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The Big Sir Message from Dennis Gately



[Be sure to update Past Big SIRs, Contacts pg 13, Contacts on web and email forwarding. Update web re in-person meetings](#)

This month, for the first time in almost two years, our local SIR Branch will have an in-person luncheon on the 23rd of November!

Please look for the invite that I sent out (possibly in your junk mail folder). As stated there, the State SIR organization is allowing us to start meeting again as long as everyone is vaccinated or has a recent negative test. **Please bring proof of either.** State SIR is also requiring us to have Waiver forms signed by anyone participating in an activity or coming to a lunch. If you have already signed a Waiver for one of the activity groups, we should have that recorded. If not, please click the Waiver form below, complete it and bring the completed Waiver to the luncheon. We will also have forms at the entrance to the luncheon for you to sign.

Please be sure to RSVP and send in your \$28 to Fred Coffield as soon as possible, and no later than Tuesday, 12/21 as we need to give the caterer a head count. We are committing to at least 50 attendees, so please try to join us in November – **IN-PERSON!** Try to arrive a bit early (say 11:15 or so) as check-in will be a bit longer. Unfortunately, we will not be able to conduct a Zoom meeting at the same time, but plan to record the speaker to post on our website as in the past.

We will also have a **LIVE SPEAKER** at the luncheon. He is experimental Neurologist, **Asif Ashan**, who will give a talk on **“Exploiting Illusions”**.

State SIR requires anyone attending any SIR or SIR 101 in-person event/activity to be vaccinated or have a recent negative test. **Please bring proof of either.** The SIR organization also requires us to have Waiver forms signed by anyone attending any SIR or SIR 101 in-person event/activity. Click the State SIR issued [Protocols-for-Minimizing-Covid-19-Liability-final\(sirinc.org\)](#) and the [Waiver-final.pdf \(sirinc.org\)](#). The Waiver is also available to view and download on our SIR 101 website, click [SIR 101 COVID Waiver](#) that is setup for SIR 101 use. Membership Chair Larry Wiley SIR101Membership@googlegroups.com will track signed and completed Waivers. One Waiver covers **all** SIR and SIR 101 in-person events/activities. If you previously returned a completed Waiver to Larry or your activity chair, you need not complete another.

[Big Sir >> Page 14](#)

Announcements

We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month. Our next **in-person Meeting** will be Jan 25, 2022. SIR 101 members: watch for an email with the details. Future in-person meetings are planned for Feb 22, 2022, Mar 22, 2022 and Apr 26, 2022.

Check out our **SIR Branch 101 web site**. Click SirInc2.org/Branch101 to see the latest edition. Click Mike Pocha, SIR101Web@googlegroups.com to email or call 925-443-1953 for the member id and password.

Do you need a member phone # or email address? Did you know our web site **‘Members Only’** section has a Member Roster, Member Photo Gallery, Speaker Videos, Member Videos, BEC Meeting Minutes and Monthly Meeting Minutes?

Speaker's Preview

November 23, 2021—Asif Ahsan - “Exploiting Illusions“ live in person



Our November speaker is Asif Ahsan. .

SIR 101 members will receive a Zoom ???? invite in an email closer to the presentation.

Please invite?? your spouse or partner to enjoy this interesting presentation with you.

Contributed by Bill Leach:

Future Speakers

A great attraction for getting potential new members to come to our SIR meetings is the speakers. Here are the speakers for future meetings. Share this information with your friends to attract them to our meetings. Click [SIR 101 Meeting Speakers-Public](#) to see available information about each presentation.

Do you have ideas for speakers? Let Ted Schaefer, SIR101LittleSIR@googlegroups.com know.

