



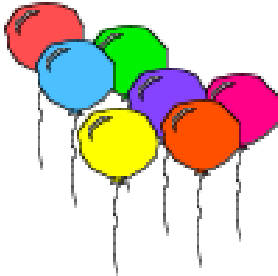
Rooster Talk

Little Hills Branch 147

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From
BIG SIR
Joe Ladely



Our March Luncheon was well attended, and Phil Barber was an outstanding speaker. Mark Quam, Membership chairman, has been putting pamphlets out at Senior Centers, restaurants, and other places to notify men of our Sir's Organization. We need to step up individually and ask our friends and neighbors if they would be interested. In our last newsletter there were cards you could cut out to give to friends with instructions on HOW TO DO IT. With your help we can increase our membership. When you get a guest to join, you will receive a free lunch and "I'M DOING MY PART" pin as an award to brag about in bringing a member in. Mark received a pin when his guest joined our Sir Branch. Who will be the next Sir to step forward to join him? See you at our next Luncheon on April 12th.

Be safe and healthy! See you at the Luncheon!

.....**Joe Ladely, BIG SIR**



OUR BRANCH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

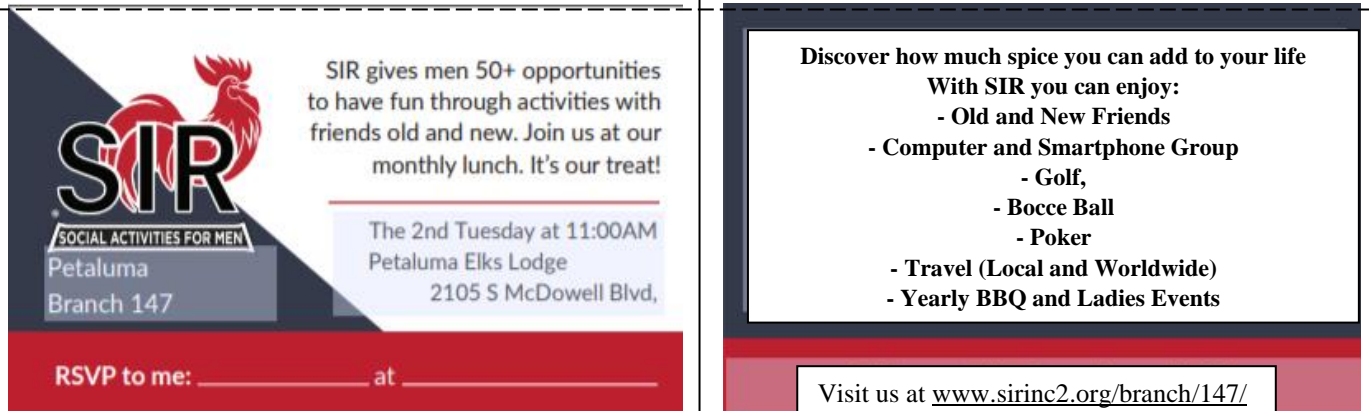
We need Your Help to invite Potential new members to the next SIR Luncheon!!!



HOW TO DO IT....

1. Cut out the front / back of card below on this page by cutting horizontally across the Newsletter. Fold the front / back together.
2. "Write in" your name and phone number in the RSVP area.
3. Invite a guest and give him the card.
4. When you bring a guest, you pay for his lunch. When that guest later joins as a SIR, then you will get a FREE LUNCH token.
5. Your guest needs to bring his Vaccination Card to the lunch.

THANKS FOR THE HELP!



THE NEXT LUNCH MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, 4/12/22

- The lunch will use the Elk's Lodge facility and use both the Bar and the large room we have used for lunches that is adjacent to it. The cost will be \$25.
- Meeting timing:
 - 10 AM – Board Meeting (Board members and Officers)(everyone welcome)
 - 11 AM – Noon – Members arrive (Bar Opens at 11AM)
 - Noon – Luncheon Begins
- **To Attend:** If you have not previously had someone in SIR view your Covid Vaccine Shot Card, then bring it so we can view it. Attendees will also need to sign or have signed a SIR Covid Liability Waiver. **NOTE: Most of our members have already provided these items.**

DON'T FORGET!!!

