

*A Non-Profit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement
Our mission is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making friends for life*



ROOSTER TALES

SIR Luncheon - Thursday, August 1st
The Elks Lodge - 200 Marina Blvd, Pittsburg

President's Message



Roger Moseley

With Summer's end not far away, a couple upcoming events are not to be missed.

First, SIR Dave Requa is putting together a fun day for SIRs and their spouses at our Annual Picnic on Thursday, September 19th at 11:00 AM. With Mike McKay's help, an enhanced menu including marinated ball tip, chicken and sausage should please the palates of all attending!

Plus, a single elimination "Ladder Ball" tournament will begin at 11:00 AM with the winning duo winning a dinner for two at a local restaurant. A Raffle will begin after lunch with one ticket given to the provider for each prize provided.

Dave needs some help, though. If you plan to attend and would like to help, please contact Dave at dave@requa.org.

Sounds like a great day for all. See the attached flyer for more information.

Also underway is our newly revamped Dine Around activity. As you'll recall, long-time Dine Around participants have agreed to host one event per year, relieving all of the responsibility for doing it alone. So far, three dinners have been held at Fiore', Lima and Jack's restaurants with good attendance, good food, and good comradery. Along with Nancy and I, hosts so far include Rich & Carmen Balovich and Neil & Debbie Powell. Next up, Martin and Lori Fennell are hosting dinner at La Veranda on August 22, 2024. Look for a flyer soon.

For you Baseball fans, State SIR is arranging an outing to the Giants & A's game on August 18th for the **Final Battle of the Bay Bridge Series**. It'll be your last chance to see the OAKLAND A's host the series! If you are interested, payments for the tickets are due August 8th. See attached.

But however you spend the rest of your summer, have fun and be safe.

Roger Moseley (President)

Lunch Menu

Soup & Sandwich

Soup-1 White Bean Chicken Chili
Soup-2 Minestrone
Sandwich-1 Turkey, Bacon & Swiss Club
Sandwich-2 French Dip + Au Jus
 Fresh Fruit



New Sir Members (July)



William Lehman

Mike Pruett

August Birthdays



John Carl Sr.
 Bob Drown
 Mike Krawesky
 Phil Matthews

Milt Momita
 Miles Nikaido
 Mike Scott
 Dave Zamperini



John Masschelin

August Anniversaries

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Financial Statement

Treasurer Report

May 31st, 2024

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$9,286.28
Excursion Fund	00.00
Holiday fund	00.00
Picnic Fund	00.00
Total General Acct.	\$9,286.28
Custodial Account	
Bowling	\$596.59
Golf	<u>\$1,855.53</u>
Total Custodial	\$2,452.12
Total Funds	\$11,988.40

Sir Dennis Barbieri

SIR Calendar

- Sir Luncheon** – Thursday, August 1st
- Hiking** – Wednesday, August 21st
- \$ums in Retirement** – Wednesday, August 28th
- Area 2 Fishing Group** – Thursday, August 22nd
- Golf, Bocce, Bowling** – (See below)
- Wine Tasting** – Friday, July 26th
- Dine Around** – Thursday, August 22nd
- SIR Picnic** – Thursday, September 19th

Sir Luncheon Policy

Branch 19 must pay for lunches that are initially reserved and then cancelled. In order to avoid financial loss, the following policy has been enacted by the Branch 19 Branch Executive Committee:

1. Luncheon cancellation is required by 5pm on the Friday prior to the luncheon.
2. If not cancelled the luncheon cost will be invoiced at the next luncheon.

Member attendance at BEC meetings

**Anyone is welcome to attend the Branch 19 Executive Meetings
These meetings are held typically beginning at 9:30am
on the morning of the monthly luncheon**

If you would like to voice an issue related to SIR, or just wish to attend a Branch 19 Executive Committee meeting please email **Roger Moseley** (rogermoseley855@gmail.com) to reserve your place in the meeting room.



Order From this link:

<https://sir.ourproshop.com/>:



(Note: Hats are again available on the website)

Bring a Guest

Please feel free to bring a guest to the SIR luncheons

If bringing a guest, please follow the Guest Requirements specified in the monthly SIR luncheon email notification which is sent to all SIR Branch 19 members.



