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## BIG SIR'S CORNER

Happy April to All

Hello fellow SIRS! As you may recall, I expressed hope that March would be more merciful than February. Well, we saw what happened with that! And as I write this, we're looking at a week or more of rain and snow ahead. I certainly hope the Easter Bunny brought his all-weather gear and finds warm and dry places to hide those eggs.

Chef Scott didn't cook eggs, but he did provide a wonderful St. Patrick's themed lunch consisting of corned beef and cabbage to 74 hungry SIRS and guests. We suspect that the attendance was a bit light given that several of our members up the hill were snowed in! You will note that Al Mattson has revised the e-mail he sends out a few days in advance of our luncheon to ask members to notify us if they will not be attending. So, if you will not be able to attend, please contact Frank Michny at [fmichny@gmail.com](mailto:fmichny@gmail.com) to let us know.

We welcomed four new members: Bob Barry, Ross Berlin, Kenneth Bezner and Mike Pendleton. We also hosted three guests and a visiting SIR from the Fremont branch. Our Sir of the Month was Dave McBrayer, profiled by Steve Clyatt. If you would like to be profiled as Sir of the Month, please contact Steve at [scllyatt@aol.com](mailto:scllyatt@aol.com). 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).

Steven Lease [steven@stevenlease.com](mailto:steven@stevenlease.com) is organizing a dining out event at Tin Lantern in Meadow Vista for March 23. Contact Steve for further information and to reserve your place.

Our speaker was our very own Little Sir Rick Sale who gave us a presentation on SpaceX. He described how the technology has evolved from the Apollo program, the unique propulsion system they use and the way in which SpaceX recovers their rocket boosters allowing them to be reused. A very interesting presentation to all of us who grew up with the space program. Thank you Rick!

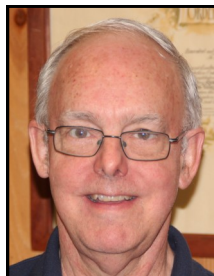
Our next two BEC meetings will be Thursday, March 16, 2023 and April 20, 2023. They always start at 9:00 a.m. at Mel's Diner, 1730 Grass Valley Highway in Auburn and all are welcome to attend.

Our next luncheon is Thursday, April 6, 2023. Hop on over to a neighbor or friends house and invite them to our lunch, where they can learn about our organization.

We welcome your feedback. Comments are always welcome. Contact me at [kramer4112@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kramer4112@sbcglobal.net) any time.

Have a great month!

*Big SIR Glen Kramer*



## APRIL CALENDAR

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

## April 2023

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Apr 6 Luncheon Meeting 11:00 to 1:30 pm  
Apr 10 Bulletin Material Due  
Apr 20 Executive Board Meeting  
9:00 am @ Original Mel's Dinner  
1730 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn  
All SIRS Welcome

## LUNCHEON MENU

Pork Chops  
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**

# THE SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

The speaker for our April 6, 2023 meeting will be **DIEGO ALVAREZ-MIRANDA** Associate Attorney, Estate Planning at Cunningham Legal

He attended the Anahuac University School of Law in Mexico, where he attained an Academic Excellence award. After his licensure examination in 2016, he also received the CENEVAL Award for Excellency, representing the top 2.1% scores out of all that year's Law Graduates in Mexico, an impressive academic distinction.

Diego began Estate Planning when working with clients who wanted to relocate to the U.S. "Upon starting their journey toward achieving the American Dream, my clients soon realized that they needed to protect the assets that they had built throughout their lives.

Diego is available to all Cunningham Legal California clients statewide, but he's based at the Cunningham Legal Sacramento office.

He loves the area and appreciates that "Sacramento is close to nature without sacrificing the perks of a big city. There's always something new to explore!"

Married, but with no children as of yet, Diego says he and his wife love to go out on dates and travel together—and often frequent the dog park. They regularly take their dogs Burka (a little Yorkie) and Laika (a Siberian husky) on evening walks as they talk about the day.

Diego is equally fluent in English and Spanish, and Cunningham Legal invites you to experience his reliable, caring, and attentive Estate Planning expertise firsthand!

He will be discussing Estate Planning and Living Trusts and why you need them.

**Richard Sale      Little Sir**



The speaker was SIR Rishard Sale. He gave a very interesting presentation about SpaceX. He had great details and insights of the program and accomplishments along with what is coming for the future.



## NEW MEMBERS! WELCOME TO SIR'S BANCH 37



Bob Barry and his partner Carol live in Auburn. He is interested in photography, hiking and wine tasting.

Welcome Bob



Ken Bezner is a returning Branch 79 member. He lives in Auburn with his partner Jo Ellen.

Welcome Ken



Mike Pendleton lives in Applegate with his partner Karen. He is a retired construction manager.

Welcome Mike



Ross Berlin is a returning Branch 37 member. He lives in Auburn with his partner Beverley.

