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## The Big Sir Message from Dennis Gately



I hope you did not miss out on June 16 when we had our first SIR Branch 101 Summer Picnic since 2019... Thanks goes out to Ron Saltgaver for hosting a great event. On the grounds of Asbury Methodist Church, Back Forty BBQ provided an excellent barbecue meal. Over 60 members and their spouses and friends enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of good food and conversation! Here's to a future of many more activities like this one!

Which brings to mind... We awarded Len Smith a SIR "I'm Doing My Part:" pin at the picnic for all of his work in providing the branch with a monthly, informative bulletin. Each month, working behind the scenes, gathering info from all our activity leads as well as branch officers, Len has worked tirelessly for years. I want to thank Len for being the watchful eyes of our goings-on, the prompter of scheduling and the lead in our branch communications. Len has decided to hand over the editing task and I thank him for providing excellent service to the **Big Sir >> Page 15**

### Lunch Prepayment Instructions / Yearly Member Donation Reminder

Prepay your \$30 lunch or make your Annual Donation of \$20 using these instructions.

You can best support our branch with your yearly \$20 donation. With Alameda County updating its policies on Covid restrictions, we expect more and more members will be joining our activities. SIR promotes entertaining and enriching our lives through many activities as well as branch meetups, like in-person luncheons, restarting now after the Covid hiatus with the new policies as mentioned above. If you have not already donated for the year, please consider!

### Donate/pay online or on your cell phone or computer with Zelle (preferred)!

**Zelle**-You can easily donate/pay using your bank's app or the Zelle app on your phone. On your computer go to the [zellepay.com](http://zellepay.com) website.

**Connect Zelle to:** Treasurer, Fred Coffield's cell phone: **925-216-0227**.

**PayPal**-Although Paypal is accepted, Paypal charges SIR 101 an additional fee of up to \$2 or more per transaction. Zelle is preferred. You can donate/pay (Lunch \$32 or Donation \$22) using the PayPal app on your phone or on your computer from the [paypal.com](http://paypal.com) website.

**Connect PayPal to:** Treasurer, Fred Coffield's cell phone: **925-216-0227**.

**Mail checks to:** Fred Coffield (address in the [Members Only](#) tab on our website).

**Questions or more Information?** See [page 12 'How to Pay'](#) or contact Treasurer: Fred Coffield, [SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com).

## Announcements

We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month. Our next **Meeting** will be July 26, 2022, SIR 101 members: watch for an email with the details. Future meetings are planned for Tuesday, August 23, 2022 and Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

Check out our **SIR Branch 101 web site**. Click [Sirlnc2.org/Branch101](http://Sirlnc2.org/Branch101) to see the latest edition. Click Mike Pocha, [SIR101Web@googlegroups.com](mailto: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

**July 26, 2022—Tom Ramos - LLNL  
“Nuclear Threats in 1961 re: Berlin”**

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Tom graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He served in the Army for twelve years before becoming a physicist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. For ten years he was a nuclear weapons designer and then took an assignment at the Pentagon. Upon returning to the Laboratory, Tom created a counterproliferation program and led it for seventeen years. Ten years ago, Tom began research on the history of the Laboratory's nuclear weapons program.

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## June Picnic !

The June 2022 picnic, held on the grounds of Asbury Methodist Church, was a success. The weather provided a wonderful day as 67 attendees conversed and enjoyed excellent food, provided by Back 40 Barbecue. Our host, Ron Saltgaver, & attendees, along with guidance from the Asbury team, got the picnic set up quickly. A cornhole game and a trivia challenge provided fun for picnic goers. Large umbrellas and trees in the Asbury courtyard kept it quite comfortable for all!

*First of all we would like to thank Roger Everett and Dick Crawford for their support of the event. Both were very helpful in their support of the picnic.*

*We also want to thank all of the people who pitched in to set up the tables and chairs and then the take-down at the end. It went very smoothly. Thanks to all. — Ron Saltgaver*

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## 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.

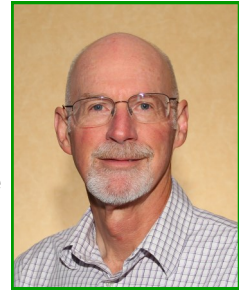
Do you have ideas for speakers? Let Ted Schaefer, [SIR101LittleSIR@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101LittleSIR@googlegroups.com) know.

