

GOLD COUNTRY BRANCH 95



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Kevin King, Editor

BIG SIR | Lew Chapman 510-912-5658



It's already September of 2024. The last half of August and the first half of this month have been action packed with the Olympics in Paris, the baseball season winding down, football cranking up, The America's Cup in Barcelona (AC 70' foiling monohull sailing regatta) about to start, etc. And September marks the official start of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere. We are fortunate to have an abundance of fall festivals available in our region. Now is a great time to take a drive into one of our nearby wine regions. Take some friends, take a picnic.

There are lots of significant historical dates in September such as the end of WWII in Europe on September 2, of course the anniversary of September 11 in 2001 when our country was subjected to a terrorist attack, and on a brighter note, the signing of the U.S. Constitution in Philadelphia on September 17.

September is also Prostate Cancer awareness month. As someone who has it, I encourage all of you to get regular screenings (a blood PSA test) so it is caught early. Mine was and I am under "active surveillance or watchful waiting" so we will know if/when any further early intervention is necessary. My urologist says I will live with it, not die from it. But unfortunately, I know

other guys who were not diagnosed early and are challenged by some very unpleasant treatments and a scarier prognosis. So, if you haven't been, go get screened!

I also want to let everyone know that Kevin King, Honorary Life Member, Past Branch 95 Big SIR and the editor of our acclaimed branch newsletter and webmaster of our great website has been nominated to be on the State SIR Board of Directors. His specific nomination is to be Chief Information Officer (CIO), for which he is imminently qualified. Voting will be held at the SIR Annual Meeting later this month in Lafayette. Board members are voted on by branch Big SIRs, and Kevin certainly has my vote. I'll keep you updated as events unfold.

We are back on September 11 for our regular branch lunch meeting at Cameron Park CC. Social hour starts at 11 am and the meeting commences at 12 noon. Hope to see you all there.

This month our Member Profile article presents our luncheon speaker/performer DJ Peterson. Read it to learn all about DJ's background in magic and as a bassist in rock'n'roll bands.

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During our September meeting special reports, we will profile member Dan Koelzer. I have also asked Brian Lemley to review the El Dorado County Community Concert Association.

Finally, please let me know if you are interested in being profiled for our October newsletter or at our meeting.

LITTLE SIR | Ron Wadsworth 916-417-1484



We have a few things to share this month:

1. For the second year, we were able to have a golf team represent Branch 95 in the State SIR Golf tournament.



On August 7th **Tim Irish, Ron Wadsworth, Rick Willson and Alan Bowles** traveled to Stockton to play at the Spano's Reserve, along with 36 other foursomes. The day was warm, but it still took us some time to warm up. Although we shot a 68 (net 59) that put us in 16th place, we were literally two shots out of third place in a highly competitive tournament. We had a lot of fun.



2. We have a twist on this month's speaker, where we will have our own DJ Peterson performing magic and entertainment for all of us. Because Lew has included DJ's story of how he started magic at age 10 in this month's member spotlight story, I refer you to that to find out more about him. We hope to see you all on **September 11th**.

3. It's not too early to both let you know that our annual holiday party will be held on **Wednesday night December 11th**, but also that a big part of it is getting donations from our generous membership to allow us to have all the things we do, which include gift baskets and fun activities to possibly win during the evening. **We ask that you get ahold of me at 916-417-1484 if you can help contribute** so we can begin planning for all of this. Thank you in advance and invitations (for both you and a guest if you like) will be coming in in the future.

