

*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

**Next meeting (Date To Be Determined) – Oakhurst Country Club**

## Big SIR Message



Welcome to January 2021, nice to see 2020 in the rear-view mirror. January is a particularly important month in the history and development of California: 1776 George Washington unveiled the first “Grand Union” American flag; 1863 President Lincoln activated the Emancipation Proclamation; 1892 Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened; and 1848 the California gold rush started with the discovery of gold at Sutter’s sawmill. The gold rush is particularly important to the Requa family. My great-great grandfather came west for the gold rush in 1849 and in 1872 homesteaded the family ranch, which we still own, in Mendocino County.

On a sad note, in late November we lost SIR Jim Garcia. Jim was always positive and upbeat and enjoyed visiting with everyone. He will be especially missed by his golf buddies because he never had a bad day on the course, even when he was not playing well. He made sure his group had fun no matter the situation. He will be missed.

With the surge and new shutdowns, even with the start of vaccinations, there is probably little chance to begin SIR activities, except maybe golf, until summer at the earliest. That does not mean that you can’t keep in touch with your SIR friends by electronic means. If anyone wants assistance setting up Zoom or other chat program, please ask and I will get you assistance. Also, we “will be back” so do not forget recruiting new members if you have the opportunity.

Branch 19 Big Sir - Dave Requa - ([dave@requa.org](mailto:dave@requa.org))

### January Birthdays

|         |          |        |             |
|---------|----------|--------|-------------|
| Myron   | Allen    | John   | Linster     |
| Dennis  | Barbieri | Nelson | Luke        |
| Homer   | Colvin H | Walter | Norris      |
| John    | Hayes    | Mike   | Thompson    |
| Robert  | Hillaker | John   | Van DeVeere |
| Richard | Leong    | Donald | Weimann     |

### The Calendar

Computers & Technology – Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

\$ums in Retirement - TBD

Area 2 Fishing Group – Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup>

Golf- (See below)

Wine Tasting - TBD

Dine Around – TBD

D.A.A.T.E. (Discussing Ancient Alien Technology & Engineering) - TBD

### January Anniversaries

|            |           |          |    |
|------------|-----------|----------|----|
| Charles    | Rogers    | 01/06/00 | 21 |
| James      | Willey    | 01/06/00 | 21 |
| Richard    | Small     | 01/04/07 | 14 |
| Kenneth    | Kuhn      | 01/06/11 | 10 |
| Steve      | Hanson    | 01/05/12 | 9  |
| William    | Hockenson | 01/02/14 | 7  |
| Thomas     | Kostik    | 01/02/14 | 7  |
| James      | Martin    | 01/02/14 | 7  |
| Michael    | Mills M   | 01/02/14 | 7  |
| Kenneth    | Konzak    | 01/08/15 | 6  |
| Robert     | Crabaugh  | 01/07/16 | 5  |
| Richard    | Leong     | 01/07/16 | 5  |
| David      | Requa     | 01/07/16 | 5  |
| Kenneth    | Bellendir | 01/05/18 | 3  |
| Jay        | Gordon    | 01/05/18 | 3  |
| Bob        | Finch     | 01/03/19 | 2  |
| Neil       | Powell    | 01/03/19 | 2  |
| Tom (Duke) | Chatham   | 01/08/20 | 1  |
| Bob        | Featherer | 01/09/20 | 1  |

### Financial Statement Branch 19 Statistics

#### Treasurer Report

October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

#### Account Balances

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Petty Cash                   | \$250.00          |
| General Account              |                   |
| Unencumbered                 | \$3,116.77        |
| Excursion Fund               | \$0.00            |
| Holiday fund                 | \$0.00            |
| Picnic Fund                  | <u>\$0.00</u>     |
| <b>Total General Account</b> | <b>\$3,116.77</b> |

#### Custodial Accounts

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Bowling                | \$401.07          |
| Golf                   | <u>\$1,198.40</u> |
| <b>Total Custodial</b> | <b>\$1,599.47</b> |

**Total Funds \$4,966.24**

Darryl Diamond (Branch 19 Treasurer)

## GET SET TO VOLUNTEER FOR 2021

Fellow SIR members,

We need volunteers to continue the success of Branch 19. Please be prepared to step up and help lead our branch next year. We continue to grow and enjoy activities through the active participation of our membership. Let us know how you can be engaged. It continues to be a great way to make more friends.

