



# GOLD COUNTRY BRANCH 95

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.

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May 2023

Kevin King, Editor

## BIG SIR | Jay Muzio 650-302-1902



*Tra la! It's May! The lusty month of May!  
That lusty month when ev'ryone goes  
blissfully astray.*

*Tra la! It's here! That shocking time of  
year when tons of wicked little thoughts  
merrily appear!*

It is great to live in the foothills this time of year. The hills and trees are that special shade of green that is present only in the spring, and the wildflowers are spectacular this year due to the abundance of rain this winter. We are truly blessed to live in this beautiful part of the country.

Let us also remember that while this month is full of new beginnings, it also includes Memorial Day, a time to honor those that gave their all in the defense of our freedoms. Ideas are not protected by words. Paper and ink can only outline our foundation and principles, but it is, and always has been, blood that protects them. Let us fly our flags proudly and honor those who have died protecting our freedoms.

And we cannot overlook Mother's Day—the celebration of the wonderful women who gave birth to us and our children. To me Mother's Day is a celebration of unconditional love, incredible strength and fortitude, and endless patience. My own mother was the kindest, most generous person I have ever known, and my wife is a wonderful mother to my own children and a supportive, fun grandmother to my three grandchildren. I am eternally grateful for their motherly dedication.

Spring is a time of renewal, rebirth and promise for the future. This recalls the goals we have set for our Branch this year—goals designed to create a healthy future. I would like to focus on one that is dependent on the efforts of all members: **Develop a pipeline of willing and capable volunteers from both new and existing members for critical leadership, committee and activity rolls.**

Developing a pipeline of volunteers is essential for maintaining the vitality and effectiveness of any SIR branch. Volunteers bring a wealth of knowledge, skills and passion to their roles, greatly increasing the branch's capacity to achieve its objectives. Moreover, volunteers provide invaluable mentorship to other members, helping to build a strong and connected branch.

Just as the flowers of spring and summer are dependent on earlier plantings, we must now plant the seeds for next year's leadership. It is the time of year that we must start thinking about and selecting our board members and committee chairmen for next year. Review the board and committee chair positions (all are posted in our newsletter and all job descriptions can be found on the SIR website, [sirinc.org/branch-job-descriptions/](http://sirinc.org/branch-job-descriptions/)) and reach out to me with your interest and willingness to serve next year. Also, if a current officer or committee chairman personally asks you to back up their position or join a particular committee, please accept their request if possible.

See **BIG SIR** next page

### Gold Country Branch 95 2023 BEC Members- (PBS) denotes Past Big SIR

<b>Big SIR</b> Jay Muzio 650-302-1902	<b>Little SIR</b> Lew Chapman 510-912-5658	<b>Secretary</b> Terry Starkel 916-817-1524	<b>Assistant Secretary</b> Bob Carlson 916-817-1181	<b>Treasurer</b> Oli Bohlman 916-844-4067	<b>Assistant Treasurer</b> Tim Irish (PBS) 916-933-3466
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Ultimately, by prioritizing the development of a pipeline of willing and capable volunteers, Branch 95 can ensure that we have the necessary resources to continue to grow, adapt and thrive over the years to come.

This month it is important to remember that the May Luncheon meeting **is a week early on May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This means it is on the first Wednesday not the second Wednesday. This is due to a scheduling conflict with the Cameron Park Country Club. The time is the same as always. Happy hour starts at 11:00am and the meeting starts at 12:00 noon. June is our annual Lady's Day Picnic at Promontory Park. And we will return to Cameron Park Country Club on our regular date in July.

Please support all the efforts of those who work so hard to provide an enjoyable and worthwhile experience by honoring us with your attendance.