See **LITTLE SIR** next page



General Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2024
Buffet lunch \$35 per person

Cameron Park Country Club
3201 Royal Drive
Cameron Park, CA 95682

Check-in and social hour
11:00am - 12:00pm

Lunch, speaker & general meeting
12:00pm ~ 2:00pm



September Birthdays



Bill Douglas
Mel Hallett
Harlan Proctor
Rick Willson

September Branch Anniversaries

- 1 year - Bill Amerman & Barry Jacobsen
- 2 years - Marshall Armstrong
- 5 years - Ken Mahar
- 6 years - Bob Davenport
- 9 years - Tim Irish
- 21 years - Ed Walsh

Membership

New or returning members: 2
Prospective members in pipeline: 5
Departing members: 0
Current number of members: 98

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4. As most of you now know, **we are attempting to get our full leadership team in place for 2025 and are still seeking out someone for the Little SIR position** so that Lew can move on after December and I can move into the Big SIR position. Please strongly consider this and let Lew or I know as soon as possible if you'd like to talk more about what this entails. This group does not exist without a significant number of men doing great volunteer work, so it's critical for us to get this in place. Thank you.

BRANCH HAPPENINGS/SIR COMINGS & GOINGS | Kevin King, PBS; HLM 916-337-9811

Please search out and extend a hand to our two newest members. Both were inducted at our August meeting.



Rick Horewitch had previously been a member of SIR. Rick was self-employed in the restaurant supply industry. He has already joined our golf group and is also interested in baseball, investments, poker and woodworking. He and his wife, Annette, live in Placerville.



Joe Spezza found us via the classified ad section of Gold Panner. Thanks again to our Publicity Chairman, George Alboff, for getting the word out about our Branch. Joe was a Rehabilitation Therapist for the State of California. He lists backgammon, barbershop quartet, cribbage, dominoes and hiking as the activities that most interests him. He's already in the early stages of launching a new backgammon activity for our branch (more about that can be found later in this newsletter). Joe also lives in Placerville.



Hats off to our branch bocce team who came on strong in the final month of competition - winning all three games - including shutting out now 3-time defending champion Branch 37 (Auburn) 12-0. Capo Dan Cockcroft and his band of pallino chasers includes Kevin King, Dan Koelzer, Dan Link, Ken Mahar, Jay Muzio & Terry Starkel finished the four months of competition with a 7-5 record - one game behind Auburn who finished 8-4. Branch 98 (Roseville) and Branch 55 (Grass Valley) also fielded teams for this year's competition. A shout out to Dan Cockcroft for once again leading this year's campaign. We'll have to wait until next May to begin our quest to dethrone our fellow SIRs in Auburn.

A shout out should also go to our Membership Chairman, David Chighizola. Next month, we are expected to induct our 99th and 100th members. It's been a few years since our numbers were at that level. With his continued hard work and perseverance (and member referrals), we should easily make and surpass Branch goals for the year.

Our Branch now has its own QR code. QR codes are a type of barcode, or scannable pattern, that contain various forms of data, like website links, account information, phone numbers or even coupons and restaurant menus. They were invented in 1994 to track vehicles and parts as they moved through the assembly line. Our branch is adding them to our marketing and publicity materials to make it easier for prospective members to find our website. Give it a try. Just open the camera on your smartphone and aim it at the code. You should get a button at the bottom of the screen. Click it and you'll be taken to our Branch website.



In State SIR matters, State President, Dale Decker (Branch 136 -Sonora), has stepped down from his post for personal reasons. He will be honored for his years of dedicated service to SIR at the State's Annual Meeting in September. At the State Board's August meeting, Rich Carlston (Branch 8 - Walnut Creek) was voted to replace Dale. Rich was serving this year as 2nd Vice President and Secretary. He was a former attorney, President of Walnut Creek's Chamber of Commerce and Mayor of Walnut Creek. Rich has a strong vision for the organization and will take a more measured approach to the changes you may have been hearing about. More to come at the Annual Meeting and in future editions of this newsletter.

MEMBER PROFILE | Lew Chapman, Big SIR 510-912-5658

This article will be an ongoing feature of our SIR Branch 95 newsletter. We would like to include a member profile in the monthly newsletter as well as have a member speak about themselves at our monthly luncheons. In this way, we will get to know about 20 members over the course of a year in a more detailed way.



This month's profile is about DJ Peterson based on an interview conducted by Lew Chapman.

I was sitting next to DJ at the last Best Burger Pursuit at Poor Red's talking about his Cord automobile and upcoming magic show at the next luncheon, when it occurred to me, he should be the one we profile in our September Member Profile. So, I asked and he agreed. Thanks DJ.