Our Planned Speakers follow with dates to be confirmed:

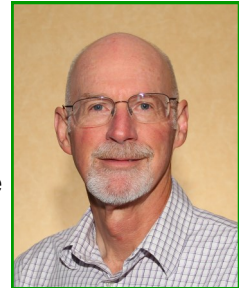
Jan 25, 2022—stay tuned

Feb 22, 2022—stay tuned

Mar 22, 2022—stay tuned

Financial

Contact: Fred Coffield, Treasurer, 925-216-0227,
SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com



SIR Form 28 Monthly Cash Report for November, 2021. See our web site for the complete Form 28.

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (Total Cash)...Line 1 .Month \$5949.09..YTD \$6672.84
 ENDING CASH BALANCE (Total Cash).....Line 8 .Month \$6017.09..YTD \$6017.09

Membership and Attendance

Contact: Larry Wiley, Chairman, 925-443-7979,
SIR101Membership@googlegroups.com



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, VISITORS and GUESTS:

- ◆ **New Members: 2** - Joel Bowers (#69), Roger Grimm
- ◆ **Visitors: 0.**
- ◆ **Guests: 0.**

MEMBER CARE GIVERS:

- ◆ Care Givers: 0.

MEMBER CHANGES:

- ◆ **Deleted:** 1-Ron Volpa resigned.
- ◆ **Passed:** 1-Carroll Shepard.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

- ◆ The ACTIVE Membership of SIR 101 as of November 14, 2021 is 182 members.

MEETING ATTENDANCE—As of November, 2021, in person meetings (monthly lunch) have resumed subject to applicable COVID-19 rules and SIR Waiver. Zoom not available. BEC meetings remain via Zoom.

- ◆ October (Attended) = approx. 43; Excused (Notified) = n/a; **Absent (Did not notify) = n/a.**

SIR Form 27 Monthly Branch Membership Report for November, 2021. Our web site has the complete Form 27 for November, 2021.

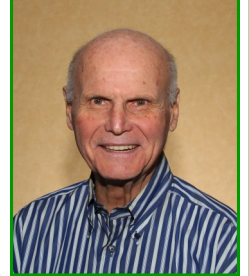
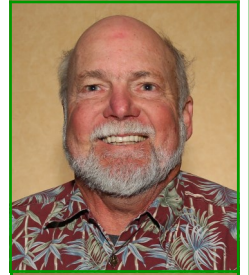
| MEMBERSHIP | | Previous Years | | | | | | | | | | | | Year Total | Year % | Min Goal | Branch Goal | | | |
|------------|---|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|--------|----------|-------------|------|------|------|
| | | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | | | | | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| 1 | NUMBER OF MEMBERS LAST MONTH (= Line 4 last month) | 144 | 199 | 190 | 184 | 183 | 182 | 182 | 178 | 178 | 178 | 179 | 181 | 181 | | | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| 2 | NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN | 74 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | 7 | 3.8% | 12 | 12 |
| 3 | NUMBER OF MEMBERS OUT (ATTRITION) | 19 | 29 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | 10 | 5.4% | ---- | ---- |
| 4 | NUMBER OF MEMBERS (Lines 1+2-3) | 199 | 190 | 184 | 183 | 182 | 182 | 178 | 178 | 178 | 179 | 181 | 181 | 181 | | | ---- | ---- | 185 | 185 |
| 5 | TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES - including Partner activities | 20 | 20 | 20 | ---- | ---- | 20 | ---- | ---- | 20 | ---- | ---- | 20 | ---- | ---- | | ---- | ---- | ---- | 19 |
| 6 | NUMBER OF PARTNER ACTIVITIES | 16 | 16 | 16 | ---- | ---- | 16 | ---- | ---- | 16 | ---- | ---- | 16 | ---- | ---- | | ---- | ---- | ---- | 15 |
| 7 | MEDIAN BRANCH AGE | 77.3 | 77.7 | 78.2 | ---- | ---- | 78.6 | ---- | ---- | 78.9 | ---- | ---- | 78.9 | ---- | ---- | | ---- | ---- | ---- | 78 |

Backpacking

When: tbd

Where: tbd

Contact: Dave Lunn, Chairman, 925-784-2624,
SIR101Backpacking@googlegroups.com
 Leo Bennis, Asst Chairman, 925-956-3044,
SIR101Backpacking@googlegroups.com



Backpacking is on hiatus.

