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BIG SIR—*Bob Bundy*



New rules! Erik has informed us that his chef wants to have a hard count on members who will be attending and what their meal preference will be for the lunch. He prepares the meals individually in the catering kitchen and goes ballistic when he is asked to prepare more meals than planned. Bob Rigler has offer to set up an Evite account for all members where we can submit our RSVP as well as our luncheon choice. We want to have a good count because Erick is threatening to charge us for members that RSVP but do not show up. This is we what worked out at our Executive Board Meeting: We will give the chef a head count based on the RSVP from Evite and if we have members show up that did not RSVP those coming in late will have a Caesar salad or a chicken Caesar salad. The board discussed keeping a list of those that responded to the RSVP so that they would be sure to get their food choice but think that may be too complicated for our aging brains. So please RSVP, come early and get the lunch you desire and hopefully we will not have to dip into the treasury for meals that not served.

The possible merger with Branch 22 is in the works and the ball is in their court. Ted Pullen, Dick Robinson, and I attended the regular Branch 22 lunch and enjoyed meeting the members who all voted to merge with us. If everything proceeds

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LITTLE SIR—*Michael Sommer*



We have a great program for our April 6th Luncheon. You are not going to want to miss this.

Come have some fun and hear some Bluegrass Music at our April 6 meeting. Our member Allen Barr and his wife will provide some background commentary on the history of Bluegrass Music, while we are entertained by the local (Mill Valley) Bluegrass band, Savannah Blu. Come early as they will be setting up and I believe starting before we are served at our regular noon start time.

Since this is a "Must See" event, be sure to respond to the Evite that you were sent asking if you are attending and what your entree selection is. This new protocol for McInnis is an important change that we all need to get used to if everything is to run smoothly and make their restaurant operation work.

PRE-MEETING SIGN-UPS

At the request of the restaurant manager, we are now going to require you to sign up for each luncheon and select your menu choice before the meeting. You will be sent an Evite. Respond to that by the stated deadline, saying whether or not you will attend and selecting your entrée. The menu choices are shown in this newsletter, as below, so you might want to hold your acceptance until you receive the Horologium and can decide on an entrée.

April 2023 Meetings

Luncheon Thursday April 6
Executive Committee Thursday April 20

April 6th Luncheon

Chicken Parmesan, or
Salmon w/Lemon Butter Sauce, or
Risotto of the Day

MEMBERSHIP REPORT March 2023

TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS - 3/1/23	71
GAINS DURING MONTH	0
LOSSES DURING MONTH	0
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS - 4/1/23	71

Call Don Beers at 332-3926 if you can't attend a luncheon

April 2023 Birthdays

4	Hal Hester	April 4
112	Rob Richards	April 6
25	James Toso	April 24
86	Chuck Lomba	April 27

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as planned, their Executive Board will join ours and we plan on a merged luncheon meeting on July 6th. They have several activities they would like to continue, and we supported including the summer picnic and one or two evening dinners at local restaurants. They also have several golfing groups that will join Branch 7.

Just because we may grow new members through the merger does not mean that both branches should not continue to actively reach out to attract new members. Guests dine for free so there should be no reluctance to invite prospective members.

LUCKY 7 GOLF



The first three scheduled dates in March (and the 2023 season) were rained out.

Dick Robinson, Secretary



Executive Board Meeting of March 16, 2023

Erik Jensen (Club Restaurant Manager) informed us that we'll have to supply him with a head count and meal requests 24 hours ahead of date for Sirs monthly lunches. Bob Rigler said he would mail out an Evite invitation to all members at least a week ahead of each lunch meeting. Ralph Sherer will supply Bob with list of email addresses to be used. Usually there is a choice of meat dish, salmon, or vegetation meal each month. Members would need to RSVP indicating plans for attendance and meal preference. This head count and menu selections would be given to Erik a day ahead of the lunch date.

Al Wuthnow reported we now have \$7,854 in cash on account due to collection of almost all members annual dues. Only two members and one new member have not yet paid their dues.

Dick Robinson sent minutes of Feb 16 Exec Board Meeting to board members and then they were published in the March Horologium. These minutes were approved as reported.

Ken Kauer said he hasn't heard of any sicknesses or health problems.

Robby Robinson is continuing as webmaster but could use help on this job.

Ralph Sherer reported that the new 2023 Roster book was printed and mailed out to all members.

Kelley Reid told us that 3 of the 4 new members attended the March 2 lunch and were presented to the membership. Mark Swartz was not at the March lunch so couldn't be presented as a new member at that time.

Dr Bob Bundy covered the status of merger with Branch 22. Bob said he, Ted Pullen and Dick Robinson attended the Br 22 Exec Board Mtg on March 7. Br 22 currently has 59 members on their rolls and typically get about 35 for lunch meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. The plan is that each branch would keep their officers for this year and then merge into a single branch with one set of officers for next year. We decided that Branch 7 would host a joint lunch with Branch 22 on July 6. Branch 22 holds a backyard picnic in August that our members could attend.

Dr Bob and Michael Sommer listed the speakers we have lined up for the next few months. These

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include Blue Grass band for April, Honor Flight presentation in May, Dr Peter Joseph on climate change in June, and a Cardiologist in July. Additional speakers will be lined up for later meetings.

Ted Pullen told us he only has 26 signed up to attend the musical production "Aladdin" in San Francisco on August 9. He needs about 40 persons to make a go of it so is looking for more people to go. He needs a \$25/pp deposit now to hold our reservations and then total payment of \$110/pp later.

Ted told us that Lucky 7 golf was rained out for the last two weeks. Weekly play is scheduled through the summer. The pool group meets twice a month after Exec Bd mtg and monthly lunch dates.

Humor Section – And winter continues....

Today's forecast...

Holy crap I can't feel my face degrees.

Does shivering count as exercise?

The problem with going outside in the cold at my age is by the time I get all bundled up, I've forgotten where I was going.

Great, the sun is out.

Now I can get sunburn and frostbite at the same time.

On a positive note....

I haven't seen any mosquitos in weeks!

There's a trick to driving on ice...and apparently no one knows it.

Car Passenger: "This is my least favorite time of year."

Driver: "I know, I'm not a fan of 'warming up the car' season, either."

Helpful tip – Tired of shoveling your driveway? Spray everything with water at night. The snow won't stick when it's wet ☺

Dear Mother Nature - Please get back on your meds, pop open a bottle of wine, and start thinking warm, happy thoughts.

Q: When is a boat just like snow?

A: When it's a drift!

Remember... what good is the warmth of summer without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.



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SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Ken Kauer, Chairman, 472-2334

(No e-mail)

2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir: Bob Bundy **Little Sir:** Michael Sommer

Secretary: Dick Robinson **Asst Secretary:** Vacant

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AREA 8 MONTHLY MEETINGS

Branch 7 McInnis Park 1st Thursday

Branch 22 McInnis Park 1st Tuesday

Branch 47 McInnis Park 4th Tuesday

Branch 58 Elks Lodge Petaluma 3rd Tuesday

Branch 68 McInnis Park 2nd Tuesday

Branch 134 Embassy Suites 1st Tuesday

Branch 147 Elks Lodge Petaluma 2nd Tuesday

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