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## SIR Branch 37 Bulletin

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### BRANCH 37 OFFICERS

### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 Little Sir    Richard Sale    916-792-3313  
 Treasurer    Chuck Novak    916-955-4648  
 Secretary    Doug Perry      916-824-2225

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

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## BIG SIR'S CORNER

Reflections

This will be my last column to you writing as Big Sir, as my one-year term concludes at the end of the month. Upon reflection, I think we've had a pretty good year. We have improved our outreach to make our organization known. In addition to the standing groups of golf, bocce, science and technology, book exchange, Veteran's Day activities, and poker, we created hiking and money matters. We have also restarted the dining out program. Yet to come but in the works is a cycling group. If you are interested in participating in cycling, please e-mail me at [kramer4112@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kramer4112@sbcglobal.net). Our membership numbers have stabilized, and we look forward to further expansion in the coming year under the able leadership of Rick Sale, our incoming Big Sir and Bob DiMiceli, our incoming Little Sir. We also featured some unique and interesting speakers during the year. While we have filled all of the leadership positions for 2024, we continue to invite members to step forward and help provide leadership to our organization.

Our annual holiday luncheon (ladies invited) on Thursday, December 7 proved to be a smashing success. The bar was open thanks to a contribution by Doug Perry. Seventy-five members and spouses were treated to the music of Coterie while we enjoyed a buffet lunch consisting of medallions of beef and salmon in a lovely white crème sauce. We swore in the officers for 2024, raffled off twenty bottles of wine (two of which were contributed by the group's vocalist, Shauna Anderson who owns Andersonia winery in Camino), were entertained by our humorist, Doug Perry, enjoyed a performance by Coterie, and topped it all off with everyone joining in to sing some popular Christmas carols.

We will resume our normal operations with lunch on January 4, 2024. The main entrée will be turkey. Please take note that the Elks have raised the cost of our lunch from \$19.00 to \$21.00 going forward due to the increased price of food. As always, if you are not able to attend our next meeting, please contact Frank Michny at [fmichny@gmail.com](mailto:fmichny@gmail.com) to let us know. The New Year is the perfect time to invite a neighbor or friend to one of our lunches. Let's not keep SIRS a secret.

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](mailto:prau99@hotmail.com).

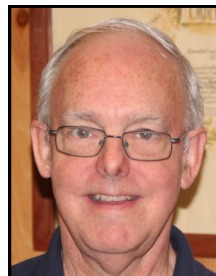
There will be no BEC meeting in December. Our next BEC meeting will be Thursday, January 18, 2024. They always start at 9:00 a.m. at Mel's Diner, 1730 Grass Valley Highway in Auburn and all are welcome to attend.

In closing, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your Big Sir in 2023. It was a very rewarding experience and I hope all of our members enjoyed it as well.

Here is a toast to the New Year! Let's make it a great one!



Big SIR Glen Kramer



## JANUARY CALENDAR

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

## January 2024

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			

Jan 4 Holiday Lunch 11:00 to 1:30 pm  
 Jan 10 Bulletin Material Due  
 Jan 18 Executive Board Meeting  
 9:00 am @ Original Mel's Dinner  
 1730 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn  
 All Sirs Welcome

## LUNCHEON MENU

Turkey  
 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**

# 2024 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

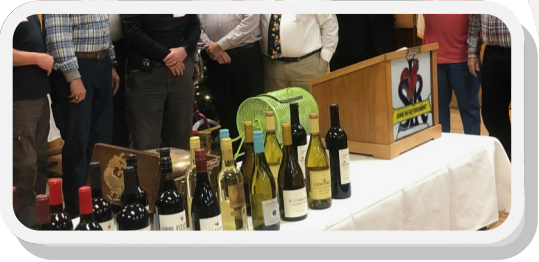


## ATTENTION GOLFERS

The Golf NCGA Renewal SIR's Group Rate is now **\$46.00**, due no later than January 4, 2024 SIRs Luncheon. Make check out to **'SIR's Branch 37'**. If you prefer to mail to Gene Vogel:  
12515 Oak Mist Lane  
Auburn, CA. 95602

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/>

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# Happy Birthday To Sirs

(For December)

- 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**

(For January)

- Richard Fisher**
- Paul Lauermann**
- Leo Meunier**
- Jack Meylink**
- Charles Novak**
- William Parks**
- Michael Pendleton**
- Craig Saunders**



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## STATE OFFICERS

President Dave Gonzales  
 Region 1 Director Hugh Thompson  
 Area 2 Governor TBD

## BRANCH 37 OFFICERS

Big Sir Glen Kramer  
 Little Sir Rick Sale  
 Secretary Doug Perry  
 Asst. Secy. Bill Gray  
 Treasurer Chuck Novak  
 Asst. Treas. TBD

## DIRECTORS

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## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Don MacGregor Tom Bowen  
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 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

### DECEMBER REPORT

Sirs Present —  
 Guests -  
 Speaker -  
 Visitors -  
 Excused\* -

Attendance total: 75

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	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	530-878-0310	
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

## 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!

Rick Sale; 916-792-3313 ricksale17061@gmail.com  
 Or

Bob DiMiceli; 530-305-5058 ROBERT.DIMICELI@SBCGLOBAL.NET

If interested.

## THE SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

The speaker for our January 4, 2024 luncheon is Darrell Thomas with the AARP Tax Aide Program which is offered at the Auburn Senior Center for free during Tax season.

**Little Sir Bob Dimiceli**

# 2024

## HAPPY NEW

## YEAR



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