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SIR 129

Newsletter



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Branch 129
Redding, CA

The Pres Sez'

I'm writing my last column as your 2025 President of Branch 129 today, Thanksgiving. The year seems to have flown by, but has been a challenge to provide the branch with proper leadership. I want to thank everyone who has volunteered their time and efforts to fill needed positions during the year. And especially the BEC members. Without your support, I couldn't have done my job. I'm looking forward to our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Sons & Daughters of Italy. I'll be your host and will run the actual meeting prior to enjoying the food that the SDI's provide. During the November BEC meeting, a past Big Sir (Eric Measles) visited with the board and suggested we consider holding a raffle or silent auction. Well, the board liked the idea and I hope you will also. We'll provide a door prize or two, conduct a luck of the draw contest (raffle) and also provide items for a silent auction. When you check in and give your tickets to Rix Callaway (our branch treasurer) you'll be given a ticket for a chance at the door prizes. The silent auction will have sign up sheets for each item in the auction and you just have to make the highest bid to win. That is planned to be held after our luncheon. Someone will explain the (raffle) process early on during the meeting. We only have five awards to present this year, and four of them are being given to our senior members (90+) and one super senior (95+). This time of year gets very busy with shopping trips, dining out and catching up with friends and family. So it's a pleasure to be able to sit down with our fellow members and their wives, family and friends to share a conversation. *Cont' next page*

Monthly Meeting**First Thursday of the month****Elks Lodge**

Meeting/Speaker: 11:00 - 12:00

Lunch follows.

*Dec has no regular meeting, instead we host the

Annual Christmas Lunch

Attendance is Important

Guest
Speaker:

N/A

Cont' from page 1 We've lost some members this year and the BEC reached out to their loved ones and asked them to be our guest this year. So far, I only know of Peggy Goetz that will share lunch with us. Larry Morgan lost his wife, Pauline, this fall and he held a service for her recently and I'm glad to say that several Sir members attended her services. Larry even spoke about some of their history and he did a great job in doing so. We're all proud of you Larry. My final contribution in this column today is to remind all of you to remember what the season is all about. Even though I don't attend church services on a regular basis, my mother insisted that I go to Sunday school all those many years ago when I was a teenager. Both of my grandfathers were ministers and my mom wanted me to live a better life. I'm so glad she did. As I will do during the meeting on the 17th, I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

State Officers 2025

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Lunch Bunch by Duane Nelson



We skip this event in December and instead host the Annual Christmas Luncheon on Dec 17th. The next Lunch Bunch is scheduled for Jan 21st. You can enjoy the Buffet at GoodTimes Pizza in Palo Cedro. If you have questions or suggestions please contact me (email bandan@msn.com or call 530-547-5157). Of course you can add to your phones calendar with an alert and that would help 😊

Activity	Chair	Telephone	Email
Book Exchange	Len Napoli	530-547-4201	lenandgail@frontiernet.net
Golf - 18 Hole	Lee Lamp	530-921-1375	lel4355@yahoo.com
Golf - 9 Hole	Bob Watt	530-227-4470	wattclan1954@gmail.com
Lunch Bunch	Duane Nelson	530-547-5157	bandan@msn.com
Bocce Ball	Dennis Compomizzo	530-356-9966	dennysz71@yahoo.com
Horseshoes	OPEN		

The Christmas Luncheon is December 17th, 11am at the Sons and Daughters of Italy. Tickets available up to Dec 8th.

Welcoming New Members 2025 Phil Perry, Membership Chair

We started this newsletter entry last year and will continue a new tradition of announcing new members as they are inducted.

The following individuals all joined our Branch during the 2025 calendar year. Join me in welcoming them. It will be a running total through the year.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Mitch Crowe	Jack McAuliffe	Steve Martinez	John McCue
Earl Poytress	Mike Smith	Brent Bryer	Greg Ephland
Greg Hartley	Guys from Grape Ranch	Charles Ross	Member of Elks
John Rowell	A members discussion	Michael Lamonica	
Randy Corbin	John Cardoza (Br 143)		

As we all grow older we expect there to be losses of friends. This past year we bid farewell to three cherished members. Roger Peters, Bob Goetz, and Bob Reid. In addition, a few of our members lost their spouses, Cindy Merrow, Pauline Morgan and Linda Moore. Rest in Peace to all. If I've missed anyone please reach out and let me know so we can correct the oversight.

