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BIG SIR'S CORNER

Has Spring Sprung

Hello fellow SIRs! Well, it's looking cautiously like spring may have sprung. Now is the time to dig out. May is also the month we honor and mourn those who have given their lives in service to our Country.

Once again, Chef Scott provided a wonderful lunch consisting of deep-fried pork chops to 72 hungry SIRs and our guests Bryan Johnson and Peter Errico. Both have filled out applications and we look forward to welcoming them new as members next month. As always, if you will not be able to attend our May meeting, please contact Frank Michny at fmichny@gmail.com to let us know.

Tuk Tuckloff has retired from his executive positions on Nominating and as Assistant Treasurer. Tuk has served us for many years in a number of important positions and we thank him for his service to our organization. Chuck Novak has stepped up to assume the Assistant Treasurer BEC position and Bob DiMicelli has agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. We look forward to swearing them in at our BEC meeting on April 20, 2023. Our Sir of the Month was Earl Wilson, Jr. 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 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.

Steven Lease steven@stevenlease.com organized a very successful dining out event at Tin Lantern in Meadow Vista on March 23. I believe 15 members and spouses attended and had an excellent meal. The next dining out opportunity is in May. Stay tuned for details.

Our speaker was Diego Alvarez- Miranda, Estate Planner at Cunningham Legal. He gave a stunning presentation on how we must continuously update our estate plans to reflect changes we may never have realized. He also discussed the various complexities involved with wills and probate. Let us know if you need his contact information. Thank you Diego!

Our next two BEC meetings will be Thursday, April 20, 2023 and May 18, 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. We will be considering adding hiking (proposed by Jack Meylink) and investment club (proposed by Steven Lease and Glen Kramer) as approved activities.

Our next luncheon is Thursday, May 4, 2023. "Spring" on over to a neighbor or friend's 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 any time. Have a great month!

Big SIR Glen Kramer



MAY CALENDAR

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

May 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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May 4 Luncheon Meeting 11:00 to 1:30 pm
 May 10 Bulletin Material Due
 May 18 Executive Board Meeting
 9:00 am @ Original Mel's Dinner
 1730 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn
 All Sirs Welcome

LUNCHEON MENU

Mexican
 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 May 4, 2023 meeting will be Bonnie Rea, MSW | Family Care Specialist | Alzheimer's Association, Northern California and Northern Nevada Chapter. She will be talking about Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia.

Learn basic information on the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages, risk factors, research and FDA-approved treatments.

Richard Sale Little Sir



The speaker was DIEGO ALVAREZ-MIRANDA Associate Attorney, Estate Planning at Cunningham Legal. He gave us a lot of very good advise on Estate Planning. Great presentation.

Book Exchange

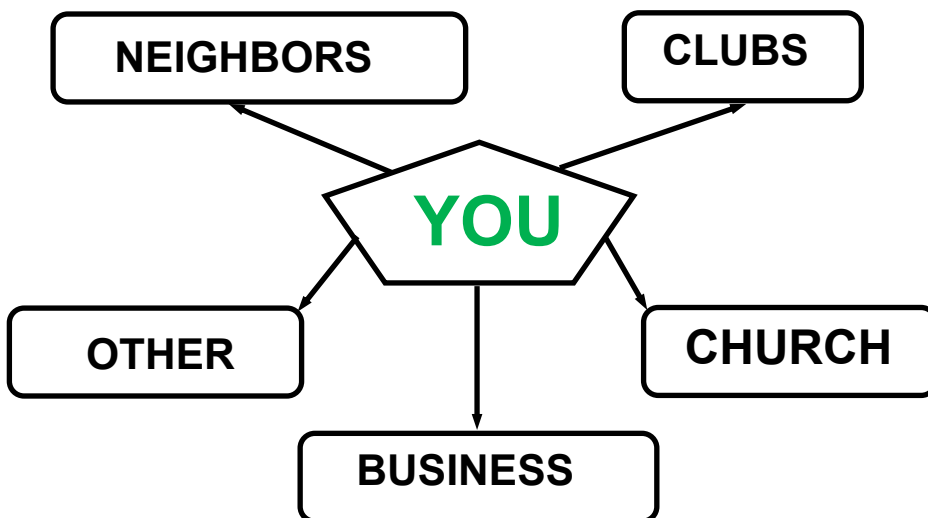
The concept is simple: "Bring a book, take a book", but no textbooks. You will only be asked to put your name on a list, so we may determine the number of SIRs participating. The activity will take place on the pool table in front of the bar.

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



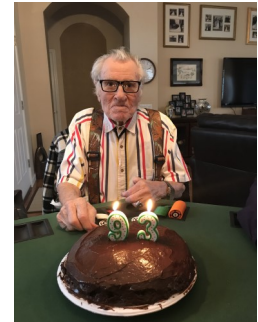
MEMBER SOLICITATION CHART

FIND, SELECT & INVITE



Attention SIR members:

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



"Branch member Gunter Vogtmann enjoying his 93rd birthday with the Friday poker group in January. Happy Birthday Gunter !! Thank you Cal Conley for baking the delicious chocolate cake."
Gunter RIP



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 April

Earl D. Wilson, Jr. is a native Californian. He was born in San Francisco in 1939. He is the son of Earl D. Wilson and Juanita M. Wilson. He has one sister, Connie, who resides in New Zealand. He spent his early childhood in Rio Linda on the north side of Sacramento and then in 1951 he moved to Auburn with his family. He was one of the first students to attend E.V. Cain Middle School, located here in Auburn, as it was a new school at the time. He subsequently attended Placer High School.