Contact Dave for more information.

Bocce

When: 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays, November and December , 10:00 AM - 11:30AM

Next: Nov 18, Dec 2, 16 and 30, 2021

Where: Bothwell Park, 8th and H St

Contact: Chuck Molenkamp, Chairman, 925-455-1952,
SIR101Bocce@googlegroups.com



Bocce is a SIR 101 Approved Activity. With a major rainstorm on October 24th, SIR 101 bocce has definitely moved out of summer with concerns about high temperatures and into winter and worries about rain. It is always interesting to see how the court changes when there has been significant rain. The courts are built on packed sand with a layer of green carpet on top, and rain causes the sand underneath to settle and change the little high and low spots just enough to change the path of the balls. SIRS bocce is scheduled for the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month during October, November and December to minimize conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas. The next few dates are November 18 and December 2, 16, and 30. During January we switch back to the normal second and fourth Thursdays of the month starting with January 6, 2022.

On October 22nd we ended up not playing due to a light rain and too few players. On November 4 we had six players and three very competitive games. We all had a great time, the court was interesting, and our conversations were delightful - a wonderful time for the group. Since there are two courts at Bothwell Park, there is space for additional players, and we would love to have you join us. If you have trouble remembering things, an email reminder goes out to the active bocce players on Monday or Tuesday of the week we are playing. If you are interested in bocce you can get these emails by requesting them from Chuck Molenkamp SIR101Bocce@googlegroups.com.

November 4. Chuck Molenkamp, Dale Schauer, Raul Pomares, Roger Everett, and Coleman Johnson. The photographer was Harry Levin

Bridge

When: tbd
Where: tbd

Contact: open,- Chairman, SIR101Bridge@googlegroups.com

Bridge is on hiatus.

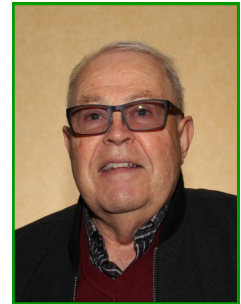
Please contact Activities chair [Ron Saltgaver](#) for more information.

Chess

When: tbd
Where: tbd

Contact: Mike Miller, Chairman, 925-449-4062,
SIR101Chess@googlegroups.com

Chess is on hiatus.



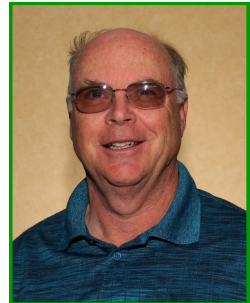
Dining Out

When: tbd
Where: tbd

Contact: Doug Mansur, Chairman, 925-640-5233,
SIR101Diningout@googlegroups.com

Couples are always welcome

Dining Out is a SIR 101 Approved Activity.



Fishing

When: tbd
Where: tbd

Contact: Roger Perry, Chairman, 925-518-8676,
SIR101Fishing@googlegroups.com

Fishing is on hiatus.



Bowling

When: tbd
Where: tbd

Contact: Bo Wong, Chairman, 925-447-7051,
SIR101Bowling@googlegroups.com

Bowling is on hiatus.



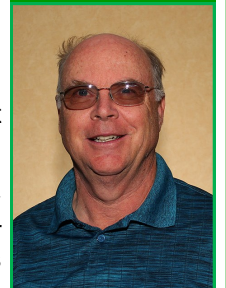
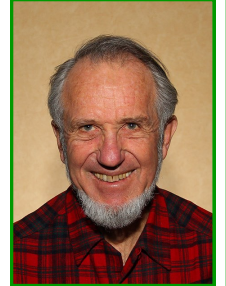
Kayaking

When: 1st Tuesdays **Next:** Dec 7, 2021

Where: Cosumnes River Reserve

Contact: Dick Ryon, 925-447-8907, SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com

Doug Mansur, 925-640-5233, SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com



Kayaking is a SIR 101 Approved Activity.