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Birthdays in December

Rix Callaway	Dec 21st	Tim Holmquist	Dec 16th
Ed Grinton	Dec 16th	John McCue	Dec 14th
Lon Harris	Dec 3rd	Len Napoli	Dec 2nd



A Note from the Editor Lee Lamp

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my wishes for a joyous holiday season to all of our members and their families. As we move from giving thanks in November to celebrating our faith in December (wherever it stems from) I wish to share that it's been my honor to put this newsletter together for you all each month and hope you enjoy reading it. As we welcome the winter solstice may you all have a joyous Holiday Season!



Treasurer Report by Rix Callaway

If you plan to go to the Christmas Luncheon, you need to mail me a check NOW. I must have your payment by the 8th of December. Not mailed by the 8th. I need it in hand on or before the 8th of December. You can mail me a check to 8921 Olney Park Drive, Redding, CA 96001 . \$25,00 per ticket. Come out and support the branch.



This year we have door prizes and silent auction—Plus the food is top notch. Not to mention the company..... The bills are paid and the account is balanced

Sunshine Report By Len Napoli

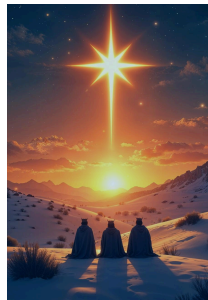
We lost a very special SIR member, Bob Reid. He passed on Nov. 16th. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, Jan. 4th at the Bob Reid Stadium at Anderson High School at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception at the Shasta District Fair & Event Center at 1:00 p.m. He will be remembered & missed.

Of course Christmas will be the highlight of this month. A favorite month of the year for many of us as the gift of love and giving is paramount.

"All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ."

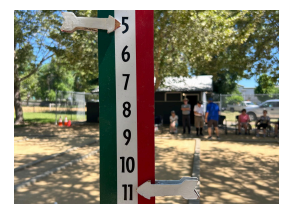
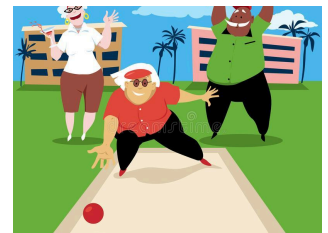
David Jeremiah

Merry Christmas to all and looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Luncheon at the Sons of Italy. Dec. 17th.



Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

I hope your Thanksgiving was filled with family, friends and plenty of great food. We have so much to be thankful for! The courts will be closed for the winter months due to the rains and soft court conditions. It would be in the City's best interest to construct a cover over the bocce courts, but the possibility of that occurring is slim and none, so sad. In addition, once the City of Redding starts the South City Park renovation, all access to the park will be denied until the project is completed. The renovation project may be long lived, time will tell. Once access is granted by the City of Redding, the SIR's bocce games will be back on the calendar. I'll send out a Constant Contact announcement to all the SIR's membership, approximately five days prior to the bocce games. I hope to see a lot of SIR's with their family and friends come out and enjoy a wonderful social activity and a little team competition. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Sir's Christmas luncheon on December 17th.



[Share this newsletter with your friends and help us grow the membership!](#)

Nov/Dec Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
18 Hole Golf	Dec 1st, 10am	Gold Hills
Christmas Luncheon	Dec 17th 11am	Sons and Daughters of Italy Hall
BEC	Jan 8th, 9:30 am	Elks
General Membership Luncheon	Jan 8th, 11:00am	Elks
Lunch Bunch	Nov 19th, 11:30	GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro

Branch 129 Historical Tidbits Submitted by Cris Andrews

From December 1997 "SIR'S UPDATE"

From the December 1997 edition of "SIR'S UPDATE" I found several items of interest (at least to me): A front-page notice regarding the "**Annual Christmas Ladies Day Luncheon**"; and a column by the 1997 Big SIR John Merrill mentioning a policy adopted by the BEC to reduce the waiting time for prospective members.

The "**Christmas Ladies Day Luncheon**", as it was called then, was scheduled for December 17, 1997, at the Elks Lodge. The cost was \$10 per ticket for either a ham or turkey dinner. Ed Reynolds the Christmas Lunch Chairman was quoted: *"The event promises to be a festive gathering, featuring: Music for Listening and Dancing played Gene Chord's talented group; Holiday Music by the Madrigal Singers of Shasta High School under the able direction of Ken Putnam, the school's music director; and Installation of our elected officers for 1998 by Area Governor Frank Perez."* Interestingly the date is the same as our 2025 Christmas Luncheon, but the price is different than in 1997, and the location is different. But that was 28 year ago!

