

GOLD COUNTRY BRANCH 95



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BIG SIR | Lew Chapman 510-912-5658



Hey everyone,

As we go into November, we're reminded of the beauty of transition. This month often symbolizes a time of reflection, gratitude and preparation for the winter ahead. The leaves are starting to fall in our area, and nature reminds us of the cycles of life.

November is also a month of gratitude. With Thanksgiving around the corner, it's a perfect opportunity to reflect on what we're thankful for—whether it's our friendships, family or personal achievements. Let's take a moment to appreciate the support and camaraderie we share in this group.

Additionally, November can be a time for introspection. As we head into the colder months, consider what changes you want to embrace in your life. What goals do you want to pursue as we approach the new year? This is a great time to set intentions and support each other in our journeys.

Let's come together this month to share our thoughts, our gratitude and our aspirations. Remember, we're here for each other!

As we wrap up the year, it's useful to reflect on what we have accomplished at SIR Branch 95. For one our membership has grown and strengthened over the year. We started the year with 89 members on our roster, and as of the end of October we have grown to 105! With the inevitable attrition, that is a net gain of 16 new members, very nice. As well, we have added several new well-attended activities, and our golf group, being our largest activity, remains very strong thanks to the continued leadership of Terry Starkel. Our luncheons have been well attended with typically 50-60 members in attendance at each one. Thanks to Dan Maglionico and Ron Wadsworth for recruiting very interesting speakers for our luncheons.

You who have participated in our activities, you who have taken on leadership roles and contributed to our activities are greatly appreciated. I especially want to thank Jay Muzio as past Big SIR for his guidance and mentoring as we progressed through the year. And Jay's wife Irene has also been a huge help for me with Google Forms and her past support of our activities, especially the holiday dinner gift baskets, etc.

I am also especially grateful for our board members and committee chairs that have done all the hard work over this last year to grow and improve our branch.

See **BIG SIR** next page

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With your new Big SIR, Ron Wadsworth, a nearly full board of directors, all critical committee positions filled and a membership of over 100 members, the outlook for our Branch in 2025 is great.

This month we profiled member Harry Hall who, coincidentally, is also our November guest speaker. See Ron’s Little SIR article for more details. Finally, please let me know if you are interested in being profiled for our December Branch 95 newsletter.

Our final general membership meeting for 2024 is on the second Wednesday this month – November 13th at Cameron Park Country Club. Social hour starts at 11:00am and the meeting commences at 12:00 noon. As we did last year, our soon-to-be Big SIR, Ron Wadsworth, will be running the meeting – a trial run prior to his taking over the meetings at the January 2025 luncheon. I hope you’ll all be there.



Don’t forget to proudly fly your flag in honor of our veterans on Veterans Day. And finally, I hope you have a great Thanksgiving with family and friends.

LITTLE SIR | Ron Wadsworth 916-417-1484



Our SIR Branch 95 Holiday Dinner is Coming!

Hello everyone!

Our November speaker will be our own Harry Hall. His topic will be “The Case for Nuclear Energy”. More information about Harry is available in the Member Profile section which begins on the next page.

Last month, John Hidahl, El Dorado County District 1 Supervisor, spoke to us about County government and future plans for the County. Harry Hall provided a summary of his talk:

- County Supervisors have term limits of 2-4 year terms
- County staff has no term limits. This creates a division between the elected officials and the staff on directions the county should go.
- 70% of county income is from property taxes; 44.8% Property taxes goes to state and education. The County gets 23%. The rest goes to areas like El Dorado Irrigation District.
- El Dorado County has a 7.75% sales tax. Of this, the county receives 1.25%. Sales tax is NOT keeping up with inflation. For example, bike paths have increased in cost from \$1 million/mile to \$1.5 million/mile in the last 5 years. He admitted that they like bike paths because they do receive grants from the State. The State is trying to encourage folks to ride bikes or walk instead of driving.

See **LITTLE SIR** next page

General Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 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



November Birthdays



- Bob MacDonald
- Bart Magoffin
- Bob Noyes
- DJ Peterson
- Terry Privott
- Steve Thomson
- Mike Wilke
- Bill Willman

November Branch Anniversaries

- 1 year - Harry Hall; Harlan Proctor; Rick Talone and Jeff Zehner
- 2 years - Sam Griffis; Michael Long; Arlo Miller
- 5 years - Chad Barrow
- 8 years - Bob Carlson
- 14 years - Dan Link and Terry Starkel
- 16 years - Dennis Petersen

Membership (as of 10/31/2024)

- New or returning members: 3
- To be inducted this month: 2
- Departing members: 0
- Current number of members: 105