At the recommendation of Steve Hatchett, we returned to Cosumnes River Preserve. Steve says, "I asked about best times for fall colors on the river, under all those magnificent cottonwoods, oaks, and maples. [I was told] the colors should be close to peak in early November. To boot, there should be lots of sandhill cranes in the area then." A great brochure can be seen at <https://www.cosumnes.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Paddling-Brochure-Final.pdf> .

Nine of us participated in the planned trip, delayed a couple of days due to rain. The weather forecast was "Mostly sunny, with a high near 67." We got the "mostly sunny" sometime after noon. We set out on flat, placid water and enjoyed a leisurely three-mile paddle up-river. Trees were beginning to turn color, mostly yellow, with some red and orange supplied by vines growing into the trees. We saw a crane flying overhead. Up-river, we encountered relatively strong current and proceeded against it. Turning around to ride the current, we saw an otter, then stopped at a small beach, pulled our boats up the bank, and enjoyed fine conversation with lunch. We returned to the starting point by mid-afternoon, logging about 6.5 miles of paddling.

In December, we will return to our normal "First Tuesday" for scheduled outings. That will be Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance, the 7th of December. Several sites are under consideration. We may return to our closest place to paddle, Lake Del Valle, always a good choice.

Dick also plans an "**Introduction to Kayaking**" course at **Lake Del Valle** for those new to the sport or wishing to upgrade their skills. Topics covered will be efficient forward stroke, boat control utilizing other strokes, edging, sculling, and capsizing recovery.

We welcome new participants. It is a great sport, giving access to places otherwise inaccessible and unseen from land. I say, "A day on the water is a great day!" If you try it, I think you will agree.

If you don't (yet) have a kayak, contact Dick Ryon or Doug Mansur; we have extra boats and gear to lend. If you would like to join us, contact Dick Ryon.

SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com

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Game Day

When: tbd

Where: tbd

Contact: Ron Saltgaver, Chairman, 925-443-0693,
SIR101GameDay@googlegroups.com



Game Day is on hiatus.

I have successfully run a re-occurring Game Day for 3 years prior to the pandemic with satisfactory results. I am trying to make this available (albeit without meeting directly) via the Zoom computer tool.

I am proposing to run a Bingo session and possibly a Trivia or Timeline like game via Zoom. I need to know what you feel would be your best days and times for a 2 hour session of games. Name(s) of players, email addresses, favorite game, and how often would you like to meet. Send me an email at SIR101GameDay@googlegroups.com to express your interest.

Game day was initially designed for a group of people to get together with an agenda: General conversation until all arrive; play 1 or more games as a group or by dividing up into separate groups; Heat up Dinner; Continue the same or a new game; Stop Games; Eat dinner; Have dessert; and Adjourn. We gathered together at 3:00; Play Games; at 5:00 reheat or cook dinner items; 6:00 have dinner and dessert; and adjourn. The number of people invited was based on the table size. We chose a max of 12 as my large table will just comfortably fit that many.

Due to the pandemic, we are unable to get together in person until all participants are vaccinated and we hold to the Pandemic rules. We are not there as yet, but we are closer.

Some of the Branches in SIR are playing games like Poker, Bridge, Pinochle, and Cribbage via an Online Network programs (Not Zoom). The results of each group of 4 are reported to the Game Coordinator so that results can be tabulated and shared.

Investments

When: The last Friday of the month from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Next: tbd

Where: Zoom meeting

Contact: Rod Kiefer, Chairman, 925-447-4173,
SIR101Investments@googlegroups.com



Investments is a SIR 101 Approved Activity.

The goal of our activity is to share investment experiences, strategies, market research tools, and other investment topics the group may be interested in discussing. If you're interested in joining the investment group, please contact Rod Kiefer.