*"You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry. Don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way." ~ Walter C. Hagen*

**Note one-time change of date to 1st Wednesday**



**General Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

Buffet lunch \$30 per person

**CAMERON PARK COUNTRY CLUB**

3201 Royal Drive

Cameron Park, CA 95682

**Check-In & Social Hour**

**11:00 - 12:00**

**General Meeting, Lunch & Speaker**

**12:00 ~ 2:00**

**~ Menu ~**

Mexican buffet: salad, rice, beans, chicken, peppers/onions, toppings, chips & salsa

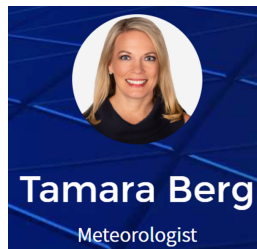
**May Birthdays**

George Alboff  
John Ashley  
Dan Cattone  
Lew Chapman  
Tom Gamble  
Jay Guertin  
Don Nicholson



**LITTLE SIR | Lew Chapman**  
**510-912-5658**

Do you ever look up when you are outside? If so, then no doubt you are really interested in the weather--like most of us are. We sure talk about it almost every day, don't we? So I am pleased to announce our April speaker, Tamara Berg of the KCRA 3 Weather Team. Tamara will speak about Modern Meteorological Science and its application to local weather forecast broadcasting.



Tamara Berg joined the KCRA 3 weather team in December of 2011 after three years forecasting at KION-TV in Salinas. Born and raised in Cleveland, Tamara is happy to call Northern California her new home.

While at KION, Tamara tracked just about every type of weather condition. She also reported on mudslides, wildfires, earthquakes and the tsunami that swept across the shores of Santa Cruz in March 2011.

Tamara started her career in Toledo, Ohio, as a weekend weather forecaster and weekday general assignment reporter. While in Toledo, Tamara covered extreme snowfall events, chased summer thunderstorms and river flooding.

See **LITTLE SIR** next page

**May SIR Anniversaries**

1 year: Alan Bowles, Dan Cattone, Bob Doettling, Irv Joseph, Alan Sherman & Mark Thompson

12 years: Bill Willman

16 years: Mel Hallett

**Membership**

Welcome new members:  
Rick Hernandez and Richard Mohr

New members this year = 9

Current number of members = 83

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Tamara holds a B.A. in Broadcast Journalism from Baldwin-Wallace University and a B.S. in Meteorology from Mississippi State University. Tamara is also a member of the American Meteorological Society and National Weather Association.

In her spare time, Tamara loves to be outdoors; she's a runner, hiker, biker, kayaker and snowboarder. She also volunteers for several organizations such as Girls on the Run, American Heart Association, Keaton's Child Cancer Alliance and All About Equine.

Please plan to join us at our May luncheon - and be sure to bring your spouse or significant other - to hear a great talk about a subject we all love - the weather!

## BRANCH HAPPENINGS / SIR COMINGS & GOINGS | Kevin King (PBS) 916-337-9811



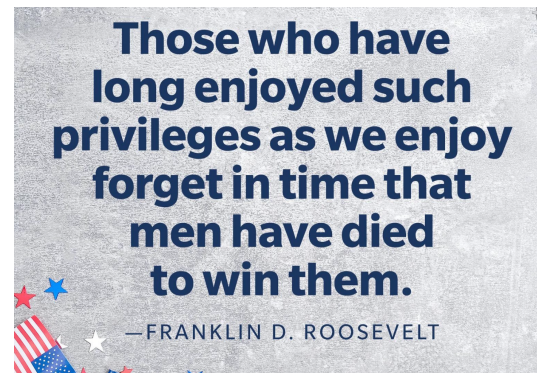
Richard Mohr played golf with Ron Wadsworth and was invited to last month's meeting during which he completed his application for membership. Richard is a business owner and lives in Shingle Springs with his wife TC. He lists antique cars, breakfast club, fishing, golf, billiards and wine tasting as activities he enjoys.



Rick Hernandez heard about our branch through *Clipper Magazine*. He attended last month's meeting and joined on the spot. Rick worked as a Project Director for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). He listed over 20 activities that he enjoys. Among them are bocce, fishing, golf and wine tasting that our branch currently offers. With such a wide range of other activities listed, perhaps we can generate enough interest to get one or more new activities off of the ground. Rick served six years in the Air Force. He lives in Placerville.