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- Increases in fire insurance have hurt home sales, which in turn has hurt income to the County.
- It's looking as though the Costco at Silva Valley is a go. There will be fuel pumps also. Having Costco in the County provides an opportunity to stop the bleed in sales taxes to Sacramento County.
- Town & Country at Bass Lake Road & HW 50 will have two new hotels and cottages...again extra County income.
- There are 58 counties in CA. Of these, 28 are Charter Counties. EDC IS a charter County. Charter counties have more expensive retirement packages. There are "seven" elected positions in EDC. Of these; Supervisors, Surveyor, Sheriff, tax collector, etc. *WE are the only county in the state that has an elected position of Surveyor.*
- El Dorado County has a yearly budget of \$1 billion/yr. Of this, \$300,000-\$400,000 is considered discretionary. 17% goes to El Dorado County Fire Departments. State helps with road maintenance, but IF we want to increase size or add new roads, state does NOT help with it.
- When asked, Hidahl admits that he likes the idea of incorporating El Dorado Hills into a city. He admitted running a previous committee that reviewed this. He has previously said, and in this talk, wants growth. He sees growth as a way of keeping up with growing expenses.
- He indicated that the County Supervisors hold monthly, public meetings, generally on the 1st Monday of the month. Meetings usually starts at 5:00pm and are held at the Fire Station on Harbor Blvd in the conference room. Along with all 5 supervisors, the Sheriff, CHP and Fire Department send representatives.

This was the first talk that I had attended from Hidahl. He is an impressive speaker, had good graphics and obviously knows his facts. However, he comes directly into conflict with citizens who want to keep El Dorado Hills more rural.

Finally, it's not too early to mark your calendar for our annual Holiday Dinner. Below are the pertinent things you need to know:

- The invitation was sent out on October 25th. If you haven't seen it, either let me know or look for an email on that date from rtwads@yahoo.com.
- Early Response: The earlier we know the number of participants, the better we can plan with the Country Club.
- In addition to a great dinner, there will be a cocktail and social hour, and we have arranged for an open bar and good pricing (2024 good pricing 😊) on domestic beers, house wine and well drinks as well as a \$15 corkage fee if you bring your own bottle of wine.
- Great gift baskets and auction items will be part of all the fun and festivities. See below for auction items to be thinking about.
- We're looking forward to seeing you all on December 11th for a great night together!

A couple of our auction items

Ken Maher 24x36 Tetons on Canvas



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 Harry Hall based on an interview conducted by Lew Chapman.

"I believe in continuous learning. I am an avid reader, and I like to stay active", said Harry. Harry is going to be our speaker this month on the topic of nuclear energy. While he worked in the energy industry, Harry was self-taught in numerous areas, including nuclear energy. He has written many short articles about the oil industry and other topics such as climate change and other general interest topics such as immigration, life before technology and life after retirement - some of which have appeared in oil industry magazines and other on line sites like AMAC. He also became interested in providing talks to retirement groups like SIRs, Sirtoma, Rotary, Chevron Retirees Association, etc. He estimates that he has given over 20 talks over the last 10 years, mainly to SIR chapters in the Sacramento area. Harry has previously taught Adult Sunday School class in Texas, was an active Board member (treasurer) of his HOA in TX and Concord, sang in his Church choir in both Texas and Concord, was Treasurer for several years in the Clayton Valley Little League, a Soccer referee during his two son's public education in Concord and was a Deacon at his church in Concord. Clearly a very involved kind of guy.

A professional Chemical Engineer, Harry Hall has spent over 50 years in the Oil Industry - 33 of them with Chevron, before retiring as the Manager of Product Engineering (PED) in 2004. PED set the Chevron fuel specifications for all of its fuels and was responsible for making sure that Chevron met the fuel quality claims that it made to the public. When Harry ran the department, they did fuel comparisons to know how Chevron gasoline matched up with the competition ("no one better").

Harry has worked in several refineries and chemical plants and is proud of refining's important contributions to our modern society. He has worked previously in concert with the EPA, OSHA,

Environmentalists and other oil companies (API) to provide cleaner fuels for today's vehicles and in improving the safety record of refining. He previously was Chevron's Board member to the Coordinating Research Council (CRC), which is a joint Auto/Oil effort to provide research on improving both the fuels and vehicles of tomorrow.

Harry lived in the San Francisco East Bay (Concord/Clayton) for most of his career. At the end of his time with Chevron, he decided to relocate to Texas. They stayed in the Dallas/Ft Worth area for 8 years...and then came their grandchildren. They moved back to California and selected El Dorado Hills to be close to his family. His kids/grandkids reside in NorCal so it made sense to be close—read on. When he retired from Chevron in 2004, Harry formed a small consulting company, HLH Consulting, LLC, where he provided engineering consulting to the oil and chemical industries. He finally fully retired in 2019, as COVID stopped a lot of work.

