

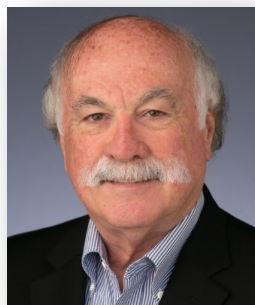


Branch 146

Contra Costa County CA

November–December 2026

Call



Big Sir's Corner

Thom Degnan

At the October BEC Meeting, the Board discussed and approved two important items for SIR146 members for 2027, 1.) We voted to increase the annual dues for 2027 by \$5 to \$40 per year, and 2.) to hold the line on our monthly lunches at \$37. We did so because our costs are going up, the State SIR board had to increase the cost of insurance, and

Boundary Oak has increased the cost of our lunches to \$38. As with everything in our world today, prices are increasing, but the Board made a conscious effort to minimize this as much as possible.

Regarding the lunch pricing, as I mentioned, Boundary Oak increased the price for our lunches \$1 to \$38 for 2027. While no one likes to pay more, I think that Boundary Oak provides us with a very good value proposition, part of which is the actual food. As part of the lunch cost, they provide us with the use of a room for our Board meetings and provide coffee for the meetings, they provide us the luncheon room, tables and chairs, servers, sound system, and the use of a golf cart to assist people with mobility issues to get from their car to the building, plus a service charge, plus the applicable sales tax of 9.25%. So while everything gets bundled into one price, there are numerous components to the pricing. Additionally, **Jim Pope** is working with them on the issues of quality, quantity and diversity of the entrées provided, and they are being addressed.

Email Scams: As you are aware, we continue to have email scam events this month with fake emails being sent out to members inviting people to a party at their house. Should you receive one, please call me or forward me the email so we can alert our members. Your Little Sir, **Jim Pope**, along with **Alex Border**, have looked at the issue, and have come up with a series of steps to reduce, control and block new attempts. **Jim** presented an overview of their plan at the October luncheon. They will now begin executing the steps in their plan to reduce the annoying activity. Our thanks to **Jim** and **Alex** for working to fix this issue for SIR146. Again, please be aware of

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SIR Luncheon
Thursday, November 12th, 2026
Boundary Oak 10:30

Michael Singleton
Veterans' Honor Flights
A reservation is required!
To make yours and choose your entrée
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the scams and we will keep you posted as to the changes being implemented to enhance our security.

2027 Board Member and Director Openings: We are looking for members to join the Board as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer for 2027, as well as three Board Members. Please let me know if you might like to discuss joining the Board for 2027. Additionally, SIR146 is only as rewarding as the members participation levels so I want to extend an open invitation to all members to come to our BEC leadership team monthly meeting which takes place at 9:30AM on the Thursday before our monthly luncheons in the meeting room to the right as you enter the building. Come in and join the discussion to see how and what we are doing, and

give us your insights as to how we can improve the organization. Each and every suggestion will be considered and discussed.

We all want to make SIR146 be the very best it can be. We are in SIR to enjoy life, so help us keep our organization healthy, interesting, fun, and growing for all of us!!

Thom Degnan
Big Sir, Branch 146



Little Sir's Corner

Jim Pope

Our speaker for our Veterans Day Luncheon will be Michael Singleton.

Michael was born in Bedford, England and lived in Scotland. He moved to America with his

adopted father who was a WWII, US Air Force veteran stationed in North Carolina. Michael joined the US Navy in 1964. His last duty was at Great Lakes Naval Training Center to teach electronics at post-bootcamp training schools. He is a Navy Veteran and had 3 tours in Vietnam combat zones. He was discharged due to Agent Orange exposure. He will speak about the Honor Flights-To fly vets to Washington DC. Michael will cover the history of the Honor Flight including the mission and the impact these trips have on our Veterans. He is now President of the Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation.

STOP SPAM: I'm heading up a group to look at what we could do to stop the scams we have been getting. Here is some more information I promised last month: We plan to do 3 things to protect you and SIR 146 better from spam.

1. Change the existing website username and pass-

word

2. Reorganization of the SIR 146 website
3. Branch communication change by using BCC for Activity Chairs and not CC,

We will communicate the new Username and Password by word of mouth. The new Website will have two sides, a Public and Recruiting side and Members Only side, that's password protected. This will protect all the SIR 146 members from having their emails less accessible to scammers. The plan is to have this in place for 2027.

New Members: We have 266 members now, but we need to keep up the effort

We have had a good run for new members so far this year but don't stop looking for new people to join this outstanding organization. KEEP IT UP!

Last, I'd like to give a BIG THANK YOU to the 2026 SIR Speakers Committee: **Glenn Breslin, Jim Cites, Tom Degnan** and **George Denney**. They found some great speakers in 2026. Next year, this group plus a couple of additional new members, **Paul Jones** and **Curt Barmby**, will continue to provide Super Speakers for 2027.

Jim Pope
Little Sir, Branch 146

SIR Mission Statement

The Mission of SIR is to enrich the lives of its members through fun, activities, events, and luncheons, while making friends for life.



Membership George Mon

Four new members were approved for membership in October.

Hugh Hansen lives in Walnut Creek with his wife **Diane**. He was an Engineer for Wang Labs. He enjoys building model boats.

He hiked up Mt. Kilimanjaro. He is sponsored by **Thom Byrom**.

Perry Quarenghi lives in Walnut Creek with his wife **Jennifer**. He was in Technology Sales. He enjoys poker, fishing and golf. He is sponsored by **Glenn Breslin**.

Chris Duffek lives in Danville with his wife **Margie**. He was a Banker for Bank of the West. He enjoys bird-watching, hiking and wine tasting. He is sponsored by **Bob Wilkenfeld**.

Curtis "Curt" Barmby lives in Walnut Creek with his wife **Gail**. He is an Assistant Clinical Professor for UOP

Dugoni School of Dentistry. He was a Practice Clinical Dentist for over 50 years. He is sponsored by **Ron Polivka**.

The 2026 membership count is **266**.

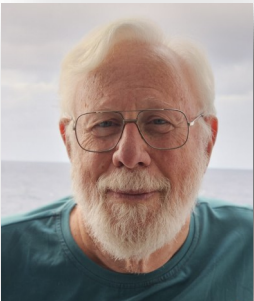
The 2027 Sir Branch 146 Dues letter has been sent out mid-October. You will be able to pay dues by Zelle this time around. However, sending a check is still preferred. All cost information and how to pay with Zelle will be included in the dues letter.

If you want to sponsor a new member, please go to our website www.sir146.com and go to the Members Only tab to see the Sponsors Role. The member application is in the Members tab.

It is important that any changes to your contact information, especially to your email, phone, or address, are sent to me in an email (gckk@comcast.net) so that we can update the directory with the most current information.

George Mon

925.683.0980 gckk@comcast.net



Editor's Ramblings Clint Collier

Boo... Happy Halloween everyone! Hope you are enjoying the start of the holiday season.

We kick off with a more solemn holiday, Veterans' Day, 11-11-11 (eleventh hour of the eleventh

day of the eleventh month when WWI ended) and we offer you a photo journey of the honor bestowed upon one of our own starting on page 11 and in its own way a "Thank You" to all of the SIR men who have served.

On a more lighter and humorous note, we offer you a quick read on Boundary Oak's favorite entrée.

Finally, the parting shot; a reminder of what Veterans

Day is really all about.

The cut-off date for SIRCall submissions for the December issue will be noon, November 18! Note that this is much earlier than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The following month, December, will also have a cut off date much earlier... for the same reason. As always, we encourage you to send them prior to this date!

So, don't be a turkey, note this early cut off now!