She said "I was better than Elvis", and that is some kind of endorsement! More on that later. DJ was born November 12, 1949 in Inglewood, California, and lived in the San Fernando Valley, making him a full-fledged baby boomer like most of us. In this profile, we'll tell you about his family, his career, his hobbies (becoming a magician, becoming a rock star, boating, cruising, etc.), and what he likes about SIR.

DJ's education was at Cleveland High School, California State University Northridge, UCLA and Graduate School at Cal State University Sacramento with a Master's Degree in Public Administration. His first goal was to be a rock star. His bio starts with that which certainly give's one a sense of what his priorities were. Here's how that happened.

DJ was in a surf band at age 13, a rock band at 14 and played at every high school in the San Fernando Valley, teen centers, colleges and night clubs on the sunset strip, including the Whiskey A Go Go, and as the house band at Gazarri's near the Whisky. They cut a record album of original music that was played on the radio prior to some of their concerts, such as in Palm Springs and Las Vegas. DJ became a professional musician playing clubs 5 nights a week plus on Saturdays from 2 am-6 am (after hours). (He was still taking University classes starting at 8 am weekdays.) Unlike him, some musicians he knew, met, and/or played with in high school became famous, such as the band *Spirit*, ("I got a line on you Babe" a #1 hit), and *The Iron Butterfly* with "In-A-Godda-Da-Vida" #1. Many bands played at his

high school, and he was able to meet them including "The Buckingham", "The Turtles" and "The Doors". The Doors 1st album had just come out in 1967. Get this, DJ got to talk with Jim Morrison about the album while they were in the hallway behind the gym, and he mentioned that they were playing many of the songs. He can still remember Jim Morrison saying to him, "Groovy man, I'm glad you dig our music". (Alas, there were no camera phones then to capture the moment. Darn.)

Later, in Sacramento in the 70's through 2015, (while still working in his real job at the State level) DJ played bass at clubs and churches with many bands, and recorded music on cassettes and CDs for sale. He still plays bass guitar with some of his old band-mates at wineries and private parties. (Perhaps he will see you if he sits in with the Rhythm Vandals at Helwig Winery or the PowerHouse Pub.)

He did have a workday career which is equally impressive. Get this:

In 1966, a friend had a bad trip on some of the first LSD that came into LA, and he was hospitalized. His father, a movie producer, asked if we would like to help do something about the drug abuse problem that was emerging among youth and teens. They played original music and acted in a film called "Beyond LSD" about the generation gap, about LSD and how parents, schools, and communities could address what was happening in their homes and schools. The film was distributed nationally, was popular, and won awards, and was shown in schools and communities nationwide. Soon, with his love beads, bell bottoms, leather jacket and long hair, (DJ: "I wish I still had my hair.") He was asked to speak about our youth generation, the drug scene and what we can do about it. He was doing interviews with the media on radio, TV, and speaking to the California Medical Association, American Medical Association, events in Canada, Mexico, and was featured on the Today Show in New York. (His big moment.)

With help from an esteemed Psychiatrist and Professor at UCLA, they formed the Original Project DARE at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute, as Drug Abuse Research and Education. For 5 years he gained experience working with doctors, psychiatrists,

BRANCH 95 GOLF | Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman

916-817-1524



We have just completed our golf for August. This last round of golf was a Greensome format with participants in teams of two. Each player teed off and the best shot was selected and each teammate did alternate shots until the ball was holed out. The scores were higher than expected and one team that would have won third place, if they were present, lost out to another team for some of the prize money. A reminder that players must be present to collect their winnings. It has happened more often than you would think that players who thought they were outside the money or closest to the pin competition left and did not reap the rewards of their play.

September brings us to the Club Championship rounds. We first have a tuneup at Castle Oaks in lone the first week in September, followed by play at Mather, Wildhawk and finishing at Empire Ranch. For the Club Championship qualification, you must have completed 10 rounds of golf with Branch 95 this season and play in all three Championship rounds. The lowest cumulative total of the three rounds played from those qualified, is Club Champion for the year. We have 24 golfers qualified for the Club Championship. You do not need to be qualified to play these rounds, only the players eligible for the Championship will be tracked for their cumulative points. All players will need to hole out all putts. You can check out the qualification list on the [Branch website](#).