Harry has been married to his wife, Wanda, for 51 years. They had two children, one who passed in 2018. They have 5 grandchildren. Their son Andy, (he also lives in EDH), is a Sgt. of Detectives for the Sac PD and he has 3 girls. Their daughter-in-law, Carisa, lives in Livermore and has two boys. Harry and Wanda hit the road frequently to attend soccer matches, cross country and musical /theater events at the Harris Center.

Harry was born in Sacramento, in 1949. His parents lived in Placerville at the time. They moved shortly after Harry's birth to Texas, where he grew up and attended public school in Dallas. He attended Texas A&M, where he was the editor of the "Texas A&M Engineer". He graduated first in his ChE class and was selected as a Distinguished Student. He also graduated with honors. While working for Chevron, he lived in Mississippi, New Jersey and California.

Harry stays active by attending a local gym, playing golf and working on crafts such as woodworking. As mentioned, he is an avid reader and puts out a summary each year of the books that he read in that year. Harry joined SIR Branch 95 in November 2023 and was introduced to us by Terry Privott whom he knows from their church, Vintage Grace.

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At happy hour, you might find Harry with a frozen Margarita, Mai Tai slush or a good glass of wine. On a Sunday morning, he reads the Sunday paper and attends church. When he retired, so did Wanda; so they eat out a lot and have enjoyed going to Crawdads on the Lake, Sienna, Land and Ocean, or South Fork.

We are lucky to have Harry as a member of SIR Branch 95. Be sure to plan to attend our next luncheon on Wednesday, November 13th where he will give a very interesting talk on "The Case for Nuclear Energy."

BRANCH & STATE HAPPENINGS | Kevin King, PBS; HLM 916-337-9811

As Chief Information Officer (CIO)-Elect for the State SIR Board, I intend to expand my former Branch Happenings/SIR Comings & Goings column to not only provide Branch updates but, from time to time, updates on State matters that effect or that I consider may be of particular interest to our members. Don't hesitate to send me your questions and/or concerns.

The BEC approved and inducted three new/returning members in October. Make sure you introduce yourselves and welcome them to our Branch.



Simon Martin is actually a returning member. He was with us briefly in 2022 before leaving for personal reasons and family obligations. Welcome back, Simon! To refresh your memory, Simon was a Senior Director/Plant Manager for Procter & Gamble. He's a baseball fan and lists bowling, golf, pickleball and wine tasting as the activities he enjoys. He and his wife, Alison, live in El Dorado Hills.



Craig Slinger was introduced to our Branch by a wife of a member that he plays pickleball with. He was a Retail Decorator Draperies owner for 44 years. He lists bocce, cribbage, pickleball, RVs and wine tasting as the activities he enjoys. He and his wife, Donna, live in El Dorado Hills.



Dennis Wool was sponsored by Jay Muzio. He is a retired CEO of a community mental health agency. He relocated to California from Williamsburg, Virginia in 2017. Dennis was a Rotarian for 37 years. He enjoys bocce, exploring & eating and gardening. In fact, Dennis is an El Dorado Hills Master Gardener. He and his wife, Mary, live in El Dorado Hills.

If you haven't already done so, please register for our Annual Holiday Dinner. As in years past, the event will be held at our usual meeting place and the evening of our regular meeting day - Cameron Park Country Club on Wednesday, December 11th starting at 6:00pm. This event is one of the highlights of the year for members and their guest. The flyer and more information about the event can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Also, to further get you ready for the upcoming Holiday season, the Assistance League Sierra Foothills is having their annual Homes for the Holidays fundraiser. You can tour six seasonally decorated, private homes in and around El Dorado Hills on Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th. Many of our members' wives are Assistance League members. Having been one of the homes on the tour in the past, I can personally assure you that the community looks forward to it every year and the proceeds go to a worthy cause. More information can be found on the flyer on the next page.

As you recall, the State proposed several changes last summer - some of which didn't sit very well with branches and their members. Rather than push the changes through, State President, Rich Carlston, announced at this year's Annual Meeting that he was setting up a Branch Advisory Council to give branches a voice in matters that affect them and their members. 24 of our 82 branches spanning 12 of our 17 Areas are currently represented on the Council. Big branches and small branches; highly successful, struggling and branches just plodding along will now have a voice in matters that affect branches, its members and the future of our organization. Our branch is represented by Jay Muzio. The first meeting for the Branch Advisory Council is set for Friday, November 8th.

