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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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## BIG SIR'S CORNER

And Into the Holiday Season We Go

As I write this, we are busily preparing for our annual holiday luncheon (ladies invited) on Thursday, December 7 beginning at 11:00 am. For this occasion, the bar will be open (thanks to the generosity of our Humorist Sir Doug Perry). Once again this year, we will be treated to the music of Coterie while we enjoy a buffet of medallions of beef and salmon in a lovely white crême sauce. Currently, we have sixty-three attendees and it's not too late to buy tickets, but I must have a count into the Elks by December 1. It's a great time, so if you want to attend, call me at (510) 377-4168 or e-mail me at kramer4112@sbcglobal.net. Tickets are \$30.00 per person.

At our November lunch, Chef Jeff surprised us with buffa loaf, accompanied by mashed potatoes and the normal selection of fresh salads for 75 SIRS and one speaker. We had no guests, so once again it's time to get out there and beat the bushes. Let's spread the word about our organization! Gobble up the opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to lunch. As always, if you are not able to attend our next meeting, please contact Frank Michny at fmichny@gmail.com to let us know.

We continue to invite our members to participate in our many activities. Golf, Bocce and Poker play regularly. Jack Meylink leads the hiking group and could use more participants. They next plan to hike the Independence trail. Chuck at Science and Technology continues their monthly ZOOM meetings, this month focusing on "Our EV Future". There were about sixteen of us in attendance for dining out on October 26 at Pasquale's Ristorante in Old Town Auburn. The money matters group continues to explore financial topics of interest. The next meeting will feature a discussion of private investments.

We have several positions that need to be filled. Our immediate need is an Assistant Photographer. Please contact me if you wish to fill this opening, or one of several others we have available. If you wish to contribute to our group, we'll find a place for you.

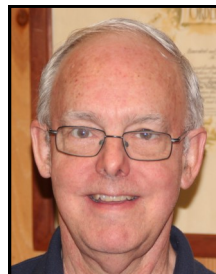
We always think about those who are ailing and can't attend our functions. If you know of anyone who is in poor health, please send a quick e-mail to Peter Rau, our Sunshine Guy. Peter can be reached at prau99@hotmail.com.

Our speaker was Andy Hayes of the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet. This organization strives to meet the nutritional needs of the central Placer County community. In addition to helping those in need on a regular basis, they also play a vital role in providing nutritional support during crises. They could use more volunteer help, as well as donations of food and money to support their efforts. For further information on how you can help, go to <https://auburnfoodcloset.org>. Thank you Andy!

Our last BEC meeting of the year will be Thursday, November 16, 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. Have a great month and a joyous and safe holiday season!



Big SIR Glen Kramer



## DECEMBER CALENDAR

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

## December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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
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Dec 7 Holiday Lunch 11:00 to 1:30 pm  
Dec 10 Bulletin Material Due  
Dec 21 NO Executive Board Meeting  
9:00 am @ Original Mel's Dinner  
1730 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn  
All Sirs Welcome

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON MENU

Beef Medallions & Salmon  
GARDEN SALAD & DRESSING  
FRESH VEGETABLES  
BREAD & BUTTER  
DESSERT  
COFFEE & TEA

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

## LADIES DAY LUNCHEON

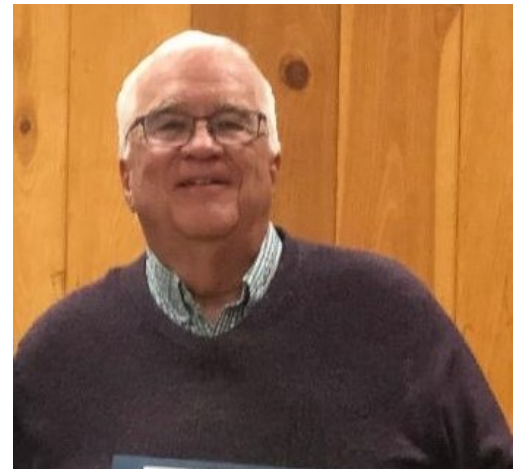
The Holiday Luncheon date is Thursday, December 7, 2023, at the Auburn Elks. Social Hour starts at 11:00am and the buffet luncheon starts at 12:00 noon.

Menu is medallions of beef and salmon. Also salad, vegetables, rice pilaf, and dessert. The bar will be open for this event.

The entertainment will be provided by Coterie.

