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BIG SIR—*Dick Robinson*



Hello Fellow Sirs – Here we are about to embark on the new year. I am finishing up my two-year stint as your Big Sir and am turning over the reins to new leaders. Michael Sommer will take over as Big Sir, Dr Bob Bundy as Little Sir, Ron DeCook as Secretary, Al Wuthnow as Treasurer, myself as Asst Treasurer and Terry Aleshire as Membership chairman. Bob Rigler, Ted Pullen, Ralph Sherer, Ken Kauer are continuing as board members and Dave Bernardi is joining the board. David Denning, George Sarantakis and Fred Hajduk are leaving the board. Thanks, gentlemen, for your service.

To recap the past year, Branch 7 resumed monthly lunches in August and continued this fall. We did fairly well with attendance of 40-45 for fall meetings and 72 in December including lady guests. The speakers were interesting, and we enjoyed getting together again after the 16-month layoff for Covid. Lucky 7 Golf group started weekly play in March and continued all summer & fall. Our other activities (pool, bowling, bocce, wine tasting, etc.) remained on hold for the time being.

Unfortunately, we lost several of our members this last year through deaths and moves. But we welcomed two new members this fall so Branch 7 now has 95 members on our roster. To those members with illnesses or injuries we send our best wishes for recovery. These include Greg Poulos, Tom Bongji, Bob Testa and Bob Giachino. Take care guys and come back when you can.

Our Treasurer, Al Wuthnow, is going to be collecting \$35 annual dues at January lunch so bring checks Also Ted Pullen will be taking reservations and checks for our Valentine lunch including lady guests on Feb 3. Off we go into the new year with high hopes for lots of good times.

LITTLE SIR—*Michael Sommer*



As the year draws to a close the world is still struggling with the Covid 19 Pandemic and its assorted variants.

The SIR state organization has sent us an official notice that all indoor SIR meetings will require wearing masks unless eating per State of California requirements. This will apply to the 30 days beginning December 15th. This will affect at the very least our January 6th meeting. We are required to follow the State SIR requirements or we would lose our liability coverage that we have through them.

With that cheery note I will also remind everyone that for our Valentine's luncheon in February, everyone, this includes significant others, who attends, must have proof or have shown proof in the past of Covid vaccinations and must sign or have on file a signed "Waiver and Release of Liability" At the February luncheon we will be asking for those at the door. For your convenience, a copy of the Waiver is attached to this newsletter. You can print it and bring it with you already signed by your date to the Valentine lunch.

See you at the January meeting.

2022 DUES

At the January 6th luncheon, Al Wuthnow will begin collecting your annual dues for 2022. Please bring a check for \$35 made out to Sir Branch 7.

January 6th Luncheon Menu

Beef Stroganoff w/Egg Noodles or
Grilled Salmon w/Lemon Butter Sauce

Raffle Ticket Sellers

January 6 -

MEMBERSHIP REPORT December 2021	
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS - 12/1/21	96
GAINS DURING MONTH	0
LOSSES DURING MONTH	1
#75 Dick Katz resigned	
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS - 1/1/22	95


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

OUR JANUARY SPEAKERS
By Bob Bundy

Our January luncheon will feature a talk from the warden of San Quentin and the PR Officer. They have weathered the usual prison issues that were exacerbated by the Covid outbreak early in the pandemic when prisoners were transferred from Chico State Prison without being adequately screened.

San Quentin is the oldest state prison in California having been established in 1852. The prison is the only site in California where executions can take place although there have been no executions since 2006. The gas chamber has been decommissioned and Governor Gavin Newsom has declared a moratorium on executions in 2019. Warden Ron Bloomfield has been in charge since 2021, previously he served as Deputy Warden beginning in 2017. Prior to coming to San Quentin he held a number of positions at Corcoran State Prison. He was raised in Mariposa County and graduated from California Lutheran University.

I was introduced to Lt. Samuel Robinson by Suzy Denning (wife of SIRS member David Denning) when she volunteered at the San Quentin Family Center. Suzy arranged a tour of the prison by members of our Corte Madera Lions Club which I describe as an eye opening experience. Lt Robinson initially introduced us to a small group of lifers who talked about life at San Quentin. Then he took us on an extensive tour of the interior of the prison including one of the blocks with four tiers of cells. When speaking to the group, other staff and prisoners it was always with courtesy and respect which is why he is sometimes known as the "Mayor of San Quentin"

Ron DeCook, Secretary 

Executive Board Mtg 11/30/2021

Dick Robinson stated that Dick Katz & David Block had resigned from Branch 7 and should be removed from our roster. Dick also introduced Dave Bernardi to the Board.

