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## SIR Branch 37 Bulletin

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*"Celebrating Branch 37's 51th year of serving Placer & El Dorado County Retired & Semi-retired Men"*

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## EDITOR'S CHOICE



**The Pillars of Creation**, imaged in Webb's near-infrared-light view. NASA, ESA, CSA, STScI; Joseph DePasquale (STScI), Anton M. Koekemoer (STScI), Alyssa Pagan (STScI)



**A merging pair of galaxies that Webb captured.** ESA/Webb, NASA & CSA, L. Armus, A. Evans

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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

## February 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |     |     |

*Happy Valentine's Day*



**An artist's impression of a rapidly spinning supermassive black hole surrounded by a disc of super-heated material.** ESO, ESA/Hubble, M. Kornmesser

Feb 1 Luncheon 11:00 to 1:30 pm  
 Feb 10 Bulletin Material Due  
 Feb 15 Executive Board Meeting  
 9:00 am @ Original Mel's Dinner  
 1730 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn  
 All Sirs Welcome

### LUNCHEON MENU

Gumbo & Creole Chicken  
 GARDEN SALAD & DRESSING  
 FRESH VEGETABLES  
 BREAD & BUTTER  
 DESSERT  
 COFFEE & TEA



**A picture taken by JWST and Chandra X-ray observatory shows the location of a UHZ-1 and its black hole near the beginning of the universe.** NASA/CXC/SAO/Ákos Bogdán; Infrared: NASA/ESA/CSA/STScI; Image Processing: NASA/CXC/SAO/L. Frattare & K. Arcand

**If you will miss a luncheon email Frank at [fmichny@gmail.com](mailto:fmichny@gmail.com) or call him at 916-296-4158**

# THE SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

The speaker for our February 1, 2024 luncheon is Don Anderson talking about the building and engineering of the Foresthill Bridge.

Little Sir Bob Dimiceli

## HIKING A Good Turnout

In November we had seven hikers for the Independence trail outside Nevada City. We picked the perfect time of year for this trail as it was literally raining fall colors on us as we hiked. After a short hike we found the West section of the trail is still closed from fire damage but the East trail running in and on top of the mining flume was very much open. The colors were brilliant and leaves came drifting down on us most of the hike.

In December four of us hiked in the Cronan Ranch Regional Park. A very nice hike about 6 miles past Cool on Hwy 49. We hiked out to the South Fork of the American on the Down and Up trail and then worked our way over to some ranch buildings that were built for a movie filmed here in 2003. From there we walked back on the Cronan Ranch Trail to the trailhead. Again we picked a great day for a hike

Since the turnout was better for these two hikes we will keep with Tuesday hiking for a while. By the time you read this we will have completed our January Hike which is planned for January 16th on the Pioneer Express Trail along Lake Natomas.

In February we will keep the hike a little more local and by request will hike the Quarry Road Trail along the middle fork of the American River. This hike starts from the confluence area and is almost level as it runs along the river. We will hike about one and a half miles in with a couple side trips that will make the out and back trip a little over 3 miles.



Mark Lund,  
Joe Porata,  
Jim Joyner,  
Dan Sutkaitis,  
Jerry Angeline,  
& John Stanley.



Martin Smith is our Jan. Luncheon bottle of wine winner. Enjoy



Our speaker was Lesley Waters, AARP Tax Aide presenter. Looking for compassionate and friendly people to join our volunteer team. Counselors, client facilitators, technology coordinators, leadership and administrative, communications coordinators and speak a second language. Great presentation.



SIR State President 2023 Dave Gonzales and Big Sir Rick Sales present Big Sir 2023 Branch 37 Glen Kramer for his contribution and service. Congratulations Glen and a big Thank You.



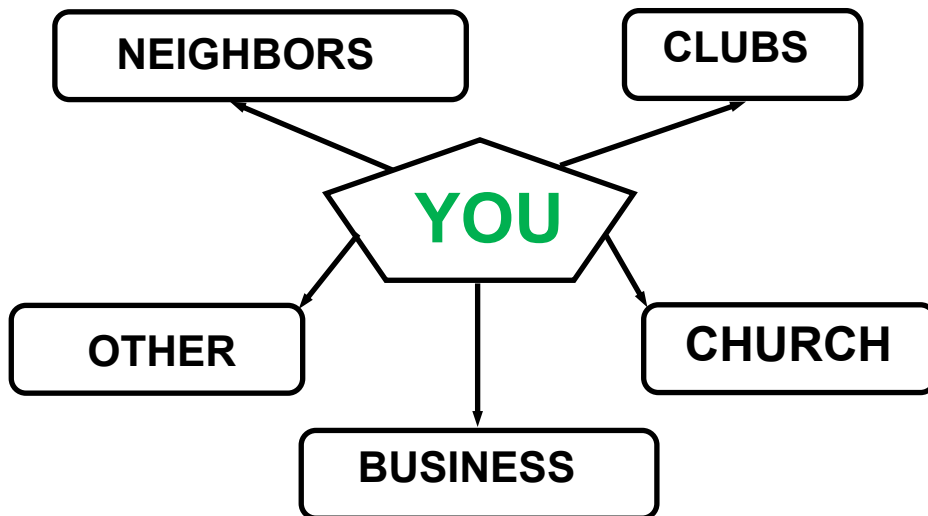
Bocce in the rain. Nothing stops these guys!

Visit the SIR Branch 37 web site at <http://sirbranch37.weebly.com/> and For SIR Happenings use the SIR State Website <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

# SIR'S KNOW HOW! INVITE A FRIEND

## MEMBER SOLICITATION CHART

**FIND, SELECT & INVITE**



**Attention SIR members:**

Members who pay for a quest lunch can get reimbursed if quest joins.

**NOTICE: ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!**

**WE NEED “YOU” FOR VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES**

**THIS IS CRITICAL TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION INTO THE FUTURE!**

**PLEASE HELP OUT BY STEPPING UP AND JOINING IN!**

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**Or**

**Bob DiMiceli; 530-305-5058 ROB-  
ERT.DIMICELI@SBCGLOBAL.NET**

**If interested.**

## Happy Birthday To Sirs

**Sam Frazier  
Leonard Jeffrey  
Bruan Johnson  
Jorge Larrosa  
David McBrayer  
James McCrary  
Terry Noziska  
Peter Politi  
Joe Porata  
Thomas Smith  
Oscar Thompson  
Kevin Tiernan  
Henry Tukloff**



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Know of an ill Sir or spouse we will send a card, call  
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## MEMBERSHIP

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

## ATTENDANCE

### JANUARY REPORT

Sirs Present 64  
 Guests 0  
 Speaker 3  
 Visitors 0  
 Excused\* -

Attendance total: 67

Total Member count: 135

\*If you cannot attend, contact:  
**Frank Michny 916-296-4158**  
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## 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             | Gary Willett   | 530-367-6175 | Monday; 9 am @ Recreation Park                 |
| Asst. Bocce Ball       |                |              |  |
| 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      | 530-320-4147 |  |
| Science & Technologies | Chuck Vrooman  | 530-885-1335 | 2nd Wednesday;10:30am via Zoom                 |
| Veterans Parade        | Cliff Heitz    | 530-718-0694 | Yearly Nov. 11th@ Auburn                       |
| Web Master             | Chuck Vrooman  | 530-885-1335 | On going                                       |



### Branch 37 Opportunity Drawing winners

The winners at the January Luncheon were (left to right) 1st prize Rich Cortes, 2nd prize Kurt Simon, and 3rd prize Dave Barbara.



Sirs with birthdays in December & January who attended.

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