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Due to the coronavirus, the monthly Branch 23 luncheon at the Elk's Club in Carmichael has been replaced by a virtual meeting via the Zoom technology on August 12, 2020, the usual second Wednesday meeting date. See the Branch Activities section of the Nugget to view information about which other activities are in the process of resuming.

BIG SIR REPORT:

JULY 20, 2020

WHAT JUST HAPPENED? WHAT MIGHT COME NEXT?

Over the past few weeks, news coverage of the pandemic in the United States has been pessimistic, with suggestions that a second closure of the economy due to rising infection rates may be needed. And yet, there is a counterpoint. The counterpoint, by a portion of the medical fraternity, makes an interesting, statistically based argument that current lockdown measures are an overreaction, the US is on the cusp of achieving “herd immunity” allowing us an opportunity to reach something close to pre-pandemic “normal” without waiting for vaccines.

Which theory do I think is right. I don't know. I share this with you as the answer falls under two important values; **sharing Knowledge and Humility**. Sharing knowledge is one way we can, over time, answer these questions, and from our humility we recognize that while there are many persuasive opinions, just because we agree with one does not mean we don't need to take into consideration the other side.

This leads to the topic of **masks**. To some this may be a political statement; the decision about wearing a mask is not similar to the decision about wearing a bicycle or motorcycle helmet. The latter is to protect the wearer; the mask does not protect the wearer-a mask protects everyone you come in contact with. Even if you believe that we have reached herd immunity. **Humility** is taking actions that respect the welfare of others who may not share your opinion. Until we clearly have the answer, please wear a mask; don't leave home without it.

Going forward with Branch 23, I congratulate all who attended our mid- month ZOOM meeting and salute our new ZOOM Team, chaired by Lam Nguyen, in continuing to improve our ZOOM capabilities as well as our digital message system to our membership.

The State SIR will meet on August 19 for an annual meeting, at which time new officers will be voted on. Concurrently, Branch 23 will be presenting a new slate of BEC and Directors for member approval during August.

The State SIR has just announced that they have secured a Marketing firm to assist in creating a “new” public image of SIR and target potential new members with the creation of a new outreach plan. This news comes without any prelude, so your BEC will report as information is shared . Our GOLF programs are off and running and we have hikes scheduled and will be looking towards activation of additional activities as health directives allow. Our August ZOOM luncheon will expand with small group meetings prior to entire membership meeting with a chance to meet with your friends from your Elk's Club table.

BE SAFE. WEAR YOUR MASK AND WASH YOUR HANDS
BIG SIR DAVE PETERSON 916 768-5087

LITTLE SIR REPORT:

It is apparent Covid 19 isn't going away anytime soon, which means our monthly "Luncheons" will continue to take place virtually, thanks to Zoom. I am encouraged by the increasing number of SIR attendees at our "luncheon". Last month we had 61 participants, about 40% of our membership. We can do better, so mark your calendar for our next meeting on August 12, so we can get over 50% attendance. We will be setting up "breakout rooms" that open at 11:30am on Zoom. These rooms match the table you sit at when we meet at the Elk's Club and you will be able to talk with the fellows you normally sit with at the luncheon. At noon, you will be moved to the general meeting which will be led by Big Sir Dave Peterson. Following the general meeting will be the August speaker.

Dr. Julia Tanner is our speaker for this month. She is a Doctor of Audiology and founder of The Hearing Solution in Sacramento. Dr. Tanner has an MS from CSU, Sacramento and a Doctorate from Salus University. In 2001, The Hearing Solution was established to address some of the limitations in the field of audiology, where most practitioners treat patients with a basic screening, followed by a hurried hearing aid selection. Dr. Tanner will describe the approach used by The Hearing Solution to diagnose hearing loss and provide treatment built around real world testing and personalized care.

Roger Riley
Little SIR

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking) June 1, 2020	\$5,888.34
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	21.00
Funds Disbursed	103.38
Ending Checking Balance June 30, 2020	5,805.96
Ending Savings Balance	- 0-
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) June 30, 2020	\$6,205.96

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Phil Sittner

Membership Status: 154, including one Senior HLM and three HLM's.

Deletions: None

New members inducted in July: Jesse Kegarise, Sponsor Scott Kenney

Other Membership/Roster Changes: None

New Member Information: **Jesse Kegarise** (pronounced Kegrus) was born on June 10th, 1952. He retired as a sales representative from the automotive industry in May of this year. Jesse has been married to Susanne since 1986. His primary interest is golf and prefers to receive his Nugget via email. His badge number is 169 and he was **sponsored by Scott Kenney**. His membership began on July 15th, 2020. (ed. note. No picture is yet available)

New member: Jesse Kegarise,

Address: 5132 Camanche Way, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762-6565.