If you are **NOT** going to make this lunch, then call Herb Mitschan at 707-763-9225 by Friday by 5PM or at the latest by **6:30PM** the Sunday before the lunch.
You can save the club and yourself \$25.

DON'T FORGET!!

THE MENU

April 12th

Chicken Parmigiana

Penne Pesto

Sauté Vegetables

Suzanne Salad

Grilled Flatbread w/ olive pesto

Chocolate Bourbon Torte

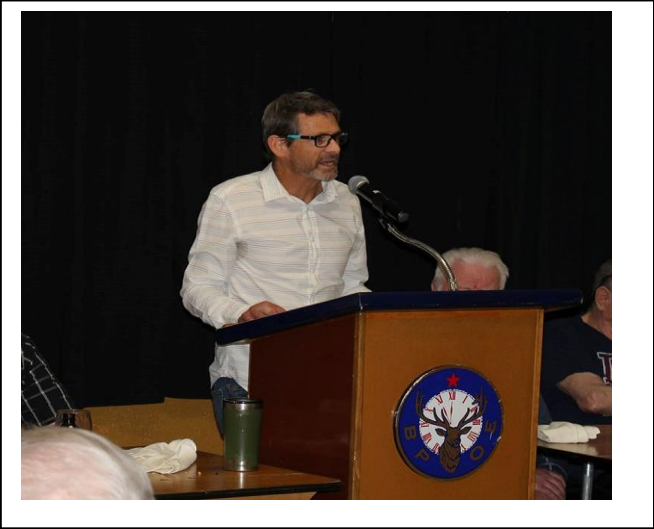
Bread w/ butter
Coffee & Dessert

Pictures From Our March Luncheon....from Herb Mitschan





New Member – Trevor Pitts
Mark Quam was Sponsoring Member



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Parent - Sorensen
Mortuary & Crematory
James M. Smith - President
850 Keokuk Street
Petaluma, CA 94952
707 763 4131

Tim Church Presenting Phil
Barber With A Thank You



Computer & Smartphone Group

From the Magic Keyboard by SIR Mike Burwen

**This group will meet on Thursday, April 28, at 12:00 (noon)
@ the Petaluma Senior Center**

THURSDAY MEETING – April 28th (12:00 (noon)): The subject of the meeting will be **“Things you can do with a Smartphone You May Not Know”**. A smartphone is not just for making phone calls, texting, browsing and accessing social media. I’ll bet you didn’t know that your phone can measure all sorts of things. Or find your car in a crowded parking lot. Or start your car and unlock the doors. Or instantly translate your speech into more than 100 languages. Or tell you the optimum time to take a bathroom break in the middle of a movie! Those are just a few of the dozens of applications we will cover in this session. Don’t miss it. Noon, Thursday April 28 at the Senior Center.

WHAT DO “DUES” DO? “WHAT GOOD DO THEY DO?” MORE BELOW.....

Each year, in January, our SIR branch requests that each member make a voluntary contribution for the coming year. These contributions are termed “Dues” and cover the cost of some very important activities within our SIR branch.

Our SIR Board of Directors has waived the dues for 2021, since it was such a short year (3 lunches). For 2022, the dues are \$24.00. As many of you know (or remember) these are requested at the start of the year during the initial lunches.

Here are the kinds of things that your dues for 2022 will cover:

- Printing and mailing the Newsletters for those that get it by mail
- Support for assessments from our State SIR organization which provides our branch important items like “Insurance” for all of our events as well as other constructive items.
- Cost offsets for special events like our Ladies Day and Holiday Luncheons.
- Cost offsets to cover those SIR members that do not call in to cancel their lunch
- Free lunches for our guests and guest speakers.
- Free lunches for our monthly “Birthday drawing”
- Free lunches for each SIR on their 90th birthday
- Helps offset some of the cost of our lunches so that we pay less for them each week.
- And other items like the yearly printing of the SIR Roster that you will receive at the next SIR Luncheon. **BTW** this cost is up 15%+ this year over last year.

