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## SIR Branch 37 Bulletin

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### BRANCH 37 OFFICERS

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*"Celebrating Branch 37's 51th year  
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ty Retired & Semi-retired Men"*

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## BIG SIR'S CORNER

### The Month for Ghosts and Goblins

I suspect everyone would like a break from my normal description of where months come from, so this month I won't disappoint! Seems that time rapidly passes by these days, and the approaching autumn season is no exception. Personally, it's my favorite time of the year with local late harvests providing a tasty assortment of locally grown vegetables. The air seems a bit more crisp and the days grow shorter ... and Oktoberfest is rapidly approaching. Later on, we prepare for little ghosts and goblins who invade our premises asking for a modest treat...but no tricks!

At the Elks, chef Doug departed from his short tenure and the volunteers who work so hard satisfying us prepared a sumptuous meal of Fried Cod, Chicken, Rice, Corn and the normal selection of fresh salads for 74 hungry SIRs. Thanks to Lisa for keeping the wheels on the bus. We were honored to have two guests, Marty Brown and Jerry Laurermann, join us. Jerry immediately turned in an application and we look forward to Marty joining us in the near future. We also welcomed Jerry Codromac into the fold, sponsored by Peter Rau. As always, if you will not be able to attend our next meeting, please contact Frank Michny at fmichny@gmail.com to let us know.

At SIRs, our main goal is to keep our members physically and mentally alert and challenged. As usual, Golf and Bocce are playing regularly, while the hiking group is preparing to hike at Hidden Falls Regional Park on Thursday, September 14. Contact jackmeylink@yahoo.com for details and to reserve. Doug continues to report that poker is alive and well, and they play two days a week. Chuck at Science and Technology continues their monthly ZOOM meetings, this month featuring a presentation on "Can We Survive on Mars?" on September 13 (contact chvrooman@msn.com for the ZOOM code. Dining out is next planned for October. Contact steven@stevenlease.com with ideas as to the hidden culinary treasures residing in our fair city. Money Matters just met to discuss a variety of financial topics, including ideas for safe places to put your money and strategies for charitable giving. Cliff Heitz got our application in for the Veteran's Day parade, so for those who wish to attend stand by.

Lastly, but not least, we approved our Board of Directors for the 2024 year. These people have stepped up to help us plan our future and keep our organization alive, and we deeply appreciate their commitment. If asked, please consider helping in one of our supportive roles.

As always think about those who are ailing and can't attend our functions. If you know of anyone who is in poor health, please send a quick e-mail to Peter Rau, our Sunshine Guy. Peter can be reached at prau99@hotmail.com.

Our speaker was County Supervisor Jim Holmes. Supervisor Holmes has served Placer County for 35 years in various elected roles. He provided insight into his upbringing; his experiences and the current projects being put forward in Placer County. Thank you Supervisor Holmes!

Our next two BEC meetings will be Thursday, September 21, 2023 and October 17, 2023. They always start at 9:00 a.m. at Mel's Diner, 1730 Grass Valley Highway in Auburn and all are welcome to attend. Our next luncheon is Thursday, October 5, 2023. While we can't offer a beer fest, we can offer some good times with great people, so reach out to a friend or neighbor and invite them to our lunch, where they can learn about our organization and participate in our growing list of activities.

And save the date for our Holiday Luncheon, Thursday, December 7 (ladies invited). I apologize that I could not process registrants because of other duties. I will be taking reservations in October.

Have a great month!

*Big SIR Glen Kramer*



## OCTOBER CALENDAR

WE MEET the 1st THURSDAY of EACH MONTH @ THE AUBURN ELKS LODGE  
11:00 am Social Hour  
12:00 pm Noon Lunch

## October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Oct 5 Luncheon Meeting 11:00 to 1:30 pm  
Oct 10 Bulletin Material Due  
Oct 19 Executive Board Meeting  
9:00 am @ Original Mel's Dinner  
1730 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn  
All Sirs Welcome

## LUNCHEON MENU

Sauerbraten & Brats  
GARDEN SALAD & DRESSING  
FRESH VEGETABLES  
BREAD & BUTTER  
DESSERT  
COFFEE & TEA

**If you will miss a luncheon  
email Frank at  
fmichny@gmail.com  
or call him at  
916-296-4158**

# THE SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

The speaker for our October 5, 2023 luncheon is to be determined. Still working on it. Will send out notice soon.