Phone: 530-320-2127. email: jwk52@yahoo.com

BRANCH ACTIVITIES:

At our July meeting, held via Zoom, our speaker was Carol Brush, who is married to our fellow Branch 23 member, Steve Brush. Carol is very active in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Carol gave an interesting presentation on the DAR and how she became involved with the organization. As an added bonus, Branch 23 members who were veterans were able to participate in a special drawing. The one and only prize was a handmade quilt which Carol herself made. The lucky winner of this beautiful quilt was Dan Findlay. Fortunately, we were able to get 2 photos of the quilt and they are shown below. Dan Findlay is shown below right with Roger Riley, our Little Sir. Congratulations to Dan and a huge "Thank you" to Carol for her beautiful quilting. The detail in the flag is incredible. If you can enlarge the image, you will find much more detail than with the image below left.



August Luncheon Zoom Information:

We have had some changes in accessing the Zoom meeting.

Please use the following information to connect with everyone on Wednesday August 12 at 11:30am. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call Lam Nguyen at 916-335-0357, or email him at LNGUYE03@yahoo.com or 916-335-0357.

To join, click the following link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81293681192?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81293681192?pwd=TVBBWnFIRGlWVpCLOxBeEdOZ1FSUT09)

pwd=TVBBWnFIRGlWVpCLOxBeEdOZ1FSUT09

Note: This is all one link so you must use all of the above characters.

Only if you are asked enter the following:

Meeting ID 812 9368 1192

Password: 764541

To join audio by phone instead of your device audio, copy and paste one of these lines to your phone:

+16699006833,, 812 9368 1192#,,,,0#,, 764541#

+13462487799,, 812 9368 1192#,,,,0#,, 764541#

This is one link, but has been printed on 2 lines. Please use all of the characters.

If you do not have a smart phone, you can dial manually. Toll or long distance charges may apply. Check with your telephone carrier.

+1 669 900 6833 (San Jose area code)

Meeting ID 812 9368 1192

Password 764541

OTHER BRANCH NEWS:

In recent days, Lam Nguyen has been working on a plan to use Zoom technology not only for the main luncheon, but also on a plan to unite fellow Sirs by grouping tables in order to facilitate more camaraderie prior to the 2nd Wednesday luncheon. Using this site, you will be able to converse with the members of your table group.

Also, an email site has been created to facilitate all of Branch 23 member email users onto a single list. This will allow the Branch to communicate with all members. The web address is SirBranch23@googlegroups.com. Please do not use this unless you want to communicate with all of the Branch 23 members at the same time. Lam Nguyen is also spearheading this effort.

BRANCH 23 SPORTS ACTIVITIES:

Bocce Ball:

Start dates for Bocce Ball have not yet been determined. Much depends on the Dante Club accessibility, as well as State Sir approval of the activity.



HIKING GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT

SIR Member Brian Benner has assumed the duties as our new hiking leader. Brian is an accomplished hiker and will lead us on many great hikes. We are fortunate to have someone as qualified as Brian to head our group. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Brian.

916-747-1139 btaxmanblb@aol.com

Here is the policy statement approved by SIR State for our Hiking Group Restart

Distancing

Exercising normal hiking etiquette automatically creates a safe social distance of at least six feet or more. Step aside and turn your head away to allow oncoming hikers pass from either direction. When stepping aside, safely create as much distance as possible from oncoming hikers.

Face Masks

Preferably, hikers should wear a face mask at all times. If a face mask restricts your breathing, keep draped under your chin apply your face mask when oncoming hikers are passing from either direction.

Government Agencies

Most hiking trails areas are now open. Government agencies recognize hiking as one of the safer outdoor activities. Someone from our group will contact the government agency responsible for a specific trail to verify its opening.

Bowling:

Subject to final approval from the State SIR president, the league has scheduled an organizational meeting on August 18 at 11am at CC Lanes, with a scheduled start date of August 26, 2020. Covid 19 may delay this meeting and the league start.

GOLF Report for August 2020 Bill Sutherland

BR 23 Golf Web Site: Visit this site to determine golf start times, pairings, results and other golf related matters. The address is: web2.golfsoftware.net/9958/.

Sign-ups for August Meeting:

Due to the coronavirus situation, golf signups will be conducted by email with the tournament directors, Gary Bradley and Steve Ng. The following events will be opened up for signups in August:

18 Hole:

Sept 2, Wildhawk, 2 man best ball. Pick your partner.

