



Rooster Talk

Little Hills Branch 147

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sirinc2.org/branch/147
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BIG SIR
Mark Quam

AN RSVP EMAIL ID COMING TO YOU SOON FOR THE APRIL LUNCHEON

PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 –

Dear Members,

I'd like to extend my appreciation to each of you for your efforts in checking in online for attendance at our monthly meetings. Your cooperation significantly streamlines our planning process, especially in ensuring we have an accurate headcount for lunch. Your community spirit makes our gatherings not just meetings, but a place where camaraderie flourishes.

With the spring weather upon us, we have the perfect backdrop for our April meeting. I am also pleased to announce that in May our main meeting will be a special occasion - a friends and significant others' luncheon. This event is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the warmth and fellowship of SIRS 147 with the important people in our lives.

Let's also make this month's luncheon fun and enjoyable. I look forward to seeing you all there, along with your guests.

Warm regards, **Mark**

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

RSVP EMAIL COMING TO YOU SOON REGARDING OUR APRIL LUNCHEON

SIR will be using our Email RSVP system again for our April 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
415-798-6772



TRAVEL



2024 TRAVEL



Summer Sojourn *Southern California Get-Away*

ESPECIALLY FOR
SIR Branch No. 58

A CUSTOM FIVE DAY TOUR

July 23 - 27, 2024

TOUR FEATURES

Escorted by: Bruce Scheibach
Cell Phone: (707) 338-2593

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation throughout
- AMTRAK Coast Starlight *passage from Emeryville to Santa Barbara*
- One-way Air Fare (*Burbank to Santa Rosa*)
- ONE Night at the Best Western - Santa Barbara
- THREE Nights at The Embassy Suites - Glendale



- Breakfast Daily, Three Lunches and Three Dinners
- Narrated TROLLEY TOUR - Santa Barbara
- Self-Guided Tour of THE GETTY MUSEUM
- CATALINA EXPRESS Ferry (*round trip Avalon*)
- Discover Avalon Tour - Catalina Island

- Admission and Tour of the PETERSEN Auto Museum
- Admission and Presentation at the GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY
- Admission for Self-Guided Tour & Traditional Tea at the HUNTINGTON Library & Gardens

- Taxes and Gratuity *for all included features*
- Airport and Rail Transfers *to/from Petaluma*
- Driver Tip

COST: \$1,785 Per Person
Double Occupancy

\$ 2,265 Single Occupancy

The **complete description and Application** for this trip is attached to the Email that sent this Rooster Talk Newsletter to you.

THE MENU

DON'T FORGET!!!

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

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ENTREE</u>
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

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, April 25th @ the Petaluma Senior Center

The next meeting of the Computer and Smartphone Club will be held Thursday April 25 at noon. The subject of the meeting will be **Safety Considerations: Backup Practices and VPNs**.. If you want to know how to preserve your data and settings and protect them using a Virtual Private Network (VPN), don't miss this session.

The Computer & Smartphone Club Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 12:00 Noon

At the Petaluma Senior Center

Safety Considerations: Backup Practices and VPNs

- **Backup Media**
- **Practical Home Setups**
- **Backup Software**
- **Cloud Backup Services**
- **Software and Cloud Providers**
- **VPN Explained**
- **VPN Options**
- **VPNs Compared**



March 12, 2024 Attendance

Membership	67
Members Attended	42
Total Attendance	44
Actual Paid Meals	45
Called for Meals	42
Paid for Missed Meals	1
Excused	8
Said Yes and Didn't Show	3
Removed	0
Added	0
Guests	0
Speaker	1
Visitors	0

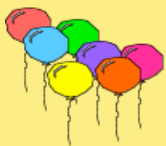
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Birthdays

Name	Year
John Finkbohner	1928
Garth Hewitt	1957



Anniversaries

April Anniversaries	
Name	Year
Bill & Karen Chisholm	2001
Gary & Sue Lassen	1989
Richard & Susan Thomsen	1967

Our Speaker In April
Arranged by Gary Lassen



Houston Porter - attorney, food writer/travel guide...

Houston Porter is a self-proclaimed Petalumaholic. If there is an event in our city you can bet he will be there especially when food is involved. He was a restaurant reviewer for [Petaluma Argus Courier](#) and an Elite Yelper and also appeared on KQED Check Please. He calls Petaluma a nourishing place to live.

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.



April
1 st ROOSTER RUN 8:30 am (in Memory of Bill Johns)
8th ROOSTER RUN 7:30 am *
15th. FOXTAIL NO. 10:00 am
23rd Bennett Valley 9 am
29 th ROOSTER RUN 9:00

May
6 th INDIAN VALLEY – 9:00 AM
13th. ROOSTER RUN 9:00
20 th FOXTAIL S. 8:30
20nd. ROOSTER RUN 9:00
27 th Rooster Run 9:00

GOLF NEWS – from the SIR Golf Committee

NEWS FROM THE LINKS:

SIR Golfers will be playing at Roster Run on April 1st (9AM Start). We will use that day, game, and a toast after the game, to celebrate and remember Bill Johns. Bill, as you know, was a great proponent of SIR, SIR Golf, and life itself. We continue to use his innovations each time we play SIR Golf. Bill’s wife, Paulie, is hoping to join us at 1PM, after our game, at the Rooster Run Golf Shop / Cafe. We hope to See You There!

Greg Obrien has arranged for us to play at Indian Valley Golf Course on May 6th (9am Start). We have not played there in years and it could, potentially, be a course we could play in the future. It appears to be about 30 minutes from Petaluma...similar to the distance to the Bennett Valley course. Thanks Greg!

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

TOURNAMENT RESULTS – FROM THE WORK OF LYNN KAUL

March 18th – Rooster Run

CTP Hole # 6 Group#1 - Cleland 31' 3" Group#2 = No one
 Hole # 15 Group#1 - Nistler 6' 6" Group#2 Allen 10' 2"

A Picture From The Past:



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

Place
Stamp
Here

address label here

**Rooster Talk
Little Hills Branch 147**



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An Organization for Retired Men

Find all kinds of info about our
organization at sirinc.org

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April
2024**

**SIR Branch 147
Executive**

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Warren Payne 478-5399

Assistant Secretary
(Open)

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Assistant Treasurer
Mark Cooper 763-6183

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

OUR WILLING WORKERS

Attendance
Frank Ternullo 696-7575

Bocce Ball
Rich Zanotti 763-0553

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

Computer & Smart Phone Club
Mike Burwen 658-2844

Newsletter Editor
Al McLaughlin 999-8550

Golf Committee
- 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

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

Membership
Dave Behrs 415-798-6772

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
sir147@sirinc2.org

**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