



**Gold Country Branch 95**

**2020 Elected Officers**

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**Little Sir**

TBD

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**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

To maintain membership, a member is required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period, unless the Branch BEC has approved different attendance requirements (Policy 25; Bylaw 18).

**SONS IN RETIREMENT**

A NON-PROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION FOR RETIRED MEN DEVOTED TO THE PROMOTION OF INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY OF RETIREMENT

**BIG SIR – Kevin King**

February 2020 is in the books – the driest February in Sacramento area recorded history. Even with an extra day this year, we only squeezed out trace amounts of precipitation – literally at the 11th hour. In fact, the rain was so spotty, some of you may not have seen any where you live. Fortunately, experts say we have enough reserve from the late rains last year to carry us through summer. They also remind us that of the five driest Februaries, three were followed by an exceptionally wet March. We'll see what develops.

The lack of rain notwithstanding, what's not to like about the weather these past few weeks? The golfers are in full swing (pun intended), walkers are in full stride (sorry) and gardeners are just happy to have some'budy to love (I'm done).

Regarding golf, we're four weeks into the new season. Contact Golf Chair Terry Starkel if you'd like to join our golf group. Terry and the other tournament directors have worked hard to arrange tournaments every Tuesday (except the 5th Tuesday) through mid-November. Our branch also offers biking, bocce and pickleball. Contact the respective chairman for more information.

Are there other activities that you'd like the branch to offer? In our November survey, we asked what activities you'd like to see added. Responses included card games, cribbage, hiking and some type of couples' activity. How about a wine tasting group or a travel group? I found one SIR branch that has 54 activities – 26 of them coed. I see activities as a way to attract and retain members. All it takes is enough interest amongst our members and someone to step up and chair the group. Call or email me or any other board member with any ideas for a new group.

***"If you want something you never had, you have to do something you've never done." – Thomas Jefferson***

**LITTLE SIR – TBD**

This month's speaker is Ken Mahar. Ken joined our branch last September. He will be sharing photos from three different visits to Africa. Ken has been interested in photography many years. His love of travel led him to many foreign countries and throughout the USA capturing the beauty and culture of their lands and people. He loves Africa and has done safaris twice in Kenya and once in Tanzania.

Ken is Past-President of the El Dorado Hills Art Association, a member of the Placerville and Folsom Arts Associations, has been a member of El Dorado Arts Council, and belongs to the El Dorado Camera Club.

His photography can be seen at art shows, galleries, and the El Dorado Hills Arts Association Studio Tours. You can view samples of his work at [Ken-Mahar-Photos.com](http://Ken-Mahar-Photos.com).