After the Club Championship, we will have 10 more golf rounds to play before the end of the season and the awarding of the Marksman of the Year award and the Gold Country Cup, which is awarded to the golfer that has accumulated the most points in placing in the top positions during the season.

Still a lot of golf to be played and, hopefully, the weather will start to cool down a little as well. Before long we will be wishing for warmer weather to be playing our rounds. Enjoy the rest of the golf season.

There may still be tickets available for the Assistance League's Fall Fest being held Saturday, September 14th. Additional information can be found at <https://www.assistanceleague.org/sierra-foothills/>.



Branch 95: sirinc2.org/branch95/
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SAND TRAPS

Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman
 916-817-1524

Golf Director (Mather)
 Dennis Petersen, PBS 916-817-1149

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

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SIR Branch 95 Results 2024 Tournaments

August 6th - Empire Ranch
 1st - Dan Cockcroft
 2nd - Dan Maglionico
 3rd - Dennis Petersen
 Closest to the pin - Terry Starkel

August 13th - Mather
 1st - Terry Starkel
 2nd - Dan Maglionico
 3rd - Tim Irish
 Closest to the pin - Alan Bowles

August 20th - Wildhawk
 1st - Don Nicholson
 2nd - Bill Klump
 3rd - Tim Irish
 Closest to the pin - Ron Wadsworth

August 27th - Ancil Hoffman
 (team event Greensome format)
 1st - Team of Bob Carlson & Don Nicholson
 2nd - Team of Tim Irish & Chad Barrow
 3rd - Team of Bill Douglas & Mike Bettencourt
 No closest to the pin for team events

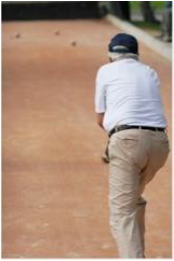
Current Gold Country Cup and Marksman of the Year leaderboards, current qualifiers for the Club Championship as well as upcoming SIR State-sponsored tournaments can be found on Branch 95's [golf page](#).

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Area 3 Representative
 Jim Gragg (Br98 - Rocklin)
 916-708-5154

Vice President
 Lee Lamp (Br129 - Redding)
 530-921-1375

BOCCE | Oli Bohlman 916-844-4067

Come join other members and their spouses/significant others at Promontory Park every Thursday at 8:00am for drop-in bocce. If you are not on the current email list and would like to be, just give me a call.

PICKLEBALL | Chad Barrow 209-603-7346

SIR Pickleballers! We're off and pickling now with our new, 8:00am start at Heritage Park every Wednesday. This time allows us to beat the heat and get in games with our fellow SIRs and others. If you're interested in joining, come on down or feel free to contact me with any questions. See you on the courts.

E-BIKING | Ken Mahar 650-504-1393

Join us for one of our weekly rides. If you are interested, give me a call to get on the E-biking email list.

BREAKFAST & WALKING |**Norman Orrick 916-709-1693**

The group meets at Dennys, 3446 Coach Lane, Cameron Park each Thursday at 9:00am. We eat, shoot the breeze, crack a joke or two and sometimes say something profound. The main thing is to enjoy each other's company. After we eat and talk, those that wish, take off for a mile or two walk. We are looking forward to having new

members to enliven our discussions. To receive a weekly reminder, give me a call to be put on my email list.

TEXAS HOLD'EM | Ken Mahar 650-504-1393

We meet the first Wednesday of every month at someone's home. All that's needed is a \$20 buy-in for a fun-filled evening with your fellow members and a chance to go home the big winner. If

this sounds like something that you might be interested in, give me a call to be put you on our contact list.