## Little Sir Richard Sale

Hello Hikers,

I will not be able to attend the September SIR Luncheon on Thursday this week as I am still too busy spending the 36\$ I won at last months luncheon. True that I will not be there on the 7th but real reason is I will be boating at Late Shasta.

Our August hike on the Avery's Pond Trail was very nice even though it was just 3 of us hiking. We hiked around the pond and continued on to Mormon Ravine and the Newcastle power plant there. It was quite a comparison seeing water in the lake by the pond compared to last year when it was just a trickle coming down the American River.

On Thursday the 14th will be hiking day. The planned hike for this month is for Hidden Falls regional park. We have not hiked at Hidden Falls for at least a couple years and it is a local treasure.

Please let me know by return email if you plan to join the Hidden Falls hike and as mentioned above more details to follow.

Until then, Happy Trails  
Jack



Our speaker was Jim Holmes, of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, He represents District 3, which encompasses a portion of North Auburn, Ophir, Newcastle Penryn, Loomis and most of Rocklin.

He gave a very informative presentation.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Sir Robert  
Willson



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**NEW MEMBER!  
WELCOME TO SIR'S BANCH 37**



**Jerry Codromac**  
Jerry lives in Rocklin with his spouse Karen. He formerly worked for Sutter Medical. He checked several interests, including bocce, golf, hiking, and poker.  
Welcome Johnny

**Happy Birthday  
To Sirs**

- Alan Anderson**
- John Cadiente**
- Robert Huntington**
- Jack Kordich**
- Leonard Lovecchio**
- Kent MacDonald**
- Warren Manley**
- Eugeme Vogel**
- Earl Wilson Jr.**

**The membership today approved by acclamation,  
the following list of officers for 2024.  
CONGRATULATIONS**



**Big Sir  
Sir Rick Sale**



**Little Sir  
Sir Bob Dimiceli**



**Secretary  
Sir Doug Perry**



**Asst. Secretary  
Sir Bill Gray**



**Treasurer  
Sir Al Mattson**



**Asst. Treasurer  
Sir Chuck Novak**



**1 yr. Director  
Woody Shields**



**1 yr. Director  
Rick Fisher**



**2 yr. Director  
Gary Willett**



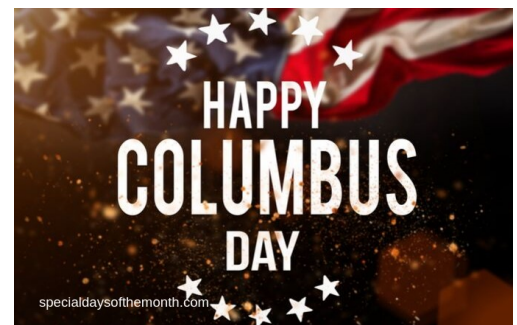
**2 yr. Director  
Jim Dill**



**3 yr. Director  
Glen Kramer**



**3 yr. Director  
Dave McBrayer**



**AUBURN VETERANS DAY PARADE**

Our entry in the 2023 Auburn Veterans Day Parade, is our seventh year. We always have a great time. Usually we have about 20 people in our entry. **Join in Veterans!** Get there early & get a free Breakfast. Parade starts 10:50 am., Sat. Nov. 11th. we should meet at 10 to decorate the vehicle.

All participating Veterans receive a commemorative medal. The parade ends at the Fairgrounds where we all have a free lunch which is provided for all participants and spectators.

We will use Sir Cliff's truck & Sir Al's trailer again this year which we will decorate with our Branch 37 Banners. Sir Cliff Heitz will coordinate this year. More details will be coming.

