



# Rooster Talk

Little Hills Branch 147

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**BIG SIR**  
**Mark Quam**

**AN RSVP EMAIL ID COMING TO YOU SOON FOR THE MARCH LUNCHEON**

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 –**

Dear Members,

As we turn the page on February, I'm filled with appreciation for the memorable moments we've shared together this last month. Our gathering was marked by the insightful presentations from our guest speakers, whose depth of knowledge and engaging discourse truly enriched our understanding on various topics. The conversations that flowed around the tasteful lunch selections added warmth to our meeting, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie.

Looking ahead to March, we're on the cusp of embracing the rejuvenating spirit of spring. This month promises not only better weather but also the continuation of our tradition of excellence. We have another exceptional speaker lined up, ready to offer us new insights and perspectives. Coupled with another amazing luncheon menu, our next meeting is shaping up to be as engaging and enjoyable as the last.

It's been quite the winter, with its challenges and moments of reflection. Yet, as we move forward, the promise of spring brings with it a sense of renewal and optimism. Let's carry this spirit into our next gathering, eager to learn, share, and enjoy the company of fellow SIRS members.

I look forward to seeing each of you there, as we celebrate the onset of spring and the enduring fellowship of our club. Here's to more enlightening discussions, enjoyable meals, and the invaluable connections that make our group so special.

Warm regards, **Mark**

- NEW ITEMS IN THIS NEWSLETTER:**
- **A message from our new Membership Chairman, Dave Behrs .... Page 3**
  - **An invitation to join a Free Day Trip being hosted by Branch 58 ..Page 4**

**RSVP EMAIL COMING TO YOU SOON REGARDING OUR MARCH LUNCHEON**

SIR will be using our Email RSVP system again for our March Luncheon. **Here is a recap of how it works:** Your RSVP Email will arrive two weeks before each Luncheon. You will need to reply to its RSVP request by 4:00 PM on the Friday before the Luncheon (about 10 days later). You can still cancel up until the Sunday before the luncheon by calling the SIR Luncheon line (707-789-1071).

Here is a **Sample** of the RSVP Email you will receive from our Secretary, Warren Payne, in the next few days. It will come from a Website used by our branch: "sir147mail@sirinc2.org."

Hello SIRs of Petaluma Br. 147,

**REGARDING OUR UPCOMING MEETING & LUNCHEON:** We are asking each SIR member to RSVP to tell us if they plan to attend our next luncheon. If you say "Yes", then we will order a \$30 meal for you. If you say "Yes" and change your mind, then you can Call the SIR Lunch Cancellation number below up until 11AM on the Sunday before the luncheon to cancel your lunch. That cancellation number is 707-789-1071.

Note: We are now holding members accountable for an unexcused lunch cost!

Please click on the **link** below by 4PM on the Friday before the luncheon to let us know your plans ("Yes" or "No").

<https://forms.microsoft.com/r/e8?oin=lprLink>



**"Sample Link (this one won't work!!)"**

Remember, the lunch cost is now \$30.00 per member payable at the door as before.

Thank You! Warren Payne, SIR147 Secretary

Clicking on the **"link"** (as requested in the Email above) will take you to this image where you can provide your name, respond "Yes" or "No", and press "Submit".

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**While using the RSVP Email is preferred, you can also just call the SIR Luncheon Line and say your name, badge number, and either Yes or No. But it needs to be done by 4PM on the Friday before the Luncheon. The exception is that you can call the Luncheon Line up until 11AM on the Sunday before the Luncheon if you have already said "Yes" to say..... "No" because your plans have changed.**



## **A Message On SIR Membership:**

Too often, we hear the phrase “members are the lifeblood of an organization.” But, that’s largely because it’s true.

Finding ways to identify, recruit and retain members is essential to the impact, growth and, ultimately, the success of SIR moving forward. Word-of-mouth is still one of the most effective marketing plays there is and has been extremely effective for SIR. According to Deloitte research, new members referred by current members have a **37% higher retention rate.**

If you would like to invite a potential new member to join SIR—please share with them my contact information below or invite them to our luncheon in March. When you bring a perspective member as a guest, then their lunch is free! Please let myself know or call the Luncheon Line (707-789-1079) to tell us that they are coming so we will order a meal for them.