***Our Planned Speakers follow with dates to be confirmed:***

August 23, 2022-stay tuned

## Financial

**Contact:** Fred Coffield, Treasurer, 925-216-0227,  
[SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com)



SIR Form 28 Monthly Cash Report for April, 2022 See our web site for the complete Form 28.

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (Total Cash)...Line 1 .Month 6225.82 YTD \$5088.72  
 ENDING CASH BALANCE (Total Cash).....Line 8 .Month \$4516.07 YTD\$4516.07

## Membership and Attendance

**Contact:** Larry Wiley, Chairman, 925-443-7979,  
[SIR101Membership@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Membership@googlegroups.com)



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, VISITORS and GUESTS:**

- New Members:** 0.  
 ♦ **Visitors:** 0.  
 ♦ **Guests:** 0.

**MEMBER CARE GIVERS:**

- ♦ Care Givers: 0.

**MEMBER CHANGES:**

- ♦ **Deleted:** Bob Murray moved.  
 ♦ **Passed:** 2- Carl Walter, Larry Shaw,

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS:**

- ♦ The ACTIVE Membership of SIR 101 as of July, 2022 is 175 members.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE**— All lunch meetings are planned to be In person. BEC meetings follow in person lunch meetings.

- ♦ June: We had our SIR 101 Picnic on June 16, and our SIR 101 luncheon meetings will continue again on July 26, 2022 .

SIR Form 27 Monthly Branch Membership Report for July, 2022  
 Our web site has the complete Form 27.

MEMBERSHIP		Previous Years												Year Total	Year %	Min	Goal	Branch Goal		
		2019	2020	2021	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep						Oct	Nov
1	NUMBER OF MEMBERS LAST MONTH (= Line 4 last month)	199	190	184	184	181	182	181	182	177							----	----	----	----
2	NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN	20	5	10	1	2	1	2	0	0							6	3.3%	11	12
3	NUMBER OF MEMBERS OUT (ATTRITION)	29	11	10	4	1	2	1	5	1							14	7.6%	----	----
4	NUMBER OF MEMBERS (Lines 1+2-3)	190	184	184	181	182	181	182	177	176							----	----	185	185
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6	NUMBER OF PARTNER ACTIVITIES	16	18	16	----	----	16	----	----	16	----	----	----	----			----	----	----	15
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## Bocce

**When:** 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:00 AM - 11:30AM

**Next:** July 28, Aug 11, Aug 25, 2022

**Where:** Bothwell Park, 8th and H St

**Contact:** Chuck Molenkamp, Chairman, 925-413-1414,  
[SIR101Bocce@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Bocce@googlegroups.com)



Bocce is a SIR 101 Approved Activity. The SIR bocce players have been having a ball this summer. A good group of us turn up each time a game is scheduled - 5 to 9 players. So we usually are using both courts. There have been a couple early starts because of higher than average temperatures, but everyone seems to get the correct message. June had a fifth Thursday and 5 of us got together for an extra few games.

There is a lot of great competition, but by the next day no one can remember how many games his team won or lost. The courts both have a few invisible bumps and slopes providing adequate excuses for all our bad shots. The main goal is to spend some time together and have fun, and we are really good at that.

SIR bocce days are the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, and the normal start time is 10:00 am. But on very warm days we start at 9:00 am and try to finish before it is too hot. The next dates on the schedule are July 28, August 11 and August 25; we play at Bothwell Park, Eighth and H Streets in Livermore. Come join us.



The players in the photo are Chuck Molenkamp, Dom Saccullo, Owen Brovant, Raul Pomares, Roger Everett, Coleman Johnson, and Dale Schauer The photographer was Harry Levin.

If you are interested in joining us send an email request to Chuck Molenkamp [SIR101Bocce@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Bocce@googlegroups.com) to be added to the SIR 101 bocce email list.