A column in the same edition of "SIR'S UPDATE" by then Big SIR John Merrill caught my attention because at that time there was a limit on membership of 200 to 250, depending on where Branch 129 met (it had to do with how many the facility could hold for lunch) and there was a backlog of perspective members with a waiting period that was fairly long. Therefore, the 1997 Branch Executive Committee (BEC) adopted a policy that asked current members who could not attend meetings due to *"...poor health, lengthy trips, or other valid reasons, to temporarily resign from the organization. In exchange, when their circumstances change and apply to be reinstated, they will be placed at the top of the waiting list, giving a rather painless way for them to regain membership in our Branch. This change has already reduced the waiting time for prospective members."* We don't have this problem now, but I remember when I tried to join in early 2007, I had to wait about four months before I could join Branch 129!

No general Membership meeting this month so if you are looking for a badge number, you won't find it. 😊



Racing Report by Barrie Lee (formally NASCAR/INDY)

December is not usually a month for auto racing. IndyCar held their last race in late August and Nascar ended their cup series championship in late October or early November. Alex Palou won the Indy series this year and Kyle Larson won the Cup Series in Nascar. I've transitioned from reporting monthly on current race results to explaining the fine points of auto racing in general, along with explaining some of the history of the sport. Since I'm stepping down from the presidency in 2026, I'll be able to devote more time to this column. If any of you want to join a meeting that I could hold each month or some other time frame for open discussions about the sport, just let me know and I'll make it happen. So for now, I want to wish each and every one of you the best possible Christmas and New Year one could have. Thanks for following my column. Formula One might still be running races, but I believe the Las Vegas race last weekend was the last for their season also. McLaren, Honda and Mercedes were the ones to beat this year. Surprisingly, Haas Automation showed signs of improvement in 2025. Gene's giant investment in Formula One might be starting to pay off. Thanks to you all.



18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp

We had one event in November. We played Tierra Oaks and had very pleasant weather for the day. Of course the best part is the camaraderie shared with our members.

There were 8 skins awarded (Len Napoli x2, Dave Laam x2, John Crowley, Jim Griggs, Bob Monaghan, Greg Laam

1st Flight	2nd Flight
Len Napoli -7	Bob Monaghan +1
John Crowley +2	Larry Welch +10
Lee Lamp +4	Randy Moore +11
Jim Griggs +6	Greg Laam +11

Inviting a guest to join an activity with us is a great way to grow our membership and several of you have brought guests recently...Turn them into members!. It's easier than ever to fill out an application.

Send them to our online application web site: <https://sirinc2.org/branch129/>

Each month the State President is sending out a short newsletter to all members with an email address on file. I'm including on the ensuing pages for those that may have missed this. On the next 2 pages enjoy the November edition of "The Rooster Crows"



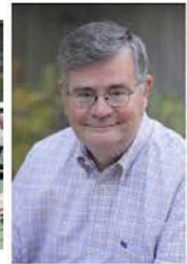
The Rooster Crows!

The Scoop from the Coop

November 2025

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AR
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Derek Southern B8
State Advisor
Roy Hodgkinson B146
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

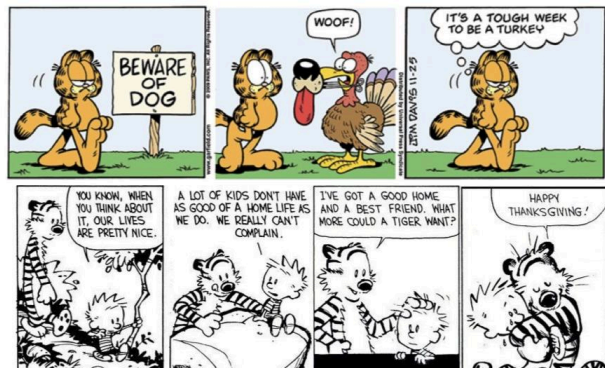
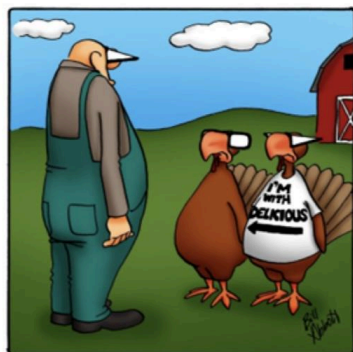


It is hard for me to believe we are already in November. November is a special month which displays Nature's beauty as we see the colors of Fall, albeit perhaps a little faded. We feel the crispness in the air and the rejuvenation of Winter rains.

But the best part of the month for me is Thanksgiving, one of my favorite holidays. It is not because of the traditional or the non-traditional Thanksgiving Feast or the football games. It is because it is a time when we pause and think of the many things that bless our lives and for which we are thankful. I'm thankful for my family, and the life and peace which we have been afforded. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all those who have made this possible: Among others, to our family, our friends, our military, our police, our teachers, our churches, our doctors, our leaders, our employers, our retail and grocery stores and all those men and women who work, and have worked and sacrificed, in those organizations. While we aren't immune to difficulties and problems, they are dwarfed by the misery which abounds today in the world. Yes, Thanksgiving is a time to ponder and recognize the many blessings we have and the people who have sacrificed to enable them.

