



# Rooster Talk

Little Hills Branch 147

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[sirinc2.org/branch/147](http://sirinc2.org/branch/147)  
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**BIG SIR**

**Mark Quam**



Live Longer, Live Happier, Join SIR



Dear Members,

As we embark on a new year, let us reflect on the camaraderie that binds us together. May our gatherings be filled with laughter, excellent speakers, educational experiences, and the joy of friendship. Here's to another year of building memories and strengthening the bonds that make our group special. Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

Warm regards, **Mark**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BILL JOHNS (1946-2023)**

# WHAT DO YOUR SIR “DUES” DO???????

## The Dues For 2024 Will Be Announced At The January Meeting.

### WHAT DO “DUES” DO? “WHAT GOOD DO THEY DO?” MORE BELOW.....

Each year, in January, our SIR branch requests that each member make a voluntary contribution for the coming year. These contributions are termed “Dues” and cover the cost of some very important activities within our SIR branch.

For 2024, our dues will be \$30.00. As many of you know (or remember) these are requested at the start of the year during the initial lunches. Please bring a check or extra cash to cover your dues to the January meeting. If you miss that meeting, then you can pay at the next meeting you attend.

Here are the kinds of things that your dues for 2024 will cover:

- Printing and mailing the Newsletters for those that get it by mail
- Support for assessments from our State SIR organization which provides our branch important items like “Insurance” for all of our events as well as other constructive items.
- Cost offsets for special events like our Ladies Day and Holiday Luncheons.
- Cost offsets to cover those SIR members that do not call in to cancel their lunch
- Free lunches for our guests and guest speakers.
- Free lunches for our monthly “Birthday drawing”
- Free lunches for each SIR on their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Helps offset some of the cost of our lunches so that we pay less for them each week.
- And other items like the yearly printing of the SIR Roster that you will receive at the next SIR Luncheon.

You are invited to contribute to cover these expenses. Contributions can be made at the beginning of the year or at each of the monthly meetings. **The current contribution for 2024 will be announced at the January Luncheon. Please bring your checkbook.**

# HOLIDAY PARTY PICTURES (PICTURES FROM TONY ESTES & GARY LASSEN)







Happy Holidays

## THE MENU

**WE HAVE ORDERED A MEAL  
FOR YOU!!!!**

### **DON'T FORGET!!!**

If you are **NOT** going to make this lunch, then call the "SIR LUNCH RESERVATION LINE" **by 12:00 (noon)** the **SUNDAY** before the lunch.

**24 hours a Day  
CALL 707-789-1071**

**PLEASE DO NOT  
FORGET – WHY NOT  
DO IT NOW?**



<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ENTREE</u>
January	Chicken Cacciatore with Polenta
February	Beef Stew with Mashed Potatoes
March	Corned Beef and Cabbage
April	French Country Chicken
May	Pork & Green Chili Enchiladas
June	Meat Loaf with Mashed Potatoes
July	BBQ Pulled Pork
August	Herb Roasted Chicken with Potatoes and Corn
September	Classic Lasagna
October	Pork Sirloin Roast with Scallop Potatoes
November	Classic Turkey Dinner
December	Holiday Party Menu

### WE HAVE ORDERED A MEAL FOR YOU!!!!

A member is required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. Our SIR Board can grant attendance relief to a member who is unable to attend a luncheon due to a prolonged illness, acting as a care giver to a family member or an extended absence from the Branch locale. Should a member plan to miss a luncheon, **then it is their responsibility to call-in ahead of time** so that there will not be a meal planned for them. *Please call at least two (2) days in advance when you cannot attend a luncheon (Sunday by noon). Calling later than that does not give time to cancel meals.* **Call 707-789-1071 anytime...it is a VoiceMail that does not "ring" anywhere.**



## ***Computer & Smartphone Group***

**From the Magic Keyboard of SIR Mike Burwen**

This group will meet at noon on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> @ the Petaluma Senior Center

The subject of the next Computer and Smartphone Club meeting is **Smartphone Photography**. While a smartphone camera cannot provide the quality of a separate camera, there are ways to get close. Find out how on Thursday, January 26, noon at the Senior Center.