Please extend a hand and welcome both Richard and Rick to our group the next time you see them.

One final note...don't forget that our May meeting will be on the first Wednesday (May 3rd). Our June meeting will be our annual Ladies Day Picnic at Promontory Park on June 14th. The registration form for the picnic can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Things return to our normally scheduled meeting day in July (July 12th).



## DID YOU KNOW...

**...the official bird of Redondo Beach, California, is the Goodyear Blimp?**

In 1983, the coastal city made the Goodyear Blimp their official city bird in anticipation of the 1984 summer Olympics. They even presented a plaque to a team from Goodyear Airship Operations to help celebrate the decision!

**...the Eagles' stadium once had a courtroom?**

Veterans Stadium, where the Philadelphia Eagles once played, had a stadium courtroom and jail to handle the team's notoriously rowdy fans. However, one of the judges for said courtroom reported that 95% of the "inmates" were actually not from the city itself!

**..."strengths" is the longest word in the English language with one vowel?**

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, "strengths" is the longest word in the English language with one vowel. The word contains nine letters, eight of them being consonants.

**...there are 118 ridges on the side of a dime?**

There are also 119 ridges on the side of a quarter, 150 on the side of a half dollar, and 198 on a dollar coin.

**...there's a basketball court in the US Supreme Court building?**

Located on the top floor of the US Supreme Court building, the former storage room was turned into an exercise area for courthouse employees in the 1940s before nets were eventually installed. It is now known as the "highest court in the land."

**...one of the largest pyramids in the world is a Bass Pro Shops in Memphis, Tennessee?**

No, you don't have to go all the way to Egypt to see some of the world's largest pyramids. You just need to head on over to the Birthplace of Rock n' Roll! At 321 feet tall, with a 535,000-square-foot interior, the Bass Pro Shops Megastore is one of the largest pyramids in the world and features a hotel, an indoor swamp, an aquarium, and a bowling alley.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Wife: "Honey, don't forget to buy bread when you come home from work and your girlfriend Valerie greets you."

Husband: Who is Valerie?

Wife: Nobody, I just wanted you to answer, to have confirmation that you saw my text.

Husband: But, I'm with Valerie right now, I thought you saw me?

Wife: What??! Where are you?

Husband: Near the bakery.

Wife: Wait, I'm coming right now!

After 5 minutes, his wife sends a message: "I'm at the bakery, where are you?"

Husband: I'm at work. Now that you're at the bakery, buy the bread.

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## ONE MORE

During a child birthing class at a local hospital, a nurse says, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass or a path."

She turns to the men in the room and says "Gentlemen, remember that you're both in this together. It wouldn't hurt for you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room becomes very quiet as the men absorb this information. After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room slowly raises his hand. "Yes?" says the Nurse.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk."

## BRANCH 95 GOLF | Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman 916-817-1524



We finally have some good weather to play golf. We have picked up some new golf members in recent weeks. Welcome to Rick Willson and Richard Mohr. I would like to remind everyone that there is a lot of golf information on the SIR Branch 95 website. If you check out the activities, under golf you will find the current standings, latest results, past winners, two forms of our golf schedule, the rules we play by and photos of our golf group. Thank you to Kevin King for keeping all of this information up to date.

A reminder to all golfers, that as a part of the SIR golf group you are expected to attend as many of the luncheon meetings as you can. This gives you the opportunity to make some more friendships and be able to talk to everyone, not just the group you were paired with on the course. Also, we meet before each round in the food area of the course to check in and pay the \$3 prize money contribution and after the round to award the prizes and compare how your day went. If you leave early, you cannot receive your earned prizes and sometimes the winning scores are higher than you might think or no one beat your closest to the pin measurement.