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



Only five golf outings left for the 2024 golf season. I have contacted nine golf courses with requests to fill our 41 dates for the 2025 golf schedule.

We are coming down to the finish for the Gold Country Cup and Marksman of the Year. Currently, Ron Wadsworth and Tim Irish are in a race to be first in the Gold Country Cup and Randy Hood and Alan Bowles are within a point of each other for the Marksman of the Year, with four other players a point behind in that competition. You can always check out the current standings on the [golf page](#) of our Branch website, which Kevin King does an excellent job of keeping up to date.

We currently have about 48 Branch 95 golfers in the golf group. I know not all golfers are able to join us as often as they would like, but I would just like to remind players that dues for next year will be coming up for renewal in December. The dues cover the NCGA dues as well as extra prize money for some of our tournaments, sleeves of golf balls for the closest to the pin winners, Club Championship prize money and trophy engravings. It looks like NCGA will not be changing their dues structure for next year, so the dues will not go up and I am looking at possibly lowering the cost by \$5. I will be sending out notices to our golfers in November to see who would like to continue with the 2025 membership.

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

October 1st - Empire Ranch
 1st - Ron Wadsworth
 2nd - Alan Bowles
 3rd - Rick Willson
 Closest to the pin - Alan Bowles

October 8th - Mather
 1st - Ron Wadsworth
 2nd - Rick Willson
 3rd - Tim Irish
 Closest to the pin - Simon Martin

October 15th - Wildhawk
 1st - Dennis Petersen
 2nd - John Ashley
 3rd - Lew Chapman
 Closest to the pin - John Ashley

October 22nd - Diamond Oaks
 1st - Rick Horewitch
 2nd - Mike Wilke
 3rd - Ron Wadsworth
 Closest to the pin - Randy Hood



Kick off the holiday season with a tour of six private homes decorated for the holidays on the first weekend in December. (Spread your visits over one or two days.)

What a perfect early holiday present for someone in your life!

Some of our members' spouses - Elaine Armstrong, Jessica Disney and Irene Muzio to name a few - are all members of Assistance League Sierra Foothills and have tickets for sale. You can also purchase them online by [clicking here](#).

Proceeds go to support six philanthropic programs in El Dorado County.

Visit our [golf page](#) for the most up to date information on the race for the Gold Country Cup and Marksman of the Year awards.

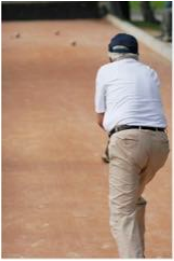
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BOCCE | Oli Bohlman 916-844-4067

Come join other members and their spouses/significant others at Promontory Park every Thursday at 9:00am for drop-in bocce. Note the later start time. 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

Our group plays on Fridays at 1:00pm at Heritage Community Private Courts. Note the new date, time and location. 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 second Thursday 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've ended the drive until next April due to the holidays and weather. Keep an eye on this space for activities to keep the group going until we meet up again for our monthly drives and lunch next Spring. To be put on the group's interest list, contact me at the above number.

DROP-IN BOWLING |

Rick Willson (916) 847-1452



Come join us for drop-in bowling at Folsom Lake Bowl Entertainment Center located at 511 E. Bidwell in Folsom. We meet 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 generally 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. I got no volunteers for November, but I did get a recommendation from Steve Thomson. So, I looked it up, and here is a review Steve provided, sounds interesting.

Review by Carol Rollins:

“Horse” by Geraldine Brooks

A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic and the greatest racehorse in American history. From these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession and injustice across American history. This story goes between Kentucky in 1840 to New York City in 1954 to Washington, DC in 2019.

It was already getting a lot of attention and the author I learned, is a Pulitzer Prize winner. I'll be honest I had no idea what the book was about. Horse is told from the perspective of multiple people...beginning with Theo, a black man in Washington DC in 2019...who is a PhD candidate and writer for a magazine. He had a particular interest in equestrian art. We also met Jess. Jess is a white woman working for the Smithsonian. She works with articulating skeletons and Horse goes into the meeting of Jess and Theo.

Geraldine Brooks then transports us back in time to 1851 to meet Warfield's Jarrett. Jarrett, born into slavery. He is sensitive and gifted with horses. We learn about the breeding of a violent stallion Boston to an anxious mare Alice Carneal.

The product of this breeding was where this story ultimately begins. From this pairing came a blood bay colt with 4 white feet. He was a horse named Darley...who we will learn eventually becomes Lexington.