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SIR State Information

<https://sirinc.org/>

This is the state SIR web page. It is a wealth of information about SIR, SIR training, and SIR merchandise you can purchase.

[The current STATE newsletter can be found by clicking here.](#)

There are also copies of the many forms SIR uses; in short everything SIR can be found here!

M N T H L Y L U N C H O N S

SIR 146 November Luncheon

Thursday, November 12th, 2026

Salad

Mandarin Orange Spinach Salad
Parmesan, Raisins, Poppyseed Dressing

Entrees

Oven Roasted Turkey.

Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Turkey Gravy,
Cranberry Sauce

Lemon Herb Baked Cod

Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Carrots,
Zesty Lemon Garlic Sauce

Creamy Tuscan Ravioli

Butternut Squash Ravioli in a
Creamy Sundried Tomato Sauce

Dessert

Pumpkin Pie

SIR Branch 146 meets monthly

on the second Thursday of the month
at Boundary Oak golf course in Walnut Creek.

This is a luncheon meeting and

A RESERVATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE LUNCH.

Twice a year, in May and December, we have a Ladies' Day event with spouses invited.

The meetings start at 11:30 but the doors open around 10:00 so members can congregate, order drinks, talk with friends and socialize.

We realize that plans change, things happen. If you have made a reservation but find you can not keep it, let us know! We will try to use it but, be aware, if is less than a week in advance you may still be charged for the lunch!

Bringing a guest? You, as their sponsor, are responsible for making a reservation for them and we suggest you coordinate this with the luncheon secretary.

Any problems or questions?

925.979.5721 AttendLunchBr146@gmail.com

How to Reserve

- **Email:** AttendLunchBr146@gmail.com.
 - To make this easy for you, click on the link in the menu (links are bold, underlined and blue) corresponding to your menu choice. If the lunch is a Buffet, click on "Buffet"; no menu choice is required. This will initiate the correct email form for you to fill in your name and send.
 - If your pdf reader does not support calls to your email client you should simply initiate your own email; be sure to include your menu choice in the body of the email.
- **Call:** 925.979.5721 and leave a message indicating your name and menu choice.

How to Pay

There are three ways you can pay!

- **Pay annually!** One payment, once per year with your dues and all is well. Plus you get 10 lunches for the price of 8! That's 2 FREE lunches!
- **Pay with Zelle.** Use your phone and your bank's mobile app. In the "send money" option of Zelle you should see "scan a QR code". Well, here it is. Scan away! Hint... save it for next time!
- **Pay by check.** Mail in or bring your check to the luncheon*, made out to SIR Branch 146, and give it to the member handling check in.
- The current cost is **\$37.00**.



* Same day payment not available for Ladies' Days Luncheons!



Ladies' Holiday Dinner

Steve Ybarra

The Ladies' Holiday Dinner will be held on Thursday December 10th, 2026. The cost for this event is \$41 per person and includes passed appetizers and an open bar prior to the 5 :30 pm dinner. Doors open at 4:30 pm and SIR members and guests can socialize until 5:30 pm when the dinner will be called to order for the Pledge of Allegiance. Reservations must be made to **Steve Ybarra** and received by December 4th, 2026. Please use the reservation form (below) provided in this SIRCall, and make checks payable to SIR Branch 146 in the amount of \$41 per person.

Steve Ybarra
sjybar@gmail.com



Cocktail Party: Open Bar 4:30 to 5:30

Entertainment by
 the Diablo Women's Chorale



SIR 146

Ladies' Holiday Dinner

Thursday December 10th, 2026

Appetizers

Crab Cakes, Citrus Marinated Prawns,
 Tomato & Basil Bruschetta, Spring Rolls

Salad

Spring Mix Salad
 Cranberries, Almonds, Goat Cheese, Herb Vinaigrette

Entrées

Filet Mignon

Caramelized Shallot au jus,
 Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables

—or—

Baked Salmon

Dill Sauce, Confetti Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables

—or—

Manicotti

Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Chocolate Supreme Cake



SIR 146 Ladies' Holiday Dinner

Thursday, December 10th, 2026

Number of Tickets_____ at \$41 ea. amount Enclosed \$_____ We are sitting with:_____

Use this form to list yourselves and the guests at your table (if any) along with their choice of entrée. Check the "Total Paid" box if you are paying for them, otherwise they will be assigned to your table when their payment is received.

