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# **BIG SIR'S CORNER**

A Blooming June

Greetings fellow SIRS! Spring is in full swing, as evidenced by the beautiful display of color, and the wildflowers carpeting the hillsides. June is the longest day of the year for the northern hemisphere, with the summer solstice occurring on June 21. June is also the month we celebrate Flag Day, commemorating the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

This month, Chef Scott provided a magnificent Cinco de Mayo themed lunch consisting of chicken fajitas, beans, rice and salads to 73 hungry SIRS, guest Ray Lambert and our speaker. Mr. Lambert has filled out an application and we look forward to welcoming him as a new member next month. Speaking of new members, we welcomed Bryan Johnson and Peter Errico at this month's luncheon. As always, if you will not be able to attend our June meeting, please contact Frank Michny at fmichny@gmail.com to let us know.

Chuck Novak was sworn in as Assistant Treasurer. Thank you Chuck for stepping up! The nominating committee, consisting of Jimmy Mullenix, Bob DiMiceli and Warren Manley, will be putting together a proposed slate of officers in the coming months to serve in 2024. We always need new people to serve in leadership positions and coordinate committee activities. I invite you to consider serving in one of these positions. Our Sir of the Month was Bob Barry profiled by Steve Clyatt. His bio appears elsewhere in this issue. If you would like to be profiled as Sir of the Month, please contact Steve at sclyatt@aol.com.

Long time officer Warren Manley suffered a fall and was hospitalized at Sutter Roseville. At this writing he was still in the hospital but was to be transferred to a rehabilitation facility. We wish Warren a speedy and full recovery. 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 Bonnie Rea, Family Care Specialist with the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada. She gave a presentation on the types of diseases associated with Alzheimer's, how the disease progresses and the potential for treatment. Ms. Rea invites anyone who would like further information or needs referral to contact her at brea@alz.org. Thank you Bonnie!

Our next two BEC meetings will be Thursday, May 18, 2023 and June 15, 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. Last month, we added hiking and an investment study group to our growing list of activities. The next dining out event is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 5:00 P.M. at Tap and Vine (at the White House) across from the courthouse in Auburn. Advance reservations are required, so contact Steven Lease at steven@stevenlease.com or (916) 899-4026 to reserve your space.

Our next luncheon is Thursday, June 1, 2023. Please reach out to a friend or neighbor and invite them to our lunch, where they can learn about our organization.

Keep an eye out for a survey on how we may improve attendance at our holiday luncheon using the constant comment application. We welcome your feedback on this and any other topic. Contact me at kramer4112@sbcglobal.net any time.

Enjoy the long days of June and have a great month!



Big SIR Glen Kramer



### JUNE CALENDAR

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

### June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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

### **LUNCHEON MENU**

Lasagna & Italian Sausage GARDEN SALAD & DRESSING FRESH VEGETABLES BREAD & BUTTER DESSERT COFFEE & TEA

If you will miss a luncheon email Frank at fmichny@gmail.com or call him at 916-296-4158

### THE SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

The speaker for our June 1, 2023 meeting will be presenting "What is Assisted Living all about".

Richard Sale Little Sir

# NEW MEMBERS! WELCOME TO SIR'S BANCH 37



### **Bryan Johnson**

Bryan lives in Auburn with his spouse Diane. He is retired, having worked for the State of California. He is looking forward to Bocce, Golf, and Dining Out.

Welcome Bryan



### **Peter Errico**

Peter lives in Newcastle with his spouse Cynthis. He retired as a manager at Apple. He is also planning on joining several activities, including Bocce, Golf and Dining Out.

**Welcome Peter** 

## **Book Exchange**

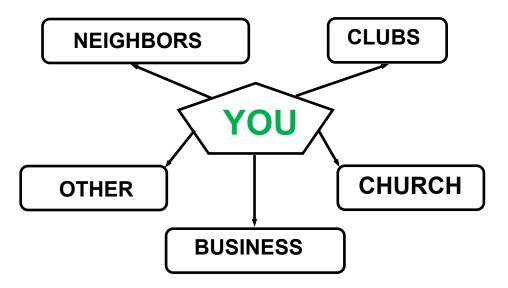
The concept is simple: "Bring a book, take a book", but no textbooks. You will only be asked to put your name on a list, so we may determine the number of SIRs participating. The activity will take place on the pool table in front of the bar.

Call Ron Mussulmann (805) 540-4480 with any questions.



# MEMBER SOLICITATION CHART

# FIND, SELECT & INVITE



# **Attention SIR members:**

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







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** of the Month May

Bob Barry is a native Californian. He was born in Fresno, in 1949. During his entire childhood, he lived in the San Joaquin Valley, except for a couple of years he lived in Santa Cruz, CA. Bob's family moved many times, and; as a result, he attended three elementary schools, three junior high schools, and three high schools. He was faced with the challenge of making new friends but always found others in his new hometowns who shared his love for the mountains, and; as Bob described skiing, "sliding down their white slopes".