You are invited to contribute to cover these expenses. Contributions can be made at the beginning of the year or at each of the monthly meetings. **The current contribution for 2022 is \$24.00.**



Birthdays

April Birthdays	
Name	Year
John Finkbohner	1928
Garth Hewitt	1957



Anniversaries

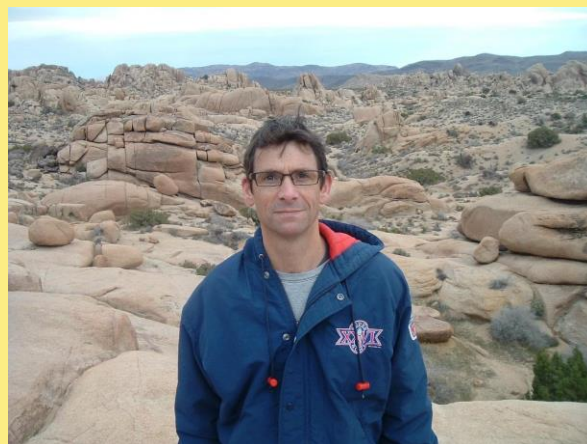
April Anniversaries	
Name	Year
Bill & Karen Chisholm	2001
Gary & Sue Lassen	1989
Dan & Karen Lawler	1965
Tom & Rebecca (Becky) Martin	1966
Richard & Susan Thomsen	1967

March SIR Attendance

Membership	83	Excused	20	Guests	2
Members Attended	49	Unexcused	14	Speaker	1
Total Attendance	52	Removed	0	Visitors	0
		Added	1		

The speaker for the April meeting is being firmed up.

A member is required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. Our SIR Board can grant attendance relief to a member who is unable to attend a luncheon due to a prolonged illness, acting as a care giver to a family member or an extended absence from the Branch locale. Should a member plan to miss a luncheon, **then it is their responsibility to call-in ahead of time** so that there will not be a meal planned for them. *Please call at least two (2) days in advance when you cannot attend a luncheon (Sunday by 6:30pm). Calling later than that does not give time to cancel meals. Call Herb Mitschan's Voicemail at 763-9225.*



Our Speaker For Last Month
Was
Phil Barber
Reporter for the Press
Democrat
 (Arranged by Mike Burwen)

TRAVEL



2022 TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

LOCAL TO PETALUMA AND BAY AREA:

GIANTS: If you are interested in going to a weekday, daylight, game, then call Derlin German at 707-763-6162 ASAP. He is working with the Giants to set a daylight game up but needs to better understand the interest level.

BUTTER AND EGG DAYS PARADE: Derlin is looking for volunteers to work the beer concession on Sat April 23. The times are from 10:00-3:30. Contact Derlin German at 707-763-6162

WORLDWIDE TRAVEL:

Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play. August 27 – September 7, 2022, Price: \$4,725 double occupancy (Land only) Airfare to be added. Registration for this trip is OFFICIALLY CLOSED, if you have an interest I suggest checking directly with Bill. Contact Bill Stires Branch #143 at 209-988-5445 or email bstires46@gmail.com if interested in the trip. **(SOLD OUT)**