Type in the requested information and print this page, or just print this page and fill your information by hand then cut along the dotted line and send it with your check made payable to SIR Branch 146 to:

Steve Ybarra
 142 Leonard Dr.
 Concord, CA 94518-1213.

#	F Name, L Name	Filet Mignon	Salmon	Vegetarian	Total Paid
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There will be no tickets sold at the door the day of the event!
 Reservations must be received by December 4th.



John Aaro
John Boyan
Jim Brown
Keith Denison
John Elstead
Richard Hockenbrock
Dan Holland
Siegfried Kalteis
John Kendrick
Mike Kimsal
Ronald Louis

Frank Lucas
Pete Mcneill
Rich Pace
Cliff Perkins
Rex Rexroat
Don Rhoads
Daniel Schlatter
Ken Soult
Paul Tanzillo
Lewis Thompson
Bob Wilkenfeld



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Refer to the Branch Directory, accessible under the Members Only tab heading on our website, for phone numbers and email addresses.

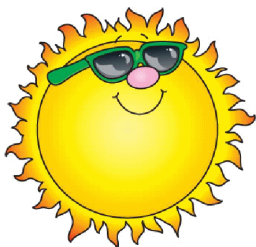


Sunshine Brian McCarthy

Let us keep the pictured SIR member in our thoughts and prayers. We look forward to their continued healing and return to good health.

Consider contacting a sick SIR member to offer support and encouragement during his illness. A friendly call is usually welcome. Cards and letters are always appreciated. If you become aware of a SIR member who is ill please let me know by email at brimacc@comcast.net or by phone 925.324.2463 so that our SIR members can be

advised. *Stay Healthy.*



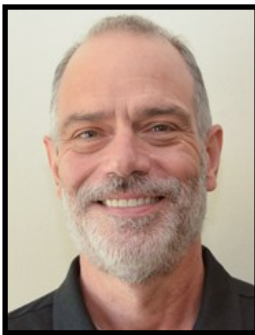
Pat O'Keeffe

October

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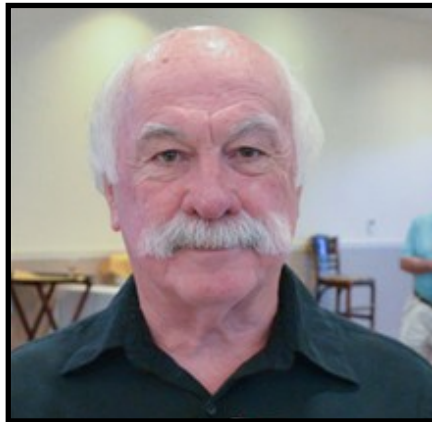
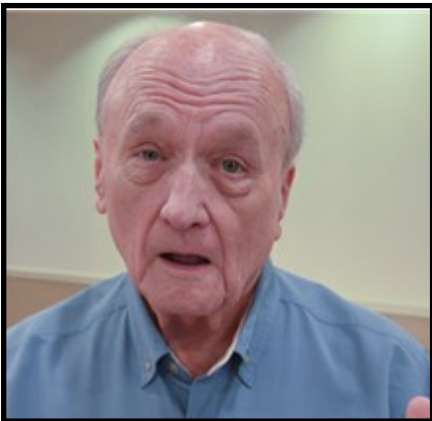


October
Bob Yolland

GLENN BRESLIN PRESIDENTIAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Thom Degnan, Bruce Borgman, Glenn Breslin, Ellen Breslin









The day before our November luncheon will be Veterans Day, 11-11-11; the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. The official end of WWI. Too late for Private Henry Nicholas Gunther of Company A, 313th infantry Regiment, 79th Infantry Division of the United States Army. Private Gunther was the final battlefield casualty at 10:59. There is a memorial for him in Chaumont-devant-Damvillers, France, near where he was shot, but to most of us reading this, this is the first time we have heard his name.

