



SONS IN RETIREMENT LAKE OF THE PINES



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NEXT MEETING
APRIL 5, 2017
12 NOON



BIG SIR JIM GOETSCH

My thanks to **Andy Ameigeiras** for volunteering as the Little SIR for 2018! He has been with us only a couple of years, which proves a member doesn't have to have gray hair to help lead our organization.

I recently met with a number of Big SIRs in the local area and found that most haven't found volunteers for many of their positions for next year. Several have just one or two members who volunteer for everything. Thanks to **Ron Wolyn** and **Elmer Curtis** (who form our Nomination Committee for finding volunteers), we already have nearly every position filled for next year. We are looked upon at the State level as a very successful Chapter both for our many volunteers, but also for building our membership over the past few years.

I also learned at that meeting that the overall membership in the SIR organization has gone from 32,000 members in 1990 to only about 15,000 today. Naturally the State organization (actually SIR only exists in Northern California) is interested in the reasons for this decline. Our Chapter #170 has been growing over the past few years due to a number of reasons. Our recent Big SIRs have concentrated on growing the organization, our activities and luncheons are enjoyable for our members, and members have taken the time to recommend membership to their friends and new Association members.

As most of you know, we recently had four members pass since Christmas: Leif Sundblom, Bill Andre, Vern Bagby, and Don Carey. We have maintained a membership of 148 members through this time frame and currently stand at 148. So we are constantly adding members despite losing some. If you have ever been associated with an organization where the members lost interest over time, you will know how painful it is to see it wind down.

I happen to like our chapter members and enjoy participating in most of our activities. If you feel the same, you might mention our SIR organization to your friends and neighbors. I have introduced members to SIR who had heard about us but had never been invited to join.

In talking with other chapters, I have found that several of them offer free SIR luncheons to those members who sponsor the most new members each year. I plan to propose such a program to our Branch Executive Committee in April, retroactive to January 1st, to start such a reward program. I hope to offer a plan that will work for us in helping to attract new members.

I look forward to seeing all of you on April 5th for our next meeting.

**HONORARY LIFETIME
MEMBERS**
STEVE MICHALAK
JOHN BREWER

**SUPER SENIOR SIR
MEMBER**
BILL HAGIN

SENIOR SIR MEMBERS
BILL SWENSON
AL JOSE
DON BARNETT

Greetings to all. I don't know about you, but I am definitely looking forward to spring and some warmer weather. The daffodils here at Lake of the Pines are in bloom. I have only a few blooms on mine so far. However, I can see much time in the next few weeks will be spent getting rid of all those weeds creeping up through out my front and back yard as a result of all the rain. And, of course, we need to get back to the golf course and get our swing back into shape.

**LITTLE SIR
BOB CHAN**

As mentioned in last month's bulletin, our BEC and Branch officers approved plans for having a luncheon with our wives as a result of recommendations set forth by our area governor. This event will probably be scheduled in July when we normally do not have a luncheon, but NOT to conflict with the 4th of July festivities. A suggestion was made to have an evening function, but I feel most of you would like to keep the cost down. So, it will be likely a luncheon and not dinner. Unlike our regular monthly luncheon there will be no meeting before lunch. There will be some sort of entertainment. More information regarding this event will be given at a later date.



Welcome aboard to our new members. If you do NOT know what activities our Branch offers, please do not hesitate to ask your sponsor or any of us on the Executive Committee. For additional information about us, please read our article in the monthly *LOP NEWS* by our **Duane Heaton (& Phil Frank)** and the monthly SIR Bulletins written by **Rich Hibbs**. Our web site is also up and running. Thanks to **Hal Hawthorne**.

Barry Friesen presented an interesting and informative talk on " low maintenance gardening and plants selection" during our last luncheon. His talk was well received with many questions from the audience. He also gave us a list of some 20 plants, "unfussy plants" for LOP to consider. Our speaker in April is **Denis Pierce**. **His topic will be " Arctic Fox Trolling Flies"**. Mr. Pierce is the host of "Fishing & Outdoor Report" on KNCO AM 830 radio, Friday evenings from 6-7PM. He also writes a fishing column for the "Union" newspaper in Grass Valley. If you like to fish, you don't want to miss Denis Pierce's presentation at the April luncheon. Until then, stay well.

MEMBERSHIP PHIL JONES



MEMBERS
148

NEW MEMBERS
5

INACTIVE MEMBERS
8

GUESTS
4

**FREE LUNCH WINNERS
FOR APRIL**

MARC LORANGER

RICH GOLDSBERRY

NEW MEMBERS

Walter Klekowski, Jeff Krall

Kenneth Marti, Don Stevens

Frank Sullivan.



