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**EL DORADO
Branch 23**

ANNUAL HISTORY

2007

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Branch meetings are held at Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Avenue in Carmichael, California. Branch 23 meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The executive board meets at 10:30AM and the general meeting begins at noon. At the monthly meetings, members sign up for golf tournaments to be held in the following weeks and for travel to sporting events, stage presentations and other recreational destinations. Most meetings also include a guest speaker, with their presentations covering a variety of subjects of interest to the members.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2007

OFFICERS:

At the start of the year:

BIG SIR:	Dick Fuller	LITTLE SIR:	Bill Beeman
SECRETARY:	Bill Sutherland	ASSISTANT:	Fritz Walgenbach
TREASURER:	Bob Mellberg	ASSISTANT:	Joe Sandhu

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

ATTENDANCE:	John Pedlar 1/	ASSISTANT	Bruce Manby 1/
MEMBERSHIP:	Jim Reifschneider	ASSISTANT	John Schupe
TRAVEL	Dale Martin (Br33)		
SUNSHINE	Lee Lenneville		
BOWLING	Donn Stafford 2/		
EDITOR	Ray Zelinski	ASSISTANT	
GOLF (18 HOLE)	Howard Frank	ASSISTANTS:	Nick DiMuccio, Tam LeFebure, Harry Scott, Dan Terry, Gus Shlick, Don Naylor, Bill Sutherland
GOLF (9 HOLE)	Ed Campini	ASSISTANTS:	Jim Otto, Dick Oxford, Bill Sutherland, Gus Johnson

1/ The Attendance and Assistant Attendance persons resigned in January. Darrel Fredrickson was appointed in February. No Assistant was appointed.

2/ Donn Stafford passed away in July; no one has volunteered to fill that post.

DIRECTORS:

Carroll Hamon	Paul Joyce	Stan Holmes
Tony Ragusa	Birge Clark	Sam Scarlett

MONTHLY PUBLICATION: Our monthly publication, edited by SIR Ray Zelinski is called "The Nugget". It informs the members of Branch of news concerning: officers,

meeting information, Big SIR report, Little SIR scheduled speakers or program notes, membership status, bowling and golf information, sunshine report, and financial figures.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Sir Jim Reifschneider reported that the 2007 membership started with 202 active members, 2 inactive member, and 4 honorary lifetime members. At the end of the year, we remained at 198 active members, 1 inactive members, and 4 honorary lifetime members. We had no members on a waiting list during the year. Major changes to the membership roles for 2007 included 10 new members and 9 members passed away during the year.

The new members are:

Jan:-Tom Novi	Feb:-Bob Ahders	Mar:- Jerry Shantz Bill Welch
May-Richard Mayhon	Jun-Clarence Otte	Bob Anderson
Sept-Walt Bedwell (transfer)		Ron Podny Fred Lythgoe Nick Gust

The deceased members were:

John Schodde (Nov 06)	Earl Riker (Oct 07)	Walt Asworth (Dec 07)
Milt Carliss (Feb 07)	Joe Casey (Oct 07)	King Heaslet (Dec 07)
Donn Stafford (July 07)	Rowland Arthur (Oct 07)	Hershel Dean (Dec 07)

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Sir Darrel Fredrickson reported that the monthly meeting attendance averaged approximately ??% during 2007.

SUNSHINE: The Sunshine chairman, Sir Lee Lenneville, reported receiving numerous contacts regarding illnesses, hospitalizations, and the death of ??? members. Monthly reports were made in the ðNuggetö and announced at monthly meetings. öGET WELLö cards were mailed to those that were ill and sympathy cards were mailed to the families of deceased members.

TRAVEL: The following trips were made available to Branch 23 members by Sir Dale Martin, Travel Chairman for Branch 33.

January	Amtrak snow train to Reno Hilton
February	William Florian Songfest & Luncheon, Deer Park Villa, Marin County
February	Silver Legacy, Reno
April	Silver Legacy, Reno
May	12 Day Hawaiian Cruise
May	Silver Legacy, Reno
May	Oakland Aø Baseball
June	Silver Legacy, Reno
June	Casinos & Canyons Trip, Utah, Arizona, and Nevada
June	SF Giants Baseball
June	River Cats Baseball

July	San Francisco ó Asian Art Mus., Cal Culinary Acad., Treasure Island
July	Silver Legacy, Reno
August	Yellowstone and Teton National Parks
August	Silver Legacy, Reno
September	Colusa Casino
September	Silver Legacy, Reno
September	50 th Anniversary Cruise to Hawaii
October	Tahoe Cruise
October	Silver Legacy, Reno
November	Jimmy Osmond Spirit of Christmas Show, Reno
November	Silver Legacy, Reno
December	Danube River Cruise
December	Apple Hill and Jackson Rancheria Casino

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Sir Bob Mellberg reported the following:

TOTAL Funds Available ó December 1, 2006	\$8,448.59
TOTAL Funds Available ó December 1, 2007	\$5,488.04

BOWLING: Chairman Sir Donn Stafford passed away in July. The club has not yet found a replacement for him. The Chapter has several four man teams and a few bowlers, bowling on other teams. Chapter 23 can always use more bowlers to participate in the SIRø bowling league at Country Club Lanes, located at Watt and El Camino Avenues. At the present time there are 28 teams with 4 men on each team. The league bowls for 33 weeks beginning in the fall and continuing into the next year. Our members have a great time bowling and enjoying the fellowship that goes along with it.

GOLF:

General: Our branch participates with two separate groups; an 18-hole and a 9-hole group. All members are allowed to play in either or both groups. Tournaments are scheduled so there is no conflict of tournament dates.

9 Hole League: The chairman is Ed Campini, and the tournament director is Jim Otto. The 9 hole league is made possible by the assistance of Dick Oxford, and Bill Sutherland,. There were 22 scheduled tournaments. The 9 holers awards banquet was held at the Buggy Whip Restaurant, November 9, 2007. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables.