Throughout the book, we follow two storylines. This first is the story of Jarrett and his beloved Lexington while the second brings us back into the modern day as we rediscover Lexington's painting and skeleton.

It didn't take me long before I realized this book is more than one about a beloved horse. Horse also begins a conversation comparing the progress (or lack thereof) of racism in the United States from the 1800s to today.

Remember, the SIR Branch 95 Book Exchange, no library card, no late fees, no fines. The link to our collection can be found on the SIR Branch 95 Website [Book Exchange](#).

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



The wine tasting group, unfortunately, had to cancel our event this month due to the passing of Rick Hernandez's father. He passed away at 6:00pm on the evening that Rick was to host the group. We all give our condolences to Rick and his family.

The holidays are a busy time of year for everyone so we will not meet in November and December. The next meeting of the wine tasting group will not be until January 16th at the Muzio's home.

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 us out?

BEST BURGER PURSUIT | Dan Koelzer 916-718-0521



The Best Burger group has, if nothing else, established that a Burger is not just a Burger. The agenda of the group is always the same – eat a burger and rate it. We have rating forms, an Excel ranking spreadsheet and a group of highly trained burger eaters! We have now been to 7 different places and have rated Poor Reds, Out of Bounds and Relish Burger Bar as our 3 favorite spots.

Our last event was at Out of Bounds in Folsom, and it took over second place. It came in first in the “Sides” category, probably because of those great onion rings and fries. Favorite burger choices were the Prison Blues and the Classic burgers. Apparently, it was one of the un-messiest (is that a word?) places since only 1.5 napkins, on the average, were required to eat it. FYI, Jaspers holds the record for the messiest place, requiring 4.2 napkins. I personally think it was the size/quality of the napkins that kept Out of Bounds low, since my Prison Blues burger was, at least, moderately messy.

The BBP group meets once a month at noon on Friday of the week following our general SIR meeting for a burger and conversation. The next BBP event is set for Friday, November 22th, at Sportsmans Hall in Camino/Pollock Pines. Several other locations have been suggested including Old Town Grille, 36 Handles and Moonraker. If you have an idea for a great burger (preferably not a fast food chain), please email me or let me know at bocce or at our next SIR meeting.

BOWLING | Ray DiBasilio, HLM 530-558-9727



Bowling in Brentwood – what a success story! Cindy and I spent Monday evening with the tournament manager and hosts Ron and Marie Wilson preparing for the tournament on Tuesday. The Wilson’s have hosted many folks in their home, including Walter Ray Williams. We even slept in the same bed – cross that one off the bucket list!

Ron commandeered about 20 door prizes for the event. Ray, the manager of Bowlero, offered a burger bar lunch with all the fixings, delicious! Although it was only a one-day tournament, SIR bowlers filled the 32 lanes with a record 85 members which kept us hopping. Scores were high in both singles and doubles with too many 200 games to announce. This will surely become one of next year’s most desired tournaments.



The 2025 SIR Bowling Tournament calendar is in the works and will be available soon.

We hope that bowlers from our Branch can join us at the last tournament of the year November 7th - 8th at McHenry Lanes in Modesto. We’ll be there both days. I look forward to seeing you there!

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

Striking up Friendships



NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



5th, 12th, 19th, 26th - see golf [schedule](#) for course and check-in times



14th - Texas Hold'em; host varies; 6:30pm



1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - Drop-in pickleball; Heritage Community Private Courts; 1:00pm



6th, 20th - Drop-in bowling; FLB Entertainment Center; Folsom; 1-4pm



7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - Drop-in bocce Promontory Park EDH; 9:00am



7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - Breakfast & Walking - Denny's Cameron Park; 9:00am



13th - BEC & General Meeting; Cameron Park Country Club



22nd - Best Burger Pursuit; 12:00 noon; Sportsman's Hall; Pollock Pines



The group is taking a break over the holidays. Will reconvene in January.



7th-8th; McHenry Lanes; Modesto



Fun Cool Cars - watch for something to fill the time until next Spring



Mondays and Fridays - e-Biking; various starting locations



Investment Group - TBD

A LIGHTER MOMENT

I was asked for sex the other day. Okay, it was on a passport application.

At my age, everything hurts - and what doesn't hurt doesn't work!

"By the time you're eighty years old you've learned everything. You only have to remember it." ~ George Burns

An old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself gently, painfully, up onto a stool...After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, 'crushed nuts?' No he replied, 'arthritis.'

The good thing about having a bad memory is that jokes can be funny more than once.

What are the three signs of old age?
1. Being forgetful

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind getting older, it really doesn't matter.

The older we get, the earlier it gets late.

A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory.



Wishing you and your families a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

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.