



“SIR IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION 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**

**Zoom Instructions**

**SIR Branch 95 General Meeting**

Monday, April 12, 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/87813807524>

If joining the Zoom meeting from the Zoom app on your smart device, use Meeting ID: 818 1380 7524

If none of the above options are available to you, you can dial in as follows: +1-669-900-6833,,87813807524#



As we flip the calendar page to May, there a couple items of note. While you probably just got this newsletter, Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. It may not be too late to recognize everything the

moms in your life do every day with a phone call or breakfast at her (their) favorite restaurant. Also, Memorial Day is on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to take a moment to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. There may be some of us for whom this holiday has a more personal meaning. We should all be ever mindful of those who paved the path for us all.

A few weeks ago, I sent out a survey asking members about their readiness to have our June picnic. I was pleasantly surprised to hear back from 41 of our 71 members. Roughly two-thirds of respondents said they believe it’d be okay to have the picnic as early as June. There were a few respondents both on the pro and con side that said they’d be more comfortable actually attending a picnic if they knew that all attendees were fully vaccinated. A week ago, following the survey, SIR Inc. announced new, mandatory protocols that may alleviate some of those concerns and that creates a path for resuming all of our indoor and outdoor activities.

I’ll try to summarize these protocols and their impact on our members as best as I can. Attendance at any SIR wholly or partially indoors activity (e.g., luncheons or congregating before or after a round of golf) is conditioned on each attendee showing either proof of being fully vaccinated or proof of a negative test result within three days of the activity and signing a waiver that establishes the restrictions for participating in the activity

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## May Birthdays

John Ashley  
Lewis Chapman  
Tom Gamble (PBS)  
Jay Guertin (PBS)  
Bob Hendrickson  
Jack May  
Don Nicholson

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## Membership

by Mike Mohr,  
Membership Chair

Active Membership – 71

Welcome New Members  
Lewis Chapman and  
Gary Haack

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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](http://www.empireranchgolfclub.com)

Happy Hour 11:00 AM  
Lunch 12:00 noon

**EMPIRE RANCH LUNCHEONS  
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID19**

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## SIR Websites Branch 95

[www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com](http://www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com)

## State SIR

[www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)

## SIR Happenings

[www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/)

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## Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

Submit June items by  
Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Please send to  
[SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net](mailto:SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net)

## BIG SIR continued...

and releasing SIR Inc, the branch and their respective officers, et al from any liability of contracting Covid-19 at the activity. An attendee is defined by SIR Inc. as branch members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others. Attendees at an outdoor activity (e.g., golf or a picnic) will not be required to provide proof of vaccination but are still required to sign the waiver in order to be allowed to participate in those types of activities.

Golfers have already had to sign the waiver in order play in our weekly tournaments. At our upcoming meeting, the BEC will be discussing how best to implement these protocols for the picnic, other activities and resuming our monthly luncheons. More will follow.

In anticipation of resuming our monthly luncheons in the coming months, a group of BEC members met with Empire Ranch's General Manager to get a feel for what reopening might look like. As I'm writing this, Sacramento County remains in the Red Tier; so that limited the discussion somewhat. In the early months of reopening, it was felt that, due to anticipated capacity limits, that we may have to plan on capping the number of our members that could attend a luncheon. Food selection and cost were also discussed if for no other reason than to plant a seed as to our expectations and initiate a dialog. It's quite possible that buffet-style service may be restricted during the early months of reopening. Therefore, we need to discuss other options and how those options as well as possible capacity limits affect our members' luncheon experience. Much more will follow. If you have any input or a concern that you think we need to address in these meetings, I'd like to hear from you.

Lastly, I'd like to welcome our newest member, Lewis Chapman. Lewis moved to Serrano from the East Bay. He transferred to our branch from Branch 146 Contra Costa where he was a member since 2019. As of March, Branch 146 had 281 active members. I'm hopeful Lewis will adapt to being in a significantly smaller branch and will share some of his "big branch" experiences. He noted an interest in several activities that some of our members may also be interested in like board games, hiking and dining groups. Lewis was a biopharmaceutical executive in his previous life. We hope to see you on Zoom and have the opportunity to meet you in person soon.

Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10th at 12 noon. Jay has lined up another excellent speaker for our program.

*"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died*

*Rather we should thank God such men lived." - George S. Patton*

## **SIR Branch 95 Golf**

**By Terry Starkel**

Here we are into May already. With the warmer weather and more Covid vaccinated players, I am hopeful the State Board will be loosening up some of the protocols we have for golf. The protocols will be under discussion as the State Board meets in early May and the State Golf committee meets later in the month. Some golf courses have loosened their procedures, as rakes are appearing back in the bunkers and carts are shared. As I understand it, drinking water on the courses may not return until next year, as it is considered a high contact point. As restrictions ease, we will be able to meet again after our rounds, at least outside and eventually inside. Closest to the pin contests will resume soon, that is one point that will probably be decided this month. As to meeting before the round to collect the prize money and being able to distribute the prize money, I think that may come a little later this summer. When it gets to that point, we will be back to our pre-Covid procedures for the most part.

There are some new changes to our golf schedule that I will share with you soon. Because of golf course personnel changes, some of our scheduled times were over-booked and we had to adjust. I guess that happens when multiple people are doing the same job, one after another, with no coordination. Most changes are not big, just enough to be a hassle and means we play a little later than planned at some courses during the warmer weather.

Our numbers are still down for our weekly tournaments. We used to be up around 24 to 26 players each week and now we are closer to 20 to 22 each round.

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## **Little SIR – Jay Muzio**

Greetings to all you fellow Sirs. It is great to know that most, if not all of us have had our vaccinations against Covid-19 by now. This means as our Counties graduate to lower levels of infection, we will be able to resume in-person indoor activities. I am anxious to start up a winetasting group as soon as we can. What other activities would you like to see sponsored by our Sir group? Currently we have Golf, Bocce, and Pickle ball. I think there should be interest in several more. Please let me know. Also let me know if there is any particular topic for our monthly speakers that you would be interested in hearing. I think our speakers have been very good this year, but I am running out of ideas and could use some suggestions.

This month our honored speaker is Ms. Miriam Satin. Miriam, one could say has had a very eclectic past. She was one of two women in her class, who graduated with a major in biochemistry, and worked for several years in renal research at McGill University. At that point, Miriam's husband accepted a position in Rome, Italy with the UN food and Agriculture Organization, giving them diplomatic status while living there. For many people this would be a plus, but for Miriam it meant that she could only work for a diplomatic agency. Eventually Miriam received the position of Editor of the UNESCO Newsletter on Small Energy Resources; followed by a position at the Canadian Embassy of Rome as Executive Assistant to the RCMP International Liaison Office.

In 2001 Miriam and her husband returned to Washington DC. At this point Miriam could not go back into medical research so she continued with administrative work. She then took on the position of Executive Assistant to the President of Associated Universities, Inc., an organization that manages the major radio astronomy observatories in the US. In 2014 Miriam and her husband retired and moved to sunny California to be closer to one of her three daughters and grandsons.

Miriam's presentation is titled "A Personal Experience of a Jewish family During the Holocaust and How They Regained the Beauty of Life and Living."

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## Branch 95 Golf continued...

If anyone has suggestions on increasing participation, please let me know. And finally, remember the purpose of our golf group is to have fun and enjoy the company of others in our group and hopefully get some exercise and improve our game. I hope we can meet the needs of everyone in our golf group.

