

## **Big SIR News – September 2025**

Our next lunch meeting will be this coming Wednesday September 24th. Our speaker will be the Honorable Rod Diridon, Sr. Mr. Diridon is Co-Chair of the US High Speed Rail Coalition, Past Chair and in the Hall of Fame of the America. He is also Chair Emeritus of the California High Speed Rail Authority Board and Emeritus Executive Director of the Mineta Transportation Institute. His political career began in 1971 as the youngest person ever elected to the Saratoga City Council. He retired in 1995 because of term limits after completing five terms and six times chaired the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and Transit Board. In 1995 the region's main train station was renamed the "San Jose Diridon Station" upon his retirement. He's now focused on combating climate change by convening the Rotary's Climate Action Councils. His talk will be how converting to electrically powered high speed rail is the required first step toward combating climate change and providing modern mobility. An update on the Central Valley high speed rail section will also be featured. This will be a talk on an important current issue that affects our future.

We'll look forward to seeing you all next Wednesday. Families and friends are most welcome to a great lunch and an informative presentation. We'll see you then.

Best Regards,  
Carl

### **Lunch Menu for September 24th Meeting**

#### **Entrees:**

Pot Roast  
Monterey Snapper

#### **Sides:**

Sorted Vegetables  
Creamy Mashed Potatoes

#### **Salad:**

Baby Spinach Salad

#### **Dessert:**

Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce