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BIG SIR – Kevin King

Zoom Instructions

SIR Branch 95 General Meeting

Monday, June 14, 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/84922395631>

If joining the Zoom meeting from the Zoom app on your smart device, use Meeting ID: 849 2239 5631

If none of the above options are available to you, you can dial in as follows: **+1-669-900-6833,,84922395631#**



As June has arrived and, to borrow lyrics from the soundtrack of “Beverly Hills Cop”, the “heat is on.” Temperatures are soaring and the Delta breeze has been shut off for the most part – leading to hot

days and unusually warm evenings. Ahh, just another Sacramento-area summer. I hope you found a cool spot with a cool drink to celebrate Memorial Day – the unofficial start of summer – with family and friends.

We’re just a few days until California is expected to fully reopen on June 15th. It’s been a long haul and particularly brutal on small businesses. It’ll be interesting to see if those that barely survived can bounce back quickly. I was contemplating the reopening recently and noted that a few counties remain in the “Red Tier”. Only last week did Sacramento County move down one level into the “Orange Tier”. So, on June 15th, all of these counties will move from whatever tier they’re in to fully open overnight. What will have changed overnight that a county that was heavily restricted on June 14th could presumably go full speed ahead the next day. It seems it calls into question the metrics used in setting the tiers and corresponding restrictions. Perhaps we should have been using the weeks leading up to the 15th to step down each county’s tier level. I’m not trying to go political on you nor am I saying such emergency steps such as establishing tier restrictions was unnecessary; but, moving overnight from restricted to unrestricted while remaining at a “restricted” tier seems like bad optics and political fodder to those that like to mix it up in the political arena. If Sacramento is listening, expect tier levels to continue to drop in the days leading up to the 15th. Just saying...

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SIR Branch 95 Golf

By Terry Starkel

It seems to me that this is a weird summer already. Some golf days it's 100+ degrees, the next week it is in the 70's. We are still getting use to constantly changing COVID protocols and procedures. They are not the same from day to day or site to site. At least we have seen some normalcy in the return of being able to see family again if everyone is vaccinated.

Our golf participation numbers are still down, only having about 20 players per round. I know it seems like we just started the golf season, but you might want to think a little about next year. Should we go back to playing other courses on the fourth Tuesday? Any suggestions? Turkey Creek will not let us play there on Tuesdays now, we also have had problems scheduling Ancil Hoffman for Tuesdays. Some people thought Hagen Oaks was too far to travel. Castle Oaks also was thought to be too far. Have thoughts changed? Give it some thought. I am always open to making changes if it is what the majority of the golf membership would like to try. I usually try to set the schedule up with the courses in September. That didn't work out as well as I would have liked this year, but it seems everything was off this year.

I have heard several comments about how the handicaps don't seem to change much. Also, that it seems like the handicaps are lower than they should be. With the new world handicap system, it does take longer for any change to show up. Also, since we are playing from tees that are shorter than we used to play, the handicaps are adjusted for those tees. Not my doing, that is just the way the NCGA calculates the handicaps for the tees and courses we are playing.

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BIG SIR continued...

One simply has to look at branch websites and newsletters to see what I mean. A byproduct of the consultant's engagement is a new SIR Brand Style Guide that branches must now use when constructing their websites or developing promotional materials. State SIR also has a number of new pamphlets and other materials that incorporate the new style guide elements.

Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14th at 12 noon. Only three weeks until the 4th of July. If I don't see you, be safe and enjoy the first restriction-free national holiday in well over a year.

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."

Walt Disney

Little SIR – Jay Muzio

This month our speaker will be Mr. Michael Roberts. Mr. Roberts arrived in El Dorado County in 1989 and joined the board of the Clarksville Historical Society in 2013. He originally hails from the Midwest, having graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1978 with a BA in Psychology, a BS in Sociology and a half-master's degree in data processing. In 1979 he moved to San Francisco where he worked for Gap Inc. doing systems design for the next eleven years. After arriving in El Dorado County, he spent another eleven years working for Sacramento Business Machines. There he helped Sacramento Business Machines become POS Resources. He brought in strategic platforms from IBM and later Microsoft to design innovative programs for the wine industry and others. In 2003 Michael left POS Resources and started taking courses in fiction writing, digital imaging, and website design. In 2004 he spent a year with a small EDH web design company, Software Carpenters and in 2005 managed an art gallery in Town Center that brought him an awareness of and profound interest in Clarksville. His retirement activities include work on his 3-acre homestead in Placerville, his involvement with the Clarksville Historical Society, and his interest and study of wagon trail history and especially his studies of historical cemeteries.

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Branch 95 Golf continued...

Hopefully, we will be back to being able to meet indoors before and after the rounds before too long. When that happens, we will be able to start collecting money for our prize money and restart the closest to the pin contests. Most of you have completed the waiver/certification by now, also a requirement to meeting indoors again.