9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE – 2007

TOP TEN POINT WINNERS

POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1	Bill Sutherland	40
2	Dick LeBeau	37
3	Dave Scott	36
4	Steve Schmidt	32
5	Sam Osver	28

T6	Neil Fairhurst	27
T6	Tom Logan	27
T8	Chris Christopherson	26
T8	Frank Heggli	26
10	Ed Campini	24

**9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2006
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS**

Tournament Number	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight
1	Arcade Creek - Front	Stan Holmes	Frank Heggli	Birge Clark
2	Arcade Creek - Back	Cancelled		
3	Davis	John Zian	Bob Stakolich	Ed Radsliff
4	Antelope Greens	Frank Abel	Bob Chiles	
5	Wild Wings	Steve Schmidt	Howard Frank	
6	Forest Lake	Ed Hodan	Dick Oxford	
7	Black Oak	Bob Mellberg	Bob Stakolich	Birge Clark
8	Arcade Creek - Front	Bill Sutherland	Gordon DeCorsey	
9	Bing Maloney	Sam Osver	Donn Stafford	
10	Davis	Bob Chiles	Vince Toolan	
11	Wild Wings	Sam Osver	Russ Korhonen	
12	Cordova	Tom Logan	Howard Frank	
13	Forest Lake	Cancelled		
14	Antelope Greens	Cass Mastalski	Dick Oxford	Donn Stafford
15	Arcade Creek - Back	Bill Sutherland	Sam Osver	
16	Indian Creek	Cass Mastalski	George Hood	
17	Arcade Creek - Front	Bill Sutherland	Jim Smith	Russ Korhonen
18	Bing Maloney	Bob Stakolich	Dick Oxford	
19	Antelope Greens	Stan Holmes	George Hood	
20	Davis	Bob Mellberg	Horace Conrad	
21	Arcade Creek - Back	Tam Lefebure	Ray Zelinski	
22	Cordova	Fairhurst / Rodriguez	DiMuccio / Pratt	(2-man Scotch)

18 Hole League: The chairman is Don Kehoe and the tournament director is Tam LeFebure. There were 22 scheduled tournaments. The 18-holers awards banquet was held at the Lionsgate Hotel at McClellan Park on December 7, 2007. The top ten point winners, and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables:

**18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE – 2007
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS**

POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1	Howard Frank	57
2	Buzz Gooch	55
3	Fred Lythgoe	49
4	Steve Schmidt	45
T5	Frank Abel	43
T5	Nick DiMuccio	43
T7	Jim DeLong	42
T7	Bill Sutherland	42
T9	Dale Isaac	41
T9	Don Naylor	41

18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2007					
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS					
Tournament Number	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight
1	Cavanaugh	Ralph Sommariva	Buzz Gooch	Ron Jespersen	
2	MacKenzie	Jim DeLong	Joe Davis	Howard Frank	
3	Bing Maloney	Joe Rodriguez	Dave Salminen	Dick LaBeau	
4	Ancil Hoffman	Steve Schmidt	Chris Christopherson	Tom Novi	Odell Landers
5	Mather	Bill Sutherland	Ed Campini	John Zian	
6	Davis	Ralph Sommariva	Buzz Gooch	Art Pancheri	
7	Diamond Oaks	Steve Schmidt	Dave Salminen	Bud Fisher	
8	Timber Creek	Ernie Couture	Don Kehoe	Odell Landers	
9	Micke Grove	Jim DeLong	Nick DiMuccio	Howard Frank	
10	Wildhawk	Dale Isaac	Nick DiMuccio	Fred Lythgoe	
11	Dry Creek	Bob Ahders	Sam Scarlett	Fritz Walgenbach	
12	Diamond Oaks	Bill Sutherland	Bill LeDoux	Fred Lythgoe	
13	Teal Bend	Tom Bogetich	Tom Novi	Bill Scofield	
14	Rio LaPaz	Frank Abel	Ralph Sommariva	Paul Askelson	

15	Mather	DeLong, Salminen, Green, Lythgoe (Four man scramble)			
16	Wildhawk	Gooch / Mattson	Cattanach / Lythgoe	(Two man best ball)	
17	MacKenzie	Bob Mellberg	Dick Oxford	Ray Zelinski	
18	Davis	Tam LeFebure	Sam Osver	Jack Carter	
19	Cherry Island	Tom Bogetich	Don Kehoe	George Hood	Don Naylor (Gold Tee)
20	Ancil Hoffman	Joe Rodriquez	Paul Askelson	Frank Heggli	
21	Bing Maloney	Arlis Coy	Howard Frank	Frank Heggli	
22	Cavanaugh	Cass Mastalski	Ron Green	Dick Fuller	

SPEAKERS: Little Sir Bill Beeman invited a variety of speakers and performers for the monthly meetings. The speakers and others are as follows:

January	Gene Cronin	College and Pro football player in the 50ø.
February	Gene Moline	Administrator with the Veterans Affairs speaking on Military burial benefits.
March	Rep from òAbout Elder Careö	Speaking on issues of Elder Care.
April	Dr. Gordon Marshall	Musician- speaking on experiences with the Military Band in the 1940ø
May		No speaker
June	Gary Detrick	Talk show personality sharing his experiences as in radio.
July	Carol Nolan	California State Alcohol and Beverage Commission.
August	Dick Larson	Retired Fish and Game Warden sharing his career expeirences.
September	Betty Vosters-Kemp	Hearing specialist providing information and insight to seniors hearing loss and what one can do.
October	Stan Perez	Former CHP Officer who spoke on his 30 years with the Highway Patrol

November	Dr. Kent Farnsworth, DDS	The topic is Dental health and hygiene.
December	Christmas Luncheon	Honorary Christmas Luncheon with our ladies

2007 Member Profiles:

The following members of Branch 23 had biographical profiles published in the monthly Nuggets. These profiles were prepared by Ray Zelinski, Nugget Editor. This is the second year the profiles were prepared, and they are included below for historical reference.

Member Profile:

MATTHEW "MATT" O'GARA (January 07)

Matt has been a member of SIR Branch 23 since 1984. His connection to Branch 23 was through a conversation with a fellow traveler on a Panama Canal cruise in January of that year. The fellow traveler mentioned a SIR group at Carmichael Elks. Matt attended a Branch meeting when he returned from the cruise, and subsequently joined Branch 23. Matt is originally from Chicago, IL. He was born there in 1920, and resided there until he was accepted in the Navy V5 Flight Training Program and called to active duty in late 1942. He graduated as an Ensign with Gold Wings from NAS Corpus Christi, TX, then was assigned as a flight instructor at NAS Deland, FL until October 1945.

Matt began university study at the University of Illinois in 1939 & -40. He then took a break from studies and worked at U. S. Steel in Chicago starting in 1941 until joining the Navy. The job of manufacturing beams and plates was very demanding, requiring 72-hour work weeks. Perhaps the Navy appeared to be vacation-like in comparison!