### Sand Traps

by Terry Starkel, Golf Chair

#### SIR Branch 95 Results 2021 Tournaments:

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April 6 - *Empire Ranch*

First: Oli Bohlman  
Second: Pat Flynn  
Third: Terry Starkel

April 13 - *Mather*

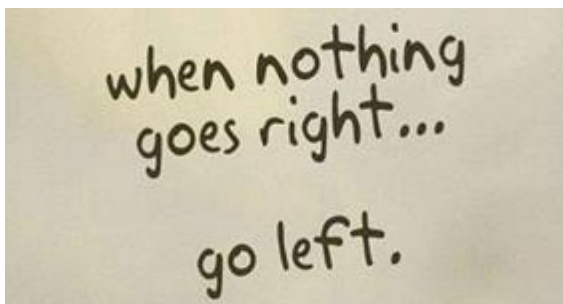
Frist: Bob Birgbauer  
Second: Chad Barrow  
Third: Pat Flynn

April 20 - *Wildhawk*

First: Chad Barrow  
Second: Bob Carlson  
Third: Jay Guertin

April 27 - *Empire Ranch*

Frist: Peter Apel  
Second: Terry Starkel  
Third: Tim Irish  
Forth: Ken McCoy



## Little SIR continued...

This is not per se the usual Holocaust story, but it is a true-life story of Miriam's parents, who with courage and willpower, escaped ghettos, concentration camps, and eventually started a new life in America. The history begins in Warsaw for her father and Russia for her mother, it follows them through their arrival in Canada and culminates with her father's 90th birthday celebration where this story was first presented.

I am certainly looking forward to hearing this heart-warming story and I hope you will all join us for this presentation on Monday May 10th at 12:00 noon. We are close to the end of ZOOM meetings, so be there or be square.

Closer to home, I want to make you aware of a fund raiser conducted by Assistance League Sierra Foothills, of which my wife is a member. Tickets to this tour would make a wonderful Mother's Day gift if you are looking for one. And if you visit on Sunday, look for me parking cars.

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assistance league  
Sierra Foothills

## Gardens of the Hills Tour

Six Beautiful Private Gardens, El Dorado Hills & Vicinity  
Pop-up Boutiques, Signature Raffle,  
Wine Tasting, Food Truck  
Family Fun! Find Nutmeg the Squirrel at each garden and enter a special raffle.

Gardens of Smiles Online Auction  
Bidding Opens June 1st, Ends June 7th  
<https://ALSFGardens.givesmart.com>

**NEW THIS YEAR!**

Sat. June 5th 10-5, Sun. June 6th 11-4  
Tickets: \$30 Adult,  
\$10 Children 12 & under  
Online at: [www.assistanceleague.org/sierra-foothills](http://www.assistanceleague.org/sierra-foothills)

**Ticket Outlets:**  
Green Acres, Folsom  
California Welcome Center, El Dorado Hills  
Pottery World, El Dorado Hills  
Ace Hardware, Cameron Park  
El Dorado Nursery, Shingle Springs

Proceeds help El Dorado County disadvantaged/

EL DORADO SAVINGS BANK POTTERY WORLD LUXURY HOME DECOR AND DESIGN SERANO MARSHALL

## Too True – Kevin King

"Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one. The duty of a patriot is to protect his country from its government." Thomas Paine~

"I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power, than by violent and sudden usurpations." James Madison~

"If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates." Jay Leno~

"The problem with political jokes is they get elected." Henry Cate, VII~

"We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office." Aesop"

"If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven." Will Rogers~

"Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river." Nikita Khrushchev~

"When I was a boy, I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it." Clarence Darrow~

"Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel." John Quinton~

"Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you." Author unknown~

"Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other." Oscar Ameringer~

"I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them." Adlai Stevenson, 1952~

"A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country." Tex Guinan~

"I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians." Charles de Gaulle~

"Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks." Doug Larson~

## Brain Teasers

1. **Turn me on my side and I am everything. Cut me in half and I am nothing. What am I?**
2. **How can  $8 + 8 = 4$ ?**
3. **Guess the next three letters in the series GTNTL.**
4. **Where does today come before yesterday?**
5. **What building has the most stories?**



## Brain Teaser Answers

1. **The number 8**
2. **When you think in terms of time. 8 AM + 8 hours= 4 o'clock.**
3. **I, T, S. The complete sequence is the first letter of every word in the sentence.**