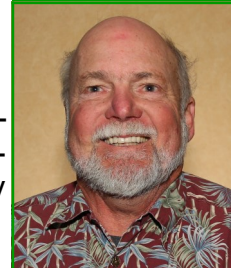
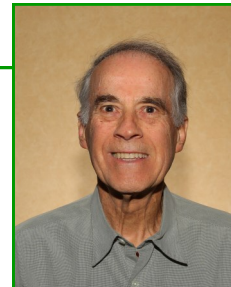
Hiking and Walking

When: Wednesdays, 8:30 am

Where: South L St. and Railroad Ave.

Contact: Art Hull, Chairman, 925-443-5479, SIR101Hiking@googlegroups.com

Dave Lunn, Asst. Chairman, 925-784-2624, SIR101Hiking@googlegroups.com



Hiking is a SIR 101 Approved Activity.

We meet every Wednesday at the southeast corner of South L St. and Railroad Ave. and leave at 8:00 AM or 8:30 AM for our hiking destination depending upon the weather. Spouses, friends and family are welcome. Bring plenty of water.

We form three groups of various hiking levels (Amblers, Ramblers, and Scramblers). The Amblers do a level hike usually at a park such as Sycamore Grove, Shadow Cliffs or Holdener. The Ramblers do a moderate hike and the Scramblers do a more strenuous hike at one of the many surrounding regional parks such as Del Valle, Sunol, Morgan Territory or Lake Chabot.

Hiking is good for your heart, good for your brain, and good for making friends. I guarantee we have a group for you. Try it, you might like it!

Our Motto: Remember, there's no such thing as bad hiking weather, just inappropriate clothing.

L: Having fun at Morgan Territory
B Lake Chabot-Standing Room Only
R Did You Hike Today
LB: Amblers Welcome You
RB Quiet Time at Gossip Rock

Remember to Zoom in (Ctrl+) and out (Ctrl-) of any page.

Hiking October-November, 2021

Remember to Zoom in (Ctrl+) and out (Ctrl-) of any page.

View from the cell phone hotspot

We named him Gingrich

Warning...wet dog

Anonymously curated.

Amblers

A big cluster and there's room for more

NEAL'S ROMEOs (Retired "O" Men Eating Out)

When: tbd

Where: At various restaurants. **Next:** tbd

Contact: Roy Porfido, Chairman, 925-455-0600,

SIR101Romeos@googlegroups.com

Sorry—Men only



Neal's ROMEOs, those Retired "O" Men Eating Out, is on hiatus.

Golf

When: Mondays, 7:30AM through November

Where: Los Positas Golf Course and others

Contact: Bill Ormond III, Chairman, 925-443-1249, SIR101Golf@googlegroups.com

Golf is expected to be a SIR Approved Activity.

Golf 2022 Dues. Branch 101 Golf dues are now due for next year and are to be mailed to Bill Ormond by December 20th so that they can be forwarded to NCGA. They are: Returning Member \$50; New Member \$60. See the SIR 101 Roster at SIRInc2.org/Branch101 for Bill's contact information.

Bill wants to apologize for the fact that sickness and family health problems have made it impossible for him to play much and to be a part of the changes taking place with the dissolution of Branch 155. However, He also wanted to remind SIR members of the various State Sir tournaments, the "Home and Away" at Discovery Bay and the State Quarterly tournaments conducted in Hawaii, Mexico, Las Vegas and in the Northern California area.

