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BIG SIR'S CORNER

The BEC and I hope you have a
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and wish you a **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

I would like to thank Sir Woody Shields, the BEC, and all those that helped get us through the early days of the pandemic and finally to where we are now. Thank you one and all.

I also wish to especially thank Sir Glen Kramer, along with Sir Doug Perry, Sir Al Mattson and everyone that helped make our Holiday Luncheon with the ladies a huge success. We had 62 paid attendees and 69 total, counting the band. Our appreciation also goes out to the Elks staff for their great service, good food and fine drinks.

I look forward to the challenges ahead as we look to the future and remind the membership that I will need all the help I can get.

Speaking of looking ahead...Most of us know that SIR is a wonderful organization that not many people know about. Our state leadership has defined 2022 as being the Year of the Branches. We have some plans to help raise the visibility of SIR and hopefully bring more members to the Branches. I will talk more about this at our January luncheon. Stay tuned.

Speaking of January...Do you have an activity that you would like to try out with our Branch? Let's hear about it. You can email or call any of your BEC members, me included, to let us know your thoughts. Hopefully we can have some ideas to kick around in January.

Please REMEMBER that members need to call in if they are unable to attend our luncheons. Very few members have been calling in to be excused. If you know you will not be attending several meetings call in once and let us know how long you will be out so we can track. If you plan on missing a meeting or meetings contact Sir Frank Michny at fmichny@gmail.com or call him (916) 663-4538.

Also, as most of us know, all luncheon attendees MUST submit a wavier and COVID-19 vaccination information. Without this on our record you will not be allowed in the Elks Lodge.

Finally, please note that we need help running the branch. In fact, we need you! Yes, you! Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to consider any of the following positions, let me know...

Chaplin
Greeter / Guest Register
Publicity / Social Media

Sunshine
Asst. Luncheon Tickets
Profiler - Bulletin published only

Let's all remember not to keep the SIR organization a secret. Let your family, friends, neighbors, etc., know about us and bring them to the next luncheon.

Our first luncheon of the new year is January 6th, 2022. Hope to see you there! The next BEC meeting is Thursday, January 20th, 2022, 8:30am, at Mel's Diner, 1730 Grass Valley Highway. Everyone is welcome to come to these meetings.

Finally, if you have advice, comments or whatever, feel free to contact me at kb7qwc@gmail.com or (530) 367-6175. This is your organization.

Your BIG SIR Gary Willett



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 2022

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Jan 6 Luncheon Meeting 11:00 to 1:30 pm
Jan 10 Bulletin Material Due
Jan 20 Executive Board Meeting
8:30 am @ Original Mel's Dinner

1730 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn
All Sirs Welcome

LUNCHEON MENU

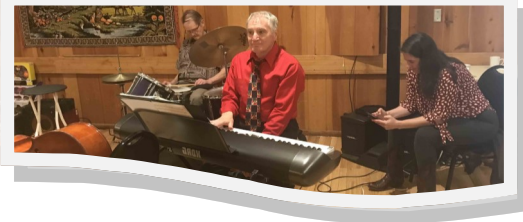
Meatloaf
GARDEN SALAD & DRESSING
FRESH VEGETABLES
BREAD & BUTTER
DESSERT
COFFEE & TEA

**If you will miss a luncheon
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2021 Christmas Luncheon



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Know Your BEC Member

Woody Shields

July 19, 1946, the Shields family was truly blessed with the birth of their son, Lenwood G. Shields, nicknamed Woody. At 8lbs 4oz I was a bundle of joy.

Born and raised in San Francisco, The City. The first eight years I lived above my dad's corner grocery store located in the Bernal Heights district. The family moved to the Westwood Highlands district in San Francisco when I was nine. I attended the public school system. First Sunnyside Grammar, Aptos Junior High, then Balboa High School. I was always active in school sports, running track, playing baseball and football. During summer recess and after finishing my morning paper routes, I played Police Athletic League (PAL) baseball. 1st base was my primary position and occasionally catcher. Our PAL team was selected to visit and play the prisoners at San Quentin. I remember my first at bat the opposing catcher whispered to me "be careful the pitcher is in here for manslaughter". First time in my life I went 0 for 4.

I Graduated from Balboa in the Fall 1964. Not entering the workforce or enrolling in college and to the disappointment of my parents, some friends of mine and I decided a vacation in Mexico was long overdue. Lots of fun in the sun, innocent trouble, sampling the different brands of Tequila, and without spending time in the Tijuana jail we decided a hasty return to San Francisco was in order. I must say some of our adventures in Mexico are not fit for print.

Returning to The City I purchased my first Austin Healy. A 1960, 3000 MK II. Joined Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), did some minor racing, autocross, and rallies. Again, lots of fun for a 20-year-old kid but the lightbulb went off in my head and it was time to enroll in college. Entered City College of San Francisco with a major in Forestry. My time at City of short lived, my student deferment 2S, was suddenly changed to 1A. Less than a week later I received a letter dated August 2nd, 1966, from the President of the United States wishing me greetings.