Following his graduation from high school Earl entered the U.S. Navy. Among his duties he served as a Radioman on the USS Mt. Baker which was an ammunition transport ship. The ship was named for Mount Baker, a 10,781-foot high volcanic mountain in the Cascade Range of the state of Washington. The USS Mt. Baker was one of several ammunition ships named after volcanoes. From a limited perspective, it seems that serving on an ammunition ship in the middle of an ocean would be similar to; as the expression goes, "sitting on a powder keg". Hopefully, the names associated with the ships were not indicative of their actual behavior. Earl's deployments were mostly to the Western Pacific Ocean during the Cold War Era.

After being discharged from the Navy, Earl returned to Auburn where he secured a job with the City of Auburn as a dispatcher for the police and fire departments. While working with the City he saw opportunities within the city government and worked for three different city managers as an assistant. Concurrently, Earl continued his education at Sierra College where he attained an Associate in Arts degree. He went on to attain a Bachelor of Arts degree at California State University, Sacramento. Later in life Earl attended California State University, Stanislaus where he attained a Master's degree in Public Administration.

Earl has two children and two grandchildren.

In 1968 Earl's career resulted in his moving from Auburn to work as the City Manager of four Central and Northern California cities over a period of 40 years. The cities were #1- Escalon, #2- Gustine, #3-Rio Dell, and #4-Weed. Escalon is in California's Central Valley just east of Manteca and west of Oakdale. Gustine is located further south in California's Central Valley, north of the San Luis Reservoir and the City of Los Banos, and just slightly east of I-5. Rio Dell, (not to be confused with Del Rio which is within a couple of miles of Escalon), is near the North Coast area of California on the Eel River and along Hwy 101, just to the south of Eureka and Fortuna. The City of Weed is located just slightly west of beautiful Mt. Shasta along I-5.

A common challenge Earl addressed as the City Manager of all four cities was the maintenance of a healthy economy. Escalon's, and Gustine's economies were predominately agriculturally based. Rio Dell's economy was primarily timber and fishing based. Weed's economy was based on timber and, as a college town, education. Some other challenges common to all four cities were providing for growth, maintaining, and improving services and infrastructure, and meeting the ever-changing state and federal laws and regulations. The diversity of Earl's work was extensive. Earl retired in 2012.

Following his retirement, Earl returned to Auburn, where he had roots, and where he had come throughout his career to visit his parents who resided in Auburn until their passing. Earl offered that: "Auburn was always a home to me." Earl observed from his experiences in other cities that the residents of various cities seem to take the same kind of pride in their community as the people of Auburn do in their community. He observed that most residents feel that their community is the best place to live. Earl concludes that the situation is a good thing; because if everyone thought the same place was the best place to live, there would be an extreme concentration of the earth's population living in one tiny point on our beautiful, and diverse, planet.

Earl has been a member of the SIRs Branch 37 since February of 2022.

Earl is a member of the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club. He enjoys club events such as Field Day. Field Day is an annual campout, recurring since 1933. Club members gather each year, on the last full weekend in June, to practice the deployment and operation of radio communications equipment by making radio contacts with similar clubs and operators throughout the country. The club also has swap events. The club supports various non-profit organizations when the non-profits have events that could benefit from radio support for the safety and the convenience of the staff and the participants of the non-profit events.

Earl is a Trustee for the Auburn Public Cemetery District.

Earl is a member of the Auburn Rotary Club.

Earl has returned to not only Auburn; but also, to Placer High School. He is on the Placer Union High School Bond Oversight Committee.

Earl is also a member of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

For the Chamber of Commerce, Earl serves as the Chairman of the Auburn Family 4th of July Parade committee. He wholeheartedly invites and encourages SIRs members and their families to participate in the parade.

As to other activities and hobbies Earl participates in and enjoys....

Mentioned previously, Earl has two children and two grandchildren. Earl has shared that he likes to spend time with his children and grandsons as he feels that family should be the number one priority in a person's life.

Earl keeps busy. He revealed that he had never played a musical instrument until a few years ago. At that time, he started taking piano lessons and those lessons occupy his time in an enjoyable way. He believes the engagement in piano lessons is another way he addresses remaining young. Earl demonstrates that we are never too old to continue learning.

Earl's willingness to share his inspiring bio with us is very much appreciated.

Now, being aware of interests and experiences you may have in common with Earl, the door is open for interactions with him, and the sharing of the details associated with your common experiences and interests. Our SIRs activities: Bocci, Poker, Golf, Dining Out, Science & Technology, etc. provide excellent opportunities to interact with others and to make new friends.

Sir Profiler Steve Clyatt

Happy Birthday To Sirs

Richard Adams
Ronald Beeck
Steve Clayatt
Gene Copelan
Marvin Fetzer
Steven Lease
Randell Mealhow
Frank Nissen
Gary Oliver
Richard Reome
Benjamin Rodriguez
Daniel Sutkaitis
Charles Van Dam

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Sir Gunter
Vogtmann



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ATTENDANCE

APRIL REPORT

Sirs Present 72
 Guests 1
 Speaker 1
 Visitors 1
 Excused* 20

Attendance total: 75

Total Member count: 152

*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.

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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 Bob Hamilton, 2nd prize Peter Rau, and 3rd prize Bob Hamilton



Sirs with birthdays in April who attended.

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