Other: For many years the Monday golf tournaments was a Branch 101 activity coordinated by Mas Hisaoka of Branch 155, with an advisory representative from Branches 101, 121, and 155. More recently, Jim Deines has been the coordinator and officials like the Starter (Deines), Secretary, Treasurer, etc., have been Branch 155 personnel. These positions will have to be filled by Branch 101 personnel after the first of the year. **Any volunteers?**

Sunshine

Contact: Art Molvik, 925-373-8437, SIR101Sunshine@googlegroups.com

I'm sorry to announce that two of our favorite storytellers are dealing with health issues:

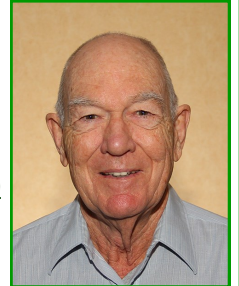
Bill Ormond has been sick and dealing with health issues of other family members, which has kept him from the golfing he loves and prevented all of us from enjoying his company at our virtual luncheons. See [page 9 Golf](#).

Lee Pittenger has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and doesn't expect to be able to attend our about-to-resume luncheons. A number of us know him as an excellent mechanical engineer at LLNL.

I am sorry to report that **Carroll Shepard** died on October 22, 2021. He lived a full life right up to the end. He had just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with Lillie, and was golfing with friends the day before he died.

We miss **Jim Steinhaus**, who died last December. His family has scheduled a Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church, Livermore, on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021 at 2:00 pm. It is good to be emerging from the pandemic, so we can have limited in-person meetings.

If you hear of someone needing a word of encouragement from all of us, or hear good news of someone's recovery, please let Art know. He will spread the news and get a card out to them.



Wine Tasting

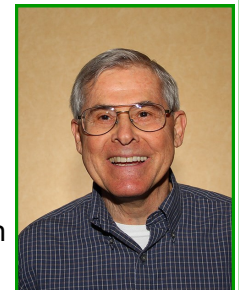
When: Fri. Nov 12, 3:30 pm

Where: Shadow Puppet Brewing, 4771 Arroyo Vista, Suite B, Livermore

Contact: Bill Bish, Chairman, 925-447-1266, SIR101Wine@googlegroups.com

Wine Tasting is a SIR 101 Approved Activity. Contact Bill for more information.

Our next wine tasting will be at the Darcie Kent Winery on Tesla Rd, on Fri. Nov 12th at 3:30. Come join us and taste some very good wines.



Woodcarving

When: tbd

Where: tbd

Contact: open, Chairman, SIR101WoodCarving@googlegroups.com

Wood carving is on hiatus. Please contact Activities chair [Ron Saltgaver](#) for more information.

Activities

Contact: Ron Saltgaver, Chairman, 925-443-0693,
SIR101Activities@googlegroups.com

What: Do you want to start something new? Describe it in your own words.

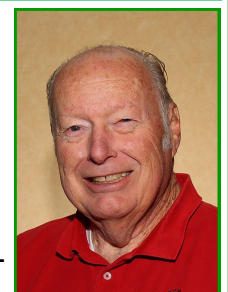
Where: Please, suggest location based on your ideas with current restrictions considered.

When: How often and what duration would you think would be best to keep up interest?

Contact: Do you want to be the Chairman for this?

We are restricted in many ways by the pandemic rules dealing with food and personal interactions, but you may have ideas on ways to comply while meeting California State and County guidelines. Send your ideas to Ron Saltgaver.

Please contact Activities chair Ron Saltgaver for more information.



SIR 101 Travel

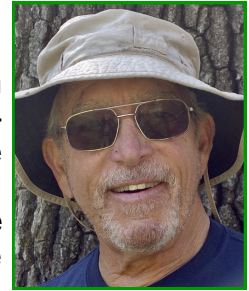
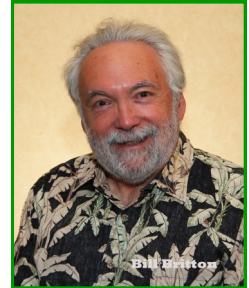
"The world is a great place. You should see it!"

Contact: Bill Britton, Chairman, 925-443-9913,

SIR101Travel@googlegroups.com

Jon Lumia, Asst. Chairman, 925-373-9412,

SIR101Travel@googlegroups.com



Travel is on hiatus.

