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WHOSE MISSION IS TO ENHANCE THE
LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN
ACTIVITIES, LUNCHEONS AND EVENTS
WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE.

Gold Country Branch 95

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BIG SIR – Kevin King

SIR Branch 95 General Meeting

Monday, August 10, 2020 12:00 PM

To join the Zoom meeting from a desktop or laptop computer, click on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86531717078>

Smartphone or tablet, open the Zoom app and use meeting ID:

865 3171 7078

If none of the above options are available to you, you can dial in as follows:

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By the time you read this we will be near the end of the Dog Days of Summer. We're not quite out of the heat yet but in August we begin to turn our attention to kids going back to school with its increased traffic, fall sports and the like (whatever those may end up looking like this year). With Labor Day, the traditional end of summer, fast approaching, it's hard to believe how quickly the year has gone by – especially given the fact that many of us have largely been confined in and around our homes. You would think time would slow down when there is not much we can do but instead it seems to be speeding up.

You may have noticed a change at the top of the newsletter. We made the change to shift the focus to SIR rather than Sons in Retirement to better align our branch with State SIRs move to rebrand itself as SIR and to eliminate any confusion about having to be retired to join. Also, we believe the message, which comes directly from SIR's mission statement, better describes what one can expect by being a member of our organization.

The board is busy filling in the slate of board candidates for next year. Thanks to those who have agreed to stay on as well as those who have agreed to join the board for the first time this upcoming year. We still have positions to fill for anyone that wishes to volunteer. As you've heard many times before, the continued viability of our branch depends on a group of members able and willing to step up into branch leadership positions. We'll be discussing the slate of candidates at our upcoming board meeting and will present the slate to all of the members soon.

Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10th at 12 noon. Bob Carlson has arranged a special guest speaker for us.

Be safe fellow SIRs!

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant”. ~ Robert Louis Stevenson

LITTLE SIR – Bob Carlson

This month's Zoom videoconference presentation will be taking us in a completely different direction from previous meetings. The last three gatherings concentrated on the coronavirus and its effect on our lives.

Let's Play
Pickleball!



by Dan Cockcroft - The "Big Dill"

For info on SIR's 95 Pickleball
contact Dan at 408-781-0714.

Do you know that awesome
feeling when you get into
bed, fall right asleep, stay
asleep all night and wake
up feeling refreshed and
ready to take on the day?

Yeah, me neither!



From the Archives (SIR Newsletter July 2005)

A Woman Who Reads

One morning the husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors and begins to read a book.

Along comes a game warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "good morning, ma'am. What are you doing?"

"Reading a book," she replies - thinking isn't it obvious?

"You're in a restricted fishing area", he informs her.

"I'm sorry officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading".

"Yes, but you have all of the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up".

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't touched you," replies the game warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," he said, and he left.

MORAL of this STORY: Never argue with a woman who reads. It is likely she can also think.

Another one from the July 2005 issue:

Three Sisters

Three sisters ages 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts in foot in and pauses. She yells down the stairs: "Was I getting in or out of the bath?" The 94-year-old yells back "I don't know. I'll come up and see." She starts up the stairs and pauses. Then she yells: "Was I going up the stairs or down?" The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says "I sure hope I never get that forgetful." She knocks on wood for good measure. She then yells: "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

Mensa Corner

Can you think of an American tree whose name contains all five vowels?

What is the 11-letter word that all smart people spell incorrectly?

If seven chocolate bars and one bag of jellybeans cost \$0.36 and 10 bags of jellybeans and one chocolate bar cost \$0.15, how much is a chocolate bar?

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New Monthly Budget

Gas	\$0
Entertainment	\$0
Clothes	\$0
Haircuts	\$0
GROCERIES	\$2,765

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Decipher the following message using the simple cipher below by substituting the letters in the first row with the corresponding letter in the second row:

QLRM HRI. NZPV UIRVMWH ULI ORUV.

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

Answer below

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Before We Go...One Final Story

Jim Wright spent years on death row for a crime he professed he did not commit. On the day of his expected hanging, his attorney worked feverously to appeal his case and get a stay of execution. Having worked several days straight and long into the night exhausting all possible options, he resigned himself to the outcome and dejectedly went home. The prospect of failing his client weighed heavily on him.

When he got home, his wife laid into him. Where have you been? How come you're so late? Why didn't you call? I'm tired of eating dinner by myself ever night!

He wasn't in the mood for an argument and simply excused himself saying he needed a shower. After he finished and was bent over drying off, his wife walked into the bathroom and said "they're not hanging Wright tonight." He turned on his wife and yelled "good lord, give me a break! Won't you ever let it go!"

Answers

Mensa Corner

Tree – Sequoia

Word – Incorrectly

Chocolate bar - \$0.05 (jellybeans are \$0.01/bag; chocolate bars are \$0.05)

Cipher

Join SIR. Make friends for life.