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BIG SIR – Kevin King

SIR Branch 95 General Meeting

Monday, September 14, 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/89402478169>

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

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

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I hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend. As the unofficial end of summer, Labor Day has traditionally been a time for getting together with family and friends. Whether it's visiting family, camping, barbequing or just getting together in the backyard with friends and neighbors, I hope you found a way to celebrate with those you care about while remaining vigilant and safe.

We got a late start to golf this season due to the coronavirus; yet several us have been out there each week trying to return to mid-season form. The third and final round of our Branch's Golf Club Championship is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th at Wildhawk Golf Club. About 18 of our members remain in the running to bring home the trophy and title of Club Champion. Last year's winner, Dan Cockcroft, is out to defend his title. Good luck to all. Hit 'em long and straight.

My sincere thanks to Chad Barrow, Pat Flynn and Shoji Kumagai who have each agreed to fill leadership positions on our Board next year. There remains a few Board and Committee Chair positions that must still be filled. I encourage you to take an active role in our Branch. Please let may know as soon as possible if you'd be interested in filling one of these critical positions. As has been our past practice, the slate of candidates will be formally announced at our December 14th meeting.

Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 12 noon. A shout out to Jay Muzio for lining up this month's speaker. As a reminder, for those that missed it, we will have an encore presentation following the meeting of last month's presentation by UC Berkeley astronomy professor, Dr. Alex Filippenko, on exploding stars.

"Many people take no care of their money till they come nearly to the end of it, and others do just the same with their time."

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

LITTLE SIR – Bob Carlson

Joining us this month is Dennis Murphy a director at Sustainable Silicon Valley (SSV), a "think" tank focused on intelligent water use and reuse, air quality, and mobility in a decarbonizing Bay Area. Originally founded in 2000 as a carbon registry for Cal EPA, SSV promotes

September Birthdays

- Mel Hallett
- Keith Hepler
- Jon Jakowatz
- Joe Lampich
- Jerry Nester
- John Ninan
- Ron Waisner (PBS)
- Hideki Yoshihara

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Membership

**by Mike Mohr,
Membership Chair**
Active Membership – 70
**Welcome New Member
Hugh Thompson**

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**Branch 95 Luncheon
2nd Monday of the Month
Empire Ranch Golf Club**

1620 East Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630
Telephone 916.817.8107
www.empireranchgolfclub.com

Happy Hour 11:00 AM
Lunch 12:00 noon

**EMPIRE RANCH LUNCHEONS
CANCELLED**

Soda, Tea, Water & Coffee
included with lunch
Special diet?

Contact Kevin or your Caller

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SIR Websites

Branch 95

www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com

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collaborative solutions with key business development players working on complex sustainability problems.

Prior to working with SSV, he led a California statewide coalition for 12 years focused on building a clean energy economy through legislative and regulatory efforts ranging from better building code, energy performance data, and healthy building materials. Dennis will talk about SSV's recent endeavors as well as previewing the new Sustainable Life program ("This time it's personal!") rolling out later this Fall.

SIR Branch 95 Golf

by Terry Starkel

Here it is September already. Even after months of staying mostly inside and at home, we are now in the middle of our 2020 Club Golf Championship rounds. Pandemic, fires, 100+ temperatures, golf goes on. The first round of the Club Championship was held at Empire Ranch on Sept. 1st., with the second round taking place at Mather Golf Course on Sept. 8th. The final round will be held at Wildhawk Golf Course on Sept. 15th. The winner will be the player with the lowest total net score after the three rounds. Their name will be added to past winners of the Sir 95 Golf Club Championship trophy.



about 5 minutes. When I came out there was a policeman writing out a parking ticket. I went up to him and said, "Come on officer, how about giving an old man a break?"

He ignored me and continued writing the ticket; so, I made a derogatory comment about his heritage. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires. So, I called him a few choice names.

He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Personally, I didn't care. I came into town by bus. I try to have a little fun each day now that I'm retired.

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SUCCESS: To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

An Irishman's first drink with his son

"While reading an article last night about fathers and the sons, memories came flooding back to the time I took me son out for his first pint.

"Off we went to our local pub only two blocks from the cottage. "I got him a Guinness. He didn't like it, so I drank it.

"Then I got him a Kilkenny's, he didn't like that either, so I drank it. Finally, I thought he might like some Harp Lager?

"He didn't. I drank it.

"I thought maybe he'd like whisky better than beer so we tried a Jameson's; nope!

"In desperation, I had him try that rare Redbreast, Ireland 's finest whisky.

"He wouldn't even smell it.