FUN COOL CARS | Rick Talone 916-761-7222

We meet the last Friday of the month in the Purple Place parking lot at 10:30am before driving a predetermined route to an agreed upon restaurant. We generally have

5-7 cars participating with 8-10 people. To be put on the group's interest list, contact me at the above number. **See more about our latest outing on page 10.**

DROP-IN BOWLING |**Rick Willson (916) 847-1452**

Hey there fellow SIR's. The dog days of summer are here and if you're looking for an activity where you can keep cool and still have a lot of fun, come join us for drop-in bowling at

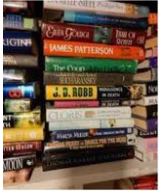
Folsom Lake Bowl Entertainment Center located at 511 E. Bidwell in Folsom. Because of conflicts with the monthly membership meeting, we have changed the timing of our event to the first and third Wednesdays of each month. We bowl from 1:00 to 4:00 and the cost is \$15 per person. Give me a call for more information.

INVESTMENT GROUP |**Gary McKae 650-743-7249**

We meet the last Wednesday of the month in the Community Center in the back of the store at Raley's O-N-E in El Dorado Hills. We invite other branch members to join us to discuss financial

topics of interest to the group. Give me a call to be added to our contact list.

BOOK EXCHANGE | Lew Chapman, Big SIR 510-912-5658



Does anybody want to review a good book you have recently read? If so, let me know and we can include it in this column in the future.

As you have noticed, I've morphed the book exchange article into a monthly book report so that we can share ideas on good books we have recently read. No one volunteered for September, so here we go again, I'll report on the book that I most recently read.

Michael Crichton is one of my favorite authors. He is the author of *Prey*, *Jurassic Park*, *Disclosure*, *The Andromeda Strain*, *Sphere* and was the creator of television's *ER* (gave George Clooney his start). Over a dozen of his books have been adapted into film. I just finished one of his early books (1968), a medical thriller entitled: "*A Case of Need*." It was written shortly after he finished his medical internship. Unfortunately, Dr. Crichton died at age 66 back in 2008, quite some time ago.

"*A Case of Need*" depicts the ever-building pressure and pace of a large Boston medical center. Tensions explode when a surgical operation (an abortion) tragically ends in death, raising countless questions. As the story unfolds, one physician is driven by the need to protect one of his colleagues, finally uncovering the truth of what happened. This story is supplemented with a fascinating appendix on the ethics of modern medicine including that of the complicated matter of medical abortion. Even though written so long ago, the ethical issues he describes remain very relevant to today's situation.

Check out a good read, it will be in the [Book Exchange](#).

Remember, The SIR Branch 95 Book Exchange, no library card, no late fees, no fines.

BEST BURGER PURSUIT | Dan Koelzer 916-718-0521



The last Best Burger Pursuit (BBP) event was 8/23 at Poor Reds in the town of El Dorado. Everybody seemed to love Poor Reds. But then, how can you not love that place! The ratings placed it 1st, and, as if that wasn't enough, it placed 1st in each of the ranking categories! A big win for Poor Reds. The Fun Cool Cars group joined the Burger group for a nice lunch & a few tall stories. The BBP group meets once a month on the Friday in the week after the general SIR meeting. The next BBP event is set for Friday, September 20. The location will be either Old Town Grille in Placerville, Out of Bounds Brewery in Folsom or Jaspers Hamburgers in Rancho Cordova.



I've been keeping a ranking sheet for the burger event. As originally set up, the Best Burger Pursuit had a purpose, and that was to find the best burger in our area. The burger eaters actually fill out a form (after eating the burger) and rank the restaurant on several categories including the quality of the actual meat in the burger. I send out a summary sheet every month and Poor Reds is currently in 1st in every category except the condiments category, where it's tied with the Relish Bar. Note that the Average Ranking, which is actually the calculated average of all the other categories, has been consistently rising with each new location. The last increase for Poor Reds was the largest increase so far. Maybe the Gold Cadillacs and Bloody Marys had something to do with that?? Anyway, pretty interesting so far.

If you are interested in being put on the distribution list for BEST BURGER PURSUIT, please give me a call.