Welcome Back Ross



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/>

### Attention SIR members:

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

# SIR of the Month March

David McBrayer was born in 1948 in Oakland, CA. He grew up in Hayward, CA. He graduated from Mt. Eden High School in 1966. Dave attended Chabot College before enlisting in the Navy in May 1968. He completed Basic training and multiple electronics schools in San Diego, CA. After school in 1970, he was assigned to the commissioning crew for the USS Rathburn (Destroyer Escort 1056) as a Sonar Technician. In 1972, Dave was assigned to the commissioning crew for the USS Brewton (Destroyer Escort 1086) until completing service in 1974.



After his Navy service, Dave held multiple positions with several electronics companies; Livermore Data Systems, Southern Pacific Communications (eventually became SPRINT), ROLM (a tech company that designed digital office telephone systems), IBM, Siemens Information and Communications, and Siemens Medical. Dave left Siemens in 2006, after 26 years as a Regulatory Engineering Specialist with responsibilities for the USA, Canada, the European Union, and China. Before retiring, Dave was a consultant for a medical device manufacturer near Seattle, WA, reviewing their product documentation for conformity with FDA and EU requirements.

Dave met his life mate, Karen, in 1980 while participating in a Church social group in San Leandro, CA. They married later that year. They had a daughter, and adopted a son 7 years later. Karen was familiar with Auburn since her childhood. Together they had a second home in Alta, CA. In January 2021 they became aware of a development of new homes for sale in Auburn and decided to look at what was available. They saw a model they liked and bought it. Dave and Karen moved to Auburn in 2021.

Dave and Karen have been on several Princess cruises; one of which was between Ft Lauderdale and Los Angeles via the Panama Canal. While Dave was employed by Siemens, they traveled to Germany twice.

Dave had the unique experience of being at work at IBM in north Santa Clara on October 17, 1989, when the Loma Prieta earthquake struck at about 5:15 pm. There was amateur radio station equipment at Dave's workplace and he utilized the equipment and his amateur radio operator skills to gather information from multiple sources regarding traffic and roadway conditions. Dave provided information to other IBM employees on-site regarding their chances of getting home that night. The traffic signal lights and ramp lights were out everywhere but the impact of the earthquake otherwise was diverse. One of Dave's team members did not get home to Santa Cruz until just before sunrise the next day. On the other hand, the highways north of Castro Valley were undamaged and nearly empty. Dave eventually left work at 9:00 pm. His trip home took only 37 minutes instead of the 2+ hours that it usually took him.

Dave joined SIR in 2022 and is a Greeter. He enjoys Amateur radio, model railroad construction and repair, gardening, and reading.

Going forward it appears that Dave will stay busy. More specifically, Dave plans to build a small S-scale model railroad "switching layout" for test runs of model locomotives and freight cars following repairs and/or upgrades. He also intends to finish assembling a modest Amateur radio station. Furthermore, he intends to improve and enhance the suitability of the clay and rock "dirt" in his garden. Somehow, Dave is finding time to plan and embark on a Mediterranean cruise later this year.

Dave's stepping up to share his experiences as SIR of the Month and also to volunteer as a Greeter at our monthly luncheons are both very much appreciated.

**Sir Profiler Steve Clyatt**

## Happy Birthday To Sirs

**David Barbeiro**  
**Bill Barker**  
**William Barron**  
**Ronald Deberard**  
**Tom Gavron**  
**Gene Goldsmith**  
**Phillip Johannsen**  
**Lee Livingston**  
**John Stanley**  
**Edward Vincent**  
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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

### MARCH REPORT

Sirs Present 71  
 Guests 3  
 Speaker 0  
 Visitors 1  
 Excused\* 25

Attendance total: 75

Total Member count: 152

\*If you cannot attend, contact:

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**916-296-4158**

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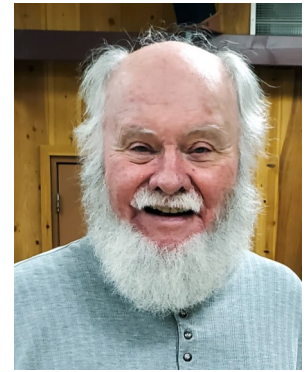
## SIR ATTENDANCE RULE:

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.

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## 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; 10 am @ Recreation Park
Asst. Bocce Ball	Gary Willett	530-367-6175	
Book Exchange	Ron Mussulmann	805-540-4480	Every Luncheon during social hour.
Science & Technologies	Chuck Vrooman	530-885-1335	2nd Wednesday; 10:30am via Zoom
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
Poker	Doug Perry	916-824-2225	Tuesday & Friday afternoons
Asst. Poker	Jack Cary	530-878-0310	
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 March Luncheon were (left to right) 1st prize Jimmie Gaddie, 2nd prize Daniel Satkaitis, and 3rd prize Gerry Rawson



Sirs with birthdays in March who attended.

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