We have 50 members signed up on our golf roster. We usually have between 20 and 24 playing each week. As ski season slows down and the weather warms up, I expect that our playing numbers will go up. Hopefully, the number of injuries will go down and everyone can get back to playing healthy golf. Please be sure to respond as soon as you can to the golf signup requests, so you do not get left out.



*"Bad dog! Dig up my lawn again  
and I'll have you neutered!"*

## SAND TRAPS

**Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman**  
916-817-1524

**Golf Director (Mather)**  
Dennis Petersen 916-817-1149

**Golf Director (Wildhawk)**  
Ron Wadsworth 916-417-1484

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## SIR Branch 95 Results 2023 Tournaments

April 4th - Empire Ranch

1st - Ron Wadsworth

2nd - Bob Carlson

3rd - Randy Hood

4th - Mike Wilke

Closest to the pin - Craig Smith

April 11th - Lincoln Hills

1st - Jay Guertin

2nd - Tim Irish

3rd - Dan Maglionico

Closest to the pin - Dan Maglionico

April 18th - Wildhawk

1st - Tim Irish

2nd - Randy Hood

3rd - Terry Starkel

Closest to the pin - Alan Bowles

April 25th - Ancil Hoffman

1st - Jay Guertin

2nd - John Ashley

3rd - Ron Wadsworth

Closest to the pin - Bob Carlson

SIR-branded apparel is available through the SIR ProShop. Check out what's available at [sir.ourproshop.com](http://sir.ourproshop.com). Show the community that you're a SIR.

### SIR Websites

Branch 95: [sirinc2.org/branch95/](http://sirinc2.org/branch95/)

State SIR: [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org)

State SIR Marketing: [WeAreSIR.com](http://WeAreSIR.com)

SIR Happenings (State SIR newsletters):

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

SIR Merchandise: [sir.ourproshop.com](http://sir.ourproshop.com)

### State SIR Officials

State President

Dave Gonzales (Br98 - Rocklin)

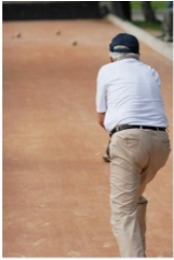
916-587-3538

Area 3 Representative

Jim Gragg (Br98 - Rocklin)

916-708-5154

## BOCCE | Oli Bohlman 916-844-4067



Drop-In bocce is lots of fun. No experience needed. There is plenty of court space available; so join us if you can on Thursday mornings at 10am at Promontory Park. Couples are welcome. Contact me at [obohlman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:obohlman@sbcglobal.net) or 916-844-4067 or just show up!

## PICKLEBALL | Dan Cockcroft (PBS) 408-781-0714

Drop-in play on local courts where you'll often find a few members playing. Call ahead for hours and fees.

- El Dorado Hills Community Services District Gym (Tu and Th 9-12; \$3)
- Cameron Park Lake (outdoor)
- Cameron Park Community Services District Gym
- Andy Morin Sports Complex (Folsom)
- Lembi Park (Folsom; outdoor)
- Heritage Village Park (EDH; outdoor)



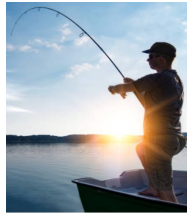
## BREAKFAST & WALKING | Norman Orrick 916-844-4067



Meet fellow SIRs for breakfast and conversation every Thursday at 9:00am. For those that wish, breakfast is followed by a 2-3 mile walk. Breakfast & walking locations vary each week. For more information, contact Norman Orrick at [znorte@gmail.com](mailto:znorte@gmail.com) or 916-709-1693. I hope you'll join us for a healthy dose of breakfast, fellowship and exercise.

There's a long list of activities that our members have expressed an interest in. What's keeping us from offering these activities? Someone to organize the group and help set the direction. If you have an interest in a particular activity that you think others will enjoy, mention it to a BEC member. It's as simple as that. That's how the Breakfast and Walking group got off of the ground.