Thanks so much!

Dave Behrs  
SIR Membership Chairman  
[Behrsdavid8@gmail.com](mailto:Behrsdavid8@gmail.com)  
415-798-6772



# TRAVEL



## 2024 TRAVEL



### **Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility Tour – March 9th**

Petaluma SIR Branch 58’s Travel Chairman, Bruce Scheibach, is hosting a free tour of the Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility scheduled for Monday March 9th at 1:00 pm.

There are a few openings left for this tour. All attendees will need to sign a release of liability.

If you are interested in going, **then contact Bruce Scheibach to fill one of the openings. He can be reached at 707-338-2593 or Email him at [Bscheibach@aol.com](mailto:Bscheibach@aol.com).**

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Logistics:

The address is 3890 Cypress Drive in Petaluma (near Kaiser). After you drive through the public parking lots, continue through the open gate and their building is on the right. The lobby doors are to the right of the flagpole. You should arrive a few minutes early and we will meet in the lobby. The tour will last about 1 1/2 hours.

**THE MENU**

**DON'T FORGET!!!**

**1. Be sure to respond to the RSVP Email Luncheon Invitation that will come from “[sir147mail@sirinc2.org](mailto:sir147mail@sirinc2.org)” Use the “link” to respond with your name and either “Yes” or “No”.**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ENTREE</u>
March	Corned Beef and Cabbage
April	French Country Chicken
May	Pork & Green Chili Enchiladas
June	Meat Loaf with Mashed Potatoes
July	BBQ Pulled Pork

**2. If you replied “Yes” to the RSVP Email Invitation and change your mind, then you can still cancel your reservation by calling the “SIR LUNCH RESERVATION LINE” by **11:00AM** the **SUNDAY** before the luncheon.**

**To Cancel - Call  
24 hours a Day  
CALL 707-789-1071**





## Computer & Smartphone Group

From the Magic Keyboard of SIR Mike Burwen

This group will meet at noon on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> @ the Petaluma Senior Center

The subject of the next meeting of the Computer and Smartphone Club will be **“Cyber Security”**. Hardly a day goes by without hearing about another Cyber breach. In this session, we will address everything that the average consumer needs to know about the current state of cyber security and what you should do to protect your contacts and data and guard against malicious attacks like ransomware, viruses, phishing, spoofing and more. The meeting will be held on March 28, noon as usual at the Petaluma Senior Center.

### The Computer & Smartphone Club Meeting

Thursday, March 28, 12:00 Noon

At the Petaluma Senior Center

## Cyber Security



email security

- Email Security
- Encryption
- VPNs
- File Managers
- 2-Factor Authentication
- Anti-Malware
- Captcha
- Info Sources
- Recommendations



**February 13, 2024 Attendance**

Membership	66
Members Attended	43
Total Attendance	47
Actual Paid Meals	42
Called for Meals	47
Paid for Missed Meals	2
Excused	8
Said Yes and Didn't Show	2
Removed	2
Added	1
Guests	1
Speaker	2
Visitors	1

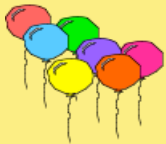
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**Birthdays**

March Birthdays	
Name	Year
Michael Burwen	1938
John Gallagher	1945
Keith Heiden	1959
John Nelson	1937



**Anniversaries**

March Anniversaries	
Name	Year
John & Cynthia Keating	1985
William & Sharon McNamara	2000
James & Jewell Troxel	1967

**Our Speaker In March**

**Work is still going on on this!**  
**Arranged by Gary Lassen**

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Petaluma SIR Branch 58 has a Travel Chairman, and he is planning trips. He is looking for ideas

Please send your ideas to him. He is looking for YOUR ideas (day trips, etc.).

His name is: Bruce Scheibach  
His email is: Bscheibach@aol.com

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**POKER CLUB**

SIR has a Poker Club. We play once a month. If you have an interest, then contact Al McLaughlin (amclau500@gmail.com) 707-999-8550



**BOCCE BALL:** Bocce Ball will be on Hiatus until the Spring weather arrives.

In the meantime, please enjoy this picture from a “high rivalry” game in the past.