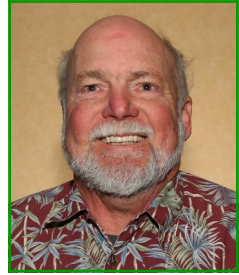


### Backpacking

**When:** tbd

**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** Dave Lunn, Chairman, 925-784-2624,  
[SIR101Backpacking@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Backpacking@googlegroups.com)



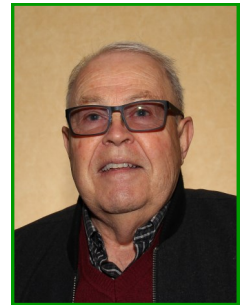
Backpacking is on hiatus. Contact Dave for more information.

### Chess

**When:** tbd

**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** Mike Miller, Chairman, 925-449-4062,  
[SIR101Chess@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Chess@googlegroups.com)



Chess is on hiatus.

### Dining Out

**When:** Usually 2nd Tuesdays at 5:00pm, **Next:** Tuesday, Aug 9, 2022

**Where:** Bruno's Italian Cuisine

**Contact:** Doug Mansur, Chairman, 925-640-5233, [SIR101Diningout@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Diningout@googlegroups.com)



Dining Out is a SIR 101 Approved. Activity. The Dining Out event for July was held on Tuesday, July 12th, kindly hosted by Ted and Sofia Schaefer while Doug was traveling along Highway 395. This time we returned to visit Cattle-men's Restaurant in Livermore, where Sofia said that the food was excellent, the waitress very helpful, and our group was again placed in a nice quiet back room. A total of 14 folks attended and had a swell time.

Next month we will gather at Bruno's Italian Cuisine at 2133 First St., Livermore.

### Fishing

**When:** tbd

**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** Roger Perry, Chairman, 925-518-8676,  
[SIR101Fishing@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Fishing@googlegroups.com)



Fishing is on hiatus.

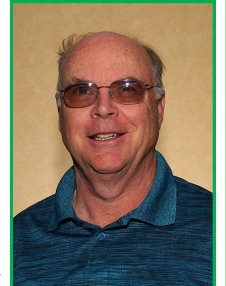
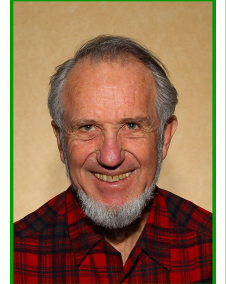
## Kayaking

**When:** 1st Tuesdays **Next:** August 2, 2022

**Where:** Oakland Estuary.

**Contact:** Dick Ryon, 925-447-8907, [SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com)

Doug Mansur, 925-640-5233, [SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com)



Kayaking is a SIR 101 Approved Activity.

Doug Mansur reports on June's activity.

We headed over to our nearby Lake Del Valle with a group of six boats and six avid kayakers: Peter Poulsen, Ron Colvin, Roger Perry, Fred Coffield, Dwight Lang, and myself as the sole leader this month. Dick Ryon is off doing a 6 week expedition in Alaska and hopefully we will all get to hear about it in the future.

The highlight of this event was Fred's new rocket ship (below). It gives a pretty good idea of what he and his new Triak Sailing Kayak looked like yesterday at Del Valle. This was the first time out for him and his trimaran, so when a gust of wind came along, he went off in a flash! All went well and it looked like he had a great time.



I myself have just converted a Hobie kayak so that it can be both sailed and paddled (yes, it has an underwater drive mechanism). I shall shortly be giving it a try.

Otherwise, as some of you may know, the park district has banned all swimming at Del Valle due to cyanobacteria problems in the water. However, I found the water to look remarkably clear.

We found that we had the lake almost to ourselves. We hope that the restriction will be lifted before the end of the summer, especially because Del Valle is perhaps the most popular destination of all the East Bay Regional Park District locations.

May you all be having a great start to your summer.

If you do not yet have a boat, some of us have extra kayaks to lend, contact Dick Ryon or Doug Mansur [SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com).

If you would like to join us, contact Dick Ryon.

As our slogan goes, Paddle and live long.