## FISHING | Dan Maglionico 916-719-6821



Not much in the way of decent fishing reports. The lakes are muddy and rivers are flooded. But rest assured, Summer is coming. Outdoor fishing show airs on KFBK radio (93.1 FM; 1530 AM) every Saturday morning from 5:00 to 8:00 am. If you miss the

live broadcast, you can catch the podcast on iHeart radio.

## E-BIKING | Rich Christensen 916-817-1838



Join SIR members and other biking enthusiasts on weekly rides in and around the Folsom and El Dorado Hills area. Call Rich if you'd like to be added to his contact list in order to stay informed about future rides.

## WINE TASTING | Jay Muzio, Big SIR 650-302-1902



We changed things up a little this month by having a private wine class at Total Wine & More. The story of how we got here pre-dates COVID. Kevin King won the class at a bocce tournament he participated in and donated it to the branch as one of

the door prizes at that year's Holiday Dinner. There it was won by Curtis Johnson, who as a member of our fledgling wine tasting group, gave it to the group. Then COVID hit - shutting down classes at Total Wine for over two years. Fortunately, Total Wine still honored the certificate. We learned that our class was the first such class since Total Wine reopened their classroom for these types of activities.

Eighteen attended the event. They brought appetizers and enjoyed "a variety of red and white wines that have brought acclaim to Napa Valley, Sonoma, Amador and the Central Coast" in Total Wine's "California Uncorked: Napa Valley & Beyond" class.

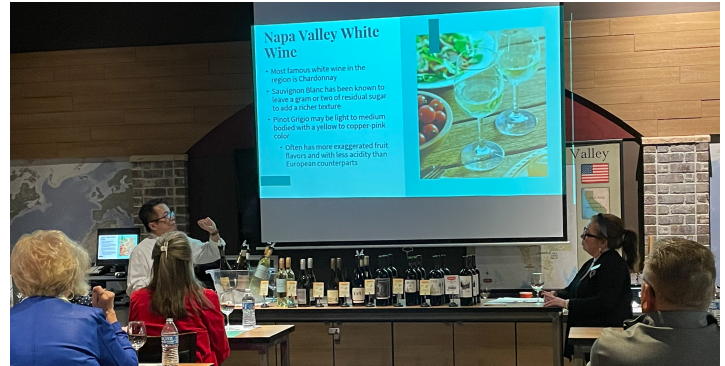


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## WINE TASTING continued from previous

The wines Total Wine selected for our event included:

- Courtney Benham Sauvignon Blanc Terrior Napa Valley (\$16.99)
- Rock View Chardonnay Reserve Mendocino County 2021 (\$25.99)
- River Road Chardonnay Unoaked Reserve Russian River Valley 2021 (\$17.99)
- Vengeance Red Blend Napa Valley (\$19.99)
- TULI Pinot Noir Sonoma County (\$29.99)
- Iter Cabernet Napa Valley 2020 (\$19.99)
- Sobon Estate Zinfandel Fiddletown 2020 (\$22.99)
- Sky And Vine Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley (\$59.99)



The appetizers, wine and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Several people mentioned that they would enjoy doing this type of event again in the future.

If you have not already joined the wine tasting group, and would like to join, contact Jay Muzio at [jaymuzio@gmail.com](mailto:jaymuzio@gmail.com).

## BOOK EXCHANGE | Lew Chapman

510-912-5658



Did anyone see Mo Rocca on CBS Sunday morning? In last Sunday's episode he covered the hours we have all wasted in meetings. Made me glad I'm retired. On the other hand, I really look forward to our engaging monthly SIR Board Executive Meeting (BEC). I just wondered if anyone saw Mo, since last month I mentioned his book *mobituaries*. Who's picked it up from the Book Exchange? Let me know how you liked it.

Also on CBS Sunday Morning they covered Jennifer Garner's new miniseries called "The Last Thing He Told Me" based on the bestselling book by Laura Dave. It's a masterpiece of mystery, drama and intrigue. Garner begged for the part via a series of letters to be cast in the part of Hannah Hill.

