



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 30th year! *March, 2021*

The Mission of SIR is to enrich the Lives of Our Members Through Fun Activities and Events—While Making Friends For Life

Rick Harris, Big Sir

I hope you are well as you read this message.

Things are starting to look a little better, with covid cases declining and more people being vaccinated. SIR has announced a reinstatement of outdoor activities (one by one via BEC approval, with strict protocols). Our Branch Executive Committee will be discussing when and how to roll them out, and some will depend upon venue access. Note that you need to be an active member to participate in activities, so if you haven't renewed for 2021, please do so.



By now you have probably received a survey from SIR about covid vaccinations. The purpose is to help SIR understand the status of immunity with its members. One reason for this is to help with decisions regarding further reinstatement of activities and luncheons, and another reason is to find out if there are Sirs who need help getting vaccinated. It's a very simple survey that only takes a couple minutes to complete, and I encourage you to participate. I know it's simple because even I was able to complete it without difficulty!

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Since the weather is showing signs of spring, try to enjoy it, and above all stay safe and healthy!

Your 2021 Big Sir,
Rick Harris

Little Sir, Dennis Pachucki

Happy St. Patrick's Day. It's been a year since we have been curtailed by the pandemic, but we're still communicating via BEC zoom meetings and membership reach-out telephone calls. The good news is the vaccine distributions are getting more readily available, and organized outdoor activities are permitted once the BEC agrees to allow them and provided the Branch follows the SIR State's guidelines. Golf is already underway. Unfortunately, Lunch meetings and guest speakers are still on hold, probably until later in the year.



March Birthdays

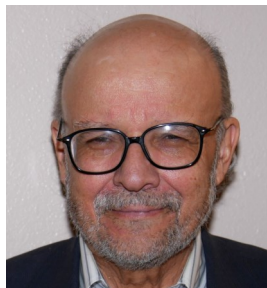
Steve Bordi, Terry Brekke, Ron Crawford, John Davis, Jake Fair, Floyd Ferguson, Dave Goodwin, Steve Greenfield, Alan Jarvie, Keith Jones, Gary Leonis, Gary Lewis, Mike Maita, Umberto Marconi, Floyd McBeth, Sean Murphy, Dennis Pachucki, Donald Sarkozy, Vince Vargas, Dave Vicencio

COVID 19 Vaccination

If you need help scheduling a Covid 19 vaccination you can go to the County Health web site www.coronavirus.cchealth.org or call (833) 829-2626.

Membership, Luis Figueroa

So far this year, we have lost 4 members and have added none as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions on large group gatherings for various activities.



However, it's important to remember that you can still sponsor new members even though we do not have our normal luncheon meetings. Simply have your prospective candidate complete our membership application and send it to our Membership Chairman after you sign it.

In the first 2 months of 2021 we have lost four of our members. John Davelaar left the area in January. He

was a Branch 161 member for approximately 1 year. Rene McClain who had been a Branch 161 member since 2017 passed away in December. Paul Schmidt passed away in January 2021. Paul had been a member of Branch 161 for ~ 1 1/2 years. Rodrigo (Rod) Alvernaz also passed away in January. Rod had recently transferred in 2019 from Branch 108 and had been a SIR member since 2010.

With their loss, our SIR Branch 161 February 2021 membership is currently at 167 members.

SIR Membership Requirements

Membership in Sons In Retirement is open to men regardless of age, race, color or religion. See the last page of this newsletter for more information.

Golf, Larry Mensch

The first tournament of the year will be held at Manteca on March 16, 2021. The first tee time is 9:00 am. The format will be 2 best balls of the foursome. The cost is \$43 which includes golf, cart, and prize money. Send your check made out to Larry Mensch, 4308 Monterey Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505, by March 9th so I can confirm reservations with Manteca.



The SIR monthly tournaments are listed in the Branch 161 handbook. The tournaments at Woodbridge and Boundary Oak are still tentative.

The second tournament of the year will be at Discovery Bay on April 19th. The format will be 2 best balls of the foursome. The cost is \$60 which includes golf, cart, prize money and a box lunch. Send your check made out to Larry Mensch, 4308 Monterey Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505, by April 10th so I can confirm reservations with Discovery Bay.


Bowling news, John Fry

The SIR State Bowling committee continues to have monthly zoom meeting to make sure all the officers and tournament managers are ready for the 2021 season.

The Bowling committee has established a Tournament schedule for the 2021 season which can be viewed on the State web site.

Unfortunately all the Tournaments have been canceled so far because there are not any Bowling centers open yet. But things finally look like they may be moving in the right direction. Hopefully we will be bowling soon.



 The CA DMV is offering eligible senior drivers who are 70+ the option to renew their driver's license (non-commercial) online during the COVID-19 emergency. Watch this video to learn more: <https://youtu.be/sUb8Qzdy-zl>

Membership Requirements & Principles

(revised 2019)

Membership is open to men, regardless of age, race, color, or religion. Member volunteers and staff administer and govern all branch activities. Nominal membership dues help provide for these activities. SIR supports no outside cause or interest. We prohibit discussions of politics and religion or the selling of anything to any member. Prospective members must be sponsored by an active member.

Attendance Policy *(Revised July, 2012)*

Luncheon meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. (There are exceptions when we need to hold our meetings on a different Tuesday, so please check the Meetings Calendar elsewhere in this newsletter).

Social hour is at 11.00am and lunch is at noon. All members are expected to attend Luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness, absence from the Branch locale, or acting as a caregiver to a spouse or companion. If you cannot attend, you are required to notify the Attendance Chairman by the Friday prior to the luncheon meeting or you may be charged for the luncheon.

Regular members missing three consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, or missing more than five (5) meetings within the last 12 months for any reason (not counting May and December), will have their membership reviewed by the Branch Executive Committee (BEC), and may receive a notice from the BEC of their decision to consider terminating the absent Sir's membership.

Certification of attendance at another branch will be considered a credit to attendance.

Responsibility Clause

All tours, trips and other activities for or 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, Inc. and its branches do not assume responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants, or in any matters pertaining to tours, trips, or other activities.

Reminders

Annual dues defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have yet to pay their dues, be sure to mail a check for \$20 (made out to SIR Branch 161) to our Treasurer, Jerry Wiebe.

Dress code for our meetings is "Country Club Casual", which means no jeans or denim, cutoffs or exercise shorts, shirts must have a collar, no tank tops or T-shirts, no flip-flops or thong type sandals. Please ensure that your guests are aware of this policy. Simple etiquette requires that hats be removed while in the dining room.

If you're unable to attend a meeting, our Branch is obligated to pay for lunches not served. Please email or call Phil Newlin by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

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