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Monthly meetings on 2nd Wednesday Carmichael Elks Lodge 5631 Cypress, Carmichael
10:30 am Executive Meeting 11:00 am social Noon Luncheon, Cost \$19.00

The January, 2021 meeting will be held on the second Wednesday, the 13th. Details for access to the Zoom meeting will be announced to our membership a few days prior to the 13th.

BIG SIR REPORT:

Happy New Year and good riddance 2020. I am optimistically looking forward to 2021 primarily because there appears to be hope on the horizon that an effective vaccine will be available soon that will allow us to gradually return to our normal lives. The BEC met in December and we discussed, despite the difficult year, how well we have hung together as a group and we are fortunate our membership numbers have remained relatively constant. We are holding steady at around 155 members. We will continue to communicate with you by way of our monthly Zoom meetings and the Nugget. You can also expect a phone call from one of the BEC members in January just to chat with you and see how you are doing.

I am optimistic once the Covid 19 vaccine is established in our community this year, we will gradually be able to bring back those activities that make our organization healthy and enjoyable. Obviously, the timeline is too far out to predict when the county will begin relaxing the restrictions. However, despite the shutdowns and restrictions from the virus, our SIR golf program remains active and well attended. I anticipate there will be no change in our continuance of golf in February because our branch followed the restart protocols issued by our State SIR in 2020. Additionally, we are following the guidelines posted by the various courses we play. I hope to see you on the course when we resume golf again in February.

Once again, Happy New Year and stay safe and strong as we say “good riddance” to this nasty virus.

Roger Riley

LITTLE SIR REPORT:

I wish to thank those who have selected me to act as this year’s Little SIR. I look forward to this coming year with hope of a terrific turnaround that will enable Branch 23 to resume our regular meetings and activities. In the interim, Roger and I will be working hard to overcome whatever difficulties arise and provide interesting and engaging meetings.

Being new to this office, I believe it is traditional to tell you a bit about myself. Originally, I am from McPherson, Kansas, where my grandparents were wheat farmers. At 10, my father moved us to the Colorado Springs area, where we lived on 10 acres of forest land at 8,300 feet of elevation. Dad was a mechanic, welder, and a machinist, so many evenings and weekends were spent assisting him with projects and work he was doing to make some money on the side. At 18, I graduated from Air Academy High School and moved to Kayenta, AZ. It is in the middle of the Navajo Reservation and I found a job as an apprentice mechanic at the local repair shop. After a couple of years, I moved to Tucson as a freshman at the University of Arizona. Two years later, I had run out of money and had to take a job in the natural gas/oil fields near Farmington, New Mexico, where I worked for a few years until I had enough money to return to school to complete a degree in civil engineering. Upon graduation, I was offered a job with Halliburton, but was laid off after 4 months. From there, I found a job with Caltrans, in San Bernardino. I moved to the Sacramento area in 1987 and retired in 2012. At Caltrans, I mostly worked in

the Traffic and Design Divisions. Karen and I married in 1984 and we have two children, a boy and a girl, and 4 grandchildren.

As Little SIR, it will be my responsibility to find speakers with interesting things to say. If you have a topic or suggestions for speakers, I would very much appreciate hearing from you. This month our speaker is Joe Smith, from the Loaves and Fishes organization. Mr. Smith will tell us about the organization's purpose, its goals and accomplishments.

JD Bamfield

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking) November 1, 2020	\$5,552.82
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	-0-
Funds Disbursed	20.93
Ending Checking Balance November 1, 2020	5,531.89
Ending Savings Balance	- 0-
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) Nov. 30, 2020	\$5,931.89

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Phil Sittner January 2021

Membership Status: 155, including one Senior HLM and three HLM's.