The event for July was cancelled because many people were travelling. Also, Dick Ryon is away on a 6-week expedition to Glacier Bay in Alaska, and due back July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Next month we are likely to go to the Tidewater Basin launch point and kayak the Oakland Estuary, one of our more popular outings

## Game Day

**When:** tbd

**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** Ron Saltgaver, Chairman, 925-443-0693,  
[SIR101GameDay@googlegroups.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

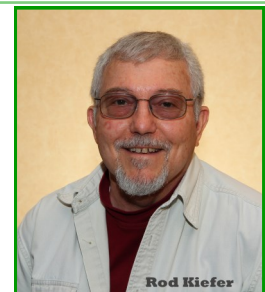
Some of the Branches in SIR are playing games like Poker, Bridge, Pinochle, and Cribbage via an Online Network programs (Not Zoom). The results of each group of 4 are reported to the Game Coordinator so that results can be tabulated and shared.

## Investments

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

**Where:** Zoom meeting

**Contact:** Rod Kiefer, Chairman, 925-447-4173,  
[SIR101Investments@googlegroups.com](mailto: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.



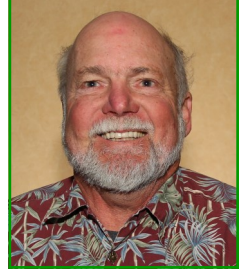
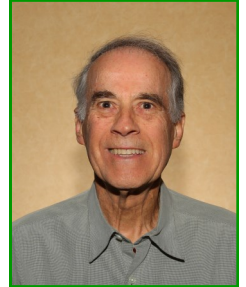
## Hiking and Walking

**When:** Wednesdays, 8:30 am

**Where:** South L St. and Railroad Ave.

**Contact:** Art Hull, Chairman, 925-443-5479, [SIR101Hiking@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Hiking@googlegroups.com)

Dave Lunn, Asst. Chairman, 925-784-2624, [SIR101Hiking@googlegroups.com](mailto: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 8:30 AM for our hiking destination. Spouses, friends and family are welcome.

We form three groups of various hiking levels (Amblers, Ramblers, and Scramblers). Bring plenty of water. 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, Pleasanton Ridge, Vargas Plateau, Garin/Dry Creek, Coyote Hills, Brushy Peak 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.



Sycamore Grove Hikers

July, 2022.



Try it, you might like it!

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



Everyone is welcome!



Hiking July 2022

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



### 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](mailto:SIR101Romeos@googlegroups.com)  
*Sorry—Men only*



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

### Golf

**When:** September 14-15, 2022  
**Where:** Vallejo, CA  
**Contact:** **open**, [SIR101Golf@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Golf@googlegroups.com)

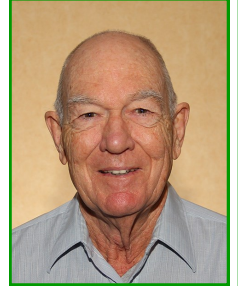
Golf is on hiatus, but we have news from the State Committee Chair...

**2022 SIR State Golf Committee Chair**, Mark Stuart, invites you the final State golf event of the year which will be held at the Blue Rock Springs golf courses in Vallejo. The event will be held on September 14th and 15th. This is a 2 day event but if a golfer wants, they can play either of the days or both. I'd ask that you take a look at the flyer on the website for additional information at [www.sirgolf.org](http://www.sirgolf.org). This event is open to all SIR members, their wives or significant other, and invited guests.

## Sunshine

**Contact:** Art Molvik, 925-373-8437, [SIR101Sunshine@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Sunshine@googlegroups.com)

We were sorry to hear that on June 29, 2022, Larry Shaw passed away from Leukemia. Larry was known by many of us, and by some of us as "Stretch." He and Carol participated in a number of SIRs trips.



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.

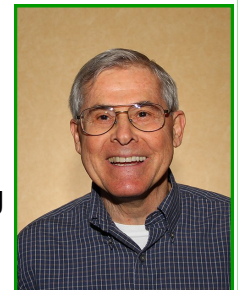
## Wine Tasting

**When:** tbd

**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** Bill Bish, Chairman, 925-447-1266, [SIR101Wine@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Wine@googlegroups.com)

Wine Tasting is a SIR 101 Approved Activity. Come join us at our next tasting and enjoy some friends & good wines. Contact Bill for more information.



## Activities

**Contact:** Ron Saltgaver, Chairman, 925-443-0693,  
[SIR101Activities@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Activities@googlegroups.com)

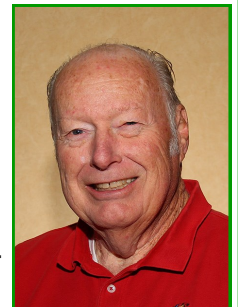
**What:** Do you want to start something new? Describe it in you own words.

