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## SIR Branch 37 Bulletin

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## BIG SIR'S CORNER

Good tidings fellow SIR Members. We had an awesome February luncheon with 60 attendees and 17 of you let us know you would not be attending. Thank you for that. We appreciate knowing how each of you are doing and especially if you will not be attending the luncheon.

A big welcome to our FIVE February guests: Ron Means, Charlie Prince, Dan Sterkin, Dennis Szuszka, and Earl Wilson. Hopefully you will consider joining us for good food, fine friends and lots of fun. As always, the Elk's cook and staff provided an outstanding meal enjoyed by all. Thank you!

Wow, March has a lot going for it, including St Patrick's Day! For Branch 37, it is our fiftieth anniversary. Yes, you read that right: our 50th! Additionally, we will be sharing our March luncheon with SIR Branch 79. Their Little Sir, Walt Reno, attended our February luncheon and will be our liaison as we figure out how to manage the combined adventure.

I want to thank Sir Tom Bowen for agreeing to continue as Chaplin and Little Sir Cal Conley for temporarily taking over the Sunshine duties. Let Sir Cal or I know if you find a member that needs to be acknowledged with a symphony or get-well card or a visit.

As many of you know, I am an Amateur Radio Operator, or Ham. That part of my life started in Oregon back in the early 90's. We did a lot of emergency services work and helped a lot of people. Now I belong to a local Auburn club that has grown during the pandemic and really helped out a lot of the community during and after the storm. If any of you are interested in this hobby, let me know.

Is anyone interested in a card or board game activity? If so, we can start the talks to set something up. We are still working on a Pickleball activity although finding the protocols to make everything work is a bit elusive. Stay tuned.

Our next luncheon is March 3rd. The Elks will be offering Corn Beef and Cabbage in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Please let us know if you will NOT be attending. The next BEC meeting is Thursday, March 17th, 2022, 9:00am, at Mel's Diner, 1730 Grass Valley Highway. Everyone is welcome at these meetings.

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. Should any of you have ideas for SIR, our Branch, new activities, or anything, please let myself or the BEC know. This is your organization and we value your input

Your **BIG SIR** Gary Willett



## MARCH CALENDAR

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

## March 2022

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		

Mar 3 Luncheon Meeting 11:00 to 1:30 pm  
Mar 10 Bulletin Material Due  
Mar 17 Executive Board Meeting  
8:30 am @ Original Mel's Dinner

1730 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn  
All Sirs Welcome

## LUNCHEON MENU

Corn Beef and Cabbage  
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

Our March speaker will be a representative from the Auburn Police Department.