Deletions: Kurt Moller, Deceased; Don Kehoe, Deceased; Jim Monteverde, Deceased

New members inducted in December: Tommy Crews, Transfer from Branch 127; Forrest Wright, Transfer from Branch 127

Other Membership/Roster Changes: None

New Member Information:

Tommy Crews, 1213 West El Camino Ave, Sacramento, CA 95833-2006

Phone # 916-359-8209 E-mail: tecrews@surewest.net

Tommy was born on May 3, 1939. He is married to **wife Timi** and retired from Lucky Stores as a retail clerk. His interests include bowling and hunting and was issued badge # 215. He wishes to receive his Nugget via email.

Forrest Wright, 5070 Pine Brook Way, Sacramento, CA 95842-2839

Phone # 916-331-5863 E-mail: fewmaw66@sbcglobal.net

Forrest was born on April 10, 1927. He is **married to Muriel** and retired from Pacific Telephone as a district manager. He has interests that include bowling and fishing. Forrest was issued badge #219 and wishes his Nugget be sent electronically.

SUNSHINE REPORT: by Chris Christopherson

As always, I request the assistance of members in reporting any illnesses of our members. Please keep me informed of any deaths, illnesses, or other medical problems of our members so I can publish them in the bulletin.

The last months of 2020 have been especially hard for Branch 23 members. As reported to our members who have access to email, Carol Yeager, whose husband Bob's passing is noted below, tested positive for Covid 19. Please remember Carol in your thoughts and prayers.

In addition, we have lost several members in the recent past. Dave Salminen, Don Kehoe, Kurt Moller, Jim Monteverde, Wayne Morehead and Bob Yeager have all passed away.

Dave Salminen joined Branch 23 in September, 1997 and played golf as recently as late fall with Branch 23 at Antelope Greens.

Don Kehoe joined in January, 2001 and passed away in November, 2020, after being ill for the past few years.

Kurt Moller had been active in Branch 23 since joining in July, 2014.

Jim Monteverde joined Branch 23 in May, 2003 and had been active in the golf group until the past year or two. Jim passed away on November 30, at age 80, from cancer. For many years, in addition to his association with the golf program, Jim provided the baked beans for our annual picnic. They were a highlight of the picnic cuisine.

Wayne Morehead joined in March, 2004. He passed away on December 22. Wayne was a coworker of many of the Caltrans retirees who make up a significant portion of our Branch population. Wayne, per Ray Zelinski, was a fine professional engineer and a good friend. He also played an occasional round of golf.

Branch 23 member and former Big SIR **Bob Yeager** suffered a bad fall and seriously injured his head in the process. Further, when taken to the hospital, his vital signs were weak and he tested positive for Covid 19. Bob, who also was on the Branch Executive Committee for 3 years, passed on December 21. Bob had been a member since March, 2009.

All of these members contributed to our branch and joined in the activities our branch has to offer. Also, former member **Tom Bogetich**, who was active in our golf groups and had resigned 2 years ago due to failing health, passed away December 7, after suffering from failing health for more than 2 years. Tom was 85.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

Thanks to Gordon Routsong, Ray Zelinski, Paul Joyce and Chris Christopherson for this information.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES:

As noted on Page 1, the next virtual meeting will be on Zoom, at **11:30 on January 13, 2021**. A link will be provided to you prior to the meeting. As always, if you need any assistance, please call one of the following zoom team members:

General Davie	916-961-3199
JD Bamfield	916-757-2676
Lam Nguyễn	916-335-0357

In the meantime, you can test your Zoom connection to that meeting anytime by opening up your browser, then:

Type: zoom.us

Hit the "enter" key

Click on "Join a meeting" (normally near the top right of your screen)

Follow instructions using

Meeting ID: 8105449 4168

Passcode: 446645

OTHER BRANCH NEWS: SirBranch23@googlegroups.com. Please do not use this website unless you want to communicate with all of the Branch 23 members at the same time. Lam Nguyen has been streamlining our ability to contact members via email, and this site is the result of his labor.

Branch 23 Sports Activities:

Bocce Ball has no start date, as by State Sir directive, we cannot play this sport due to Covid 19 considerations.

Bowling: Frank Semans reports there is no new information regarding a start for bowling.

GOLF Report for November 2020 by 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/.