Now, there was not only work and military occurring in Matt's life. In August 1942, just prior to entering the Navy, Matt had the good fortune to meet a young lady named Mildred Greene. They met through the sister of Matt's friend at the friend's new housewarming party. Matt and Millie had a wonderful evening together which eventually led to their marriage in October 1944, just 3 days after graduation from NAS Corpus Christi.

Following his exit from the Navy, married and father of a 5 month old daughter, Matt chose to continue his education at the University of Michigan where veterans student housing was available courtesy of the Ford Bomber Plant. He enrolled in October 1945. In six semesters and two summer sessions, 12 units of post graduate courses. He received his BS in civil engineering in June 1948, concurrently with the arrival of a second daughter.

Matt went on to enjoy a very rewarding and enjoyable engineering career, primarily with the California Division of Highways, now known as Caltrans. He was hired by the Highway Bridge Department in June 1948.

He accumulated experience in the bridge design and construction sectors which enabled him to pass the professional engineering license exam in 1951. He then decided to broaden his experience by working part time for a former supervisor in non-bridge engineering in the private sector. After 3 months Matt was offered a fulltime position with the private firm at double the salary he was earning with the Bridge Department. Having

added two more daughters to his family, Matt accepted the offer and resigned from the Bridge Department in 1952. His new duties included design of roads, sewers, and utilities for the expanding Travis Air Base.

Eventually, military funding cuts caused company turmoil which resulted in Matt and two associates purchasing the company. Contracts with Sacramento, Tahoe City and Safeway were not sufficient to keep the business solvent. After 3 months without pay, Matt decided to make another career change and was able to rejoin the Bridge Department in January, 1954.

Matt experienced a variety of successes in the next 30 years with the Division of Highways until his retirement in December 1983. He pioneered slip forming piers for the Carquinez Bridge, and won an award for lightweight concrete on high strength steel girders; and supervised a design section in the -50s & -60s. And the family gained two more daughters and a son during this stretch. Matt then ventured into other engineering functions with Highways such as: two years managing a pilot work study program; four years managed a value engineering team; and four years in various management and planning activities. He returned to the Bridge Department in January 1979 and managed a design section until retirement. If you lost count, Matt and Millie raised 6 daughters and one son. They have 17 grandchildren ages 2 to 36; and 3 great grandchildren. All the children and their spouses have college level degrees, as do the first eleven grandchildren. Six of the grandchildren are married. Keeping up with weddings, births, birthdays, anniversaries and holiday gatherings in this family requires a fulltime professional management service. In spite of all, Matt and Millie have toured much of the world. Millie has volunteered at church, a hospital and Crocker Art Gallery; Matt was Branch 23 Travel chairman for 2 years and golfed until medical problems cut his game short in 1996; both enjoy crossword puzzles, and each has separate interests in bridge, reading, and family video recordings. Congratulations, Matt, for 86 productive years.

Member Profile:

ED RADSLIFF (February 07)

Ed has had a solid relationship with the SIR organization since joining Branch 23 in 1978 at age 60. He was an active participant in both the 9 and 18 hole golf tournaments, and in the bowling league for many years. However, Ed also devoted a lot of time to Branch 23 duties which is so important to the success of any organization. Shortly after joining Branch 23, he assisted the tournament chairman with computer preparations for tournaments. He also served for several years on the 18-hole committee, and more recently he served the 9-hole committee as recorder and handicapper. In addition to

Branch sports activities, Ed served as Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary during the 1990s. Unfortunately, Ed has had to discontinue the golf and bowling activities due to health reasons in the past year. Although Ed has had to cut back on some of his activities, he feels fortunate to be doing well at age 89. The reason being that, at age 8, he survived being struck by an automobile and spent two months in the hospital recovering from life threatening injuries. He fully recovered and went on to be very productive in home life, career and organizations.

Ed was born in Grand Forks, ND, but moved with his mother and sister to Minnesota to live with his grandparents when his dad was sent to France to serve in WW1. After the war, the family lived in south Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin before settling in Portland, OR in the depression years of 1933 & 1934. Ed graduated from high school in Portland, then moved to Sacramento in 1937 to attend junior college. He next transferred to UC Berkeley in 1941 and graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Economics in 1944. He later did graduate level studies in Statistics at UCB and North Carolina State.

Ed worked in Child Welfare at UCB following graduation until 1948 when he accepted employment with the State Department of Mental Hygiene in Sacramento where he has lived ever since. He transferred to the CA Division of Highways in 1956 in the field of highway traffic projections until retirement in 1976. During ten of the years while working for the State, Ed taught Statistics part time at CSUS. Also during his State employment, he was a member of the American Statistical Association, and served as President of the local Branch from 1960 to 62.

Ed was married while living in Berkeley. Three daughters and a son resulted from that marriage. Ed married his current wife, Margaret, who has three sons, in 1973. The seven children range in age from the 40s to 60s, and have produced 13 grandchildren ranging from 13 to 35 in age. Margaret's youngest son and his wife are both teachers, and spent 14 years teaching internationally in Indonesia, Burma, Kenya and Ecuador. Ed and Margaret have enjoyed traveling both in the US and internationally, including Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, South America and Canada. The first trip was to Hawaii for their honeymoon. Four overseas Elder hostels were especially enjoyable. Those four included a week on a coral isle 50 miles from Australia; a month in China featuring the Great Wall and the Terra Cotta Soldiers; a safari in Kenya; and to Russia including seeing treasures inside the Kremlin. Also, they visited Margaret's teacher son in Indonesia and Burma. They have enjoyed extensive RV touring in the US and Canada, including driving through a hurricane in Louisiana and Texas.

Ed also found time to dedicate his talents to organizations such as the Ancil Hoffman and Cherry Island Golf Clubs, and served on the Sacramento Golf council. He was a member of the AH club for 25 years during which time he served as both weekday and weekend Tournament Director at different times for several years. He also served as President in 1981. In 1990, he assisted the CI club in its formative years, including the role of handicapper during CI's first year of existence.

Branch 23 salutes Ed for his support of Branch activities, and for all his adventures and successes.

Member Profile:

DANIEL PENNINGTON (March 07)

Dan has enjoyed a diverse and exciting career, with ties to such notable dignitaries

as Presidents Kennedy and Johnson; Martin Luther King; Governors Deukmejian and Wilson; Senator Kuchel and others. So let's explore how all these ties developed. Dan was born in Oakland in 1938, but was raised in Sacramento. He attended American University in Washington D. C. Following college, he worked for his father for 3 years in the newspaper publishing business in Stanislaus County. Dan then decided to strike out on his own.