August Speaker – Tony Schoemehl



Tony Schoemehl



USS Hornet

Our August Speaker is Tony Schoemehl. The following is a short Biography.

- USS Hornet docent for 11 years
- Served 5 years as a naval aviator
- 1964 – 1969 (NAS Moffett Field Ca.)
- Captain Delta Airlines 33 years total service
- Past president Moraga Rotary
- Member of Sirs 171

The Presentation will be about the history of two aircraft carriers named The Hornet, mostly during WWII, and the aircraft carrier USS Hornet, which is now a museum opened to the public which is docked at the old Alameda Naval Air Station in Alameda Ca.

In World War II, the Hornet air groups consisted of a fighter (VF) squadron, a bombing (VB) squadron and a torpedo (VT) squadron. During the 1950s as naval warfare technology evolved, so too did the complexity and specialty of carrier-based aircraft. Joining the classic fighter and attack aircraft were electronic/early warning, photo-reconnaissance, and anti-submarine warfare aircraft. Dual-role aircraft also provided aerial tanking and limited cargo capabilities and helicopters proved essential to carrier operations which included search and rescue missions.



Picnic Site #1- Concord Community Park

Join Us for SIR Branch 19 Annual Picnic (Members & Guests)

Thursday, September 19th – Activities start at 11:00

Provided:

Lunch at noon by Kinders BBQ

- Fruit Salad
- Potato Salad
- Marinated Ball Tip
- Chicken
- Sausage
- Baked Beans
- Rolls & Butter

Plates, silverware & napkins
 Bottled water
 To-Go containers for leftovers
 Picnic tables with tablecloths

Activities:

- ❖ Arrive early & sit in the shade to visit with Friends.
- ❖ Enter the single elimination “Ladder Ball” tournament Starting at 11:00 and running through lunch until completed. The winning pair will win dinner for 2 at a local restaurant.
- ❖ **It is preferable to sign up when you arrive at the picnic with your spouse**, or look for a partner at the picnic and then sign up.
- ❖ Lunch will be served at about 12:30
- ❖ After lunch, the “Raffle Drawing” will be held for the prizes. One ticket will be given to the provider for each prize provided.
- ❖ Stay as long as you wish. The park is reserved from sunrise until sunset.

Please Bring:

- Desert to share
- Beer, wine or cold drinks
- A prize or two for “Raffle Drawing”
- Folding chairs or spread to sit in shade

Price \$25 per person

Sir Branch 19 Annual Picnic - Thursday September 19th - at Concord Community Park

Name _____ Badge # _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____

Entering “Ladder Ball” Tournament?

Team Members: name 1: _____ name 2: _____

\$25 Per Person for Catered Buffet Picnic Lunch - **Amount Enclosed \$** _____

(Make Checks Payable to: **Sir Branch 19**)

Bring check to August luncheon, or **mail check by August 20th** to:
Dennis Barbieri - 502 Hamburg Circle - Clayton, Ca, 94517

**Final Battle of the Bay Bridge Series
Last Chance to see the Oakland A's hosting SF Giants**



**SIR Day at the Ball Park
August 18, 2024
Oakland Coliseum-Sunday-1pm**

**Mail a \$70 check made out to Lee Moy
Include a return addressed and stamped envelope to:**

Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave., Clovis, CA 93612

**Tickets will be mailed to you, so please include the
aforementioned envelope plus your contact info:
phone number & email address.**

Deadline: 8/8/2024

Lee Moy
State SIR Sports

New Branch 19 Shared Activities

Great news for SIR Branch 19 members!

Branch 8 in Walnut Creek is inviting Branch 19 members to selected activities including:

1. Pickleball

Played on Thursday mornings at 8:30 at Willow Pass Community Park in Concord. Ladies are welcome. To sign up, contact Nick Maufe at ickmaufe@gmail.com or go to <https://www.sirbr8.com/pickleball/> for more information.

2. Pinochle

Meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Rocco's Restaurant in Walnut Creek at Encina Grande Shopping Center. Meet for lunch at noon with cards from 1:00 to 3:00. Ladies are welcome. To participate contact Stan Johnson at stan.johnson88@gmail.com, or visit their website at <https://www.sirbr8.com/pinochle/>.