The preparations for the 2021 golf season are well underway. The 9 hole schedule is complete, and the 18 hole schedule is substantially completed, with the first event scheduled for February 3. We will know later in January if the current pandemic conditions will have an impact on our leagues. Let's have a happier New Year.

There is other good news regarding the Rancho Cordova course, where the nine hole group plays often. Thanks to our friends at Branch 150, we have news that the course has a new restaurant. Named "Claimstake on the Green" at the Cordova course, the restaurant is an offshoot of Claimstake Brewing of Rancho Cordova. Claimstake is a craft brewing company that features lagers, pilsners, IPA's, and also several wines.

At Claimstake on the Green, beer is available on tap or in 4-packs along with a wide variety of food. They serve burgers, brats and dogs, meals served in a bread cone, appetizers, breakfast burritos, and a wide variety of fries. They have regular burgers, mac and cheeseburgers, spicy BBQ burgers, and a buffalo bacon blue burger. At this time, they are only open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Thanks to Branch 150 for the above information regarding the Claimstake at Cordova Golf Course.

HIKING: There is no hike scheduled for January, 2021

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	
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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	530-320-2127	jwk52@yahoo.com	
Marquez	Tony	530-503-7397	tonyengineer@sbcglobal.net	
Williams	Ralph	916-335-2452	ralf26@msn.com	(transferred fr 127)
Brown	John	916-932-3756	jjtsj02@yahoo.com	(transferred fr 127)
Boutros	Andre	916-799-7936	aboutros@att.net	(re-joined)
Pruitt	Tony	916-207-0068	tonypruitt72@mycci.net	☑(transferred fr 127)
Crews	Tommy	916-359-8209	tecrews@surewest.net	☑(transferred fr 127)
Wright	Forest	916-331-5863	fewmaw66@sbcglobal.net	☑(transferred fr 127)
SIR Branch 23 SEPARATED Members -- 2020				
Marquart	Gene	Deceased		
Reames	Gene	Deceased		
McGuire	Bill	Resigned		
Sandhu	Joe	Resigned		
Mattson	Harold	Deceased		
Hayes	Dennis	Resigned		
Salto	Jesse	Resigned		
Wallace	Jim	Deceased		
Miller	Jim	Resigned		
Salminen	David	Deceased		
Kehoe	Don	Deceased		
Moller	Kurt	Deceased		
Monteverde	Jim	Deceased		
Morehead	Wayne	Deceased		
Yeager	Bob	Deceased		

Please use the above information to update your rosters.

NOTABLE MEMBER DATES FOR JANUARY

MEMBER JOIN DATES:

White, Joe	1981
Mellon, Floyd	2000
Martin, Jerry	2003
Novi, Tom	2007
Catino, Mike	2010
Battistessa, Rich	2011
Crippen, Dick	2011
Brush, Steve	2014
Davie, General	2014
Espinosa, Bill	2014
Fotopoulos, Phil	2014
Heavner, Jim	2014
Peterson, David	2014
Zarzana, George	2014
Bamfeld, JD	2018
Chapman, Bob	2018
Hannon, Joe	2018
Kimball, Bill	2018
Moore, Bill	2019
Finkler, Jon	2020
Hubble, Gordon	2020

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Catino, Mike	1920
Scarlett, Sam	1927
LeDoux, Bill	1935
Pennington, Dallas	1936
Hannon, Joe	1936
Barsch, Ray	1936
Anderson, Bob	1937
Zelinski, Ray	1940
Rowland, John	1941
Sadowski, Jon	1943
Brush, Steve	1947
Bullock, Greg	1950
Jones, Mark	1952
Ferguson, Mark	1953
Irish, Dave	1955
Boutros, Andre	1958
Palabrica, Paul	1958

MEMBER WEDDING DATES:

Landsittel, Don and Jode	1967
Angeloni, Randy and Mary	1971
Vijitakula, Paul and Sue	1977

Please note the following schedule of events for the SIR state leadership conference. This is available and open to all members.

**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.

Please RSVP at the bottom of the email.

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