Sept 16, Empire Ranch, Individual event, dual tees

Sept 23, Wednesday, Mather, 8:30 Shotgun.

9 Hole:

The 9 Hole league is expected to start regular play in August. The specific signup information will be provided by email from Steve Ng.

Tournament Results:

18-Hole Golf:

Final Results, 2020 Big Sir Championship.

Long Tees: Joe Rodriguez (-20), Tony Tipton (-12), Randy Angeloni (-10)

Short Tees: Ray Zelinski (-15), Jim DeLong (-14), Mike Pruss (-13)

Bing Maloney, July 1.

Flight 1: Caldwell (68), Don Rodriguez (73), Miller (73). CTP: John Mahoney

Flight 2: Bamfield (64), Schmidt (66), Sittner (67). CTP: Joe Rodriguez

Flight 3: Boss (60), Heavner (64), Pennington (65), Zarzana (65).

CTP: Mike Hanamura

Flight 4: Davie (59), Landers (60), Nguyen (62). CTP: Lam Nguyen

Mackenzie, July 6.

Flight 1: Mahoney (66), Bradley (68), Ahders (68). CTP: Don Landsittel

Flight 2: Joe Rodriguez (64), Rowland (66), Wall (66). CTP: Marwan Siagian

Flight 3: Riley (54), Boss (59), Singer (59). CTP: Jim Heavner

Flight 4: Yamamoto (60), Domyancic (60), Callander (61).

CTP: George Yamamoto

Morgan Creek Shamble, July 15.

First: Gary Bradley, Roger Riley, Mike Holmgren, Lam Nguyen. 122

Second: Fred Adge, Scott Dutcher, Tam LeFebure, Bill LeDoux. 122

Third: Don Landsittel, Phil Phelps, Dallas Pennington, Dave Salminen. 125

Fourth: David Biesanz, Mike Hanamura, JD Bamfield, Gordon Callander. 126

NOTABLE MEMBER DATES FOR AUGUST:

MEMBER JOIN DATE:

Kenney, Bob	1986
Christopherson, Chris	1995
Abel, Frank	1999
Graebe, Fred	2001
Hamon, Carroll	2004
Routsong, Gordon	2013
Sittner, Phil	2015
Findley, Dan	2016
Suckow, Lowell	2016
Mitchell, Marc	2017
Betzler, Bob	2019
Sadowski, Jon	2019

Member August Birthdays:

Tognetti, Gene	1931
Kimball, Bill	1935
Landers	1935
Fystrom, Dell	1937
Finkler, Jon	1942
Landsittel, Don	1943
Lindsey, Bill	1943
Peterson, Dave	1943
Davie, General	1944
Miller, Jim	1948
Rinaldi, Barney	1950
Benner, Brian	1954

Member Wedding Dates

Kimball, Bill and Sandra	1957
Christopherson, Chris and Jeanne	1959
Barsch, Ray and Dorothy	1960
Sutherland, Bill and Janice	1963
Henley, Wayne and Nina	1970
Battistessa, Rich and Diane	1971
Bradley, Gary and Bobbie	1971
Slusher, Ron and Pam	1972
Wall, Kevin and Linda	1979
Rodriguez, Don and Suzanne	1988
Biesanz, David and CJ	1988
Tipton, Tony and Debbie	2004
Mohler, Bob and Cindy	2013
Finkler, Jon and Paula	2017

SIR Branch 23 NEW Members Information - - 2020

Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email
Finkler	Jon	916-505-2312	jonfinkler@gmail.com
Hubble	Gordon	916-715-4737	ghub1@att.net
Wallace	Jim	916-539-2633	jamesrwallace@yahoo.com
Irish	Dave	916-203-7437	dave.irish@gmail.com
Smith	Don	916-205-1773	janepsmith6645@gmail.com
Sickels	Chuck	916-638-0680	cmsickels@comcast.net
Palabrica	Paul	916-254-9917	paulpalabrica1@gmail.com
Raymond	John	916-799-2621	jhray@winfirst.com
Slusher	Ron	916-303-0330	rslusher@gmail.com
Kegarise	Jesse	530-320-2177	jwk52@yahoo.com

SIR Branch 23 Separated Members- - 2020

Marquart	Gene	Deceased
Reames	Gene	Deceased
McGuire	Bill	Resigned
Sandhu	Joe	Resigned
Mattson	Hal	Deceased
Hayes	Dennis	Resigned
Salto	Jesse	Resigned