But he, like thousand upon thousands of Veterans, those who have been called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice along with all of those who have served should be thought of and thanked, especiall on this most significant day.,

Many members of this SIR group are such veterans and this day has special meaning for them. The rest of this article is about one member in particular, Captain Peter Plante and his recent recognition for his service but it is really dedicated to all of the members of SIR who at one time or another served in our armed services.

So... lets start with Peter's story... Like Private Gunther, most of us have not heard of the organization called Honor Flight. [Honor Flight Bay Area](#) has one goal: taking veterans to Washington DC to honor their service. Peter was registered with them and two months ago was selected to be one of the participants on such an honor flight. The remainder of this article, beginning on the next page, is his report of this extraordinary experience.



HONOR FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON, D.C. SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2026

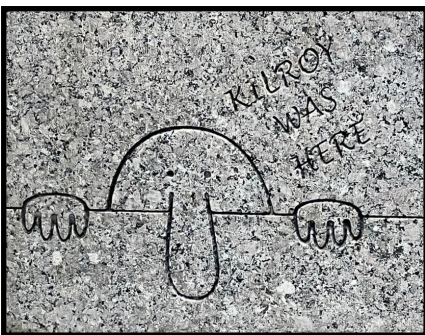


Honor Flight Bay Area makes four flights a year to Washington D.C., one in April, May, September and October, transporting veterans to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices. 25 veterans are chosen for each flight giving top priority to WWII veterans followed by Korea and Vietnam era veterans. With completion of the Gulf War memorial, the program will begin to include those veterans following the Vietnam veterans in priority.

I was honored to be chosen to go on the most recent Honor Flight, September 10-12. Of the 25 men in our group, there were four Korean War veterans, including one age 95. We flew on Alaska Airlines directly to Reagan Airport and stayed at the Hilton in Arlington. The gate at our sendoff at SFO was decorated with American flags, red, white and blue bunting, plus USO ladies provided coffee and donuts. Then out of the blue about 25 San Francisco police officers showed up and made two rows lining the gateway and saluted our group as we boarded the plane.

When we arrived in Washington, an announcement must have been made over the airport intercom that an Honor Flight had arrived because people were clapping at every gate as we came off the plane and walked through the airport. It was very touching to be received like that.

On September 11 our tour started at the Vietnam Wall. I know a dozen names there and it leaves me with a feeling of sadness and grief at the waste of lives. From there we went to the Vietnam Nurses Memorial, the Korean War Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial, each leaving a distinct impression upon us. Next up, we had a box lunch at the FDR Memorial along side the Tidal Pool. It covers 7 ½ acres and is very well done. Later we walked along the Tidal Pool to the impressive MLK Memorial. From there we took a bus to the World War II Memorial which made an impression on us all. Thanks to those veterans, our freedoms were preserved. Last but not least, Kilroy was here.



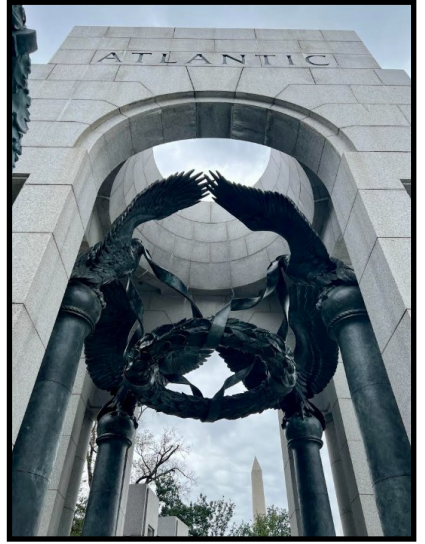
Our group finished the day at Arlington National Cemetery for the changing of the guard and to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Our four oldest veterans had that honor. It was another solemn occasion to remind us how fortunate we are to live our lives in freedom. Throughout the day wherever we went, several people thanked us for our service.

