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SIR Monterey News

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2025 SIR Leadership

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President's Message



Hi SIRs,

Well, summer is officially ending with the Labor Day weekend upon us and schools back in session. But the sea lions are back on San Carlos Beach for maybe one last vacation visit. We can only hope.

September is also the time for SIR to plan for 2026 and put together our slate of officers and directors for the new year. So, our branch executive committee has formed a nominating committee comprised of me, our Vice President Gary Parker who will be President next year, Director Mike Hartter and Assistant Treasurer Rob Dunne. If you're interested in joining our leadership team please contact one of us to learn more. We will provide our slate to the membership for approval at the October luncheon meeting on the 9th.

I would also like to thank those of you who have been referring candidates for membership in SIR Monterey. We have inducted four excellent new members in recent months and will add another 3-4 in September. Keep them coming. There are applications available at our luncheon check-in table and online via our SIR website, and via our Membership Director Al Williams. So again thanks!

And finally, those of you who attended our August luncheon meeting know we had a pretty hectic beginning due to "Car Week" traffic and events. It caused some of you to be late and others unable to attend. So, we will definitely consider moving the date of our August get together next year to perhaps a week later and avoid a repeat of this year's problems.

I hope to see you on the 11th if not sooner at one of our activities.....Prez John

September Guest Speaker

SIR Tom Jones



His topic will be "*Learning From Rejection: Find The Reason Behind The No*". Tom has been a management consultant, an adjunct teacher at seven universities, an author of six books, and his writings have appeared in numerous publications including the Wall Street Journal and Fortune magazine. Tom has a doctorate degree in education.

New Member Induction



Vice President Gary Parker inducted two new members at the August luncheon meeting. Above **Rich Castriotta** and below **Jim Emerson**. Rich is a semi-retired physician and professor at the USC Keck School of Medicine and his specialties are pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. Jim is a retired attorney who belonged to SIR in Fresno. Please welcome them to SIR Monterey when you see them.



Calendar of Activities, Events & Meetings

9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29 SIR Golf Club

Various Monterey Bay Courses

Contact: John Ecklund

jecklund@sbcglobal.net

9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30 Geezer/SIR Golf

Tee times beginning 9:00am

Monterey Pines Golf Club

1250 Garden Road, Monterey

Contact: Jack Orchard

jojoorchard@gmail.com

9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24 SIR Bocce Ball

10am followed by optional lunch

Monterey Custom House Plaza

Contact: Mike Hartter

mhartter@gmail.com

9/9 SIR BEC Meeting

10:00 – 11:15am via Zoom

Contact: John Hetz

hetz.john@yahoo.com

9/11 SIR Luncheon Meeting

Check in begins – 11:30am

Monterey Elks Lodge

150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey

Contact: Don Battles

donbatt@msn.com

9/19 SIR Bowling

2:00 – 4:00pm

Monterey Lanes

2161 No. Fremont St, Monterey

Contact: Mike Hartter

mhartter@gmail.com

9/29 SIR Indoor Games

2:00 – 4:00pm

PG MEETINGHOUSE

599 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove

Contact: Scott Van Tyle

Gonzo7hunter@gmail.com

Special Event



Monterey Festa Italia

September 5th to 7th

The 92nd Annual Festa Italia held by the non-profit Festa Italia Foundation will be held Friday – Sunday at the Custom House Plaza beginning at 10:00am on the weekend days. And for the second year SIR members from our weekly Bocce activity will be competing in the tournament that's part of the festival beginning Saturday morning. It has a double elimination format, so if you lose twice you're eliminated from the competition.

Members of our team include **Kim Bambace, Bob Evans, Jack Gibbons, Neil Ledford and Bob Tilden**. Our coaches are **Mike Hartter and Ben Hanly**. Our team sponsor is again **Bambace Peterson – Compass Real Estate** of Carmel-by-the-Sea, so our team will wear their tee shirts. If you can, come on out Saturday morning and root for our team!

Indoor Games



Our Indoor Games activity will be moving back to **THE PG MEETINGHOUSE** at 599 Lighthouse Avenue in downtown Pacific Grove beginning Monday, September 29th from 2-4pm. Our participation at Asilomar has decreased in recent months even after starting and ending earlier to combat commute traffic. So, we'll try a more accessible location. Please join with your fellow SIRs and bring your favorite board and card games for some indoor fun! They don't have pool/billiards, but they do have a great variety of food and drinks in a friendly, comfortable social environment.



For more information or questions please contact our activity leader Scott Van Tyle
gonzo7hunter@gmail.com

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

Bowling



Friday, September 19th

2:00 – 4:00pm

Open bowling at Monterey Lanes

Book Club



Due to September travel by several members the club voted for two books that will be discussed at their October meeting.

The two books are **Hotel Ukraine** a novel by Martin Cruz Smith just published in July. It's the latest installment in the author's "celebrated Arkady Renko series, as the legendary Moscow investigator seeks to solve the murder of a diplomat as Russia's invasion of Ukraine wears on." And **The Fourth Turning Is Here** by Neil Howe published in 2023. He argues America is in a period of civic crisis following a pattern of past American history. The cycle of four 20 year "turnings" is moving from Highs (expansion) to Awakenings (spiritual rebellion), Unravelings (institutional collapse), and finally to the Crisis of the Fourth Turning, a time of great danger and transformation that will culminate in the early 2030's.



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

Program: **SIR Tom Jones**
"Learning From Rejection: Find The Reason Behind The No."

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, September 8th