WINE TASTING GROUP | Jay Muzio, PBS 650-302-1902



The August wine tasting was held at the home of Steve and Nancy Annen. This month, instead of having a selected varietal, our only requirement for the wine was to bring a bottle that was produced in El Dorado or Amador counties. Steve supplied a mystery wine, and everyone was supposed to guess what varietal it was and where it was from. No one identified the varietal (Merlot), but some were close on the region of origin (Amador Co). Ratings were not done, but a lot of tasting got accomplished.

The theme for the event was Santa Maria BBQ. Steve made delicious, marinated, Santa Maria style tri-tip with baked beans that were so good it was hard to stop eating them. This was accompanied by salads, bread and lots of appetizers contributed by the many attendees. Thank you, Steve and Nancy, for hosting such a lovely event.

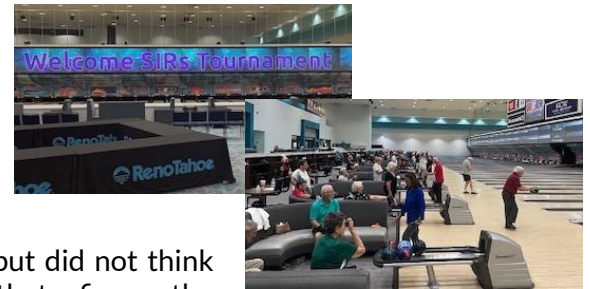
We had two first time participants this month, Jim and Carol Peterson as well as Wil and Karen Brunet. Our group continues to grow. If you have not already joined the wine tasting group and would like to join, contact Jay Muzio at the number above. Besides being able to sample a variety of great wines and have a wonderful meal, the Wine Tasting Group provides a terrific opportunity to get out of the house and socialize with your SIR friends. And, as a reminder, not all our attendees drink wine, some come with a wine-tasting companion and bring their own beverage of choice to drink. Why not come and check it and us out?

BOWLING | Ray DiBasilio, HLM 530-558-9727



Cindy and I arrived in Reno mid-afternoon on Sunday for the much-anticipated tournament at the National Bowling Stadium (NBS). After checking into our hotel, we took a ride to the Nugget for dinner with our friend and SIR tournament volunteer, Cyndy Hanley. Later, on our

way back to the hotel we noticed smoke rising just past the casinos, but did not think anything concerning. Back in our room we turned on the news to find that a fire on the side of 80 near Verdi, closed the highway and evacuated residents of the local area including Boomtown.



We soon started receiving calls from several bowlers staying at the Silver Legacy and other hotels in the Row saying that the power was out and wondering if the bowling center had power (priorities ... lol). Despite the fire, Highway 80 closing for six hours and power outages through much of Reno, 150 bowlers along with wives and friends met up to bowl in Reno for three days of fun and competition. What an amazing group!



Pictured second from the right is our friend and event coordinator at the NBS, Ginger Ridley. Ginger has retired (doubtful) and moved to Las Vegas where her two sons and their families live. It has been an absolute pleasure to have worked with Ginger for close to 20 years on SIR tournaments. Her smiling face and kindness have supported not only SIR bowling, but all bowling at the NBS as long as we have been going there. We wish her a well-deserved relaxing retirement. Maybe we should follow Ginger and hold a tournament in Las Vegas???

Upcoming tournaments:

September 9-10 – Carson City, Homegrown Lanes

September 25-26 – Pacheco, Paddock Lanes

Striking up Friendships



For more information about SIR bowling, the full calendar, and applications, check out our website at: <http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>.

FUN COOL CARS | Rick Talone 916-761-7222

For our August outing, the weather couldn't have been more perfect - especially for the ones that have convertibles. There were five of us that met at the old Purple Place restaurant on Friday the 23rd - the same day as the BEST BURGER PURSUIT group get together - so we tied the two groups together and met at Poor Reds in the town of El Dorado. Dan had reserved an area for the whole group to be able to sit together.



The car group arrived a half hour earlier than the burger group so we could head over to the bar for their famous GOLD CADILLACS. We then headed to a private dining room where there were about 12 of us who all had a great time. So much so we are already planning next month.

