



The Rooster Crows!

The Scoop from the Coop

August 2025

Board of Directors

Rich Carlston B8
President
Fred Serena B59
Vice President
Jeff Chin B103
Secretary
Carl Mason B88
Treasurer
Ramesh Thadani B98
CIO
Andy Danver B35
Dir. Mktg/Comm.
John Farcich B1
Dir. Br. Support
Bruce Corwin B159
Dir. State Docs.
Michael Lee B128
Dir. Activities
Fred Serena B59
AR Coord., AR
Jerry Morrow B172
AR
Bruce Corwin B159
AR
Derek Southern B8
State Advisor
Roy Hodgkinson B146
Parliamentarian



As we arrive in August, Summer is well underway but moving quickly. I hope you have been able to participate in your many branch activities. **If not, it isn't too late to begin.** We still have plenty of time ahead with great weather, great friendships, great experiences and great fun.

For example, the Annual **Bowling** Tournament is coming up for bowlers in Reno on August 14 - 16. And if you are talented (lucky) enough to bowl a 300 game, be sure and collect your crystal trophy from the National Bowling Stadium. Contact Ray DiBasilio at rdibasilio@gmail.com. Our next **golf** tournament is scheduled in Grass Valley August 27 - 28. Come join the fun. Contact Ben Gikis at gikisben@yahoo.com. **Travel** opportunities abound. Trips to Vietnam & Cambodia (Oct. and Nov.), Australia & New Zealand (Jan.), Japan & Korea (Apr.) and Cuba (Mar.) are available for your traveling pleasure. See the world with us. Contact Milt Smith at miltsmith549@gmail.com or Glenn Breslin at glennbreslin@gmail.com. And don't forget our newest activity, **fishing**. Fishing trips on the ocean, on the Delta or from a pier are scheduled this month. Drop a line - you never know what will turn up. Contact Brion Beetz at brion.beetz@gmail.com.

Please always remember to thank those responsible for arranging activities. Our many branch and State activity chairs and committees voluntarily spend hours of their time planning, arranging and managing our activities so we can come and have fun. Let these leaders know how much you appreciate them and their efforts.



From State SIR

The Annual Meeting is August 26, 2025. The nominees for the 2026 Board of Directors to be presented are:

Pres.	Fred Serena
V.P.	Nick Feimer
Sec.	Jeff Chin
Treas.	Carl Mason
CIO	Ramesh Thadani
Dir Doc	Bruce Corwin
Dir Br Sup	John Farcich
Dir Mkt	Neil Wheeler
Dir Act	Michael Lee
AR Rep	Jerry Morrow
AR Rep	Carl Dawson
AR Rep	OPEN



A big Thank You to the Nominating Committee for identifying the nominees for the 2026 State Board of Directors.

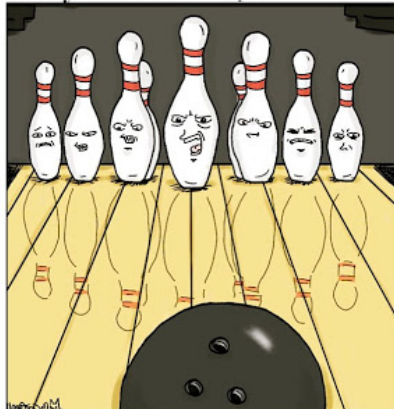


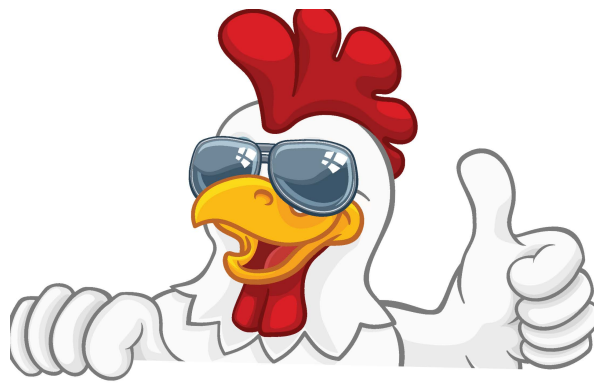
In 2007, Scotland spent £125,000 devising a new national slogan. The winning entry was: "Welcome to Scotland."

Before finally being accepted, J.K. Rowling's original Harry Potter pitch was rejected by 12 publishers.



Daily Comic By Chuck Harrison





IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Annual Meeting: August 26, 2025, at 10:00 am

Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center
3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA

2026 Annual Meeting Agenda

Time	Item	Presenter
10:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verification of Quorum Pledge of Allegiance Invocation Welcome Officers and Guests Agenda Revisions – if any Review Voting Process 	Rich Carlston
10:10	State of SIR	Rich Carlston
10:25	Election of State Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of Nominees Call for nominations from the floor Vote 	Dave Gonzales
10:30	Vote re possible change to Articles	Rich Carlston
10:35	Vote re possible change to Bylaws	Rich Carlston
10:40	Financial Report	Carl Mason
10:55	Major Accomplishments during 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing accomplishments Computer/Tech accomplishments New management tools Activities Training Changed Policies 	Andy Danver Ramesh Thadani Bruce Corwin Michael Lee John Farcich Rich Carlston & Fred Serena
12:00	Lunch	
1:00	Breakout Session1 – ARs and interested members	Fred Serena
1:00	Breakout Session 2 – All other members President's Panel of Past and Present Presidents	Derek Southern, Rick Kindle Dave Gonzales Rich Carlston
2:00	Vision for 2026	Fred Serena
2:15	Adjournment	

Possible Amendments

1. Amend the Articles of Incorporation for SIR, Incorporated to remove the word "retired" so that it is clear that being retired is not a condition for membership.

Men do not retire early but commonly work into their 70s and 80s. Those that do retire early often undertake a second career. Most branches have members who are working full or part time. Retirement should not be a condition to membership.

2. Amend Bylaw 110 to remove geographical limits preventing branches and members in Southern California.

Interest has been expressed in possibly having branches open in Southern California. Our Bylaws prohibit any branches outside of Northern and Central California. Given the use of Zoom and other available management tools, there is no reason for the restriction if a market for SIR exists in Southern California.

REMINDER:

Time to determine who your branch leaders will be in 2026.

Our passwords have changed for the State website. Contact me if you don't yet have them.



CONGRATULATIONS to Damian Reynolds Branch 1. On the 9th of July this past month, Branch 1, our founding branch located in San Mateo, held it's **800th** meeting. It is now in it's 67th year and still going strong. Seven of its former Big Sirs went on to become State SIR Presidents. Under its current Big Sir Nick Feimer it continues to lead and set an example for all.



Help us spread the word about SIR. We have fun. We make friends. We are active. We are happy. We help each other. And we live longer.



If you want to **make great friends** and **have lots of fun**, volunteer to be Little Sir at your branch. Now is the time since most branches are identifying next year's leaders now.

WE Are SIR!