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**Monthly meetings on 2nd Wednesdays Carmichael Elks Lodge 5631 Cypress, Carmichael
10:30 am Executive Meeting, 11:00 am social Noon Luncheon, Cost \$15**

Please call Dave Nemzek if you cannot attend the meeting. 481-7173. We need an accurate count.

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BIG SIR REPORT:

I take this opportunity to welcome our four new members, all transfers from Br 50, Bob Chapman, JD Bamfield, Joe Hannon & Bill Kimball. Additionally, we were visited by 5 guests, some of whom have also expressed interest in joining Branch 23.

While the increased membership is greatly appreciated, some growing pains are associated. Luncheon seating was a bit of a problem at the January meeting. I thank all of you for cooperating and adjusting to seating other than with your close friends. I will meet with the Elks catering manager to discuss seating options. Randomly expanding seating which leaves many empty spaces is not an option for the Elks; and

minimizing seating is not in the best interests of member fellowship. In the interim, I suggest that those of you who wish to sit as a group place nameplates on selected tables to reserve your spots. I wish to avoid establishing rigid seating rules which generally leaves no one satisfied.

While on member topics, I regret having to announce that past Big SIR, Emeritus Jack Rhondeau passed away on January 5. Jack was a 27 year member of Branch 23 and was very active, including a stint as BIG SIR in 1995. Jack was also instrumental in helping the State SIR organization develop their website. Jack was 88 years old at the time of his death. Also, we lost long time member Gus Johnson (Inactive) on December 26. Gus was a pleasure to be around, and enjoyed being on the golf course. We will miss both of these gentlemen. Gus was a 28 year member at the time of his death on January 5. There were no public services for either Jack or Gus.

On a brighter note, we have the annual picnic scheduled for May 15. Greg has A's & River Cats baseball games scheduled. Tom Novi will arrange partnering with the Dante Club for fun-filled scholarship benefit events. And Dave Peterson will once again try to initiate a bocce ball competition. Stay tuned for details.

And, finally, I hope that your new year has started out well and continues on that path. And if it started in a rocky way, I hope the road gets smoother each day.

Big Sir Ray Zelinski

LITTLE SIR REPORT:

Our February speaker will be John Wagner. Mr Wagner is a retired marketing executive in the financial services industry who has lived in the Sacramento area since 1988. His interest in WW II aviation, warbirds, and Guadalcanal resulted from his father's Navy service as a radioman on amphibious PBYSa's during the Battle of Midway as a member of the Navy's first heavy bomber squadron, flying the Navy version of B-24D's from Guadalcanal in 1943. Mr Wagner's father was also part of the electronics team which developed carrier based anti-submarine technology during the Korean War. Mr. Wagner's presentation to our SIR's group will highlight his historical tour of Guadalcanal in August, 2017, during the 75th anniversary of the Marines invasion of the island.

Our January speaker, Angie Dixon, represented the First Tee of Sacramento organization. Angie was well received by our SIR Branch 23 members and guests as she explained to purpose of the First Tee organization and also had video of some of the First Tee members. It is much more than a "How to play golf" effort. We thank Angie for her contribution to the January meeting as well as her contribution to the First Tee organization.

Little Sir Phil Sittner

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Treasurer Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking), December 1, 2017:	\$3,983.82
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	140.00
Funds Disbursed	1,537.56
Ending Checking Balance December 31, 2017	2,186.26
Ending Savings Balance	\$ 0
Ending Petty Cash	\$ 400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) Dec. 31, 2107	\$2,586.26

SUNSHINE REPORT: by Chris Christopherson:

As always, I request assistance from all members by keeping me informed about deaths, illnesses and medical problems of fellow members so I can publish them in the newsletter and send cards.

Longtime SIR Branch 23 member Dr. Robert Mellberg died November 4, 2017 at the age of 90. He received his SIR 90 year award soon after his birthday in 2017. He was a very active member of Branch 23 from April, 1996 until April 2015 when ill health forced him to become inactive. Bob played in several hundred golf tournaments while a member of Branch 23. Bob served as the Assistant Membership Chair in 2005, was a Director from 200-2005, Treasurer 2006-2007, and the 18 hole starter from 2009-2002. Bob was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay area and was an all-city swimmer at Washington High School. He was a U.S. Navy signalman during WWII. He practiced optometry in Sacramento for more than 50 years and was married to Jean for over 66 years. Bob will be missed by all who knew him.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Carroll Hamon

Membership Status: 147 active members, including one Senior HLM, one HLM Emeritus, one HLM, and four Emeritus members. In addition, there are 13 inactive members.

Deletions: Gus Johnson, Inactive, died Dec. 26, 2017 – no memorial service

Jack Rhondeau, Active Emeritus, died Jan. 5, 2018 – no memorial service

Marvin Lauer, Inactive, resigned Jan. 17, 2018

New Members in January: JD Bamfield, Bob Chapman, Joe Hannon, Bill Kimball, all transferred from Branch 50.

New Members to be Inducted in February: Doug Breien and Wes Lum transferring from Branch 50; Andre Boutros, sponsor Steve Ng; John Rowland, sponsor Bill Sutherland; Fred Edge, sponsor Bill Espinosa.

Other Membership/Roster Changes: Rich Singer new e-mail – richsingergolf@gmail.com

New Member Information:

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JD Bamfield



JD was born on September 26, 1955. He is married to Karen. He retired as an Engineer for CalTrans in December 2012. His interests are golf, home improvement and cars. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. JD transferred to Branch 23 from Branch 50 on January 10, 2018 and was assigned badge #178.

Bob Chapman
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Bob
Chapman



Bob was born on November 28, 1941. He is married to Bernardine. He was Transportation Engineer for CalTrans when he retired in June 2009. His interests are genealogy, stamps, travel and geology. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. Bob transferred to Branch 23 from Branch 50 on January 10, 2018 and was assigned badge #180.

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Joe
Hannon



Joe was born on January 19, 1936. He is married to LaRena. He retired as Supervising Materials and Research Engineer at the CalTrans Lab in July 1997. His interests are hunting, fishing, and family genealogy. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. Joe transferred to Branch 23 from Branch 50 on January 10, 2018 and was assigned badge #182.

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Bill
Kimball



Bill was born on August 18, 1935. He is married to Sandra. He was a teacher at San Juan Unified School District when he retired. His interests are bowling and volunteer work. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. Bill transferred to Branch 23 from Branch 50 on January 10, 2018 and was assigned badge #185.

BOWLING NEWS: by Frank Semans

Branch 23 Golf website: Visit this site to determine starting times, pairings results, and other golf related items. Address is web2golfsoftware.net/9958/

18 hole golf:

February Lunch Signups:

February 28- Wednesday, Bing Maloney, 3rd Big Sir Championship. You must use the same tee boxes as the first two Big Sir events at Cavanaugh and MacKenzie.

March 7, Wednesday, Wildhawk, Individual stroke play using dual tees.

March 21, Wednesday, Davis, Individual stroke play, using dual tees.

9-hole Golf:

Feb 23, Friday, Bing Maloney Express 9 hole.

March 2, Friday, Arcade Creek Red Nine.

March 15 Thursday Land Park.

In other golf news, Cherry Island and Ancil Hoffman golf courses are beginning a pay-by-the-hole process by which those who do not have time for a 9 or 18 hole round are paired with similar golfers. The 2 county owned courses are now members of Quick.golf (<https://quick/golf/>). More information is available on the Sacramento County website.

JANUARY LUNCHEON CELEBRATION:

Len Kovar had his 95th birthday on October 24, 2017 and received his **Super Senior Sir President's Award** at the January 10th meeting. **Len** was indeed a member of the **Greatest Generation**.

After Officer training he became a bombardier/navigator. And after 10 successful combat missions, **Len Kovar** was shot down from his B-24 bomber over Hungary in the spring of 1944.

He was 22 years old. The next nine months were spent in prison or in forced marches across Germany in the **worst winter ever recorded**.

Patton's army arrived at **Len's** prison camp Stalag 7A, on April 13, 1945. He had survived. And we are all glad he did.

Len Kovar, Super Senior Sir President Award recipient, with BIG SIR Ray Zelinski at the January luncheon.



NOTABLE FEBRUARY DATES:

JOIN ANNIVERSARIES:

1991	Hal Mattson	2007	Bob Anders	2015	Dick Hill (i)
1999	Odell Landers	2008	Ray Barsch	2015	Dennis Scharosch
1999	Jiro Sakauye	2009	Gary Bradley	2015	Bob Welsh (i)
2001	Paul Joyce	2009	George Yamamoto	2016	Scott Dutcher
2001	Joe Ryan	2010	Scott Kenney	2017	Rich Singer
2003	Joe Rodriguez	2010	Dave Leatherby	2017	Jerry Adams
2003	Ray Zelinski	2011	Joe Stastney	2017	Greg Bullock
2006	Harry Crabb				

BIRTHDAYS:

George Hood	Phil Fotopoulos
Jiro Sakauye	Steve Schmidt
Billy Fannin	Paul Elkins
Dennis Scharosch	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Hippenstiel, Wayne and Patti
Storlie, Larry and Diane
Anderson, Bob and Marcia
Espinosa, Bill and Marcie
LeDoux, Bill and Jana
Collander Gordon and Gladys