This was probably one of the best runs. We drove through the back side of Cameron Park across the freeway to Mother Lode Road then east to the town of El Dorado.

Give me a call if you'd like to join us on our next outing. You don't need a classic car to participate. All car enthusiasts who enjoy getting out on the road, having lunch and participating in lively discussions with other SIR members and car enthusiasts are welcome. I hope to see you in September.

FROM OUR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN | Jay Muzio, PBS 650-302-1902

If you recall my earlier email to members, we have two new members that have proposed two new activities that they are willing to chair. If there is sufficient interest amongst our members, the BEC will vote to add them to our list of approved branch activities. A wide-range of activities, based on members' hobbies and other interests, is what SIR is built on. Please support the efforts of these new members as your time and interest permit.



Joe Spezza is proposing a backgammon group. His description for the activity is as follows: Whether you are a beginner or advanced, learn to play this centuries old game and develop strategies to win. Backgammon is easy to learn and fun to master and socialize while playing. If you would be interested in participating in this new activity, please contact Joe at 707-367-8996.



Wil Brunet is proposing a chess activity. He has led other chess groups in El Dorado Hills before COVID and would like to get a new group started. If you would be interested in joining his proposed chess activity, please contact Wil at 530-391-6773.

If you have suggestions for other new activities that you believe members will enjoy, please call me or another BEC member so we can get the ball rolling.

A LIGHTER MOMENT

A lady went to the pharmacy and asked to see the head pharmacist. "I need something to poison my husband," she says.

Shocked, the pharmacist asks, "What? Why would you say that? You should leave now, or I have no choice but to call the police." The lady reaches for her phone and shows the pharmacist a few compromising text messages between her husband and the pharmacist's wife. You see, I'm sorry to say but my husband cheated on me with your wife."

"Oh well that's different," the pharmacist says. "I didn't know that you had a prescription."



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psychologists and medical staff on treatment, education and research, as well as being a speaker. DJ even got to be an advisor to Ronald Reagan, Governor, on a drug abuse policy task force and met with him monthly and was an advisor and trainer representing youth for the California Department of Education.

After that, he became a full-time consultant in 1971 to try to make a difference for youth in schools at the California Department of Education. In a career of 34 years, his work included being a trainer for teachers, administrators, parents and youth; writing legislation, writing guidelines and resources for California schools, and doing public relations interviews on radio, TV and presenting at conferences; Coordinating Programs on Alcohol Education, HIV/AIDS Education and Tobacco Use Prevention Education. One of his favorite jobs was that he got to create the California Distinguished Schools Award and Recognition Program that was a huge honor for schools to receive. He did lots of press coverage statewide. DJ was often asked to work on new projects. One day he was called to a meeting with Governor Jerry Brown, Steve Jobs, and 4 others to plan a way to put a free Apple Computer in every school (about 7,000), and to organize ways to provide training to teachers, parents, students and others on how to use them. So, he helped with the legislation, and helped coordinate training statewide in schools for several years.

At this point, I (Lewis) am starting to think I now know one of the most famous people I ever met, DJ, what a career! DJ adds: "I did not invest in Apple stock, darn." But wait, that's not all.

DJ then worked as Executive Director for 10 years of a Community Program in El Dorado Hills to write grants and organize support and policies and programs to promote youth development to help keep youth safe healthy, and drug free. (Their efforts saved lives and reduced alcohol, drug and tobacco use among teens in EDH with improved youth development and mental health services.)

DJ met his lovely and talented wife Judi when he was playing music with his band, the Peppermint Grass Stayns, at a teen center in Canoga Park (LA). She was almost 16 when they met...but he knew she was the one for him. They dated and waited 3 years to get married. They have had a wonderful life of many adventures for over 53 years, with many more to come. DJ and Judi have lived in El Dorado Hills, in the Victorian home they designed, for 29 years. They have 3 children and 3 grandchildren, that they spend a lot of time with. They also have a little dog Gypsy, a Shih Tzu. An interesting thing is that in 1971, on their honeymoon, they had front row seats to see Elvis Presley at South Lake Tahoe. At the end, since his bride Judi was 18 and beautiful, Elvis bent down and kissed her on the lips! Judi said, "DJ was better than Elvis". Now that is certainly high praise for kissing given the reputation of Elvis.