Dick has met with Kirk Beales and will reproduce in hard copy 12 of the Horologium for our non-email members that can be picked up at our monthly luncheons. This will save the branch \$35 per month in mailing costs

Terry Aleshire has 2 new members Allen Barr, and Kelly Reid and they will be inducted at Xmas lunch.

Ted Pullen said that the Board should make a decision on 2022 luncheon menus. Ted has 77 members coming to the Xmas lunch. Bob Rigler will check the vaccine records and waivers at the lunch. He discussed the raffle prizes and Ken Kauer asked that he change the raffle tickets to 5 for \$6, 15 for \$10, and 30 for \$20. The Board approved of the change. Ted also stated that Feb 3rd will be the Valentine's lunch and a brochure will go out at today's lunch.

Al Wuthnow stated that the branch lost \$2,000 in non-revenue for the missing lunches during the pandemic. He will start collecting the \$35 SIRS fee for 2022 in January.

Bob Bundy discussed our speakers for Jan 6th-Warden at San Quentin, Dennis Rodoni on Feb 3rd, & Jana Haehl (Marin Environmentalist) on March 3rd. Other possible speakers are from Homeward Bound, The Marin Foodbank, and the fire Chief of San Rafael.

The next Board Meeting will be Thursday Jan 27th.

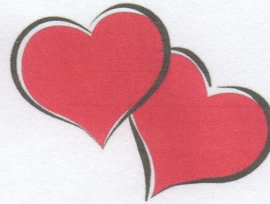
January 2022 Birthdays		
136	John Chiarenza	January 10
83	Giulio Boeri	January 31
168	Paul Giambra	January 31

SIRS Valentine Luncheon Thursday Feb 3

McInnis Golf Center
350 Smith Ranch Road
11:30



Spouses & Guests are welcomed to
our regular February luncheon.
Bring your
sweetheart and let's celebrate
Valentine's day together.



GUEST SPEAKER: Dennis Rodoni
Marin County Supervisor

MENU

Choice of either Salmon, Chicken or Pasta at \$35.00 pp. As a
special treat an alternate of Prime Rib will be served at \$40.00 pp.
Salad and dessert included.

RESERVATIONS

Ted Pullen (415-499-4610 or tedpullen@comcast.net) will be taking reser-
vations during the December and January luncheon. Seating will be pre-
assigned. All entries must be preselected and prepaid **not later than**
1/24/22

*To ensure safety, the SIRS organization requires all attending
members and guests show proof of vaccination*

TED'S MAILING ADDRESS: 455 CEDAR HILL DRIVE, SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903

NOTE THAT YOUR GUESTS MUST SIGN THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE

**SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF
LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19**

Branch Name: NORTH BAY (MARIN)

Branch Number: 7

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the general unavailability of insurance to cover liability related to that matter, the SIR branch listed above (“Branch”) is requiring members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others attending events sponsored by the Branch or by Sons in Retirement, Incorporated (“State Sir”) to agree to the following:

In attending activities sponsored by the Branch or State SIR, the undersigned agrees to comply with mask, social distancing, and other Covid-19 protocols required by applicable government bodies, the Branch, State SIR, and the applicable venue. Failure to do so will result in the attendee being asked to leave the event.

Regardless of adherence to mandated protocols, requirements, recommendations, and vaccinations, the undersigned acknowledges that there is a risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or a group of other individuals.

Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned assumes the risk of Covid-19 exposure and accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur due to attendance at a Branch or State SIR event.

The undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless the Branch, State SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and members from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at a Branch or State SIR event.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.

Attendee’s Name (print): _____

Attendee’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Once you sign this document, it is valid for all future Branch and or State activities.