In September 1962, Dan moved to Washington D. C. and became a U. S. Capitol Police Officer, assigned to the Senate detail. During that 4-year assignment, he participated in the JFK funeral; several State-of-the- Union speeches; the MLK march on DC; the MLK assassination tragedy and subsequent riot; and other notable events.

Dan shares memories with us for some of those events such as: having total freedom to rove amongst the Senate side crowd during the Kennedy funeral; being detailed to the Secret Service, issued an M1 rifle and stationed on the roof of the former Russell Senate Office Building during the 1964 President Johnson inauguration; and being incorporated with the Secret Service, Metro Police and U. S. Park Police in the Army Communications Control Center to monitor activities during the MLK march on DC. In 1966, Dan decided it was time for a change in his career. He accepted a support position for California U. S. Senator Thomas Kuchel. In 1968, following Sen. Kuchel's defeat, Dan was hired as a reporter for Chilton Publications, publisher of several trade magazines. He reported on federal government activities, including the White House, in his assignment. In 1979 he formed his own Public Relations and Lobbying firm.

In 1982, Dan returned to California and began an 18-year public service career until retirement in 2000. This service was through appointments by both Governors Deukmejian and Wilson, including: Director of Marketing and Relations for the State Fair and Cal Expo; an Executive Position with the Department of Housing and Community Development; and Chairman of the Integrated Waste Management Board.

Dan and Mary Lee were married in October 1991. They enjoy traveling when Mary Lee can get time off. In the meantime, Dan enjoys time on the golf course. Dan has three daughters, Christy, Kathy and Danielle; and 5 grandchildren scattered in Virginia, Fresno and Sacramento. Finally, Dan has not fully withdrawn from public life. He was Deputy Political Director for the Bill Simon gubernatorial campaign, and continues voluntary efforts in the Republican Party and in various political campaigns.

Be sure to corner Dan at one of the SIR luncheons or at the 19th hole on the golf course to get more details for some of the events and activities mentioned above. He certainly has an impressive biography.

Congratulations, Dan.

Member Profile:

LOREN KRUEGER (April 07)

Loren has traced his roots back to English royalty in 800 AD. But, that's getting ahead of the story. Let's backtrack only to 1923 when he was born in Walla Walla, Washington. He grew up in Attalia alongside the Columbia River near the Oregon border. He left Washington in 1941 to begin a circuitous route to obtain an engineering degree. During a 2-year period, he earned credits at Reedley and Long Beach JC's in California before serving in the military. During the military duty he earned more credits at Arizona

University. Following his military service, he settled on Colorado State University to study Forestry. He soon switched back to engineering and earned a BS degree in Civil Engineering at CSU in 1948.

After obtaining his degree, Loren hired on with the Bridge Department with the CA Division of Highways (now Caltrans). He spent 39 years in a very satisfying career with the State entirely devoted to Bridges. Much of this time was expended in construction all over California. He especially enjoyed the more rustic locations such as Ft. Bragg, Happy Camp and Kernville. He was assigned as Bridge Resident on numerous projects including the complex interchange at the Carquinez Bridges in the 1950s. At the time of his retirement in 1987, he was one of three managers in charge of all bridge construction engineering for Caltrans, a position in which he excelled and held for 24 years.

Following retirement, Loren continued with 15 more years of part time engineering endeavors for both Caltrans and the private sector. During this period, he produced both computer software for checking bridge falsework and a falsework procedural manual for Caltrans; contributed to transportation projects for Imbsen & Associates and URS Corporation; and served as a value engineering specialist for the San Jose Valley Transportation Authority.

As mentioned earlier, Loren served in the military. He was a Staff Sergeant with the Army Combat Engineers. His service time was during the WW II years, 1943 to '46, including six months in the occupation forces in Japan. His unit was among the very first to land in Japan. His time included four months training in the Naval Combat Demolition Unit which later became known as the Navy Seals.

Enough of the business stuff. It is time to focus on equally important personal factors. Loren met his wife, Lorraine, at a dance in March 1971. They were married in January 1973. They have a combined family of four children. Loren has two married daughters in their 40s, Karen in Denver works for Coors Brewing Co., and Cindy who works for Caltrans locally. Lorraine has two boys in their 50s, Kevin in Los Angeles and Brian who lives locally. Lorraine has 3 grandchildren. Loren and Lorraine host family gatherings at Thanksgiving, and celebrate pre-Christmas each December in the Toronto, Canada area with Lorraine's nieces and their families. Last, but not least are Loren's leisure interests. He dabbles in Computer Applications, Digital Photography and Genealogy. He claims no expertise in the photography category, but he continually finds uses for his computer skills such as producing his memoirs. This publication contains 600 pages, and includes 1,000 photos. Some of the photos are 160 years old and required serious rehabilitation which Loren found both fascinating and fun. Also, tracing his genealogy back to 800 AD was a very exciting and satisfying accomplishment. After he traced to the English Royalty, he claims the effort became much simpler. Any dissenters?

Now that we have come full circle, we will conclude with another of Loren's passions which is hunting. He has hunted most of his adult life for deer and elk in California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming. Seek Loren at one of our monthly luncheons if you want to hear details of 40 years worth of hunting tales, and congratulate him on his accomplishments.

Member Profile:

JIM STANDLEY (May 07)

Jim began his life in Dunsmuir in 1915 where his parents settled following their move from Cutler (near Fresno). He explored vast areas of northern California as a youth and as a career Bridge Engineer with the Division of Highways, now known as Caltrans. He and his wife, Emily-ann, have since settled down in Sacramento where they have resided for the past 10 years.

Jim attended grammar school in Redding, high school at Sacramento HS and finally two years at Sacramento Jr. College (now Sac City College). He then received his bachelor degree in Civil Engineering from UC Berkeley in 1937. He was hired that year as a Junior Engineering Aid by the Division of Highways Bridge Department following graduation. That began a 39 year dedication to bridges which he enjoyed immensely. While at UCB, Jim met Emily-ann. They were married in 1939. Together they have raised a family and shared many memorable experiences. Their immediate family includes two daughters, Ellen and Christine, who live locally; and one son, Bill, who works for the Forest Service in Ketchikan, Alaska. They were blessed with three grandchildren. Their one granddaughter unfortunately became a victim of cancer at the age of 34 this past year. She was an electrical engineer and worked in the robotics industry. One grandson lives in Japan and teaches English to Japanese businessmen. The other grandson was recently accepted to graduate school in mathematics, and has ushered in the next generation for Jim and Emily-ann with a great granddaughter.

