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

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# BIG SIR – Kevin King

#### **Zoom Instructions**

### SIR Branch 95 General Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2021 12:00 PM

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

### https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84123538517

If joining using a smartphone or tablet, open the Zoom app and use Meeting ID: 841 2353 8517

If none of the above options are available to you, you can dial in as follows: +1-669-900-6833,,84123538517#

**H**appy New Year! Depending if you're in the "0" camp or the "1" camp, it's arguably also the start of a new decade. Since history tells us there was no year zero and the first decade of the common era were years 1 to 10, I find myself, with apparently a minority of others in the universe, in the "1" camp; i.e., decades begin with years ending in "1" not "0". I understand the other camp's argument that we talk about the 60's and 70's and it doesn't make sense to lump 1970 in any discussion about the 60's, but some argue that that's more for cultural convenience than the need for astronomical timekeeping. Yet another one of those binary decisions – your either one of them or one of us. On this matter, I guess we'll simply have to agree to disagree. Another of life's many little conundrums. Maybe I'll add it to my growing list of topics that I shouldn't talk about, like politics, religion, and the pandemic response.

I would have never guessed in a million years I'd be adding commentary to the Big SIR section for a second January newsletter. In the history of the branch, there have been only two, 2-time Big SIRs – Bill Stegman in 2009-10 and Al Knight in 1997 and 2001 when he stepped in mid-year for a Big SIR that moved out-of-state. I'm humbled you'd entrust me to lead our branch another year. 2020 presented many challenges, and under the circumstances and perhaps in an unconventional way, I believe we did a rather good job keeping the branch together and moving it forward.

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### **January Birthdays**

Robert Bartlett
Bob Davenport
Bill Keane
Bob Mello
Mike Mohr
Malcolm Ramsay

# **Membership**

by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair

Active Membership - 67

### 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

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### SIR Websites Branch 95

www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com

State SIR

www.sirinc.org

SIR Happenings

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

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### **Branch 95 Bulletin Updates**

Submit January items by Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Please send to

SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

# BIG SIR continued...

We face many of the same challenges as we begin the new year. Joining me on this journey are our new branch officers: Little SIR – Jay Muzio; Treasurer – Tim Irish; Assistant Treasurer – Chad Barrow; Secretary – Terry Starkel; Assistant Secretary – Pat Flynn; and Directors at Large Joe Giacomini, Rich Turoff and Shoji Kumagai.

I'm confident the branch will continue to make great strides under the leadership of these men and your continued support. SIR State President, Stu Williams, who was appointed when Jimmy Johnson passed away unexpectedly last month, will hold a Fireside Chat later this week. Unfortunately, it occurs after our publication deadline, so I'll provide a recap to members during our upcoming meeting with a follow-up email, as necessary. In addition to Stu laying out his vision and the direction for the organization in 2021, there will be a discussion on rollout plans for restarting branch activities – including the resumption of golf. Stay tuned. More will follow.

Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11th at 12 noon. Jay has arranged for a local realtor to speak to us on local market trends. I hope to see you on the call.

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them." - Albert Einstein

# LITTLE SIR - Jay Muzio

Happy New Year, fellow SIR members. I trust that everyone had a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

A topic always of interest to residents is what is going on in local real estate, both residential and commercial. To inform us on this topic, we have invited Mr. Pat Quan, a top 2% worldwide agent for Coldwell Banker and local real estate agent to speak at our January meeting.

Pat is an old Cal Bear and a Bay Area tech fugitive. He moved to EDH 25 years ago for a better quality of life. He is in his ninth year with Coldwell Banker and has represented over two hundred families in their home purchase or sale totaling over \$100 million in local real estate.

He is the President of the El Dorado County Association of Realtors' Top Achiever committee, the mission of which is to honor top achievers and raise money to provide scholarships to deserving high school seniors. Last year the committee awarded 27 scholarships totaling \$19,000 to deserving students.

I am looking forward to Pat's information on our markets as well as present and future developments in the area.

Please be sure to attend our monthly membership meeting via ZOOM on Jan. 11th, 2021 at 12:00 Noon.

#### **Sand Traps**

by Terry Starkel, Golf Chair SIR Branch 95 Results 2020 Tournaments:

GOLF TOURNAMENTS
SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID

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### SIR Branch 95 Golf By Terry Starkel

As we start a new year, golf should not be far behind. We usually start play again at the beginning of February, which is less than a month away. However, this period in history is not usual. With increased cases of Covid-19 throughout California and the country, it doesn't appear we will be restart-ing golf again until late Spring or Summer. I will be waiting until it is closer to our first rounds before I notify the courses as to our status. They have been very understanding so far, and I hope we can continue to have good relationships with the various courses as we move forward.

I am hopeful that once everyone has access to a vaccine and it has had a chance to take effect, we will be able to get back to some active-ities, although I think we will probably be wearing masks for most of the year. Masks I can handle, not being able to see friends and family is harder. Try-ing to keep my weight gain under control is also hard. I am looking forward to golf helping with seeing friends and helping to control my weight. That might be wishful thinking, but I need to be positive about something.

We have 38 golfers in our group now for 2021, down from the 41 we had at the end of our 2020 golf season. Please let me know if you have any golf concerns that I need to address. Also, please check out our monthly SIR meetings on zoom. It is one of the few ways we have of at least seeing each other, even if it is not in person.

### **Branch 95 Website - Kevin King**



Jon Jakowatz has been busy over the holidays making updates to our branch website. As I've previously reported, our website hadn't been updated in a while and it was among our branch goals this year to get it up-to-date and consider moving it off of its current platform. Jon and Shoji Kumagai agreed to take on the challenge.