Before I knew it, I was on a bus heading for Fort Ord, California for basic training. After basic I was ordered to Fort Sill Oklahoma for Artillery school. I was not trained on the guns but attended Fire Direction Control (FDC), classes. We were taught to aim the guns at the target and "put steel on the target".

Once our training was complete my overseas orders came down and I was sent to Korea for 14 months. After that tour of duty, I was stationed in Fort Campbell Kentucky until I was Honorable Discharged on August 10, 1968.

Upon returning to my civilian life and not knowing what to do, a good friend of mine hired me as an Ironworker. I worked on BART tubes and several BART stations lifting and placing concrete reinforced bars as directed by the journeymen ironworkers.

After several months as an Ironworker, I decided to leave the trade and return to college and pursue a degree in Architecture. After college my first job was with Bank of American in the newly established department "Facilities Research and Development". This department was to interface between the Bank and our hired architects, engineers, and general contractors during the construction of two data processing centers, one in San Francisco and the other in Los Angeles. I was hired as a draftsman. No computer aided but at the drawing board with T-Square, triangles and pencil in hand.

Once these two projects were completed, I moved on to represent other owners, primarily retailers and some commercial developers in their support of construction projects whether remodeling existing facilities, or nationwide expansion with regards to new construction. Before retiring my last position was Construction Manager for Cost Plus World Market.

June 13, 1970, I married my high school sweetheart, Kathy Serna. We first lived in a one room apartment in San Francisco. While I was finishing up in college Kathy worked for IBM. In 1974 we purchased our first house in South San Francisco. A two-bedroom one bath, a purchase price of \$39,000. I laid awake at nights thinking how we are going to make a house payment of \$245 / month. Krista Ann our daughter was born August 4, 1974, our son Jason Lars was born June 1, 1977.

We moved to Walnut Creek June 1979 and lived there for 38 years. After our daughter and son were established with their lives Kathy and I moved to Truckee CA., where we enjoyed the mountain life. When not hiking, biking, swimming or other activities offered Kathy volunteered at the Tahoe Forest Hospice Gift Shop while I spent my time on the Truckee River fly fishing for the native rainbow trout.

After three years we decided to move down the hill, closer to my daughter and her family. We moved to Foresthill, Todd Valley. A small community in the Sierra foothills, below the snow and above the fog.

Kathy and I were married for 48 years until she lost her battle with breast cancer November 2018. I still live in Foresthill enjoying the foothills and wonderful neighbors. Watching my kids and two grandsons, Henry and Isaac grow, fly fishing as often as I can within the western states, reading a good book, shooting sporting clays and five stand and tying a fly have kept as busy as I like. A lifelong fan of the SF Giants and 49er's,,, yep go 9er's.

One item on my bucket list is to enter the California Heritage Trout Challenge. Updates to follow.

Happy Birthday To Sirs

Joseph Ames
Dempsey Billey
Cal Conley
Greg Dipuccio
Sam Frazier
Bruce Gregory
Peter Politi
Thomas Smith
Kevin Tiernan
Henry Tukloff



Big SIR Gary Willet presents SIR Dave McGuire with Presidential Award.

"As Big Sir I had the honor of presenting Sir Dave McGuire with our Presidential Award Senior Certificate. This Certificate recognizes Sir's members reaching the century mark of 100 years young."

As Dave mentioned when presented this award "It only took me 100 Years"

Congratulations Dave

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ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER REPORT

Total Attendance 0
 Guests 0
 Sirs Present 0
 Speaker 0
 Visitors 0
 Excused* 126

Total Member count: 126

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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	Steve Ciyatt	906-8749	Meets during Luncheon social hour.
Bocce Ball	Al Andersen	916-652-5656	Monday; 10 am @ Recreation Park
Book Exchange	Gary Willett	367-6175	Every Luncheon during social hour.
Science & Technologies	Chuck Vrooman	885-1335	2nd Wednesday; 10:30am via Zoom
Day Road Trips	TBA		Various TBA
Dining Out	TBA		Various TBA
Fishing	TBA		Various TBA
Golf (Area 33)	Gene Vogel	889-2882	Tuesdays; 11am @ Black Oak
Poker	Doug Perry	916-824-2225	Tuesday & Friday afternoons
Theater	TBA		Various TBA



THE SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Our January speaker will be Gary Willett, he will be speaking on SIR, previously Sons In Retirement. Our History. Where we are now. A peek into the future.

OK, that's my story and I'm sticking to it. Thank you.

Cal Conley Little Sir



Big SIR Gary Willett presenting the Past Big SIR Woody Shields a plaque and badge for his contribution over the last two years. It has been quite the challenge to say the least and Woody rose to the occasion.

Thanks Woody

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