3. Science & Astronomy

Consists of a daily email called "Sigma Xi SmartBrief". It contains links to half a dozen science articles from English language scientific journals around the world. It covers a broad selection of topics in science, engineering, medicine, and astronomy. To learn more, contact David Bushnell at dbushn@swbell.net or go to <https://www.sirbr8.com/sir-science-online/> for more information.

4. Opera/Ballet

The Opera and Ballet activity, consists of sending out advance information and published reviews of live Met Opera performances and Bolshoi Ballet that are transmitted by Fandango in HD to our local Century theaters. To see what's coming, please go to <https://www.sirbr8.com/opera/> or contact David Bushnell at dbushn@swbell.net.

5. Internet Games

Internet Cribbage is played each month in a tournament format as a two-person game, one on one. *Mexican Train Dominoes* is also played online with all players connected by Zoom. To sign up, contact Don Atwater at datwater@pacbell.net or go to <https://www.sirbr8.com/internet-games/>.

6. Poker

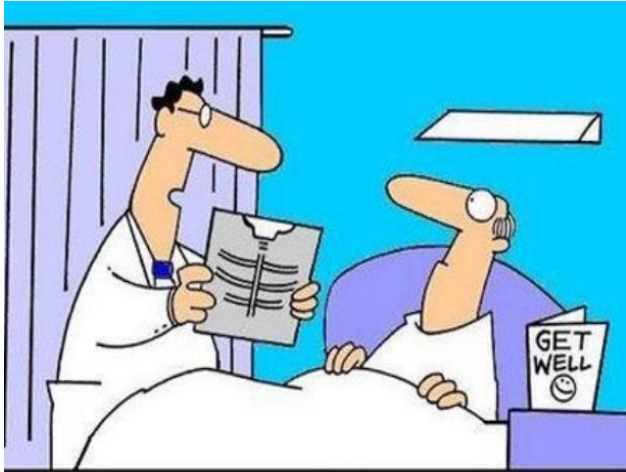
SIR Branch 146 in Walnut Creek has invited Branch 19 members to join in their Poker Group #4! If you would like to play, please contact Pete Gates at petegates10@gmail.com or call him at 925-937-2035. Games are usually scheduled for 1-4 pm on the 4th Monday of each month. Hosting is rotated between members' homes. The host provides light snacks and beverages. Buy-in is \$10 and stakes are nickel, dime, and quarter with a limit of three raises. Dealer antes a nickel per player.

We are excited to offer these new activities to our Branch 19 members and want to thank the Walnut Creek Branch for inviting us to join. If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please contact them directly thru the Activity Chairs mentioned above or thru their respective websites.