Sand Traps

by Terry Starkel, Golf Chair

SIR Branch 95 Results 2021 Tournaments:

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May 4 - *Empire Ranch*

First: Oli Bohlman

Second: Dan Cockcroft

Third: Bob Carlson

May 11 - *Mather*

Frist: Ken McCoy

Second: Tim Irish

Third: Jay Muzio

May 18 - *Wildhawk*

First: Terry Starkel

Second: Chad Barrow

Third: Steve Thomson

May 25 - *Empire Ranch*

Frist: Ray Guenther

Second: Tim Irish

Third: Shoji Kumagai



## Little SIR continued...

Mr. Robert's talk to our group is titled, "*Clarksville, A Ghost Town in El Dorado County.*" Before El Dorado Hills, and sometime after, there was Clarksville. It still appears on maps, and in fact stands today – barely – as a ghost town, east of the Silva Valley interchange. It is straddling some of the historic transportation corridors that determined its destiny: the original Highway 50 alignment; the Lincoln Highway; and the Old Mills Hangtown Road, the original rout from Sacramento east to Placerville. For a century-and-a-half, Clarksville's fate has been inextricably bound to the transportation corridors it served, and those it did not. Mr. Roberts talk will elaborate on the history of Clarksville and the impact transportation had on the birth and the demise of this historic place.

This SIR meeting will still be via ZOOM, so please join us at 12:00 noon on June 14th, for another great talk by another exceptional local speaker. As before, our Big Sir, Kevin King will send our meeting link via email a few days before our meeting. If you have never attended one of our General Membership Meetings via ZOOM, you must not miss this one. It may be one of the last before we resume in person luncheon meetings. So be there or be square.

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### Brain Teasers

#### Correction

Did anyone notice that the last two answers to last month's brain teasers were missing? If not, I wonder if we should continue that feature. Anyway, for those that may have noticed but either knew the answer or didn't want to spend the energy to find the answer, here you go:

- Where does today come before yesterday?  
The dictionary
- What building has the most stories?  
The library

## Court Reporters – Kevin King

### HOW DO COURT RECORDERS KEEP STRAIGHT FACES????

These are from a book called “Disorder in the American Courts” and are things real people actually said, word for word, under oath in legal court proceedings and forever immortalized in the public record by court reporters that had the torment of staying passive and calm while the exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

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ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

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ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

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ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

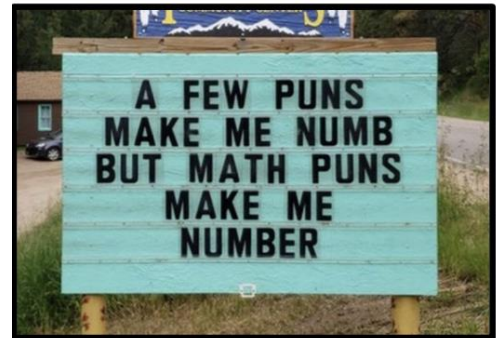
ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

## Branch 95 Happenings – Big SIR Kevin King

Our branch is comprised of a group of guys with varied backgrounds and interests. It's likely that some within our group have hobbies or enjoy certain activities that others might enjoy as well. SIR is a social organization. Branches provide a forum for its members to come together and enjoy social activities with other members. Branches fulfill that mission by providing a variety of activities and events which matches its members' interests and, in turn, helps a branch attract and retain members. As we contemplate fully reopening soon, what hobbies and/or activities interest you? What types of new activities could our branch offer? Are there activities that both you and your spouse enjoy with other couples? Let me or any other BEC member know what new activities you'd like to see our branch offer. While you're at it, consider telling your friends and neighbors about SIR and invite them to join one of our Zoom calls or a future event.





## On the Lighter Side

An “elderly” couple go to the doctor. The wife says, “Can you see if there is something you can do for him. We haven’t had sex in a long time. We tried everything and nothing works, not even the miracle pill.”

The doctor performs a number of tests and calls them back into his office.

Well, you have 3 options:

- 1) for \$5,000 we can perform minor surgery and you can have sex twice a year.
- 2) for \$10,000, a little more complicated surgery, you can have sex every 3 months.
- 3) for \$35,000 we can perform major surgery and you can have sex once a month.

Please go out to the waiting room and discuss your options and let me know your decision.

A half hour later they come back into the office. The doctor asks, have you made a decision?

Yes, we have, says the couple.

What have you decided?

We decided to redo the kitchen.

# JUMBLE

### Word Jumble #1

Unscramble the letters to form important words in fighting infections, or things that you hear about when talking about infections. Then use the letters in the shaded areas to find the most important way to fight infection.

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What do we all play a role in?

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Answer Key

1. Bacteria 2. Sanitize 3. Hygiene 4. Pneumonia 5. Cough  
6. Vaccine 7. Influenza 8. Education Solution: Infection Prevention