LUCKY 7 GOLF



Eagle Vines (Scramble) - November 24th

1	Cooper, Sarantakis, Aleshire & Hartnett	46.75
2	Haight, Hultner, Land & Donohue	48.00
3	Troya, Troya, Toso & DeCook	TB 48.25
Closest to the Hole 5		Closest to Holes 14 & 16
1. Jens Erlingsson	12'4"	1. Jens Erlingsson 10'4"
2. Ron Moresco	15'10"	2. Mark Cooper 15'9"

STENZEL CONTEST STANDINGS

1. Paul Giambra	3'2½"	2. Bob Giachino	3'3½"
3. Ron DeCook	3'4"		

SIR TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

March 12-17, 2022: PRINCESS CRUISE: Fort Lauderdale to San Francisco aboard the Ruby Princess. Sail via the Panama Canal with ports of call at Cartagena, Colombia; Panama Canal (new locks); Panama City; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua; Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; and San Francisco. Balcony Staterooms starting at \$3,824 pp. Ocean view at \$3,369. Contact Milt Smith SIR 146 miltsmith549@gmail.com or contact Lisa Mittone, agent, atlisa@tctat.com or 800-528-2223. Be sure to mention SIR 146

Holland Tulip Festival Tour Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel May 12 -19 Price: \$3,895 Per Person Double Occupancy \$5,375 Single Deposit \$650 per person, final payment January 10, 2022. Contact Bill Stires Branch #143 at 209- 988-5445 or email bstires46@gmail.com if interested in the trip.

8 Night Columbia and Snake River Cruise May 12 via the American Harmony of the American Cruise Lines. Explore the Pacific Northwest with your fellow SIR members following the path of Lewis and Clark. Unpack once and enjoy the beauty of the lush forest of the River Gorge and the high desert bordering the Snake River and Hells Canyon. Prices range from \$5,600 pp. double occupancy. For more information contact Tan Matosian Branch 128. tgmtat54@gmail.com or contact The Travel Center in Pleasant Hill directly at 925-937-2223 be sure to mention Branch 128

ALASKA LAND & SEA May 23 June 4th 8-DAY CRUISE Aboard the Majestic Princess Anchorage/Whittier Hubbard Glacier Scenic Cruising Glacier Bay Cruising Skagway Juneau Ketchikan Vancouver 6-DAY LAND 1 Nights Fairbanks 2 Nights Denali National Park 1 Night Mt. McKinley Lodge 1 night Anchorage CONTACT Larry Yarberry (925) 890- 9245 l.yarberry42@comcast.net Or Talbot Tours 800 662-9933 info@talbottours.com Land & Cruise including roundtrip Airfare \$2995. DBL. OCCUPANCY \$4250. SINGLE

CLASSIC NEW ENGLAND Sept.29-Oct 7 Day 1 Arrive Boston. Upon arrival in Boston meet your Tour Director - Day 2 Boston Sightseeing restaurants.—Day 3 Boston - Portland - Bar Harbor, ME Day 4 - Bar Harbor - Acadia National Park - Bar Harbor - Day 5 Bar Harbor - North Conway - Day 6 North Conway - Woodstock - Killington/Ruthland, VT. for an overnight stay. - Day 7 Killington - Norman Rockwell Museum - Mohegan Sun - Day 8 Newport, RI - Mystic Seaport - Mohegan Sun - Day 9 Mohegan Sun - Boston - Flight Home. Fly home filled with fond memories of your Classic New England Tour. CONTACT Larry Yarberry (925) 890-9245, l.yarberry42@comcast.net or Talbot Tours 800 662-9933 info@talbottours.com Total Land and Airfare \$3950 DBL OCCUPANCY \$5180 SINGLE

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Ken Kauer, Chairman, 472-2334
(No e-mail)



SIR ON THE INTERNET

www.sirinc.org

Gives SIR history, organization, locations, activities, travel programs etc.. Also the State newsletter, SIR Happenings. Suggested for those thinking of joining for an early orientation.

HOROLOGIUM DISTRIBUTION

Beginning January 2022 we will no longer be mailing out printed copies of the Horologium. We will have printed copies available at our meetings for those who want one.

January 2022 Meetings

Luncheon Thursday January 6th
Executive Committee Tuesday January 27th

2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir: Michael Sommer **Little Sir:** Bob Bundy
Secretary: Ron DeCook **Asst Secretary:** Vacant
Treasurer: Al Wuthnow **Asst Treasurer:** Dick Robinson
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Bob Rigler, & Ralph Sherer
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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

Executive Board meets
the Thursday preceding
the Thursday Luncheon
at McInnis Golf Club in
San Rafael at 11:00 AM.
Members welcome to
attend.

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