Jim's first bridge engineering assignment was in construction on a major bridge which eventually would cross an arm of Shasta Lake when the dam was later completed. Jim and Emilyann lived in Dunsmuir during this assignment. They suffered the misfortune of their house burning down and consuming most of their possessions. Soon they moved to Bakersfield, and then to a design assignment in Sacramento in 1941. They next returned to bridge construction and moved to Little River on the Mendocino Coast in 1942, and later to Willow Creek. Fresh meat was not available in Willow Creek, so it had to be ordered from Arcata and shipped to them by bus. Jim also supplemented the family dietary needs with fish from the Trinity River.

The family returned to the Sacramento area in 1945 where Jim spent 31 years in the Bridge Design Office until retirement in 1976. During that time, he served as a design section leader for 17 years, followed by assignments in bridge design research and planning. His final assignment was as chief of State Bridge Construction and maintenance. Following retirement, Jim and Emily-ann moved to Colfax for 21 years where both became involved in community activities.

Jim and Emily-ann both were docents at the Placer County Museum located in a historic Auburn home. Also, Jim managed both the Colfax water district and cemetery for several years. He has memories of a family visiting the cemetery to search for the grave of the family's great grandfather who, many years prior, was the town drunk and who burned down the town. The family enjoyed a toast of whiskey to this infamous gentleman at the grave site. Jim was active in both Girl and Boy Scout organizations. He helped develop Camp Fleming for the girls, and rebuild Camp Cody buildings for the boys after heavy snow crushed them. He enjoyed fly fishing and photography. He created his own darkroom at his home for developing film which he found extremely useful to develop hundreds of rolls of film from three photography safari trips to Africa. Jim and Emily-ann also enjoyed SIR trips to the Baltic Sea area, Australia/New Zealand and the Panama

Canal. All considered, they have memories of some wonderful and interesting times together. SIR Branch 23 congratulates them.

Member Profile:

GUSTAV GUS+SCHLICK (June 07)

Gus is one of the most veteran members of Branch 23. He was inducted as a member by Big SIR Paul Chapman in 1978, the 10th year of Branch 23's existence. During this tenure, Gus was treasurer of the 18-Hole Golf Club for 10 years. He continues active participation with the club by assisting with recording signup fees and with duties associated with the Annual Awards Banquet. Gus is very proud of his work record prior to retiring in 1979 at the age of 62. He spent his entire 38 working years, not including 3 years of military service, for the same organization, the Equitable Life Assurance Society (ELAS) of the United States. ELAS, at one time, was the third largest life insurance underwriter in the world. Gus began as a student in training with ELAS, earning \$100/month, in July 1938, in Dallas, TX. Jobs were scarce, so he felt fortunate to be employed. After a successful one year internship, he was promoted to Assistant Office Manager at \$125/month! Following a break for military service beginning in 1942, Gus returned to Dallas as Assistant General Service Manager. He was transferred to Sacramento in July 1948 as General Service Manager, and charged with opening a new office. This office thrived, but due to reorganization needs, the Sacramento office was downsized in 1976. He was transferred to Fresno to help open a Regional Service Center where he concluded his career as an Administrative Manager in July 1979. Retirement prompted a return to their former home in Sacramento. Sacramento has been home ever since. Gus was born in Decatur, IL in December 1916. He received a scholastic scholarship from Milikin University in his hometown of Decatur from which he earned a BS in Business Administration in 1938. He worked as a service attendant at a Texaco gas station during his four years of college. Yet, he found time to meet his future wife, Veva June Appel, when he was a freshman and Veva June was on a music scholarship at Milikin. They were married in July 1939 in Dallas at the completion of his internship at ELAS. One of the conditions of his employment was that he could not get married during the one-year internship! Gus and Veva raised two children, a son William and a daughter, Camille. Gus has two grandchildren, Ryan, 26, and Dana, 22. Gus has fended for himself since becoming a widower in 1985. Gus enlisted in the Army Air Corps in December 1942, and was conveniently assigned to the 5th Ferrying Group in Dallas. He was transferred to the 4th Ferrying Group in Memphis in mid-1944. He was limited in duties due to near sightedness. He was first assigned as a clerk in the Officers Club office, and then was in charge of a statistical office which documented aircraft flight hours, maintenance, etc. He was discharged as a Tech Sergeant in February 1946. Gus, of course, had interests other than work. He enjoyed both golf and devotion to his family. Also, following retirement, he dedicated 20 years of volunteer work for the IRS/AARP program as a tax consultant to the elderly for preparing tax forms for annual filing. And, we must recognize Veva's talent. She was an accomplished violinist who performed with both the Dallas and Sacramento Symphony Orchestras. Gus has contributed generously to work assignments, the military, family, community and SIR Branch 23. We fellow members take this opportunity to thank Gus for his many contributions.

DONN STAFFORD (July 07)

IN MEMORIAM

Donn was the Branch 23 Big SIR in 1994. Currently, he was the Branch Bowling Chairman, a position held since 2000, and the captain of one of the Branch's four teams, the Groovers. He also participated in the Branch 9 and 18 hole golf events, and was Assistant Treasurer of the 9-Hole club. He has one hole-in-one to his credit which was earned at the Forest Lakes golf course. His other outdoor interests included hunting, fishing, camping, and as a manager in youth baseball for eight years.

Donn was born in Spokane, WA in 1923. His family moved to Los Angeles in 1925, his home city for 30 years excepting the time spent in the military service. He attended both Pepperdine University and the University of Southern California (USC) with an assist from the GI Bill earned via military service. He earned a degree in Civil Engineering from USC in 1950.

Donn served in the military in both WW II and the Korean war. In April 1943 he attended basic training at an Air Force base in Fresno. He followed basic training with nine months engineering training at Ripon College, WI, and then communication installation & repair training at Camp Crowder, MO and at Oahu, HI. He was then assigned to the 3165th Signal Service Battalion on Saipan where he applied his communication technician skills until discharge in February 1946 as a Staff Sergeant. Then, while attending USC, he joined a National Guard Combat Engineering Battalion. He enrolled in an Officer correspondence course and was sworn in as a 2nd Lieutenant the night before being activated for the Korean conflict in September 1950. As platoon leader in Korea, he directed road building, laying & removing mine & flare fields, and construction of a mountain tram used for supplies and evacuating wounded servicemen. He completed his tour in July 1952. Donn met his wife, Lillian, in 1946 through mutual friends when both were members of a Swedish Lodge drill team. They were married in July 1949 in Los Angeles. They raised two sons, Douglas and Jeffrey. Donn enjoyed their three grandchildren, ages 22 to 28. The family was moved to Sacramento by Aerojet in 1955 where Donn and Lill have lived ever since. They welcomed the move to a smaller city and the opportunity for more family outdoor recreation. Donn was a member of Carmichael Elks and had served for several years as Chairman of the VASA Monitor Lodge #218, a Swedish social organization. He had been instrumental in preparing outstanding smorgasbord dinners and award winning Camellia Parade floats for the Lodge.