Jack Barnaba - Nominating Chair

## **Branch 19 Leadership**

**Big Sir:** Dave Requa

**Little Sir:** John Linster

**Secretary:** Joe Gillis

**Asst. Secretary:** John Carl

**Treasurer:** Darryl Diamond

**Asst. Treasurers:** Barry Silberman, Ken Kuhn

**Activities Chair:** John Lester

**Bocce Capo:** John Fernando (Director)

**Golf Chairman:** Jerry Burton (Director)

**Sunshine Chair:** Jay Gordon

**Attendance Chair:** Martin Fennell (Director), Jay Gordon

**Speaker Committee:** John Linster, Rich Peterson, Bill Ogden

**Bowling:** Gary Kaufmann, Mike Kropf

**Chaplin:** TBD

**Day Trips:** TBD

**Nomination Committee:** Jack Barnaba, Larry Kolano, Ken Kuhn

**Newsletter Editor:** Rich Balovich (Director)

**Membership Chair:** Ken Kuhn

**DATE Chair:** George Kapus (Director)

**Publicity:** George Kapus

**Recruitment:** TBD

**RAMP Chairman:** John Linster, Rich Peterson, Bill Ogden

**Wine Tasting / Dining Out:** Don Weimann

**Webmaster:** Mike Mills (Director)



**Arie Van Gemeren**

**SIR Darryl Diamond:** I'm sad to report that Arie passed away on Saturday, December 19th. He was a tennis friend of mine and a wonderful human being.

**Walnut Creek Racquet Club**

It is with great sadness that we pass on the news that long time WCRC members Arie Van Gemeren passed away on Saturday December 19th. The following was taken from his daughter's Facebook page.

After a long and valiantly fought 2 years with pancreatic cancer, my father went to meet his maker late last night. Our family is in grief right now and it's a great loss for us all.

My dad was many things to many people. To perhaps tens of thousands of people over his life he was a life saver - the lives he saved as a doctor for 40 years ripple and echo on through the grateful families, children and friends who get to enjoy the countless years he saved for so many. He was my sister's and my dad, he was a husband to my mother, he was a brother to his brothers and my Tia, he was a father figure for many who lost their own - including his own when he was only 12, and a Opi (grandfather) to my children and my sister Marianne Smith's children. I hope to have 1/1000 the impact my dad did in his time here, he made the world a better place.

We will miss you forever, and I know we will see you again.

"Life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight."

Rest In Peace Arie! ❤️

# State Leadership Summit



|       |                          |      |                         |
|-------|--------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| Who   | All BEC Officers, RD, AG | What | Leadership Summit       |
| When  | all week daily Jan 11-15 | Why  | Global Understanding    |
| Where | Zoom 1400-1600 hours     | How  | 30-minute presentations |

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81988728096?pwd=WWZzVDFrZmQ1QUJpdTJmY2JXTW0dz09>

All Branch members are invited, especially BEC officers, RDs, and AGs. Each presentation is 1/2 hour with 1/2 hour Q/A. Two speakers per day.

AG Lee Moy  
State SIR Trainer

## State SIR Leadership Summit the week of January 11-15-2021 M-F daily 2-4 pm; virtual meeting

featuring Guest Speakers  
30-minute presentation per speaker  
followed by Q/A discussion

We will be using ZOOM, the link for all 5 days is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81988728096pwd=WWZzVDFrZmQ1QUJpdTJmY2JXTWd0dz09>

If this link fails, go to <https://zoom.us> and use:

Meeting ID: **819 8872 8096**

Passcode: **805979**

Or call in by phone to 1-669-900-6833

If you are an incoming branch officer, or just want to know some more about how SIR works, please join us.

| Date                | Topic                       | Presenter                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday<br>Jan 11    | State Insurance             | Craig Hoffhines, Insurance Chairman   |
|                     | Roberts Rule of Order       | Billy Holly, former Regional Director |
| Tuesday<br>Jan 12   | Secretarial Duties          | Ron Flagel , State Secretary          |
|                     | Policies and Procedures     | Dale Decker, P&P Chairman             |
| Wednesday<br>Jan 13 | Form 28                     | Ron Saltgaver, Form Chairman          |
|                     | Treasurer Duties            | Roy Hodgkinson, State Treasurer       |
| Thursday<br>Jan 14  | Form 27                     | Stu Williams, State President         |
|                     | Using Social Media          | Derek Southern, Former State Pres.    |
| Friday<br>Jan 15    | Form 20/ Recruiting Leaders | Dennis Pangburn, Regional Director    |
|                     | Store Store Apparel         | Lee Moy                               |

**Branch 19 Activities**

## Branch 19 Golf Information

### The 18 Hole Golf Group



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

The SIR STATE BOARD has suspended all golf activities until further notice.