And yes, I am thankful for SIR which facilitates our activity, provides opportunities for service and growth, brings joy and fun while satisfying our social needs and providing lifetime friendships. SIR allows us to enjoy life longer in a dignified but fun and rewarding manner. Thank you SIR.

Yes, I love Thanksgiving!!!



What did the turkey say when he met the President?
Pardon me.

What do you call a turkey the day after Thanksgiving?
Lucky.



If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?
Pilgrims!

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?
Pumpkin pi!

ACTIVITIES mean FUN!

One of the primary goals of SIR is for our members to have fun! So, I thought it appropriate to look at the many activities that are available in our branches. The below chart was put together under the direction of Lee Lamb in 2024 and shows the top fifty activities and the number of branches offering them at the time. The chart likely doesn't show all of our activities or the total number of branches now offering them but it is an excellent overview of what is offered.

Why is this information important you ask:

- First, to show the variety of the activities offered and the number of branches offering them.
- Second, to provide you information if you would like to create new fun activities for your branch members. If you see one or more activities you would like to have, simply contact our State Director of Activities, Michael Lee, and let him know. He can connect you with the activity chair or Big Sir of branches with that activity and they will give you invaluable guidance on how to organize and run the activity so it will be successful. Talk about a time saver!!
- Third, in working with Michael, you may find that the better solution for your members will be to coordinate with a successful branch and create a joint activity with them.
- Finally, your members can individually benefit from the information. For example, if you have a member planning a trip who loves kayaking, he may want to contact a branch offering kayaking and arrange to join them at their activity.

So many more possibilities for having with SIR!! Let's take advantage of them.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY LLOYD!!!



2026 STATE GOLF TOURNAMENTS

- April 22-23. Napa "Spring Fling" at Chardonnay and Eagle Vines Golf courses
- May 20-21 Fairfield "Fun in Fairfield" Paradise Valley and Rancho Solano courses
- June 24-25 Vallejo "Springs Eternal" Blue Rock Springs East and West courses

2026 STATE TRAVEL

- Australia/New Zealand Jan 7 - 25, 2026
- Cuba - March 12- 2026
- South Korea & Japan April 1 - 26, 2026
- Great Lakes and Niagara Falls, May 3-11, 2026
- Christmas on the Danube Nov. 27-Dec. 8, 2026

Activity	# of Branches	Activity	# of Branches
1 Golf-18	65	26 Volunteering	5
2 Bowling	46	27 Classic Cars	3
3 Bocce Ball	38	28 Photography	4
4 Wine Tasting	25	29 Day Trips	3
5 Dining-out	21	30 Games	3
6 Fishing	19	31 Golf-9	3
7 Cards	18	32 Happy Hour	3
8 Travel	21	33 Horseshoes	3
9 Hiking	15	34 Movies	3
10 Book Club	14	35 Bingo	2
11 Cycling	11	36 Chess	2
12 Pickleball	11	37 Gardening	2
13 Poker	11	38 Kayaking	2
14 Walking	11	39 Lunch-Outing	2
15 Book Exch	8	40 Mtn Biking	2
16 Pool-Billiards	8	41 Picnic	2
17 Bridge	7	42 Theater Club	2
18 Holiday Party	6	43 Wood Working	2
19 Nights-Out	7	44 Cooking	1
20 Personal Finance	7	45 e-Bike	1
21 Technology	7	46 Exercise	2
22 Beer Tasting	6	47 History Club	1
23 Breakfast	5	48 Ladies Day	2
24 Coffee Group	6	49 Dinner Club	4
25 RV	7	50 Other	15

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Spread the word. We have **fun**. We make **friends**. We are **active**. We are **happy**.
We **help** each other. We **live** longer.
WE Are SIR!



Big/Little SIR Annual Training Session 2

Friday Nov 7 8:30-11:30am

- Navigating the SIR Web Site-Jim Gragg
- SIR Policies/Forms Overview
- Running your Branch:
 - * Membership Form 20- Jeff Chin
 - * Financials Tax/State Filings Form 28,29-Carl Mason
 - * Insurance Forms 8,63, 64 -Craig Hoffhines
- Schedule of Branch Operations-John Farcich
- Getting Ready for your 1st BEC and Lunch Meeting - Nick Feimer
- Q and A