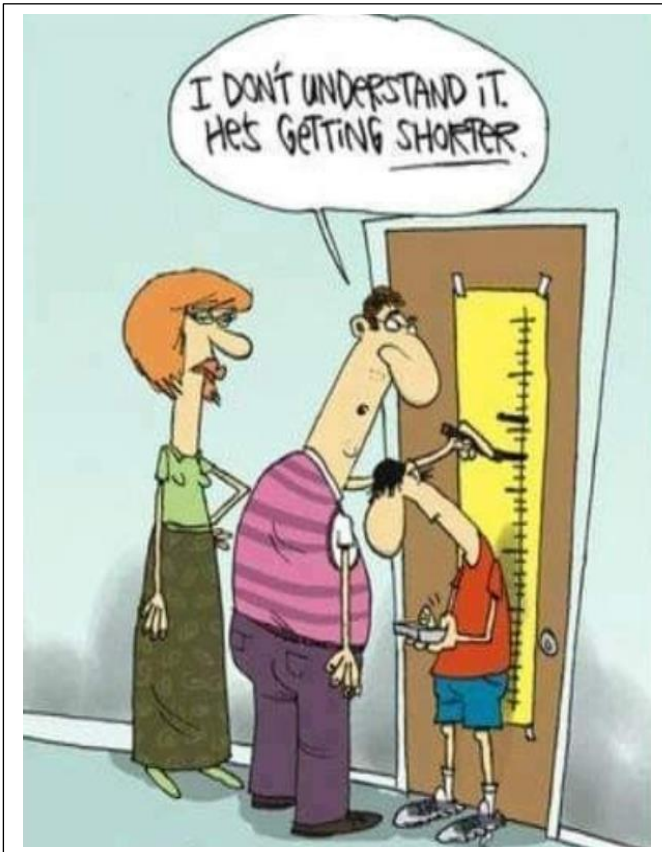
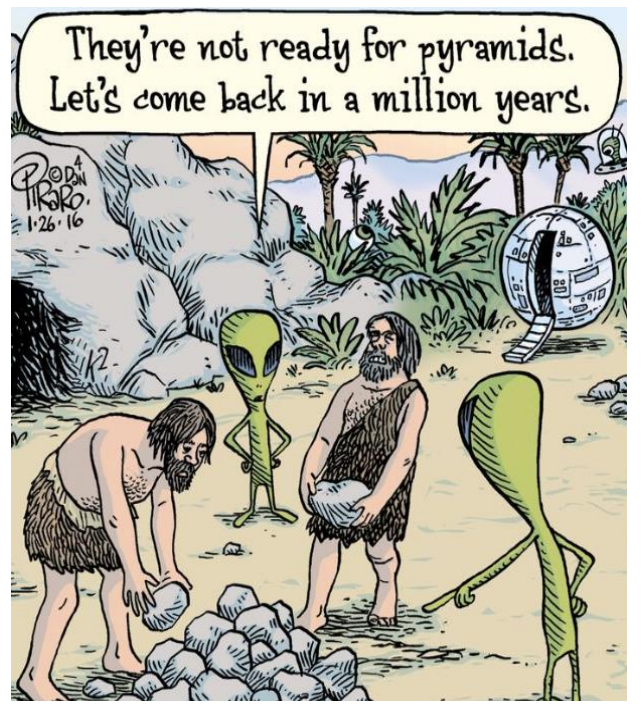
When signing up, please provide your name, branch (19) and email address.

Roger Moseley

COMEDY CORNER

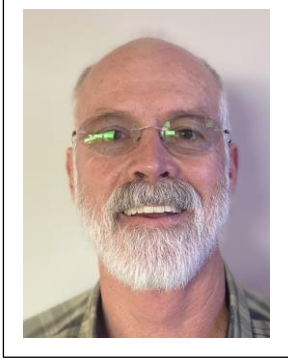


"Your x-ray showed a broken rib, but we fixed it with Photoshop."



Branch 19 Activities

Hiking Group – Alhambra Creek – August 21st (9:30 am)



SIR Don Ruddell



Unfortunately, the July SIR hike was canceled due to an extreme heat wave and closure of many state parks, including Briones Regional Park. We will reschedule this same hike on Alhambra Creek for August.

Save-the-Date: Wednesday, August 21, 9:30am

We will try again in August to hike the Alhambra Creek trail in Briones Regional Park. A more detailed email will be sent to all Branch 19 Sir members in the first half of August. Any questions or concerns, email me at:

Sir Don Ruddell druddellds@gmail.com (925) 787-7585



SIR Branch 19 Wine Tasting Group Meeting

Theme:
Cabernet Sauvignon

Friday, July 26th, 2024
Meeting Time 6:00PM

Bring:

- One bottle of wine
- Hot or cold appetizers that are a compliment to the wine you bring to share as we taste

Where:

Don and Ruth Weimann's House
5738 Roanwood Way, Concord



Please let the Weimann's know if you will be attending
donweimann@gmail.com
(925) 672-7711



Directions:

The house location is noted by the red indicator on the map below:



SIR Branch 19 Dine Around - Coordinators



SIR Branch 19 Dine Around Coordinators 2024/2025



We are looking for people to be Dining Out Coordinators. If you would be interested in volunteering for any of the Dining Out Dates in **RED** below, please contact Roger Moseley: rogermoseley855@gmail.com

Dining Out Coordinators are required to:

- 1) Pick a restaurant, 2) Verify that the restaurant will honor separate Dinner checks, 3) At Least Three weeks prior to the dinner, notify Rich Balovich at r.balovich@aol.com regarding the chosen restaurant and date. Rich will then create the Dining Out Flyer with the coordinator's email address and phone number and send it to the SIR Branch 19 membership. (**The deadline for Sirs to respond will be 1 week prior to the event.**)
- 4) The coordinator will then make the reservation based on the number of responses they receive.

