



Rooster Talk

Little Hills Branch 147

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sirinc2.org/branch/147
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BIG SIR
Mark Quam

PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 –

- RSVP LUNCHEON EMAIL COMING TO YOU SOON

Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and comfort, enjoying the coziness of your homes and the occasional local outing in our great Sonoma County community.

I'd like to share a few important updates with you. As we continue to enjoy our luncheons and the camaraderie they bring, please note there has been an increase in the catering costs. Consequently, the charge for each luncheon will now be \$30.00. We believe that the quality and enjoyment of our meals and meetings are very important.

In addition, I'd like to remind everyone that the yearly dues have been set at \$30.00. This contribution is vital in helping us maintain the variety of activities and speakers that make our meetings so enriching.

Our luncheons are more than just a meal; they are a cornerstone of our group. They offer us a chance to connect, share stories, and stay informed about local happenings through our guest speakers. Let's continue to support these gatherings that bring so much value to our group.

Stay warm and I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting!

Warm regards, **Mark**

IN MEMORIAM
Cortland L. Pelton (1928-2023)

RSVP EMAIL COMING TO YOU SOON REGARDING OUR FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Our SIR Branch has had a problem that is draining our SIR Bank Account. Some of our members have **not been** calling to let us know that they do not plan to attend a luncheon. This means we buy them a meal and our not reimbursed. We are changing to an RSVP approach to help fix this problem.

SIR is moving to an RSVP system that will work via an Email to our members. **Here is how it will work:** 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 (10 days later). You can still cancel up until the Sunday before the luncheon by calling the SIR Luncheon line.

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/ejrtDMfEq8?origin=lprLink>



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".

SIR 2/13/24 SIR Br. 147 Meeting & Lunch
RSVP

* Required

1. Enter your name (First, Last)

Enter your answer

2. Will you attend the Tues. meeting & luncheon? *

Yes

No

Submit

WHAT DO YOUR SIR “DUES” DO???????

The Dues For 2024 Will Be Do At The Next 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 February 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 90th 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, as mentioned above, is \$30.**

TRAVEL



2024 TRAVEL



Travel with SIR

December 2023

Travel News from State SIR is meant as a useful service to all Sirs. We recognize that for many SIR members or branches it's difficult, if not impossible, to organize a cruise or major travel adventure. Therefore, as a benefit to its members State SIR occasionally organizes cost-effective trips which we will promote and you can sign up and join without the hassle of having to make all the arrangements yourself.

This one is time-critical to get a great discount!

Today's offering is for a river cruise from **Prague to Budapest in November 2024**

Cheers,
Milt Smith
SIR State Travel Chair
925-285-2897

Grand Circle River Trip Prague to Budapest 2024



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 either **“Yes”** or **“No”**.

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

THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT OF
THE NEW LUNCHEON
RSVP APPROACH

<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



Computer & Smartphone Group

From the Magic Keyboard of SIR Mike Burwen

This group will meet at noon on Thursday, February 22nd @ the Petaluma Senior Center

The subject of the next meeting of the Computer and Smartphone Club will be **“Great Free Smartphone Apps”**. There are nearly 6 million smartphone apps available on the Apple and Android app stores. An amazing number of them are completely free. In this session we will cover more than 100 free apps in categories such as health, finance, weather, anti-malware, eMail, shopping, navigation, video calling and many others. The meeting will be held on February 22 noon at the Senior Center as usual.

The Computer & Smartphone Club Meeting

Thursday, February 22, 12:00 Noon

At the Petaluma Senior Center

Great Free Smartphone Apps



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia



- Banking and Finance
- Look & Feel
- Email Clients
- File Managers
- Health Info and Tracking
- Information Sources
- Language Learning
- Language Translation
- Password Managers
- Shopping
- And Many More



January 9, 2024 Attendance

Membership	68
Members Attended	40
Total Attendance	41
Actual Paid Meals	39
Called for Meals	46
Paid for Missed Meals	0
Called in Not Attending	11
Excused	9
Unexcused	8
Removed	0
Added	0
Guests	1
Speaker	1
Visitors	0

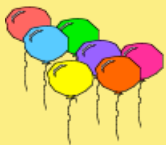
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707 763 4131



Birthdays

February Birthdays	
Name	Year
Bill Allen	1938
Nino Cerruti	1943
Bill Marsh	1943
James McCleary	1947
Anthony Piazza	1947
Bernard Pump	1960
Alexander Tanalski	1950
Richard Thomsen	1944



Anniversaries

February Anniversaries	
Name	Year
John & Elizabeth Finkbohner	1951
Lynn & Cheryl Kaul	1979
Jim & Charlotte Temple	1961

Our Speaker In February/24



Donata Bohanec
Arranged by Gary Lassen

Donata Bohanec is the Elder Justice Coordinator for Sonoma County with the local non-profit Senior Advocacy Services. Part of her knowledge and duties include Elder abuse and increasing public awareness about it.

During our meeting, Donata will discuss some of the most common frauds and scams that are increasingly targeting older adults (us). She can talk to situations where she has seen some of these things occur as well as other types of elder abuse.

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

1st. 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 93 Rovina Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952. You can mail your check to Greg or hand it to him at Golf or at our January meeting.

The Golf Committee

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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An Organization for Retired Men

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

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2024

SIR Branch 147
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(Open)

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Assistant Treasurer
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318-7178
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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 Chaplin 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
(Pend. BoD Vote)

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

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(Recruitment, Activities, Member
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Mike Burwen 658-2844

Travel & Other Activities
Open

Area 8 Representative
Rich Zanotti 763-0553

Contact Information
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wanting more info.
about SIRS:

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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