In addition to all of Donn's accomplishments and involvement stated above, he was very proud of his engineering contributions during his career with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Prior to joining DWR in 1959, he worked four years for LA County engineering Dept., and then short stints with Aerojet and a private consulting firm. At DWR, he designed some of the canals for the massive State Water Project created to deliver water to parched Southern California. He managed the development of documents for design, plan details and specifications for two 20-mile sections of the California Aqueduct, and also for the Clifton Court Forebay intake control structure in the Delta. During his last few years at DWR in the role of a Supervising Design Engineer, Donn was program manager for the preliminary design of the controversial Peripheral Canal and for the design & construction of the Suisun Marsh facilities.

Donn will certainly be missed both by his family and by his friends in Branch 23. The SIR organization extends a posthumous salute to Donn for all his accomplishments and participation in activities associated with family, country, career & SIR, and extends its condolences to Lill and the Stafford family.

Member Profile:

LEE LENNEVILLE (August 07)

Lee has a very interesting history when summing up his education, military duty, family, career, church affiliations, travel, recreation and, last but not least, SIR participation. Since there is a story in each of those categories, it is difficult to decide where to begin unraveling the details. Perhaps "family" is an appropriate introduction to Lee's profile.

Lee met a girl on a blind date for a fraternity sponsored dinner dance at a country club in December 1947 when he was attending the University of Oregon. Lee was very impressed with that young lady named Ardith, and continued in pursuit of her until they were married in September 1948. In the nearly 59 years since then, they have raised two daughters, and are grandparents to three girls and one boy.

The Lennville's first daughter, Susan, was born in 1951 while Lee was on active military duty for the Korean war. She is married and teaches in the San Juan School District. They have two daughters. One is a recent graduate of UCLA; the other is attending USF. Their other daughter, Gail, was born in 1953. She and gymnastics at the Air Force Academy amongst other schools, and is now pursuing a master's degree at Utah University. They have a daughter who graduated from Colgate University, and a son who is a senior at the Air Force Academy.

Lee was born in Portland, OR in 1924. After completing high school at Hill Military Academy, where he participated in ROTC, he entered Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, GA, in 1943 where he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant Infantry.

From there he was sent to Camp Adair, OR, then to Oro Bay, New Guinea where he was promoted to First Lieutenant. His unit was transferred to Manila in early 1945 where Lee was promoted to Captain. The mission was to process replacements for the invasion of Japan. When Japan surrendered in August 1945, the mission changed to processing personnel back to the US. Lee's company was also assigned the duty to process some of the first repatriated POW's captured on Battan and Corregidor. He was separated from active service in September, 1946. When the Korean war flared up in 1950, he was recalled to active duty at Camp Stoneman, CA where he served as an Inspector General. His work was to inspect all Post facility operations such as the hospital, finance, separation center, fire department, motor pool, post exchange, etc.

Lee entered the U. of Oregon in the Fall of 1946 after concluding WW II duty. He chose U of O because it was the State University and many of his friends were enrolled there. He earned a Bachelor degree in Business Administration in June, 1949, and, more importantly, secured a lifetime partnership with Ardith. Following receipt of his degree, Lee worked at the First National Bank in Portland until being recalled to active military duty. After completing the military obligation, he moved his family to San Carlos, CA where he accepted employment as a factory sales representative. In this position, he promoted products such as nuts, bolts, chains, hoists, etc. He dealt with customers in

the wholesale and equipment manufacturing businesses located in Northern California, Reno and Hawaii. Lee was a persuasive salesman, most often ranking in the top 5% of the sales force. He was named "National Salesman of the Year" in his last year of sales before retirement in 1989.

While working as a salesman, The Lenneilles first lived a short while in San Carlos, then moved to Menlo Park for a seven year period. From there they moved to Fremont to be close to a new manufacturing plant in Union City. Ardith, a University of Nebraska graduate, taught elementary school for 17 years in Fremont. They stayed there until 1987 when they moved to Folsom to be closer to their older daughter and to prepare for retirement. Lee has been active in organizations, most prominently in church and SIR activities. As a member of various Presbyterian Churches, starting in 1953, he served: as a Deacon in Menlo Park; as an Elder in Fremont; sang tenor for 25 years in the Centerville choir, and for 10 years in the Fair Oaks choir. Lee joined SIR Branch 23 in 1991. In 2001 he began a succession of duties by agreeing to become Assistant Secretary. He then served as Secretary, Little SIR and Big SIR in succeeding years. He "retired" to a Director position, but soon volunteered to become Sunshine Chairman in 2005, a position he continues to fill, when Lyle Beck, the resident Sunshine Chair, passed away suddenly. Lee also is a regular on the SIR 9 and 18 Hole golf events.

In their younger days, Lee and Ardith enjoyed water skiing, hiking, fishing and vacations on Lake Shasta. More recently, travel has been their focus. They enjoy Elder Hostel programs within the US. They have also traveled internationally to locations such as the British Isles, Scandinavia, Switzerland, Germany, Greece, Turkey, Italy, France, Portugal, Spain, Russia and South America. It is nice to know that the Lenneilles are rewarding themselves with some fun activities after devoting so much of their lives to family, work, military and church. Best wishes to Lee and Ardith.