**AUBURN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**  
SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 19  
@ ARD PARK  
123 Recreation Drive — Auburn

**EVENTS and ENTERTAINMENT 10am-4pm**  
COSTUME & SCARECROW CONTESTS—PARADE 2pm  
GIANT PUMPKIN WEIGH-OFF begins at 9:30am  
CHILDREN'S FUN ZONE—ARTS & CRAFTS—FOOD  
LIVE MUSIC FEATURING THE DANG KIDS

AUBURNREC.com FREE ADMISSION



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## STATE OFFICERS

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 Region 1 Director Hugh Thompson  
 Area 2 Governor TBD

## BRANCH 37 OFFICERS

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 Little Sir Rick Sale  
 Secretary Doug Perry  
 Asst. Secy. Bill Gray  
 Treasurer Al Mattson  
 Asst. Treas. Chuck Novak

## DIRECTORS

3 Years: Gary Willett  
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 Richard Fisher  
 1 Year: Jimmy Mullenix  
 Warren Manley

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## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Don MacGregor Tom Bowen  
 Pete Politi Al Mattson  
 Rick Sale Craig Saunders

## SUNSHINE

Know of an ill Sir or spouse we will send a card, call  
**Peter Rau 916-248-0317**

## MEMBERSHIP

To withdraw, change address, or report a deceased member, call  
**Bill Gray 305-3126**

## ATTENDANCE

### SEPTEMBER REPORT

Sirs Present 70  
 Guests 2  
 Speaker 1  
 Visitors 1  
 Excused\* 15

Attendance total: 74

Total Member count: 135

\*If you cannot attend, contact:  
**Frank Michny 916-296-4158**  
 E-mail: fmichny@gmail.com

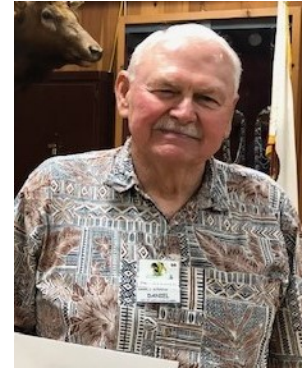
## SIR ATTENDANCE RULE:

A member shall be required to attend one-half (6) of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve (12) consecutive month period. Certified attendance at another Branch Meeting will be considered as a credit to the attendance record.

"NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons In Retirement Inc., and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities"

## BRANCH 37 ACTIVITIES (contact chairmen for information)

ACTIVITY	CHAIRMAN	PHONE	DATES AND TIMES
Coordinator	Steven Lease	916-899-4026	Meets during Luncheon social hour.
Bocce Ball	Al Andersen	916-652-5656	Monday; 9 am @ Recreation Park
Asst. Bocce Ball	Gary Willett	530-367-6175	
Book Exchange	Ron Mussulmann	805-540-4480	Every Luncheon during social hour.
Dinning Out	Steven Lease	916-899-4026	Monthly
Golf-Friday Grp.	Jim McCrary	530-878-0440	Fridays 9:00am @ Black Oak
Golf-Tuesday Grp.	Gene Vogel	530-889-2882	Tuesday 10:30am @ Black Oak
Hiking	Jack Meylink	530-305-9112	Monthly
Money Matters	Chuck Van Dam	530-823-2667	Wednesday before Luncheon, 3:30 pm Elk's lodge
Poker	Doug Perry	916-824-2225	Tuesday & Friday afternoons
Asst. Poker	Jack Cary	530-878-0310	
Science & Technologies	Chuck Vrooman	530-885-1335	2nd Wednesday;10:30am via Zoom
Veterans Parade	Al Mattson	530-852-2500	Yearly Nov. 11th @ Auburn
Web Master	Chuck Vrooman	530-885-1335	On going



### Branch 37 Opportunity Drawing winners

The winners at the September Luncheon were (left to right) 1st prize Gerry Rawson, 2nd prize Paul Ruud, and 3rd prize Daniel Sutkaitis



Sirs with birthdays in September who attended.

ALL PHONE NUMBERS LISTED ARE IN AREA CODE 530 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED