



SIR Monterey News

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2026 SIR Leadership

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President's Message



Fellow SIRs,
Spring is coming, and SIR activities are a good way to enjoy the outdoors and meet friends. But to keep our branch active, we need three things: members, money, and volunteers.

Members: Our group naturally loses members because people move away, have health issues, or some pass away. To stay strong, we need to find new members. So, we encourage you to bring in friends, and if you do, you get a free lunch once the person is inducted. Recently we welcomed new members Kevin Cooper and Tom Pyle, but we need more. So please help us out.

Money: Our main income is from membership dues. So, if you haven't paid your 2026 dues yet, please send your \$35 to our Treasurer, Rob Dunne soon. We also receive donations occasionally, so we thank an anonymous donor for a recent gift of over a hundred dollars. It will be spent wisely!

Volunteers: We do not have paid staff. All work, including admin, activities and communications, is done by members who volunteer. When key positions are vacant, current volunteers have to do extra work, which can be time consuming and stressful. We currently need volunteers for Vice President (my job last year), Speakers & Programs Chair, and Newsletter Editor-in-Chief. Now is the time for members to step up and help out. Your involvement ensures the continuation of our programs and community spirit. Let's talk, if you are willing to join our leadership team.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next monthly luncheon on March 12th or at one of our activities!

Prez Gary

March Guest Speaker

SIR Barry Murphy

Barry will be talking about his lifelong hobby of *Homing Pigeons*. Including a brief history, how they navigate, how they were used to carry messages during wartime, and information about Homing Pigeon Racing. Followed by a visit with some of his friends.



February Guest Speaker



Guest Speaker **Kim Parker** talking about "Taxes and Seniors" at our February luncheon meeting. Kim highlighted the 2026 changes by the IRS to our income taxes. She is a volunteer instructor and tax preparer for the *Alliance on Aging* and *United Way of Monterey County*. Thank you, Kim!

New Members



President Gary inducting **Tom Pyle** (center) and **Kevin Cooper** (right) at our February luncheon meeting. Welcome Tom and Kevin!

Calendar of Activities, Events & Meetings

3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 SIR Golf Club
Various Monterey Bay Courses
Contact: John Ecklund
jecklund@sbcglobal.net

3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31 Geezer/SIR Golf
Tee times beginning 9:00am
Monterey Pines Golf Club
1250 Garden Road, Monterey
Contact: Jack Orchard
jojoorchard@gmail.com

3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 SIR Bocce Ball
10am followed by optional lunch
Monterey Custom House Plaza
Contact: Mike Hartter
mhartter@gmail.com

3/10 SIR BEC Meeting
9:30am – 11:00am
Via Zoom
Contact: Gary Parker
garywparker@msn.com

3/12 SIR Luncheon Meeting
Check in begins – 11:30am
Monterey Elks Lodge
150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey
Contact: Rob Dunne
dunnelaw6383@gmail.com

3/19 SIR Book Club
11:30am - 1:00pm
Black Bear Diner
2450 No. Fremont St, Monterey
Contact: John Hetz
hetz.john@yahoo.com

3/20 SIR Bowling
2:00 – 4:00pm
Monterey Lanes
2161 No. Fremont St, Monterey
Contact: Mike Hartter
mhartter@gmail.com

3/26 SIR Wine Tasting
Bernardus Winery, Carmel Valley Village
Time TBD
Contact: Mike Carbaugh
mfcarbaugh@gmail.com

3/30 SIR Indoor Games
1:00 – 3:00pm
Asilomar Conference Center
800 Asilomar Blvd, Pacific Grove
Contact: Scott Van Tyle
gonzo7hunter@gmail.com

SIR Activities News



St. Patrick's Day Social

4th Annual at
O'Callahan's Irish Pub
3772 The Barnyard, Carmel
Tuesday, March 17th
12 Noon-2:00pm

*Come with your spouse or partner for
Traditional corned beef & cabbage,
Shepherd's Pie, Irish Stew, or regular
pub lunch menu, or just a Guinness.
Socialize with your SIR friends.
Enjoy Irish music.*

*Be sure to wear your GREEN.
Everyone is Irish on St. Pat's Day
So let's have some fun again!!*



Scott Van Tyle, our Special Events Director, will be passing around sign-up sheets for two new events at our monthly luncheon on March 12th. The first is a tour of the *Monterey Lower Presidio Historic Park & Museum* on a weekday afternoon in April. Scott is a docent at the Point Pinos Lighthouse in Pacific Grove and an experienced tour guide. So, it should be educational and fun for those of you who have never visited the park with its monuments and rich history of early Monterey.



The second event is *Beer Tasting*, also led by Scott, at one of the dozen or so local craft breweries and pubs in the Monterey Peninsula area. Such as the Hops & Fog Brewing Company in Pacific Grove that opened this past year. If there is interest, this event could actually turn into a regular SIR Monterey activity much like our wine tasting group that meets at a different wine tasting room or winery each month. So, please sign up and let Scott know your preferences as to when and where you would like to taste some "suds".

Golf



Mondays

SIR Golf Club of Monterey Bay
Various courses

Tuesdays 9am

Geezer/SIR Monterey Golf
Monterey Pines GC

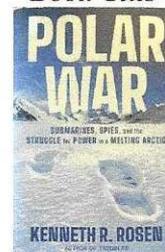
Bocce



Wednesdays 10am

Monterey Custom House Plaza Courts
Optional lunch after at local restaurants

Book Club



Thursday, March 19th

Black Bear Diner 11:30-1:00pm
Discussion of *Polar War*

Bowling



Friday, March 20th

2:00 – 4:00pm
Open bowling at Monterey Lanes

Indoor Games



Monday, March 30th

1:00 – 3:00pm
Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove
Bring your games



Monterey Branch 28
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Thursday, March 12th at 11:30am

Program: *SIR Barry Murphy*
Talking about his hobby "Homing Pigeons"

Monterey Elks Lodge
150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey
Buffet Meal & Salad



Luncheon Reservation

If paying by check:

Make check payable to: **SIR Branch 28**
Mail form and check for \$30 per attendee to:
Rob Dunne, Treasurer
13 Wyndemere Vale
Monterey, CA 93940

Member Name _____

Email or Phone # _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Email or Phone # _____

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

If paying by credit card:

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Reservation(s) must be received by the date below so we can notify the Elks Lodge of our luncheon headcount:

Monday, March 9th