ALASKA LAND & SEA May 23 June 4th. 2022

8-DAY CRUISE Aboard the Majestic Princess ♦ Anchorage/Whittier ♦ Hubbard Glacier Scenic Cruising ♦ Glacier Bay Cruising ♦ Skagway ♦ Juneau ♦ Ketchikan ♦ Vancouver
6-DAY LAND ♦ 1 Nights Fairbanks ♦ 2 Nights Denali National Park ♦ 1 Night Mt. McKinley Lodge ♦ 1 night Anchorage CONTACT Larry Yarberry (925) 890-9245 l.yarberry42@comcast.net Or Talbot Tours 800 662-9933 info@talbottours.com Land & Cruise including roundtrip Airfare \$2995. DBL. OCCUPANCY \$4250. SINGLE SIRMtDiablo8PrincessAlaskaLandandSea.05.23.2022.pdf **(MAY BE STILL OPEN)**

8 Night Columbia and Snake River Cruise May 12, 2022, via the American Harmony of the American Cruise Lines. Explore the Pacific Northwest with your fellow SIR members following the path of Lewis and Clark. Unpack once and enjoy the beauty of the lush forest of the River Gorge and the high desert bordering the Snake River and Hells Canyon. Prices range from \$5,600 pp. double occupancy. For more information contact Tan Matosian Branch 128. tgmatt54@gmail.com Or contact The Travel Center in Pleasant Hill directly at 925-937-2223 be sure to mention Branch 128. **(MAY BE STILL OPEN)**

CLASSIC NEW ENGLAND Sept.29-Oct 7, 2022

Day 1 <> Arrive Boston <> Upon arrival in Boston meet your Tour Director - **Day 2** <> Boston Sightseeing restaurants. -**Day 3** <> Boston - Portland - Bar Harbor, ME <> **Day 4** <> Bar Harbor - Acadia National Park - Bar Harbor - **Day 5** Bar Harbor - North Conway. **Day 6** <> North Conway - Woodstock - Killington/Ruthland, VT. for an overnight stay. **Day 7** Killington - Norman Rockwell Museum - Mohegan Sun - **Day 8** <> Newport, RI - Mystic Seaport - Mohegan Sun **Day 9** <> Mohegan Sun - Boston - Flight Home <> This morning travel to Boston with fond memories of your Classic New England Tour. (Breakfast) WELCOME to Larry Yarberry (925) 890-9245 l.yarberry42@comcast.net Or Talbot Tours (603) 662-9933 info@talbotours.com Total Land and Airfare \$3950 DBL OCCUPANCY \$5180 SINGLE

SOLD OUT

8 Night Autumn in the Northeast - CRUISE ABOARD THE CRYSTAL SERENITY QUEBEC CITY TO NEW YORK CITY October 5-13, 2022. Ports of call: The Bay of Fundy, Saint John, Bar Harbor, Boston, Newport, NYC. *Crystal Cruises are all inclusive!*
Pricing from \$4898 pp dbl. occupancy, including airfare.
Contact Milt Smith miltsmith549@gmail.com 925-285-2897

SOLD OUT

POKER CLUB

SIR has a Poker Club. We play once a month. If you have an interest, then contact Al McLaughlin (amclau500@gmail.com) 707-999-8550



BOCCE BALL: Bocce Ball will be restarting on Thursday, April 14th. It should be a lot of fun. I will give you all an update on the timing and expected weather at our luncheon on April 12th.

...Rich Zanotti



NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate.

Sons in Retirement, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

GOLF NEWS – from SIR Mark Cooper



Tournament Schedule –

April	May
4th. P.G.&C.C.	2nd. P.G.&C.C.
11th. FOXTAIL SO. 8:30 AM	9th. FOXTAIL NO. 8:30 AM
18th. ROOSTER RUN	16th. ROOSTER RUN
26th. TUES. BENNETT VALLEY	23rd. FOXTAIL NO. 8:30 AM
	30th. NO GOLF

STARTING TIMES (see below)

ROOSTER RUN:	P.G.&C.C.	FOXTAIL S & N	BENNETT VALLEY
- Mondays - 9:00 AM Regular Start	- 7:50 AM Regular Start	- 8:30 AM Regular Start	- Tuesdays - 8:30 AM
- Thursdays - 9:30 AM Regular			



News from the links:

With the weather improving, golf participation is increasing and so is the prize fund. The winners are getting more return for their \$3.00 investment. Bring your “A” game and cash in. Just like the Lotto, you can’t win if you don’t play. Also, I might add that we have a hole in one Insurance kitty for when you get your next hole in one and need to buy drinks. This will help pay the bar tab.

I received a call this week informing me that on April 11th when we are scheduled to play the south course at Foxtail the parking lot is going to be worked on, so parking will be limited. Alternate parking will be available at Double Decker bowling lanes and Double Tree hotel adjacent to the No. one tee on the north course. You might want to arrive a bit early for closer parking.

I hope you all got the new golf schedule as there some changes with some dates that we will not be playing due to Holidays or course unavailability.

Tee ‘em up and let’s play golf.

.....Your golfing pal, **Mark**

***** TOURNAMENT RESULTS *****

<u>02-28-2022 Foxtail No.</u>	<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Net</u>		<u>Net</u>	<u>Closest to Pin</u>	
FIRST FLIGHT	Ken Downing	86	Marcus Webster	76		Bill Allen	57’ 5”
SECOND FLIGHT	Greg OBrien	100	Al Aguilar	72		Martin Hymowitz	26’ 4”
<u>03-07-2022 P.G.&C.C.</u>	<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Net</u>		<u>Net</u>	<u>Closest to Pin</u>	
FIRST FLIGHT	Tlim Church	90	Joe Ladely	75		Marcus Webster	7’ 0”
SECOND FLIGHT	Al Aguilar	106	Martin Hymowitz	78		None	
<u>03-14-22 Rooster Run</u>	<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Net</u>		<u>Net</u>	<u>Closest to Pin</u>	
FIRST FLIGHT	Stu Nissenbaum	87	Bill Chisholm (Tie)	70		Ken Downing	8’ 6 1/2”
			Marcus Webster(Tie)	70			

SIR Nino Cerruti, HLM
313 Ridgeview Drive
Petaluma, CA 94952

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organization at sirinc.org

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SIR Branch 147
Executive

BIG SIR
Joesph (Joe) Ladely 763 7902

Little SIR
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Warren Payne 478 5399

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Nino Cerruti, HLM 762 5187

Assistant Treasurer
Mark Cooper 763 6183

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Mark Quam 775 220 8447
Tony Estes 781 9629
Keith Heiden 479 6762
Greg O'Brien (A Past Big SIR) 774 6342

OUR WILLING WORKERS

Attendance Herb Mitschan, HLM 763 9225 James Inden 763 6422	Membership Mark Quam 775 220 8447
Bocce Ball Rich Zanotti 763 0553	Membership Records Nino Cerruti, HLM 762 5187
Chaplain Richard Bergeron 762 8589 (Please call the Chaplin to report illnesses)	Name Tags & Seating (Open)
Computer & Smart Phone Club Mike Burwen 658 2844	Nominating Committee (Open)
Newsletter Editor Al McLaughlin 999 8550	Photographer Herb Mitschan, HLM 763 9225
Golf Mark Cooper 763 6183 Handicap Chairman Bill Johns 888-7245 Golf Assistant Lynn Kaul 292-1211	Picnic (Open)
Greeters (To be assigned by the Attendance Chairman)	Poker Club Al McLaughlin 999 8550
Historian Position Open	RAMP (Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations, & Publicity) Mike Burwen 658 2844
	Travel & Other Activities (Open)
	Area 8 Representative Rich Zanotti 763 0553

Contact Information
for individuals
wanting more info.
about SIRs:

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sir147@sirinc2.org

REGULAR
MEMBERSHIP
MEETINGS are held on
the **Second Tuesday of**
Each Month

The Executive
Committee meets at
10:00 A.M., Social Hour
at 11:00 and Lunch
begins at 12:00. A
Speaker is normally up
after lunch.
Meetings are held at the
Elks Lodge
2105 S McDowel Blvd
Petaluma, CA 94954