**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?

Please contact Activities chair Ron Saltgaver for more information.



Short, but sweet

Me: Please bring me a screwdriver.  
She: Flat head, Phillips, or Vodka?

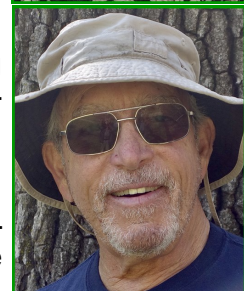
And that was when I knew she was the one.



## SIR 101 Travel

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

**Contact:** Bill Britton, Chairman, 925-443-9913,  
[SIR101Travel@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Travel@googlegroups.com)  
 Jon Lumia, Asst. Chairman, 925-373-9412,  
[SIR101Travel@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Travel@googlegroups.com)



I would like to know what style of trip people are interested in for the future. River cruise, sea cruise, bus tour, or staying in one location and visiting specific areas. Followed by where in the world people are interested in visiting. I have been looking at a small ship cruise along the Croatian coast (like you saw in our last SIR program), Egypt, and Japan. Let Bill know what travel you would like.

### The Magical Rhine/Moselle River Cruise

Bill is busy working on the details for the group's cruise. We currently have 14 cabins reserved on our September river cruise (that is 27 people).. In the past I have had people contact me closer to the trip date asking if they can possibly join the trip. We have been able to do it in the past and it could be possible for this trip as well depending on space available. So if you decide later you would like to join us I can check on availability and cost (which will likely be more). Click to see the [Discover the Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers September 12-25, 2022](#) brochure.

Here are a few details:

- 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 is included in the pricing along with all tips.
- Ground transportation from Livermore to SFO and return.



The Amadeus river ships are new and modern. They are taking extra special precautions since Covid, which you can read about on their website here: <https://www.amadeus-rivercruises.com>.

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](http://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.

If you would like to be added to my list of interested travelers contact me here: [SIR101Travel@googlegroups.com](mailto: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 Schlapfer, [SIR101Attendance@googlegroups.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://sirinc.org), **SIR Sports:** State SIR Sports Chair W. Lee Moy, [HealthStudio@gmail.com](mailto: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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#### 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 for 'in person' meetings.

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, David Arterburn, Carl Asbury, Ron Baskett, Joel Bowers, Dave Burg, Guy Cummins, Brent Dixon, Vaughn Draggoo, Dave Dunlap, Patrick Epperson, Hugh Gregg, Roger Grimm, Bob Johnson, Rick Knowles, Paul McCandless, Bob McGarry, John Mulrooney, Jim Murray, Steve Plummer, Rick Roller, Steve Skedzielewski, Joe Stetter, Terry Tikalsky.*

**How 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:fcoffield1@comcast.net). Zelle or Paypal send the money to Fred's cell phone number or email address which is linked to the SIR 101 bank account.

SIR 101 prefers Zelle for all pay transactions but some banks don't support Zelle. Paypal charges SIR 101 an additional fee of up to \$2 or more per transaction. Please add \$2 to your payment if you use Paypal. You can also pay by check by mailing or dropping your donation at Fred's house or pay by cash/check at the monthly lunch meeting. See the Member Roster on our website for Fred's street address.

Avoid the long lunch line: RSVP the meeting invitation online, pre-pay your lunch via Zelle and arrive early to visit at the lunch.

If you have pay questions, please contact Treasurer Fred Coffield, [SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com).



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## Birthday Boys\*

### June and July Birthday Boys:

You must be at the July 26th meeting for a chance to win one of up to three \$25 gift certificates

### June Birthday Boys:

Orville Barr, Gene Broadman, Joe Clark, Gordon Cleaver, Jim Hermerding, Rod Kiefer, Bill Leach, Andy Lundberg, Bob Murray, Dave Pendleton, Mike Pocha, Garry Rodrigue

### July Birthday Boys

Ron Baskett, Bill Britton, Bob Canning, John Didlake, Dennis Elchesen, Dick Ernst, Karl Freytag, Bob Johnson, Ravi Kumar, John Mulrooney, Raul Pomares, Peter Poulsen, Bob Purdy, Werner Schlapfer, Dave Seberger, Bobb Smith, Cal Wood