The price is \$30.00 per person.  
Tickets will be on sale until Dec. 1st.

Social Committee Chairman: Sir Glen Kramer (510) 377-4168

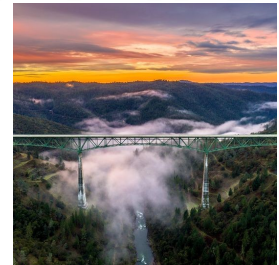


Our speaker was Andy Hayes – President of Auburn Interfaith Food Closet. The Auburn Interfaith Food Closet serves individuals and families living in Central Placer County, from Loomis to Emigrant Gap and Lake of the Pines to Foresthill. AIFC provides enough groceries to make 12 meals for each member of the household. Guests may visit the Food Closet once every month. Our Home Delivery Program delivers groceries once a month to low income home-bound seniors. AIFC provides about 25,000 meals per month.  
Great presentation.

## AUBURN VETERANS DAY PARADE



Happy Holidays



### DINING OUT

Had a great meal at Pasquale's Ristorante in Old Town Auburn. All enjoyed there time out.



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For SIR Happenings use the SIR State Website <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

# Happy Birthday To Sirs

**Robert Bells  
Richard Caruso  
Terry Coony  
Vince Dewitt  
James Fuller  
Gerald Hamilton  
Tom Hart  
William Hopper  
Richard Johnson  
Mark Kahl  
Ron Means  
Richard Sale  
Edward Smith  
Dan Sokol  
Robert Souza  
Gary Willett**



Four of us hiked the Gerle Loop Trail in October. Weather was great and the hike was fairly easy. If you hike this route counterclockwise the last mile is right along the South Fork of the American River giving easy access to the water at multiple points. Since there are multiple trails in this Cronan Ranch area we will likely be back to hike this area again.

Getting ready for November hike on Independence trail outside Nevada City. This trail is considered almost wheelchair friendly as a portion is built as a boardwalk on top of water flumes. Should have good views of the Yuba river.

Because turnout on the hikes has been low the last couple months I took an informal poll with the result being a change of day of the week for this hike. We will try Tuesday, Nov 14th and see what happens.

Looking ahead to December I looked for a hike that would be walkable even if the ground is a little wet. The result is we plan to hike the Johnny Cash Trail in Folsom. The exact day will be determined once we see how changing to Tuesday in November works out.

Pictures are courtesy of John Stanley. Guess we need a tripod as he is not in any of them.

If you want to be included on the emails I send that give times and additional details on the hikes you can send me an email at [jackmeylink@yahoo.com](mailto:jackmeylink@yahoo.com)

Happy Trails, Jack



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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

### NOVEMBER REPORT

Sirs Present 72  
 Guests 0  
 Speaker 1  
 Visitors 1  
 Excused\* 11

Attendance total: 74

Total Member count: 134

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

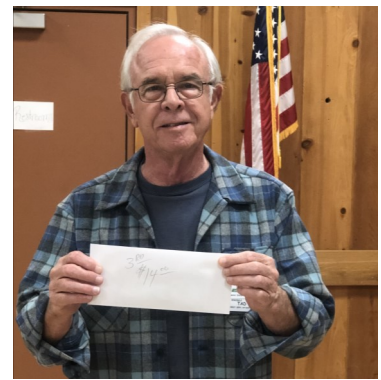
## SIR ATTENDANCE RULE:

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"

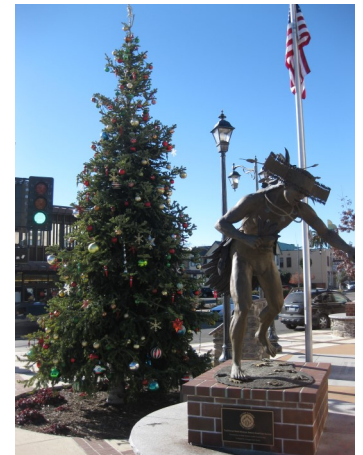
## BRANCH 37 ACTIVITIES (contact chairmen for information)

ACTIVITY	CHAIRMAN	PHONE	DATES AND TIMES
Coordinator	Steven Lease	916-899-4026	Meets during Luncheon social hour.
Bocce Ball	TBA		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 October Luncheon were (left to right) 1st prize Jack Cary, 2nd prize Jack Cary, and 3rd prize Tad Berkebile.



Sirs with birthdays in November who attended.

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