### **The Computer & Smartphone Club Meeting**

**Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 Noon**

**At the Petaluma Senior Center**

## **Smartphone Photography**

- **How to be a great photographer**
- **Android vs iPhone cameras**
- **What do you need?**
- **Accessories**
- **Tips**
- **Organizers/Managers**
- **Things to consider**



### December 2023 Holiday Luncheon Attendance

Membership	70
Members Attended	24
Total Attendance	37
Actual Paid Meals	41
Called for Meals	41
Guests	13

### Newsletter Sponsor

Parent - Sorensen  
Mortuary & Crematory  
James M. Smith - President  
850 Keokuk Street  
Petaluma, CA 94952  
707 763 4131

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### Birthdays

January Birthdays	
Name	Year
Donald Broadbent	1931
Rich Clapp	1942
Bob Henry	1947
Timothy Kelleher	1944
William McNamara	1948
Bill Van Valkenburg	1947



### Anniversaries

January Anniversaries	
Names	Year
Joe & Diane Arenson	1968
Mark & Deborah Quam	1975

### Our Speaker In January/24



### Mike Burwen Arranged by Mike Burwen

Mike has been involved with SIR for many years and has contributed in many ways including becoming Big SIR, Secretary, Leading the RAMP Committee, hosting the Computer and Smartphone Club, etc. He is currently filling in as Little SIR until the end of 2023.

Mike's presentation at the meeting will be about Artificial Intelligence (A.I.).





# TRAVEL

## 2024 TRAVEL

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

### 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:**

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate.

Sons in Retirement, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.





**January**

1<sup>st</sup>. OFF  
8th ROOSTER RUN 9:00  
15th. Foxtail North 8;30  
22rd. ROOSTER RUN 9:00  
30th TUES. BENNETT VALLEY 9:00

**FEBRUARY**

5th. ROOSTER RUN 9:00  
12th. FOXTAIL NO. 10:00  
22rd. Thur. ROOSTER RUN 10:00  
27th. TUES. BENNETT VALLEY 9:00

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

**News from the links:**

Hi SIR Golfers - We, the Golf Committee, are writing for our Branch 147/58 Golf Committee about our Branch Tournament Plans for next year.

In 2024 our Tournaments will have a revised format. We will only be having the Closest To The Pin (CTP) competition. This will simplify our Tournament record keeping and calculations. There will be two CTP holes on each course for this competition as well as two flights for each hole. So, there will be the potential of four winners. You will be placed in a "flight" for CPT that will be based on how often you won the CPT prize during 2023. This will be recalculated every 6 months. Half will be in Flight "A", the other half will be in Flight "B". You will be competing with folks that have, roughly, the same number of wins as you. This will simplify the work needed to support SIR Golf. We will not be needing your foursome's Total Scores (Scorecards), Handicaps, Red Tees, White Tees, etc. in our Tournaments. Just keep your own scores and have fun!

NCGA membership and the associated handicap, while not needed for our 2024 Tournaments, is still be needed for many Tournaments including all SIR State Tournaments and other NCGA backed Tournaments. Our SIR Branch can continue your NCGA membership for you into 2024 at our reduced rate of \$46. The NCGA membership dues are \$46 for 2024. Your check should be made out to "SIR Branch 147 Golf" and should be mailed to Greg O'Brien at 92 Rovina Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952. You can mail your check to Greg or hand it to him at Golf or at our January meeting.

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The Golf Committee

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

**Watch this space for 2024 CTP Results!!!**

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

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Find all kinds of info about our  
organization at [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org)

**DATED MATERIAL**  
**January**  
**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

**DIRECTORS**  
Joe Ladely (Past Big SIR) 318-7178  
Bill Allen 763-3332  
Keith Heiden 479-6762  
Greg O'Brien 774-6342  
Mike Burwen 658-2844

**OUR WILLING WORKERS**

**Attendance**  
Frank Ternullo 696-7575

**Bocce Ball**  
Rich Zanotti 763-0553

**Chaplain**  
Richard Bergeron 762-8589  
(Please call the Chaplin to report illnesses)

**Computer & Smart Phone Club**  
Mike Burwen 658-2844

**Newsletter Editor**  
Al McLaughlin 999-8550

**Golf Committee**  
- Lynn Kaul – Weekly Course Check-In Tournament Mgmt. & Cash Prize Presentment  
- Al McLaughlin – Weekly TEE Times  
- Greg O'Brien – 2024 Schedule Creation and Reservation..  
- Mark Cooper – Manager Emeritus

**Greeters (To be assigned by the Attendance Chairman)**  
Keith Heiden

**Membership**  
Gary Lassen 696-4833

**Membership Records**  
Nino Cerruti, HLM 762-5187

**Name Tags & Seating**  
(Open)

**Nominating Committee**  
Lead: Greg O'Brien 774-6342

**Photographer**  
Tony Estes 781-9629

**Picnic**  
(Open)

**Poker Club**  
Al McLaughlin 999-8550

**RAMP**  
(Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations, & Publicity)  
Mike Burwen 658-2844

**Travel & Other Activities**  
Open

**Area 8 Representative**  
Rich Zanotti 763-0553

**Contact Information**  
for individuals  
wanting more info.  
about SIRS:

**Phone: 707-780-2086**  
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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