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman [ajgolf24@gmail.com](mailto:ajgolf24@gmail.com)

## The Bocce Report



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

The upcoming Bocce Season has been cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions.

John Fernando - Bocce Chairman  
[jaferna@pacbell.net](mailto:jaferna@pacbell.net)

## SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

As of now the fun of bowling is at a stop until the stay at home order is over, sometime in January 2021.

Everyone stay healthy and Covid19 free and we will get through this and back to bowling and enjoying our family, and friends.

Happy, Healthy, Safe 2021

SIR Mike Kropf [mdkropf@astound.net](mailto:mdkropf@astound.net)  
Gary Kaufmann [gkaufmann813@gmail.com](mailto:gkaufmann813@gmail.com)

# Area 16 Activities



## The Area 16 Computer & Technology Group

*Next Meeting on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am*  
<https://sirinc2.org/a16cat/>

The next Zoom SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology (CAT) Group meeting will be Thursday, January 21st starting at 9:30.

The January presentation topic will be "*Photo Editing on Your PC & Mac - Basics to Advanced*". Photo editing via smartphones has greatly improved in the last few years but so has PC & Mac photo editing software. There is a wealth of new features now available, often using AI techniques that can help you make detailed photo adjustments. Neil Schmidt will talk about two excellent editing programs available and demonstrate some simple as well as some advanced methods to improve your photos.

To attend the Zoom meeting, individuals need to sign-up for the CAT's mailing list by sending an email to [SIRArea2CAT@gmail.com](mailto:SIRArea2CAT@gmail.com). A few days before the meeting, a Zoom web link that is needed to connect will be sent to members on the mailing list.

**Neil Schmidt, Chairman**

# Area 16 Fishing Group



Regularly meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month  
**Next Meeting: Thursday January 28th, at 8:30am**  
**Via Zoom**



All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Contacts are Ron Lew 925-550-4166 and Carl Moyer 925-685-5243. Next meeting will be through ZOOM on Thursday, January 28th, at 8:30am.

Because our activity happens outdoors, we have been able to pursue our passion, observing all the COVID limitations. However, we no longer have SIR sponsored in person events. Many of our members have been out on the big water after crabs and rockfish. Many more crabs than rockfish. Tom Kostik, Ron Lew, Stan Wong, Phil Scimonelli, and Brion Beetz all fished for stripers, catching a few, but it was slow. We normally fish our local lakes for trout this time of year, but between Covid, the cold, and low water, we have opted for staying home. Carl Moyer, Brion Beetz, Ken Bellinder, and Rich Fiscina fished for sturgeon. Ken caught one!!!

Carl Moyer



## Area 16 Investments / Wealth Management

### The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

No Meeting in January



SUMS participated in another Branch 128 (San Ramon) Zoom meeting in Dec. There were two presentations: What to Look for in an Investment Advisor and an update on Income Taxes by our own Jamshed Gandhi, CPA, followed by a group discussion.

**\$SUMS Chair:** Tom Henry (Br-174) 925-284-5724 [tomhenry925@gmail.com](mailto:tomhenry925@gmail.com)

**Co-Chair:** David Sutton (Br-8) 925-686-0158, [davesutn@yahoo.com](mailto:davesutn@yahoo.com)

The following was released by the State Committee in an effort to bring more clarity to what it means to be a SIR:



### **What is SIR?**

**SIR (Sons in Retirement) is a non-profit, public benefit corporation formed for men. Our Mission is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making Friends for Life!**

**We are almost 60 years old, and our 120 plus branches include over 14,500 members. Our branches cover Northern California from Bakersfield to the Oregon border and Lake Tahoe to the Pacific Ocean.**

**Our member expectations are few. Have the free time, be a friendly, sociable guy, participate in our luncheons and activities and introduce others to SIR so they can join in the fun.**

**Membership is open to men regardless of age, race, color or religion. We are an all-volunteer organization, so our members need to help out when called upon. SIR supports no outside causes or interests. We prohibit discussions of politics and religion, soliciting or selling anything to any member.**

**Each Branch has monthly luncheon meetings where Sirs renew old friendships and establish new ones. Speakers are invited to speak on topical subjects of general interest. Most Branches have summer and winter luncheons and a BBQ where wives, partners and guests are invited.**

**Of special interest are Branch activities like golf, bowling, travel, bocce, bridge, poker, walking, hiking, computers, dining out, wine tasting and investing. Our list of activities and events is almost endless and many are coed. If there is an activity you are passionate about and your selected branch doesn't have it, we will help you start it and involve others. Come join us and be part of the fun – and, better yet, Make Friends for Life!**

06/18/17, G&M Committee