Member Profile:

CLARK EDDY (September 07)

Clark had a "Tom Sawyer type" youth, has enjoyed a wonderful marriage, flew combat missions during WWII, had a great career at Pacific Telephone and is enjoying retired life. That is a capsule summary of Clark's personal history, but let's examine some of the details. Clark was born in Oakland in July, 1923, a third generation Californian. At age 3, his parents built a home in the Oakland hills which, at that time, were quite primitive. He discovered fun outdoor activities, such as hunting and fishing, at a very young age. He was also very enterprising at the age of seven when he began trapping gophers at ten cents each to rid those nuisances for his neighbors. He also developed character at a young age by walking 1-1/2 miles to school, and when, tragically, his mother died unexpectedly when he was 12. Clark graduated from Oakland Technical HS in June 1941. He enrolled at San Mateo JC that Fall, majoring in Forestry, but switched to Aeronautics in December when WWII caused him to shift his interest to joining the Army Air Corps as a fighter pilot. His education was interrupted by the war in September, 1942, but resumed in November, 1945 when he enrolled at UC Berkeley majoring in Business Administration. The G.I. Bill helped finance his education at UCB from where he graduated in June, 1948 when he was handed his diploma by then President Harry Truman. Clark experienced a very productive and fulfilling

commitment to military service during the interruption in his educational pursuit. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in September, 1942. He was sent to Washington State College for several months, then to preflight school in Santa Ana, CA and finally received his wings as a fighter pilot in April, 1944 at Luke Field, AZ. From there, he transitioned into P-47 Thunderbolt fighter planes in Kansas and then to combat in Italy in the Fall of 1944. He flew 76 combat missions until the end of the war in May, 1945. A very interesting sidebar is that, in 1988, he had the opportunity to meet one of the enemy pilots who Clark had shot down on one of his missions. The pilot turned out to be an Italian who was one of many Italian pilots enlisted by Hitler to fly for the Germans after the Italians surrendered in 1943. The arrangement for this meeting will be discussed later. Not to be neglected in details of Clark's early life is the meeting and marrying of his wife. He met Carolyn Johnson, his wife of 63 years, in high school when he was 16 years old. They shared great times together dancing to Glenn Miller's music and cruising in Clark's yellow convertible. They were married in April, 1944, shortly after Clark graduated from flight school. Carolyn worked as an underwriter for Aetna Insurance Co. in Oakland during the time Clark was overseas, while he attended UCB and until they began raising their family. Her wages were a welcome supplement to his G. I. Bill education.

Following graduation from UCB, Clark accepted employment with Pacific Telephone Co. in San Francisco. The Eddys settled into a rental fourplex in Alameda where their three children were born. Susan was born in September, 1948, Bob in 1950 and Steven in 1952. The Eddys purchased their first home in Walnut Creek, CA in 1953. From there, Clark's various assignments and a promotion caused them to move to Sacramento in 1955, to Marysville, back to Sacramento, back to San Francisco and finally back to remain in Sacramento in 1961. Wow, five moves in six years! Clark retired in 1983 after a 35 year career with Pac Bell. During this time, Carolyn was involved with volunteer activities with their children, and later, for 23 years as a Sutter Memorial Hospital volunteer. Despite all the moves to different schools, their children did well. Susan lives in Carmichael and is considering retirement; Bob is retired and lives in Alaska; and Steve is retired and lives with his wife in Carson City, NV. Clark and Carolyn have four grandchildren, 3 boys and one girl. Shortly before retirement, Clark decided to attempt playing golf. This urge was partially prompted by the fact that Carolyn was already a golf participant. Golf has been a source of enjoyment for Clark in retirement, especially as a member of Branch 23 since joining in 1984. In addition to golf, Clark fly fishes, and he and Carolyn enjoy traveling. They traveled with an RV Club until 2005 and traveled internationally, including trips to the Philippines, Spain and Italy, to visit their children. The one trip which has special meaning for Clark was a visit to son Bob who was assigned to the US Embassy in Rome. It was on this trip that Clark met a young Italian historian who orchestrated Clark's meeting with the previously mentioned "enemy" pilot. Through the historian, Clark also learned about the fate of another Italian pilot who had been shot down by Clark. This is a fascinating story which Clark shared with us when he was the featured speaker at our Branch 23 luncheon in November, 2005. Be sure to corner Clark and learn all the details if you missed his presentation. I think you would agree that Clark has experienced an interesting life. Branch 23 extends its best wishes to Clark and Carolyn for continued fun and enjoyment as they pursue their retirement activities.

Member Profile:

ARTHUR BUZZ+GOOCH (October 07)

Buzz was born in August 1925 in Bellaire, OH. He resided there until he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in July 1943. He was sent to Shephard Field, Wichita Falls, TX for basic training. He was then assigned to MacAlister College, St. Paul, MN in October where he was introduced to flying until March 1944 at which time he was assigned to pre-flight training at March Field, Santa Ana, CA.

His squadron earned top honors in all training phases, and Buzz qualified as a Pilot, Bombardier and Navigator in those four months. He next went to gunnery school in Las Vegas and navigator training in San Marcos, TX resulting in a 2nd Lieutenant Commission in December 1944. He was assigned as a navigator to a B-29 squadron briefly at Pratt, KS, and then at Biggs Field, El Paso, TX. He was in San Francisco with his squadron, waiting deployment to Okinawa, when the war ended. He was discharged in November 1945.

Buzz hitchhiked from Santa Ana, where he was discharged at March Field, most of the way back to Bellaire in 69 hours. His only cost, and the only part not hitching rides, was a 100 mile bus ride to traverse the Ozark mountains. Once he was back home, he enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA which was only 60 miles away. He fast tracked his way through engineering school in two years and seven months. He graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering in September 1948.

While Buzz was still in the Air Corps, he met his future wife at a Christmas party in December 1944. He and Marietta were married in February 1946, concurrent with the early stage of his college experience. Their one child, daughter Jamie, was born in May 1948, a few months before Buzz completed his college education. Following Jamie's birth, Buzz now had to work nights at a steel mill to meet expenses. This obligation further impacted his personal schedule which was already crammed full with course study. He and Marietta persevered and now celebrate more than 61 years of marriage.

Upon graduation, Buzz accepted work with the Army Corps of Engineers (USCE). Most memorable was his responsibility for the concrete work on the Connemaugh Dam flood control structure on the Monongahela River in Pittsburgh. About three years into his association with the USCE, in December 1951, he was recalled into military duty. He spent time in Houston & San Antonio, TX, March Field, CA and four months in London until his release in April 1953. While in England, Buzz survived a crash landing caused in part by 100-foot visibility in fog. The wing tip hit the ground, but the frozen turf allowed the plane to slide rather than dig into the ground and flip resulting in survival. In another incident where fortune intervened, Buzz and another navigator had agreed to swap places on their respective planes. That plan was nixed by his commanding officer which saved Buzz's life. The other plane crashed on takeoff, killing all on board. Following his release from the military, Buzz and family moved to California where he intended to work for the Connemaugh Dam contractor on the Folsom Dam project. Unfortunately, the Folsom project had hit a snag which closed the window for an engineering position for Buzz. He then accepted employment with the CA Department of Water Resources where he specialized in flood control engineering. He rose through the

ranks to Assistant Chief in the Planning Division, and then was appointed to a Deputy Director position. He later chose to return as Chief in the Planning Division before retiring in 1988. One of Buzz's proudest accomplishments was producing a six volume, 4200 page record of the monumental State Water Project. The record, known as Bulletin 200, took 15 months and nearly 2000 hours of additional unreimbursed overtime to complete it.

