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SIR Monterey News

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2025 SIR Leadership

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Rich Carlston

SIR Monterey Bay Area 14 Rep

John Hetz

SIR Monterey Branch 28

Chartered 1972

Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

John Hetz, *President*

Gary Parker, *Vice President*

Don Battles, *Treasurer &*

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John Hetz, *Acting Secretary*

Mike Carbaugh, *Director*

Al Williams, *Membership*

Director

Curt Parker, *Member Relations*

Director

Mike Hartter, *Activities &*

Recruitment Director

Rob Dunne, *Assistant Treasurer*

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<https://sirinc2.org/branch/28>

President's Message



Hi SIRs,

Hope all is well. Fall has arrived with some cooler weather, rain, pumpkins, turkeys, the World Series, collegiate and NFL football. And there is SIR!

One of the important current issues is our leadership for 2026. We held our annual election of officers and directors at the October luncheon meeting and **Gary Parker** our current VP was elected President. I was elected Secretary, **Rob Dunne** Treasurer, **Don Battles** Assistant Treasurer, **Al Williams** Membership Director, **Mike Hartter** Activities & Recruitment Director, and **Scott Van Tyle** Special Events Director. **Mike Carbaugh** will temporarily fill the position of *Assistant Secretary* until a member steps up. Vacancies remain also for *Vice President* and *Member Relations*. Long time BEC member **Curt Parker** will be stepping down from that position at year end. So, please let me or fellow Nominating Committee members Gary Parker, Rob Dunne or Mike Hartter know if you're willing to help by joining our leadership team in any of these important positions. We need members to help us keep SIR Monterey moving forward!

Finally, let's commemorate **Veteran's Day** that is Tuesday, November 11th at our luncheon meeting two days later on the 13th. So, please join us in recognizing all SIR Monterey members who are U.S. military veterans, and thanking them for their service.
Presg John



November Guest Speaker

John Scherer, Colonel USAF (ret.)



John will talk about the famous WWII 1943 B-24 raid called *Operation Tidal Wave* that was on the Ploesti petroleum production facilities in Romania. Should be interesting!

Recognition

It's time to say farewell for now to our Branch Secretary of several years **Terry McNelley** who has recently moved with his wife to a seniors community in Walnut Creek closer to family. Terry retired from the Naval Postgraduate School where he was a Mechanical Engineering professor for many years, has been an active member of our book club, and golf activities since he joined in 2018. Many thanks to Terry for his service to SIR Monterey and his friendship. We hope to see him again soon if he is in town!

SIR, Inc. Newsletter



A newsletter published by SIR, Inc. and named *The Rooster Crows!* is published monthly by **SIR President Rich Carlston**. If you're interested in statewide activities, SIR Board Meeting items discussed, policy changes, training available, etc. check it out. You can access it by going to sirinc.org and clicking on "SIR Members Area". Then under "Latest Newsletter" click on *The Rooster Crows!* The October edition is on top, but you will find listed the January-September editions as well. So, take a look!

Calendar of Activities, Events & Meetings

11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24 SIR Golf Club

Various Monterey Bay Courses

Contact: John Ecklund

jecklund@sbcglobal.net

11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25 Geezer/SIR Golf

Tee times beginning 9:00am

Monterey Pines Golf Club

1250 Garden Road, Monterey

Contact: Jack Orchard

jojoorchard@gmail.com

11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26 SIR Bocce Ball

10am followed by optional lunch

Monterey Custom House Plaza

Contact: Mike Hartter

mhartter@gmail.com

11/6 SIR Wine Tasting

2:00 – 4:00pm

Parsonage Winery Tasting Room

19 E Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel Valley

Contact: Mike Carbaugh

mfcarbaugh@gmail.com

11/11 SIR BEC Meeting

9:30am – 11:00am

Black Bear Diner

2450 N. Fremont Street, Monterey

Contact: John Hetz

hetz.john@yahoo.com

11/13 SIR Luncheon Meeting

Check in begins – 11:30am

Monterey Elks Lodge

150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey

Contact: Don Battles

donbatt@msn.com

11/20 SIR Book Club Meeting

2:30 – 4:00pm via Zoom

Contact: John Hetz

hetz.john@yahoo.com

11/21 SIR Bowling

2:00 – 4:00pm

Monterey Lanes

2161 No. Fremont St, Monterey

Contact: Mike Hartter

mhartter@gmail.com

11/24 SIR Indoor Games

1:00 – 3:00pm

Asilomar Conference Center

800 Asilomar Blvd, Pacific Grove

Contact: Scott Van Tyle

gonzo7hunter@gmail.com

John Steinbeck Museum Tour

SIR Monterey members plus two spouses who toured the Steinbeck Museum in Salinas on October 30th. Educational and fun time!



Volunteering Opportunity

The **Foodbank of Monterey County** is working to end hunger and transform the health of our community through good nutrition, particularly during the holiday season. We can help as a team by volunteering for a couple hours by sorting food and packing items in boxes for distribution at the their facility located at 353 Rossi Street, Salinas. I should have more details at our November luncheon meeting on the 13th that will include the date and time of our volunteer session. And I'll pass around a sign-up sheet for members and spouses/partners interested in joining our SIR Monterey team. It should be a fun and rewarding activity!

Director of Activities & Recruitment
Mike Hartter

Wine Tasting

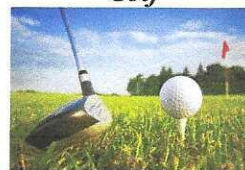


Thursday, November 6th

2:00 - 4:00pm

Parsonage Winery Tasting Room

Activities Golf



Mondays

SIR Golf Club of Monterey Bay

Tuesdays 9am

Monterey Pines GC

Bocce

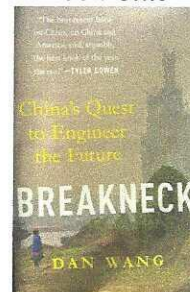


Wednesdays 10am

Custom House Plaza Courts

Optional lunch after at local restaurants

Book Club



Book of the Month

November

Bowling



Friday, November 21st

2:00 – 4:00pm

Open bowling at Monterey Lanes

Indoor Games



Monday, November 24th

1:00 – 3:00pm

Asilomar Conference Center



Monterey Branch 28
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Thursday, November 13th at 11:30am

Program: ***John Scherer***
"The Ploesti Raid of WWII"

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



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, November 10th