Date	Coordinator
May 16, 2024	Roger & Nancy Moseley
June 18, 2024	Rich & Carmen Balovich
July 16, 2024	Neal & Debbie Powell
August 22, 2024	Martin & Lori Fennell
September 26, 2024	Jerry and Audrey Burton
October 24, 2024	Jack & Michelle Barnaba
January 16, 2025	Barry & Bobbi Silberman
February 20, 2025	Chuck & Karen Morones
March 20, 2025	_____
April 17, 2025	_____

Dine Around Venues that Branch 19 has used in the past:

- Fiore' Restaurant** - 5100 Clayton Rd, Concord / (925) 969-1887
- Spicy Joi Banh Mi X Lao Street Food** - 1687 Willow Pass Rd, Concord / (925) 787-7508
- The Old Spaghetti Factory** - 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord / (925) 672-7711
- Nepalese and Indian Restaurant** - 2118 Willow Pass Rd, Concord / (925) 825-3277
- La Veranda Café** - Center St., Clayton / (925) 524-0011
- Sichuan House** - Countrywood Shop Ctr, 2064 Treat Blvd, Walnut Creek / (925) 933-3278
- DVino's Pizza & Pasta** - 2221 Morello Avenue, Pleasant Hill / (925) 689-6666
- Aung Burma** - 2051 Salvio Street, Concord / (925) 332-7957
- La Veranda** - 6201 Center St, Clayton / (925) 524-0011
- Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar** - 1961 Diamond Blvd, Concord / (925) 849-1221
- Lima Peruvian Restaurant** - 2151 Salvio St suite 1 / (925) 309-7774
- Jack's Restaurant** - 60 Crescent Dr Suite A, Pleasant Hill / (925) 849-6195

SIR Branch 19 Dine Around – (Thursday, August 22nd)

La Veranda Restaurant



You will be offered great Italian cuisine at this restaurant. Come to La Veranda Cafe to try nicely cooked minestrone, pizza, Margherita and Caesar salads. Tasty chocolate ganache, crème brûlée and tiramisu can make a favorable impression on you. It's nice to order good wine, beer or margaritas. According to the guests' opinions, coffee is great.

La Veranda – A taste of Italy

Location: 6201 Center St, Clayton

When: **Thursday, Aug 22nd (Happy Hour 5:30-6:00 Dinner 6:00 pm)**

Website and Menu: <https://www.laverandacafe.com/> (925) 524-0011

(Order from the menu - Each couple will receive a separate check)



To register, please contact: Martin & Lori Fennell
<mailto:martinfennell54@gmail.com> or call (925) 212-9243

Please provide number of people attending & (Please RSVP by Friday, Aug 16th)
Please ask for the (Sirs Dinner Party) at the restaurant

Dine Around (Follow Up) – Tuesday, July 16th

On Tuesday, July 16th Sir Neal and Deb Powell hosted an outdoor Dining Out at Jack’s Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. It was a large group that enjoyed great food and socializing with friends. Neil and Deb graciously provided flower arrangements and appetizers for the tables. Check out the pics below:

Thanks Sir Neil and Deb



Sir Rich Balovich

Ways to Serve Your Branch

*The following is a list of available Branch 19 positions
If you are interested in any of these volunteer positions please email
Roger Moseley: rogermoseley855@gmail.com*

Activities Chair

RAMP Members: *These roles work with little Sir to help grow our branch*

Dining Out Coordinators: *This is a role which coordinates one monthly dining out activity*

Branch 19 Golf Information



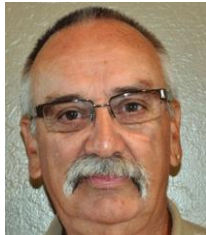
Nine Hole Golf Group

(Buchanan Golf Course)