"What could I do but drink it!

"By the time I realized he just didn't like to drink, I was so drunk I could hardly push his stroller back home!"

Trivia Challenge

- 1) True or False: Daddy Long-Legs—a.k.a. harvestmen—are more closely related to scorpions than to spiders.
- 2) After the 'Mona Lisa' was stolen from the Louvre in 1911, which famous artist was considered a suspect?
Edgar Degas Georgia O'Keefe Pablo Picasso
- 3) This actress, who played a witch in 'Hocus Pocus,' is related to a woman who was accused of being a witch in the Salem Witch Trials.
Bette Midler Kathy Najimy Sara Jessica Parker
- 4) In 1949, this company—which is famous for its trading cards—developed a board game called Meet the Presidents.
O-Pee-Chee Co. LTD Topps Fleer
- 5) Which one of the following was NOT one of the original six NHL teams?
Detroit Red Wings New York Rangers Pittsburgh Penguins Boston Bruins
- 6) When scientists first saw specimens of this Australian mammal, they thought it was a hoax.
The Platypus The Kangaroo The Echidna
- 7) According to the United Nations, how many countries are in Africa?
23 54 48
- 8) Who was the first president to be inaugurated in Washington, D.C.?
James Madison Thomas Jefferson John Adams
- 9) The term 'EGOT'—which stands for Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, Tony—was coined by which 'Miami Vice' actor?
Michael Talbott Philip Michael Thomas Don Johnson
- 10) These birds are excellent parents and can find their way back to their nest from 1300 miles away.
Blue Jays Pigeons Starlings

- 11) According to one study, how many minutes are actually played during the average American football game?
25 11 45
- 12) True or False: Cats can be allergic to humans.
- 13) Name the two explorers who claim to have discovered the North Pole.
Roald Amundsen & Robert Falcon Scott
Robert Peary & Frederick Cook
Sir John Franklin & Captain Francis Crozier
- 14) What real-life shipwreck inspired Herman Melville's 'Moby-Dick'?
The Two Brothers The Essex The Charles Carroll

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A Final Thought...

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.
May you always have:

Love to share,
Cash to spare,
Tires with air,
And friends who care.

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Trivia Challenge

- 1) True
- 2) Pablo Picasso
- 3) Sarah Jessica Parker
- 4) Topps
- 5) Pittsburgh Penguins
- 6) The Platypus
- 7) 54
- 8) Thomas Jefferson
- 9) Philip Michael Thomas
- 10) Pigeons
- 11) 11
- 12) True
- 13) Robert Peary & Frederick Cook
- 14) The Essex

Editor's note: Please feel free to send any relevant stories, insights, encouragement, or other pertinent information you wish to share.

Following is a note shared by Dennis Petersen (PBS)

What is a BIG SIR?

So now you have retired. You worked 40-50 years and this is what you have looked for all that time. Now you can do all the little things you wanted to do and most important at your own pace and during the weekdays not just weekends.

But low and behold after 6 months or so the projects are all done and the honey dos are completed. Now you sit around the house, watch television and lift your feet out of the way when your spouse moves the vacuum in front of you. It becomes a little boring and maybe somewhat stressful on your marriage. Plus, you miss the interaction with your old friends who are still working.

You meet another retiree who talks about a group of gentlemen with similar concerns who meet once a month, have lunch and listen to a speaker who has information of interest to all attendees. After one meeting you decide to join the SIR organization.

Shortly thereafter you attend a Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meeting and are asked to fill a position on the board. As the years follow you find enjoyment in filling different board positions until you become Little SIR where your duties increase. The following year you are elevated to the most prestigious leadership position, THE BIG SIR. You have been told that most of the hard work will be done by the Little Sir and as BIG SIR your only job is to lead the meetings.

These things may have been true in the past. It is true that one BIG SIR served for two years when circumstances required. Does anyone remember Bill Stegman?

But then comes 2020..... Corona virus; Masks; No outside activities; No meetings; Virtual meetings; Social distancing; Conflicting directions from SIR headquarters.

No BIG SIR at any time in the history of Branch 95 has ever been exposed to the required time and energy required to keep our group functioning like the effort now being provided by Kevin King. Could anyone have done this job the way it is being done at this time? It's very doubtful.

They say that just like there are the correct people for the correct times, like Lincoln for the Civil War or FDR for WWII, it appears that we have the correct person for our toughest time. If SIR Branch 95 is to continue to exist we owe it all to Kevin King.

When someone asks "What is a BIG SIR?" our only answer must be "**KEVIN KING is a real BIG SIR**".

Thank you, Kevin.