Meanwhile, Marietta carved out a career in managing clothing operations for major retailers. She was designers room manager for Joseph Magnin in Sacramento for 21 years, and store manager for Ransohoffs at Town & Country village from 1986 to 1999. She is most proud of selling over \$2-million in merchandise from a small dress shop supplier in one year's time in the latter position. She also has a sewing hobby and volunteers with church activities. Jamie lived and worked in New York from 1970 to 1999 following graduation from college. She returned to live in Sacramento when she developed a serious medical problem. Through the efforts of a network of specialists scattered across California and in Kansas City, MO, treatments to correct the problem were successfully completed in 2000. She is now employed at Sacramento Magazine as commercial advertising manager.

Buzz has been active in church activities since joining Fremont Presbyterian Church in 1953. He was first skipper of the church Mariners Ship, the Nautilus, an organization dedicated to small group scripture studies of Jesus Christ. The Mariners Ship is in its 54th year of operation. He also is a deacon, usher and communion server. Professionally, Buzz was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers Junior Forum for four years, and reigned as president in 1955. Since retirement in 1988, he has enjoyed golfing, especially traveling to England, Scotland, Germany and Italy to tee it up. He is a member of the Ancil Hoffman and Sacramento Golf Clubs in addition to being a member of the Branch 23 Club. He was Branch Club Champion in 1992, '93 & '95. He joined Branch 23 in 1988, and immediately jumped in to serve as Little SIR in '89, Big SIR in '90 and as a Director in '91 to '93. He also served on the nominating committee from 2003 to 2006. Branch 23 thanks Buzz for his contributions to the Branch, and salutes him for all his accomplishments.

Member Profile:

BILL BEEMAN (November 07)

Bill is a fourth generation Californian with some interesting family history. His great grandmother was the second white woman to enter Yosemite Valley back in 1855. His grandfather kicked the first field goal for the Cal Bears back in 1887. His grandmother taught English at Oakland Tech at the turn of the 20th Century; in her class was the renowned Mr. Jack London. However, this profile should highlight Bill's life, so let's return to his roots.

Bill was born in San Mateo in 1931, but spent his childhood in nearby Burlingame where he graduated from high school in 1949. He was a member of the PAL Champion football team and also played on the baseball team. Also, both of his parents taught at Burlingame HS, and his twin sisters attended school there. They enjoyed the convenience of a daily family car pool. Bill continued his education at UC Davis (UCD), majoring in soils and

plant nutrition. He completed his B. S. degree in that major at UC Berkeley (UCB) in 1955. He later studied chemistry at UCB night school and at Stanford which led to an abbreviated career in radio (i.e.: nuclear) chemistry. His school and course study choices had a significant bearing on his future marriage and on fascinating career twists. Following graduation from UCB, Bill worked briefly both at UCD and then in the chemistry field which tweaked his interest in radio chemistry. He enrolled at Stanford in 1958 intending to earn a degree to teach chemistry. He did not complete the degree, but found work as a chemist in a private laboratory, and, more importantly, met his future wife, Betty. Betty's family had just moved to Palo Alto. She decided to attend Stanford summer classes as she prepared for her senior year at James Madison University (JMU) in Virginia. Bill proposed to Betty after two weeks, but a wedding was contingent on Betty graduating. She did return to JMU where she earned a B. S. degree in education, and then returned to Palo Alto to marry Bill in 1959. Son, Leonard (aka Bix), was born there in 1960. The Beemans moved to Orinda in 1960 when Bill accepted a radio chemist position with a national laboratory in Richmond, CA. Daughter Bonnie was born there in 1962. Next came a move to a home in Martinez, their residence for 25 years. Betty taught elementary grade students in a private grammar school in Martinez for six years. Meanwhile, Bill continued as a radio chemist for 16 years until he campaigned against nuclear electrical energy in CA. That action cost him his job as a radio chemist, but led to a new career in Walnut Creek in 1975 in which he and a partner pioneered solar hot water system installations for pools, homes and industrial applications. The business was very successful and a very satisfying environmental contribution until skyrocketing interest rates in 1981 slammed the door on loans and the business. Betty learned computer skills for purposes of keeping books for the solar business. She parlayed those skills into a successful private consulting business to teach those skills in a burgeoning computer oriented world. Next came an adventure in the real estate market starting in 1981. A partnership was formed and did fine for several years, but the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake caused a market decline which eventually dictated closing up shop in 1995. So ended Bill's interesting 40-year work career which he found very satisfying. During the final years before retirement, Bill & Betty moved to Walnut Creek for one year; then to Hillsborough for a couple of years to assist his aging mother; and then to Sacramento in 1993. Family memories include fun summer times at the family cabin near Sonora Pass, hosting their children's friends, and enjoying hiking & fishing. Both Bix and Bonnie are married. Bix teaches in Merced and is father to the Beeman's granddaughter, Samanda. Bonnie has fully recovered from a brain tumor, and is employed as a computer scientist for Microsoft in Renton, WA. Bill was a member of the Orinda Jaycees for five years, serving as president in 1965. Betty was a long time member of AAUW, serving as chapter president in 1996. Bill joined SIR in 2001. He is not a golfer, but he and Betty enjoy monthly bridge with one of the other Branches. They have done limited traveling to Mexico, Europe and the Caribbean; also Bill lived in Rome for a year when he was single. Bill enjoys a photography hobby, which dates to 1947, and is especially enjoying the unlimited options in this digital age. Betty enjoys the art of water color painting, and occasionally enters shows. Bill has served as Branch 23 Treasurer and Secretary in recent years. He now serves as Little SIR, and stands ready to accept the role of Big SIR in 2008. He is extremely

enthusiastic in performing his duties. We look forward to his reign as Big SIR, and congratulate him on his lifetime accomplishments.

Respectfully Prepared; _____
Fritz Walgenbach, Assistant Secretary, 2007