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BIG SIR — Dan Cockcroft

Welcome to our May Lunch. I am pleased to welcome three new members that joined Sirs 95 in April:

Gary Cattrone

Floyd Demaray

Jerry Helmey

These three new members bring our total new membership for the year to 5. As my article in April pointed out, the long-term viability of SIR Branch 95 is growth and the best avenue to growth is all of us inviting our friends and neighbors to lunch. Remember, the first time guest lunch is on us.

A second note on our lunches. Every month George Simko and his team of callers call and email all of our active members to get a count for that month's lunch. He then uses this count to commit to the Elks club, a set number of meals that we agree to pay for. Unfortunately the last few months we have had a significant number of members miss the lunch after registering that they were coming. Because of this we end up paying for more lunches than we collect for. I know that things happen and that we are forced to change plans sometimes at the last minute but please, if you commit that you are coming, please make sure you attend.

One final last thought about our monthly lunch. Next month, June 10th is our annual **Ladies Day picnic** and you will find a flyer at your table today highlighting the details. Jay has done an outstanding job of organizing it this year and we are hoping for a huge turnout. So if you haven't mailed your check in yet, you can either leave your money with me today or mail to it Jay.

Thanks, Dan C.

LITTLE SIR — Jay Guertin

I won't be with you today as we are on a trip. If you brought your check for our **SIR Picnic** on **June 9** at High Hill Ranch, please give it to Dan Cockcroft.

Our speaker today is **Dr. Charles Bamforth**, Distinguished Professor at UC Davis who will be speaking to us today on brewing beer. Dr. Bamforth is formerly Deputy Director-General of Brewing Research International and Research Manager and Quality Assurance Manager of Bass Brewers. He is an Honorary Professor in the School of Biosciences at the University of Nottingham, England and a Fellow of three global societies. He is Editor in Chief of the *Journal of the American Society of Brewing Chemists* and has published extensively on beer and soccer! His list of accomplishments goes on and on and I will let Dan tell you the rest in his introduction. I will tell you this, Dr. Bamforth has spoken at a number of SIR chapters. When SIR chapters share input on their speakers, Dr. Bamforth is always rated the highest!

- Jay