I still don't have the final details for the Collette cruise on the Rhine/Moselle in September 2022. I do know that Collette is working on the custom modifications for the trip and I have at least 24 spots on hold. I have 20 plus people who have already expressed interest in the trip. I have modified the published trip by adding two pre-nights in Amsterdam and three post-nights in Lucerne before heading to Zurich for one night and flying home. Once I have all the details, I will be able to present the proposal to our SIR 101 BEC for approval. Watch this space for updates or contact me at the link above to get on my list.

The Amadeus fleet is outstanding. We previously had two SIR river cruises on Amadeus ships with Collette. My wife and I have also been on a portion of this cruise before, as well as driving in the area in the past. It will be a wonderful experience that I hope you will consider as we start to experience the greater world again!

Here is the plan:

- Depart for Amsterdam on September 12, 2022 (2 days ahead of the regular trip)
- Return from Zurich, Switzerland on September 26, 2022 (3 additional days at the end of the regular trip spent in Lucerne, Switzerland)
- We will be cruising on the MS Amadeus Imperial (launched in 2020)
- Travel insurance will be included in the pricing along with all tips.
- Ground transportation from Livermore to SFO and return.

Here is a map of the trip:



Reminder: SIR approved Collette Travel, has provided our overseas trips. If you want to plan your own trip you can go to their website, www.gocollette.com, find a trip that interests you, and let me know. If you book through me, I can save you money on your trip.
Bill Britton.

If you would like to be added to my list of interested travelers contact me here: SIR101Travel@googlegroups.com.

Membership Rules: A member will be notified in writing of the pending termination of his membership should he be responsible for any of the following: (a) missing three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting Werner Schläpfer, SIR101Attendance@googlegroups.com not later than the Thursday before the meeting day; (b) not attending a minimum of five (5) of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. Excused absences are not included in achieving the five (5) luncheon meeting minimum. Certification of attendance at another Branch Meeting or State SIR meeting will be considered as a credit to the attendance record.

Non-responsibility clause: All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matter pertaining to said activities. Travel events of four (4) or more nights and all air and sea travel must be arranged and booked through a travel agency. Members and guests shall make their checks payable to the travel agency involved. Tour and travel events of three (3) or fewer nights shall require participating members and guests to make their checks payable to the appropriate Branch of Sons in Retirement, Inc., whether or not a travel agency has booked the event.

SIR 101 web information:

SIR 101: SirInc2.org/Branch101. Our site has a 'Members Only' section. SIR 101 members may contact our Webmaster for the User Name and Password. See the Member Roster, Member Photo Gallery, Speaker Videos, Member Videos, Form 27, Form 28 and BEC Meeting Minutes.

Is your Photo Gallery photo missing? Send a digital photo similar to the Photo Gallery pictures to Webmaster Mike Pocha and to Bulletin Editor Len Smith. No photo? Contact the Bulletin Editor.

State SIR information: SIR Inc.: sirinc.org, **SIR Sports:** State SIR Sports Chair W. Lee Moy, HealthStudio@gmail.com (559) 709-9851. The **SIR newsletter** [SIR Happenings](#) features news about SIR and all the things that are still going on in our Branches.

Hyperlinks in this edition

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Hover the mouse over a hyperlinked **email address** and see a small 'mailto:' window popup. Click on the hyperlinked email address and an email subsystem will appear with the email address and subject line filled in ready to complete and send an email.

Hover the mouse over a hyperlinked **internet address (URL)** and see a small 'http.' window popup. Click on the hyperlinked URL and a browser window will open with that web site address.

Updates and suggestions

Send your updates and suggestions to the [Bulletin Editor](#).

What is the Birthday Boys Program? It is a program that offers each member, who is celebrating a birthday in the current month, to have a chance to receive a free \$25 egift certificate, if that member's name is chosen in a drawing and is in attendance at the monthly meeting. Currently, three names are called for each month and awarded a free \$25 egift certificate. Click [here](#) to see the current Birthday Boys.