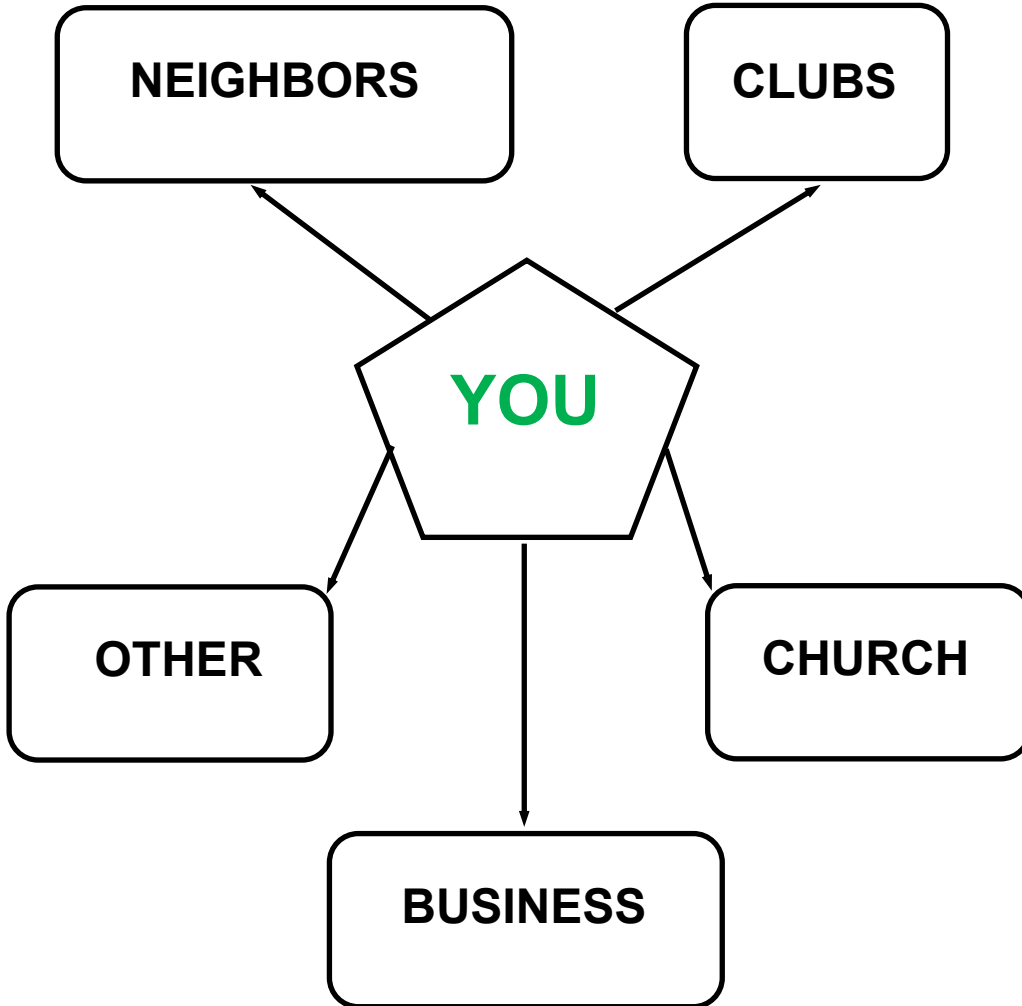
Cal Conley Little Sir



Our February speakers were Officer Stokes and Sgt. Gray from the Placer County Sheriff Department.

## MEMBER SOLICITATION CHART

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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/>

# Know Your BEC Member

Bill Gray was born in Oakland California on March 1, 1950. He grew up in Kensington, a small town in the hills behind Berkeley. He went to high school in Berkeley and spent most vacations and many weekends working at the family sheet metal shop named Graysix (six Gray brothers). They manufacture precision sheet metal, primarily for the electronics and telecommunications industries.



Bill went to Saint Mary's College in Moraga, where he studied Liberal Arts. He graduated in 1972, having been valedictorian of both his high school and college classes. He then went to graduate school at Indiana University, studying the History of Science. After graduate school Bill taught high school (math and English) in Los Angeles for two years. But a growing family and longing for Northern California drew him back to the family business.

He worked for seven years at Graysix, primarily programming numerically controlled punch presses, purchasing, and customer service. During those years he got an MBA at UC Berkeley. While visiting a customer in Santa Rosa (Hewlett-Packard) he was encouraged to join that organization. He became an HP buyer, then Purchasing and Planning Manager, eventually moving to the Roseville plant. He ended his career leading a team that managed contract manufacturers in the US and Asia. Bill retired from HP in 2007; then he and Jean managed a self-storage facility for five years.

Bill met his lovely Jean at IU and they were married in 1976 (last year they celebrated 45 years together). They have three children (two boys and a girl), and four grandchildren.

He has been the SIR Branch 37 Bulletin Editor and Big Sir. He is now the Assistant Secretary, Assistant Membership Chair, and Absentee Analyst. He enjoys gardening, reading, board games, bocce, history, and travel (going to Scotland in May to evaluate some Scotch distilleries). He is also a docent for the Placer County Museums, regularly working at their museums and events.

## Happy Birthday To Sirs

**William Atkinson**  
**Wayne Buchanan**  
**Bill Dougherty**  
**Bill Gray**  
**Greg King**  
**Al Mattson**  
**Robert Oles**  
**Will Rogers**  
**Gary Sapeta**  
**Michael Van Hook**  
**Charles Vrooman**



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Know of an ill Sir or spouse we will  
 send a card, call

**Tom Bowen 889-1710**

## MEMBERSHIP

To withdraw, change address, or  
 report a deceased member, call

**Pete Politi 885-6919**

## ATTENDANCE

### FEBRUARY REPORT

Total Attendance 60  
 Guests 5  
 Sirs Present 52  
 Speaker 2  
 Visitors 1  
 Excused\* 19

Total Member count: 128

\*If you cannot attend, contact:

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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.

"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	Kent MacDonald	745-0324	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



### Branch 37 Opportunity Drawing winners

The winners at the February Luncheon were (left to right) 1st prize Arlan Deutsch, 2nd prize Frank Michny, and 3rd prize Bob Souza.



**Sirs with birthdays in February who attended.**

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