Along with them, former member, Al Schmidt, the webmaster who designed our current website on Shutterfly, agreed to lend his expertise in our immediate need of updating Shutterfly and with the transition to a new website, if needed.

While a work in progress, I'm happy to report that the officer list is current as is the archive of monthly bulletins. Members and potential members alike now have access to bulletins from March 2009 to our latest one. On the membership page, Jon also removed photos of former members. Jon noted that many of our current members don't have photos. If you want to be included before we're able to have an in-person photo shoot at one of our luncheons, please send a headshot of your liking.

The website remains functional while it's being updated. Check it out at <a href="https://branch95sir.shutterfly.com/">https://branch95sir.shutterfly.com/</a>. Having a web presence is a powerful marketing tool for attracting new members. Send suggestions for any other information you think appropriate to include on the website to Jon at <a href="mailto:SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net">SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net</a>, Shoji at <a href="mailto:shojikumagai@gmail.com">shojikumagai@gmail.com</a> or me at <a href="mailto:kmking00@gmail.com">kmking00@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Broken Engagement**

Dear Marty,

I have been unable to sleep since I broke off your engagement to my daughter. Will you forgive and forget?

I was much too sensitive about your Mohawk, tattoo and pierced nose. I now realize motorcycles aren't really that dangerous, and I really should not have reacted that way to the fact that you have never held a job.

I am also very sure that some other very nice people live under the bridge in the park, too. Sure, my daughter is only 18 and wants to marry you instead of going to Harvard on full scholarship. After all, you can't learn everything about life from books.

I sometimes forget how backward I can be. I was wrong. I was a fool. I have now come to my senses and you have my full blessing to marry my daughter.

Sincerely, Your future father-in-law.

P.S. Congratulations on winning the lottery!

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# Mensa Corner (©Dr. Abbie F. Salny)

Mensa is an organization for people with IQs in the top 2%. Are you one of them? Take the following mini quiz to see if you should apply.

- What is the 4-digit number in which the first digit is one-fifth the last, and the second and third digits are the last digit multiplied by 3? (Hint: The sum of all digits is 12.)
- Which of the words below is least like the others? The difference has nothing to do with vowels, consonants, or syllables. MORE, PAIRS, ETCHERS, ZIPPER
- 3. What is the number that is one more than one-tenth of one-fifth of one-half of 4,000?
- 4. Find the number that best completes the following sequence.
  - 1 2 4 7 11 ? 22
- 5. Marian bought 4 oranges and 3 lemons for 90 cents. The next day she bought 3 oranges and 4 lemons for 85 cents. How much did each lemon and orange cost?
- 6. Tabitha likes cookies but not cake. She likes mutton but not lamb, and she likes okra but not squash. Following the same rule, will she like cherries or pears?

Editor's note: Do you have any items of interest that you think the group would enjoy? Please send a brief article on any hobbies, stories related to your experiences during these times, insights, encouragement, or other pertinent information you wish to share with the rest of the members.

#### A Little Branch History - Kevin King

As I'm sure you've heard me mention before, 2021 is the year of our branch's 40th anniversary. SIR was founded in 1958 in San Mateo. Our branch was formed in March 1981 and was chartered by the State on December 14th that year. Meetings have been held the 2nd Monday of the month since inception. George Corneveaux was elected our branch's first Big SIR. His badge number, badge #1, was retired by Branch 95 board resolution in his honor in 1990.

In the early 1990's, the branch had 60 golfers which, along with the Lake Tahoe SIRs, were the largest golfing branches in what was then Area No. 19.

Because of the increasing size of the branch (about 145 in 1991), part of our membership was split off to form new Branch 166 in El Dorado Hills in 1992. The branch limit was set at 130 and remained at that level for several years. In 2008, Branch 166 dissolved and many of its members joined our branch.

Branch meetings were held at several venues over the years. Some changes were necessitated due to the increasing size of the group, one was necessitated because the venue burned down, another because of liquor license issues and some others were the results of cost/quality issues (some issues are timeless). The annual lady's picnic and holiday dinner began in those early years and have continued through the years. Last year may have been the only interruption to those annual traditions which, as we all know, was due to restrictions resulting from the pandemic.

The branch has no printed records that I'm aware of prior to 1996. The information above was gleaned from a set of personal reflections memorialized in 2001 by then Little SIR, Harry Shirley, to commemorate the branch's 20-year anniversary.

Some of our longest serving, active members (Jerry Nester 26 years; Tom Gamble (PBS) 25 years; Malcolm Ramsay 24 years; Ron Waisner (PBS) 23 years; Steve Thomson 22 years and Norb Witt 21 years) were part of the evolution of our branch for more than half of its existence and have seen all the changes our branch has undergone over the years. They've seen people come and go; membership rise and fall; and challenges faced and resolved. They'd make far better historians than I. I would hope they could share some of their personal reflections in this newsletter over the coming months of this anniversary year. Opportunities for more formal celebrations may be limited this year due to ongoing restrictions.

#### **Mensa Corner Answers**

- 1. 1,155
- 2. Zipper (The others can be an agrammed into the names of cities: Rome, Paris and Chester)
- 3. 41 (4000/2 = 2000/5 = 400/10 = 40+1 = 41)
- 4. 16 (each number adds to its position in the sequence to give you the next number in the sequence)
- Oranges cost 15 cents each; lemons cost10 cents each
- 6. Cherries (Tabitha only likes food with two syllables)

### The (New) World We Live In Continued...