..Richard Zanotti



**NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:**

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March
4 <sup>th</sup> ROOSTER RUN 9:00
11th. FOXTAIL NO. 8:00 SHOTGUN
18th. Rooster run 9:00
25 <sup>th</sup> Foxtail South 10:00 am

April
1 <sup>ST</sup> WINDSOR GOLF CLUB ??????
8th ROOSTER RUN 7:30 am *
15th. FOXTAIL NO. 10:00 am
23rd Bennett Valley 9 am
29 <sup>TH</sup> ROOSTER RUN 9:00

**GOLF NEWS – from the SIR Golf Committee**

**News from the links:**

Hi SIR Golfers – We have not had much “Golf weather” over the past month or so. You all know the result of this....minimum or no Golf. While the courses have done their best to make it “inviting”, it has been “Cart Path Only” and quite a slog.

We hope that March will provide better course conditions.

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The Golf Committee: (Lynn, Greg, Joe, & Al)

**TOURNAMENT RESULTS – FROM THE WORK OF LYNN KAUL**

**Watch this space for 2024 CTP Results...when the rain stops!!!**



**SIR Nino Cerruti, HLM**  
**313 Ridgeview Drive**  
**Petaluma, CA 94952**

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**Little Hills Branch 147**



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organization at [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org)

**DATED MATERIAL**  
**March**  
**2024**

**SIR Branch 147**  
**Executive**

**BIG SIR**  
Mark Quam 775-220 8447

**Little SIR**  
Gary Lassen 696-4833

**Secretary**  
Warren Payne 478-5399

**Assistant Secretary**  
(Open)

**Treasurer**  
Nino Cerruti, HLM 762-5187

**Assistant Treasurer**  
Mark Cooper 763-6183

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Joe Ladely (Past Big SIR) 318-7178

Bill Allen 763-3332  
Keith Heiden 479-6762  
Greg O'Brien 774-6342  
Mike Burwen 658-2844  
Tony Estes 781-9629

**OUR WILLING WORKERS**

<b>Attendance</b> Frank Ternullo 696-7575	<b>Membership</b> Dave Behrs 415-798-6772
<b>Bocce Ball</b> Rich Zanotti 763-0553	<b>Membership Records</b> Nino Cerruti, HLM 762-5187
<b>Chaplain</b> Richard Bergeron 762-8589 (Please call the Chaplin to report illnesses)	<b>Name Tags &amp; Seating</b> (Open)
<b>Computer &amp; Smart Phone Club</b> Mike Burwen 658-2844	<b>Nominating Committee</b> Lead: Greg O'Brien 774-6342
<b>Newsletter Editor</b> Al McLaughlin 999-8550	<b>Photographer</b> Tony Estes 781-9629
<b>Golf Committee</b> - Lynn Kaul and - Joe Ladely – Weekly Course Check-In, Tournament Mgmt., & Cash Prize Presentment - Al McLaughlin – Weekly TEE Times - Greg O'Brien – 2024 Schedule Creation and Reservations.. - Mark Cooper – Manager Emeritus	<b>Picnic</b> (Open)
<b>Greeters (To be assigned by the Attendance Chairman)</b> Keith Heiden	<b>Poker Club</b> Al McLaughlin 999-8550
	<b>RAMP</b> (Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations, & Publicity) Mike Burwen 658-2844
	<b>Travel &amp; Other Activities</b> Open
	<b>Area 8 Representative</b> Rich Zanotti 763-0553

Contact Information  
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wanting more info.  
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**REGULAR**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
**MEETINGS** are held on  
the **Second Tuesday of**  
**Each Month**

The Executive  
Committee meets at  
10:00 A.M., Social Hour  
at 11:00 and Lunch  
begins at 12:00. A  
Speaker is normally up  
after lunch.  
Meetings are held at the  
Elks Lodge  
2105 S McDowel Blvd  
Petaluma, CA 94954