Guest Speaker Gary Friesen
with Little SIR Bob Chan

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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TOM ANDERSON LON FISHER

BRIAN FOSTER GUY FRANK

RICHARD GOLDSBERRY

JAMIE HASH JIM HEARITY

DON JENKINS AL JOSE

AL LANZA BRIAN LEWIS

ED O'REILLY RON WOLYN

MARK WUELFING

2017

SIR Area 33 Golf Schedule

1 Morgan Creek	03/20/17 8:30am #79	4 man-two best ball \$44
2 Empire Ranch	04/17/17 8:00am #120	straight golf flighted \$47
3 Alta Sierra	05/23/17 8:30am #124	2 man best ball \$45
4 Dark Horse	06/12/17 8:00am #170	team scramble \$45
5 Turkey Creek	07/17/17 8:00am #37	Individual Qual.Club Championship \$47
6 Whitney Oaks	08/07/17 8:00am #11	two man scramble \$47
7 Timber Creek	09/25/17 8:00am #124	straight golf \$47
8 Auburn Valley	10/09/17 9:00am #170	\$42
9 Black Oak	11/20/17 8:30am #79	straight golf \$40

GOLF CHAIRMAN RON WOLYN



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES AND WINE TASTING TERRY EBERHARDT



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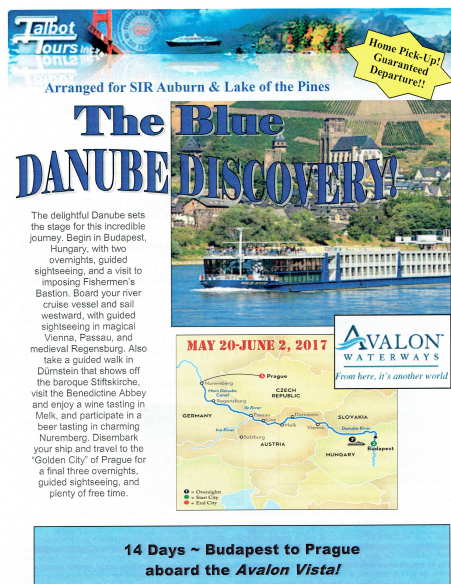
Savannah and Charleston

Including Jekyll Island, St. Simon Island, Jacksonville,
St. Augustine, tour the gardens of beautiful
southern plantations and much more!

Home Pick-Up!
Guaranteed
Departure!

April 18-25, 2017

*Magnolia Plantation
& Its Gardens*
Since 1733



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The Blue DANUBE DISCOVERY

The delightful Danube sets the stage for this incredible journey. Begin in Budapest, Hungary, with two overnights, guided sightseeing, and a visit to imposing Fishermen's Bastion. Board your river cruise vessel and sail westward, with guided sightseeing in magical Vienna, Passau, and medieval Regensburg. Also take a guided walk in Durnstein that shows off the baroque Strahovske, visit the Benedictine Abbey and enjoy a wine tasting in Milk, and participate in a beer tasting in charming Nuremberg. Disembark your ship and travel to the "Golden City" of Prague for a final three overnights, guided sightseeing, and plenty of free time.

MAY 20-JUNE 2, 2017

AVALON WATERWAYS
From here, it's another world

14 Days ~ Budapest to Prague
aboard the *Avalon Vista!*



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Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta!

October 7-14, 2017

Don't miss the most photographed event in the world...the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta! Coupled with the Native American artifacts, artwork and culture of Santa Fe and Taos, this First Class tour encompasses all of the great features of the Southwest.

For nine days in October, the New Mexico skies are painted as hundreds of balloons lift off from Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta Park. Whimsical special shapes and Balloon Glows create a magical landscape for spectators to wander. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta will leave you awestruck and wanting more!

Home Pick-Up!

Wine Tasting Excursion

When: Friday, March 24th 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Where: Magnolia Pointe Grille at Lake of the Pines

Cost: \$13.00 per person tasting fee - includes hors d'oeuvres pairing with 1 sparkling wine and 6 wines

Please join Chapter 170 of Sons in Retirement, Lake of the Pines, for Wine Tasting put on by our staff here at Lake of the Pines. We will sample several wines that are available on the Magnolia Pointe Grille Wine List.

The wines will be accompanied by hors d'oeuvres

Spouses and significant others are welcome to attend with SIRS members.

Dinner afterward at Magnolia Pointe Grille is planned for those who wish to attend. Please let us know when you RSVP so that we can make arrangements for dinner

Please contact Terry Eberhardt at teberhardt@suddenlink.net or at 278-3362

if you plan on attending.

The deadline for signing up is Wednesday, March 22nd

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You will receive the menu with the e-mail that asks if you are attending the lunch. Please respond to that email,
There will be a salad and plated entree. This allows the chef more time to put together the most cost effective lunch for us. Saving the association (and us) money

DECLARATIONS

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