What is the Green Dot Program? (Editor's note: the [Green Dot](#) program continues to recognize recent new members. Nov, 2021: The Luncheon benefit is available again.

Each member is assigned an identification number that appears on his lapel badge which is filed in numerical order near the Luncheon Meeting entrance. He will wear his badge at all meetings and must leave it when he departs the meeting. For about the first six months after he joins SIR 101, his badge will have a **Green Dot** on it which signifies he is a new member and entitles members who share his dining table early access to the buffet line. The main purpose is to encourage members to introduce themselves to the new members and help them feel comfortable and learn what SIR is all about. The badges also provide a means of noting meeting attendance.

Current Green Dot members

Jeff Anhalt, Ron Baskett, Joel Bowers, Dave Burg, Bob Canning, Vaughn Draggoo, Dave Dunlap, Patrick Epperson, Hugh Gregg, Roger Grimm, Rick Knowles, Brian Mayall, Paul McCandless, Bob McGarry, John Mulrooney, Steve Plummer, Rick Roller, Lynn Shaeffer, Steve Skedzielewski, Joe Stetter.

New Way to Pay Members now have the option to use their PC or smartphone to pay your lunch and annual contribution. Most major banks support Zelle money transfers. Want to know more? Click ZELLEPAY.COM. **On your PC** login to your bank web site. **On your smartphone** download your bank's app. If your bank doesn't have Zelle, then download the Zelle app from ZELLEPAY.COM. Connect Zelle to your bank account. Connect Zelle to Treasurer Fred Coffield's cell phone 925 216-0227 or email fcoffield1@comcast.net. Fred prefers Zelle but some banks don't support Zelle. Fred will also accept **PayPal**. Either way, ZELLE or Paypal, send the money to Fred's cell phone number or email address whichever it asks for. You use Zelle or Paypal to send the money direct to the SIR bank account. You can also pay by cash/check by mailing or dropping payment at Fred's house. See the Member Roster on our website for Fred's street address.

If you have questions, please contact Treasurer Fred Coffield, SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com.

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Birthday Boys*

January Birthday Boys: you must be at the January 25th meeting for a chance to win one of up to 3 \$25 e-gift certificates

November Birthday Boy Winners:

Ed Cook, Jim Doggett, Dick Finn, Scott Henderson,
Art Hull, Jani Janakiraman, Coleman Johnson,
Pete Kachel, Phil La Scola, Gordon Longerbeam,
Rian Mayall, Joe Medeiros, Rick Morrow,
Mohammed Mustafa, Bill Nebo, Bruce Nevin,
Ron Peterson, David Rice, Victor Wheatman

December Birthday Boy Winners:

* See page 12 'Birthday Boy Program'

Events

What: 2022 Picnic

When: tentative June, 2022!

Contact: Ron Saltgaver, Chairman, 925-443-0693,
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Big Sir from Page 1 It is also the time of the year where we usually elect new officers. It has been hard to line new volunteers up for these positions as we don't see each other as often. If anyone has an interest in one of the officer positions, please contact me. **We are especially looking for folks willing to step in as Secretary or Asst. Secretary.** Let me know if you are interested.

Fortunately, our approved outdoor activities are still going strong – Hiking, Kayaking and Bocce. If things continue to improve, perhaps we can get a few more started.

We will also pull names for the "Birthday Boys" for the month. If you have a birthday this month be sure to attend in-person as you cannot win if you are not there! I hope that you will join in!

Since you are reading this, you have opened the newsletter – again, please, look at the rest! There is a lot of information in there for you as well as pictures and other fun items. As for other news, the State SIR folks continue to send updates to all members. Take a look at their web sites. Here are 2 links - <https://sirinc.org> and <https://wearesir.com>.

Stay safe and maybe I'll see you hiding behind a face mask somewhere.