For Information contact *Martin Fennell*

925-212-9243

Martinfennell54@gmail.com



Sir Jerry Burton
(Golf Chair)

ajgolf24@gmail.com

Cell: (925) 682-9797

Home: (925) 827-1909

18 Hole Golf Schedule

We have a 9:30 first T-time for all courses

- Aug 6 Lone Tree
- Au 13 Elkhorn
- Aug 15 Franklin Canyon (Thursday)
- Aug 20 Lone Tree
- Aug 27 Cypress Lakes

**As of July 18th we've had
6 Matches Played**

Diablo Creek Bracket

Kolano over Valentine

Oakhurst Bracket

Hockenson Over Priest,
Townsend over Ackers and
Hillaker over Cala

Boundary Oaks Bracket

Burton Over Moseley and Ray
over Fennell.

The Bocce Report



Bocce information will be provided later
in the season.

SIR Tom Lathrop

lathrop689@aol.com

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Our Senior summer league is still going on till the end of
August and we will start the fall league after Labor Day. .

SIR Mike Kropf mdkropf@astound.net

Gary Kaufmann gkaufmann813@gmail.com

Activities at Other SIR Branches

Area16 - SIR Branch 128 - Investments / Wealth Management

\$ums Investment Group
Next Meeting (Date: August 28th)



As usual we will Zoom with SIR Branch 128 (San Ramon) on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 1:30 PM. Email Dave Sutton to be included or to learn the topic.

Chair - Tom Henry - Branch 174 - tomhenry925@gmail.com
 Co-chair Dave Sutton - Branch 8 - davesutn@comcast.net

Area 2 - Fishing Group



The Legends
Diablo Creek Golf Course
4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord
Next Meeting Date: Thurs, August 22nd



SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Contacts are Phil Scimonelli 661-917-8060 and Carl Moyer 925-685-5243. Next meeting will be at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek golf course on Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4 on Thursday, August 22nd at 8:30am. Come early.

Weather continues to keep us off the water locally as we are having one of the windiest springs and summers ever. Wind is not a friend to fishermen. Nonetheless, Stan Wong, Carl Moyer, Alan Grabenstein, Brion Beetz, Gordon Linebaugh and Phil Scimonelli did get halibut and stripers in the bay. Lee Clark, Carl Moyer, and Sam Oomen caught rockfish and lingcod from the ocean. Ken Bellinder travelled all the way to Indiana for some black bass. Ron Lew, Stan Wong, and Tom Kostik got there bass right here in the California Delta. And, finally, Ron, Stan, Phil Scimonelli and Gary Palhegyi got stripers there.

Contacts: Bob Lively (925-383-5193 / Carl Moyer (925) 685-5243

State Sir Happenings

Below is a link to “The Happenings” which is produced by the State SIR organization. It contains information from State SIR and contains many of the SIR Newsletters from SIR Branches throughout California. If you have an interest in knowing what’s going on with State SIR or other SIR branches, please click on the link below.

[Click here to download your personal copy of Happenings](#)

PLEASE Donate to the Concord Food Bank



Food Drive
**PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD DONATION TO THE NEXT
LUNCHEON**

Please bring non-perishable food *in jars, cans, and sealed packets (No Glass please)*. We recommend sauces, soups, beans, vegetables, honey, peanut butter, candy, boxed juices, long-life milk, coconut cream and fish in oil. *(Please do not bring food with expired “use by” dates)*.
Sir Jerry Burton will collect the donated food and take it to the Concord Food Bank.
Thanks for your help, it will make a big difference in someone’s life!!!!

Social Ties Boost Survival by 50 Percent

WHO KNEW? BEING A SIR MEMBER PUTS YOU AHEAD IN THE GAME!

A meta-study covering more than 300,000 participants across all ages reveals that adults get a 50 percent boost in longevity if they have a solid social network

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/relationships-boost-survival/>



Branch 19 Leadership

President: Roger Moseley

Vice President: Jim Cala

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Asst. Treasurer: Joe Gillis

Membership Chair: Bill Hockenson

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Webmaster: Larry Long

Ex Officio Big Sir: Herb Forthuber

Activities Chair: Vacant

Exec Nomination Committee

(Chair): Jerry Burton

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Attendance Chair: Martin Fennell

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Chaplin: John Carl

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Golf Chair: Jerry Burton

Wine Tasting: Don Weimann