After graduating from high school in 1968, Bob moved into the basement of a home in Berkeley where his big brother was living. It was at this time that Bob feels that the most memorable part of his life began. His uncle, who was a Merchant Seaman, introduced Bob to a good friend of his. The friend of his uncle owned a fifty-seven-foot-long brigantine ship, named: "Rendezvous". The wooden square-rigger vessel needed constant maintenance. Bob was hired by the friend of his uncle to polish



brass and to strip and refinish the beautiful mahogany woodwork of the ship. He was also part of the crew whose main job was to climb the tall rigging when the square sails were set or furled.

This work, and several other of Bob's adventuresome experiences demonstrate Bob's willingness to accept some risks in exchange for enhancing his life. Bob recalls the work on the brigantine as being hard, but he remembers that sailing on the beautiful ship was thrilling!

The Rendezvous was sold after Bob had been working aboard it for two years. While working on the Rendezvous, Bob established a lifelong friendship with the owner's son, Skip. Bob and Skip shared a love of skiing. In the winter of 1970 Skip and Bob moved to Soda Springs. Skip had a job as a ski instructor and Bob was hired initially as a lift operator and subsequently, the next year, as a ski instructor. Bob discovered the stunning attributes of the Lake Tahoe area that summer, and then; in Bob's words: "the rest was history".

For six years Bob was a ski bum. During the Spring, Summer, and Fall, Bob had a job working with a building contractor. During the winters he skied on his favorite slopes at what was then known as Squaw Valley.

On October 11, 1975, Bob and a couple of coworkers were working on the deck of a small beach club at Lake Tahoe. A man carrying a rifle approached them from the beach. The man pointed into the clubhouse, and ordered, "In there". As Bob and his coworkers stared at the man with questioning looks, the man fired off a round into the deck. At that point, Bob and his coworkers hot-footed it inside. The man let Bob's coworkers go because they lied and told the man that they were married. Then the man looked at Bob and said: "Bob, I guess you're it." Bob spent the next eight hours being held hostage by a man who had earlier robbed a bank in South Shore, shot and killed a Nevada Highway Patrolman, had commandeered a vehicle and forced the driver to take him over to the California side of the lake.

Bob temporarily burned out on skiing in the Fall of 1976. He left the Lake Tahoe area and moved to Santa Cruz with his friend Skip. In Santa Cruz Bob fell in love twice: One new love was with hang gliding... and the second was with a young woman, Carol. Bob and Carol married three years later. They lovingly raised two sons.

Bob and Carol made their home in north San Diego County for 35 years. Before retiring in 2018, together they built, bought, remodeled, rented, and sold homes. Additionally, for three years, they owned and operated a "Mom and Pop" resort at Bass Lake, California.

Bob continued to demonstrate his ability to enhance his life through education and prudent risk management. In his spare time, he took to the air flying a Cessna and sailplanes. He also flew hang gliders and paragliders. Use the following link to read an article about Bob starting on page 22 published in the United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association magazine in 2020. If the link does not activate by clicking on it, copy it and paste it into your web browser's URL address field.

https://issuu.com/us\_hang\_gliding\_paragliding/docs/pilot2001\_issuu

Bob and Carol have traveled to Africa, Europe, Mexico, and Central and South America.

In July 2018, Bob and Carol retired to Auburn to be closer to their grandson and his family. Carol now frequently babysits and loves doing it. Bob has renewed his love of skiing and finds himself on the slopes once or twice a week at his old hang-out, now called Palisades Tahoe.

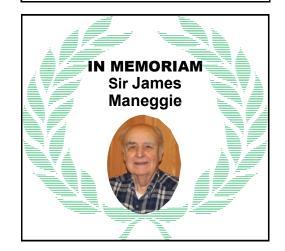
I suspect that if you were to approach Bob to learn more about his interesting experiences of sailing, construction, real estate, skiing, flying, and traveling, he would be willing to tell you more.

Thanks to Bob for volunteering to be our SIR of the Month and for providing us with some details of his interesting life experiences.

**Sir Profiler Steve Clyatt** 

# Happy Birthday To Sirs

**Jerry Angeline Vernon Beadles** Tad Berkebile **Rich Cortez Joseph Cuffe Bob Diaz Martin Diner** Cliff Heitz **Dennis Koehn** Don MacGregor Frank Michny **Michael Moore Ronald Mussulmann Ron Ruskauff Kurt Simon Martin Smith Darol Weber** 







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### 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 305-3126 **Bill Gray** 

### **ATTENDANCE**

### MAY REPORT

Sirs Present Guests Speaker Visitors Excused\* 26 Attendance total: 76 Total Member count:

\*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.

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### BRANCH 37 ACTIVITIES (contact chairmen for information)

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	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	S 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 May Luncheon were (left to right) 1st prize Tom Gavron, 2nd prize Manuel Gallardo, and 3rd prize Charles Nelson



Sirs with birthdays in May who attended.