The story is told from a close first-person point of view, allowing the reader to access the events, characters, and memories in the novel only through the lens of the protagonist, Hannah Hill. I can't wait for this miniseries to start given how much I enjoyed the book. And I am a big fan of Jennifer Garner, remember her in *Alias*? And I need a new series to watch now that we've just finished the 5<sup>th</sup> half-season of *Yellowstone*. That is good too.



By the way, support for the authorship of this summary was courtesy of Google, not ChatGTP, yet...

So, remember the benefits of the SIR Branch 95 Book Exchange: no cost, no library cards, no late notices, no fines. AND, if you have a book or two to donate, the Exchange could use your contribution.

## MAY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



4th, 11th, 18th, 25th -  
Drop-in bocce - Promontory Park



2nd - Empire Ranch  
9th - Mather  
16th - Wildhawk  
23rd - Bartley Cavanaugh



3rd - BEC & General Meeting  
Cameron Park Country Club  
*Note one-time change of day*



18th - Wine Tasting



May 16 -17 Fireside Lanes -  
Citrus Heights - to apply, see the  
link in the Bowling section



4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Breakfast  
& Walking - various locations

## UPCOMING LOCAL ACTIVITIES

A short list of other local activities that may be of interest to our members and their spouses/significant others. Click the link for more information.

- 5/13-14 Art, Beer and Wine Festival [EDH Town Center](#)
- 5/20-21 Home Studio Tour [El Dorado Hill Arts Assoc.](#)
- 5/21 Farmers Market Opens. [EDH Town Center](#)
- 6/3-4 Gardens of the Hills Tour [Assistance League](#)

## BOWLING | Ray DiBasilio



This year's SIR Annual State Tournament will be held in May at Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights. Rancho Cordova Branch 112 will be our host. Our State Tournament is the only one that does not allow guest bowlers to compete. This year will be a singles/doubles active-SIR members only. The State Bowling Committee has again added \$500 to the prize fund. We're looking forward to a big turnout for this one.

Exciting news - we've recently confirmed we will be heading back to the National Bowling Stadium in August. Room blocks will be available at the Silver Legacy, contact and SIR discount codes will be available soon.

Upcoming events:

May 16-17	Fireside Lanes	Citrus Heights
June 8-9	Gold Country Lanes	Sutter Creek
June 19-20	Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl	Dublin
July 6-7	Foothills Bowl	Auburn
July 25-26	Clayton Valley Bowl	Concord
August 7-9	National Bowling Stadium	Reno, NV
August 23-24	Prosperity Lanes	Grass Valley
Sept. 11-13	Gold Dust West	Carson City, NV
Sept. 26	Brentwood	Brentwood
Oct. 17-18	Fireside Lanes	Citrus Heights
Nov. 2-3	McHenry Bowl	Modesto

Applications and results of all tournaments are available online:

<http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>

*Striking up Friendships*



### Member Attendance

To maintain membership, a member is required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period, unless the Branch BEC has approved different attendance requirements (Policy 25; Bylaw 18).

### SIR Non-Responsibility Clause

All activities arranged for, or by, or sponsored by SIR'S Inc. and its branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. SIR'S Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property in matters pertaining to said events or activities.



# LADIES DAY PICNIC REGISTRATION FORM

**SIR Branch 95  
Ladies Picnic June 2023**

**BBQ lunch, Games and Prizes**  
Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup>  
11am to 3pm

Promontory Park, El Dorado Hills

**\$30 per person**  
**Deadline: May 31, 2023**



<u>Main</u>	<u>Sides</u>
BBQ Beef Brisket	Coleslaw
BBQ Chicken	Potato Salad
BBQ Sauces	Bread Rolls
Impossible Burger for Vegan and Vegetarians (please specify YES in appropriate column)	

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MAIN MEAL	VEGAN OR VEGETARIAN
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<b>Check #</b>		<b>Amount</b>	

**Check Payable to: SIR Branch 95**

**Mail form and check to: Lewis Chapman  
6006 Monet Way, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762**