So how did the magic start? No--not the relationship with Judi, the magic leading to: Howdy Do Dat?

DJ began doing magic at age 10. He continued doing magic later at statewide and national events when doing presentations at conferences and conventions. He has performed magic and balloon twisting, along with his wife doing face painting, on cruise ships in the Caribbean, Europe and Mediterranean. He is still doing magic for conventions, corporate events, city and community events, private parties and birthday parties. He does about 10 shows a month. (He will be doing roving magic entertainment at the EDH CSD Summerfest in the CSD Community Park September 14 from 4-8 pm. He hopes to see you there.)

As if he is not busy enough, DJ finds time for many other activities. His hobbies include: boating--driving the boat while kids do wake boarding/foil board surfing behind the boat with no rope; going to Renaissance Faires in costume, BBQ's, camping, and travel - especially on cruise ships. DJ and Judi have been fortunate to be able to go on over 30 cruises. Their next cruise will be in November for his birthday. It will be 27 days long from Miami to the Caribbean Islands, across the Atlantic to Portugal, Spain and Italy. Then 3 more days in Italy. Go DJ, go.

15 years ago, as a way of giving back, DJ bought 2 homes in Sacramento and has been providing housing for the homeless. Most have mental health issues, and some with alcoholism or late stage cancer. DJ said, "I am trying to make a difference in small way, hoping to inspire others."

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th - see golf [schedule](#) for



4th - Texas Hold'em; host varies; 6:30pm



4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Drop-in pickleball;
Heritage Park; 8-11am



4th, 18th - Drop-in bowling; FLB
Entertainment Center; Folsom; 1-4pm



5th, 12th, 19th, 26th - Drop-in bocce
Promontory Park EDH; 8am



5th, 12th, 19th, 26th - Breakfast & Walking
- Denny's Cameron Park; 9:00am



11th - BEC & General Meeting;
Cameron Park Country Club



20th - Best Burger Pursuit; Poor Reds;
El Dorado



19th - Wine Tasting Group; TBD



9th-10th; Home Grown Lanes;
Carson City, NV
25th-26th; Paddock Lanes; Pacheco



27th - Fun Cool Cars; meet at Purple
Place at 10:30am & drive to lunch



Mondays and Fridays - e-Biking;
various starting locations



25th - Investment Group; 6:00pm;
Raley's O-N-E; El Dorado Hills

MEMBER PROFILE from previous page

What about DJ and SIR? DJ has been semi-retired for 9 years. (Lewis says VERY semi-retired). He has been in SIR for 2 years. He was practicing golf at the driving range at Empire Ranch and was invited to one of our luncheons. He said yes because his father was a SIR member for many years at South Lake Tahoe and he loved it. After DJ joined our Branch, he took golf lessons...and it did not help his swing. So he quit golf and started doing other SIR activities. (Editors note: You can't do it all DJ!) DJ found he is much better at bocce ball, pickleball, the fun cool cars group (driving his 1936 Cord Warrior) and wine tasting. His beautiful and wonderful wife Judi joins him at some of these activities.

DJ added, "I enjoy being a SIR. It is great meeting so many nice guys at the luncheons and events. It is a terrific organization. I appreciate all the leadership and effort that goes into making the activities possible. I plan to do more bocce ball, pickleball, classic car events, wine tasting and maybe backgammon! Thanks for letting me join!"

AND FINALLY...

A customer walks into a coffee shop and asks the barista for the wifi password.

"You need to buy coffee first," the barista says.

"Okay, I'll have an espresso," the customer says.

After paying, the customer asks, "Can I have the password now?"

The barista replies, "Of course! It's 'youneedtobuycoffeeirst'. All lowercase, no spaces."

Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.

I used to think I was indecisive; but, now I'm not so sure.

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).

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