### May Birthday Boy Winners:

Rick Roller, Bob Hickman, Fred Coffield

\* See page [12](#) 'Birthday Boy Program'

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#### More on the lighter side from Bill

An elderly couple return to a Mercedes dealership to find that the salesman had just sold the car they were interested in to a beautiful, leggy, busty blonde. "I thought you said you would hold that car until we raised the \$75,000 asking price", said the man, "Yet I heard you just closed the deal for \$65,000 to that lovely young lady there. You insisted there could be no discount on this model." "Well, what can I tell you? She had the ready cash, and just look at her, how could I resist?" replied the grinning salesman. Just then the young woman approached the old folks and handed them the keys. "There you go, Grampa" she said. "I told you I could get this joker to drop the price."

The moral: Never mess with us elderlies.

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**Big Sir from Page 1** branch. I want to announce that member, Steve Skedzielewski will be taking on this task for the future, as bulletin editor. Please be sure to give Steve support as he takes on this position.

**July Musings**

As I sit at the keyboard, on this second day of July, I'm looking out at a rather dreary day, it's cold and windy. Not the Summer I had imagined, what seems like just a few weeks ago. Well, the dreary isn't all about expected warm weather and gentle breezes. I'm recovering from a bout of Covid. Lucky to have been vaccinated and well-beyond the initial pandemic's cruel symptoms, I had a very mild case of the virus. Really just discomfort, some chest heaviness and headaches. It's the darn wait to return to social activity. The being cooped-up, and isolated from friends, family and even the clerks at my local grocery store, that gets to me. Even introverts like myself have a need to socialize with others, finding interest in the activities, thoughts and musings of like and sometimes unlike minded individuals. It's who we are as humankind!

Which is why I can't wait to hang out, have a nice lunch and meet up with other SIR Branch 101 members! We have an excellent luncheon arriving on Tuesday July 26 with a special guest. Yes, SIR State president, Rick Kindle will be on-hand for a quick update on the organization from the State level. And, our speaker for this luncheon is Tom Ramos, who will be discussing "Nuclear Threats in 1961 RE: Berlin"... I hope to see you there!

The Luncheon will be held at the Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr, Livermore. Look for an email luncheon invite with all the details and PLEASE RSVP & SEND YOUR PREPAYMENT to Treasurer Fred Coffield at 925-216-0227. PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP because we really need to give our caterer a head-count as early as possible for her to provide a great meal for all attendees! Doors open at 11:00 am. Meeting starts at 11:30 am. Please arrive early. For July Birthday Boys, be sure to attend and get a chance for one of three \$25 eGift awards from Amazon. You can't win if you don't attend!

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**SIR Organization In-Person Meeting Requirements (vis-a-vis COVID-19).**

The State SIR organization requires everyone attending any SIR or SIR branch activity or event to be vaccinated or have a recent negative test. The State SIR organization requires everyone attending any SIR or SIR branch activity or event to have waiver forms signed.

The State SIR issued protocol and the Waiver are on the State SIR webpage. Click [Protocols-for-Minimizing-Covid-19-Liability](#) at ([sirinc.org](#)) and [SIR Waiver](#) at ([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.

State SIR requires the Waiver to be signed and turned into SIR 101 to participate in any State SIR or SIR branch in-person activities and events. Membership Chair Larry Wiley [SIR101Membership@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Membership@googlegroups.com) will track signed and completed Waivers. One Waiver covers all State SIR and all SIR branch activities and events. If you previously turned in a completed Waiver to Larry or your activity chair, you need not complete another.

**Lunch reservation and pre-payment.**

We are asking you to reserve your in-person lunch spot in advance and to send your payment to our Treasurer, Fred Coffield's cell phone: 925-216-0227. We are committing to at least 60 attendees, so please try to join us on July 26 – IN PERSON!

**Branch Communications.**

**Big Sir from Page 15** You will be receiving branch notifications through the Constant Contact email service. Please be sure to check your Junk/Spam/Trash mail folders and set your email program to accept messages from "[dगतely+mac.com@ccsend.com](mailto:dगतely+mac.com@ccsend.com)". That way you won't miss any important communications from the branch.

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