterey Pines Golf Club
1250 Garden Road, Monterey
Contact: Jack Orchard
jojoorchard@gmail.com

4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30 SIR Bocce Ball
10am followed by optional lunch
Monterey Custom House Plaza
Contact: Scott Van Tyle
gonzo7hunter@gmail.com
Contact: Mike Hartter
mharter@gmail.com

4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28 SIR Golf Club
Various Monterey Bay Courses
Contact: John Ecklund
jecklund@sbcglobal.net

4/8 SIR BEC Monthly Meeting
10:00 – 11:15am via Zoom
Contact: John Hetz
hetz.john@yahoo.com

4/10 SIR Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Check in begins – 11:30am
Monterey Elks Lodge
150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey
Contact: Don Battles
donbatt@msn.com

4/18 SIR Bowling
2:00 – 4:00pm
Monterey Lanes
2161 No. Fremont St, Monterey
Contact: Mike Hartter
mharter@gmail.com

4/24 SIR Book Club
2:30 – 4:00pm via Zoom
Contact: John Hetz
hetz.john@yahoo.com

4/24 SIR Wine Tasting
2:00 – 4:00pm
Taste of Monterey
700 Cannery Row, 2nd Floor
Contact: Mike Carbaugh
mfcarbaugh@gmail.com

4/28 SIR Indoor Games
2:00pm – 4:00pm
Asilomar Conference Center
800 Asilomar Ave, Pacific Grove
Contact: Scott Van Tyle
gonzo7hunter@gmail.com

**Veteran Honor Flights
to Washington, D.C.**



Courtesy of SIR **Bob Evans** who went to Washington in 2024 on a fully paid tour. Following is information on the flights available in 2025 should you be eligible and interested.

Flight #37 April 10-12
Flight #38 May 15-17
Flight #39 Sept 11-13

Sign up: <http://honorflightbayarea.org/tours/>

Or call: (408)499-1739

There may be a waiting list



Activities

Indoor Games

(Board Games, Cards & Pool)

Our newest activity is held at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove on the last Monday of the month from 2-4pm. It's the perfect place to meet as there are plenty of tables for board and card games, and two pool tables in what is called the Hearst Social Hall. Adjoining is Phoebe's Café with coffee, tea, soft drinks, beer, wine and spirits. Also, lunch specialties, fresh baked goods and Bites on the Go. And there is outdoor porch and patio seating on warm days.



So, consider joining in the fun at our Monday, April 28th get together from 2-4pm. **Scott Van Tyle** has agreed to be the group's coordinator, so contact him at our monthly luncheon meeting or by email gonzo7hunter@gmail.com if you would like to participate and/or have any questions.

Golf



Geezer/SIR Golf
Tuesdays at Monterey Pines GC
and
Monday Golf with the
SIR Golf Club of Monterey Bay

Bocce



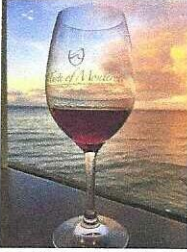
Wednesdays 10am at Custom House Plaza
followed by lunch at a local restaurant

Bowling



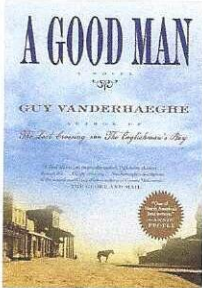
2-4pm Friday, April 18th
Open bowling at Monterey Lanes

Wine Tasting



2-4pm Thursday, April 24th
Taste of Monterey

Book Club



Discuss April Book
Thursday, April 24th via Zoom



Monterey Branch 28
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Thursday, April 10th at 11:30am

Guest Speaker: Forney Lundy
My Career as an Air Traffic Controller

Monterey Elks Lodge
150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey
Josh's Salad Bar/Bufferet



Luncheon Reservation

If paying by check:

Make check payable to: **SIR Branch 28**
Mail form and check(s) for \$30 per attendee to:
Don Battles, Treasurer
25513 Hacienda Place, Carmel CA 93923
(612)590-1096 or donbatt@msn.com

Member Name _____
Email or Phone # _____

Guest Name _____
Email or Phone # _____

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

If paying by credit card:

Click [Here](#) on the cover email to use a
credit card for payment.

*Reservation(s) must be received by the date
below so we can notify the Elks Lodge of our
luncheon headcount:*
Monday, April 7th