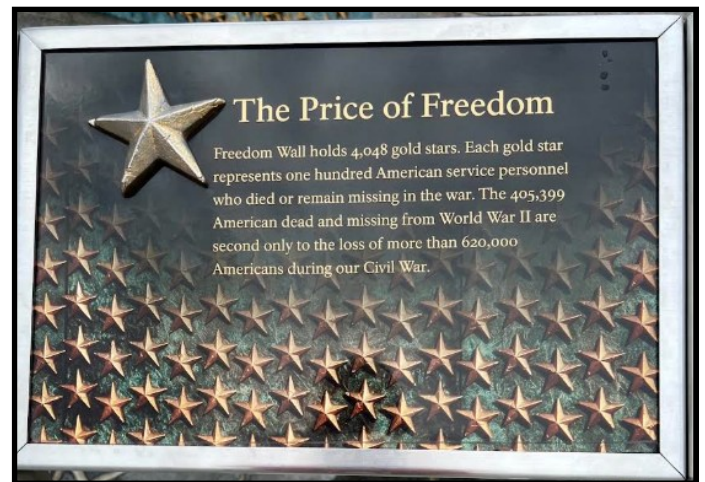
September 12 took us to the Army Museum, the Navy Museum, and the Air Force Memorial. A final stop was made at the Pentagon Memorial where there is a marker for each victim adorned with flowers. A huge American flag hangs to the right of where the plane hit the building. It was another sobering experience.

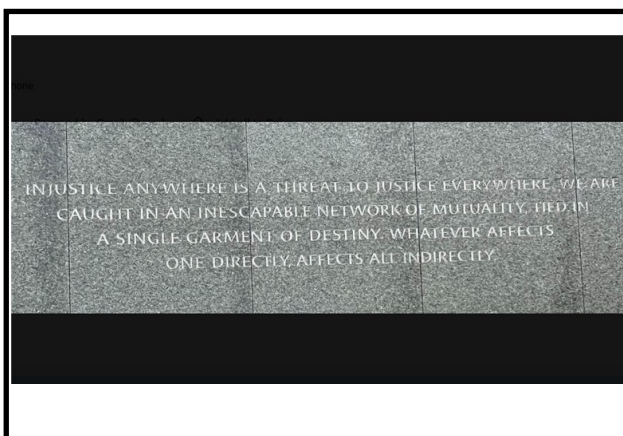
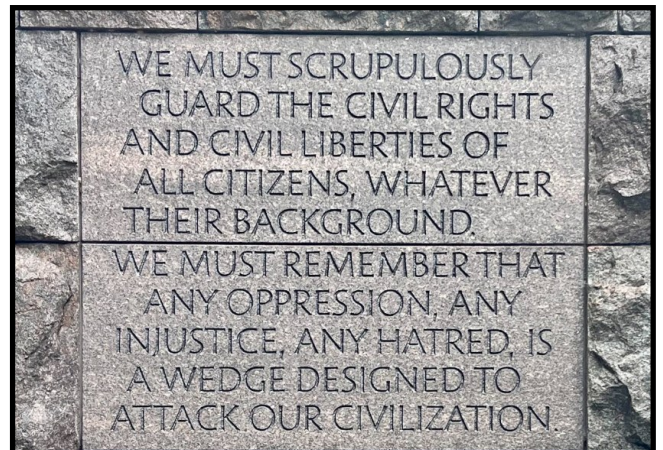
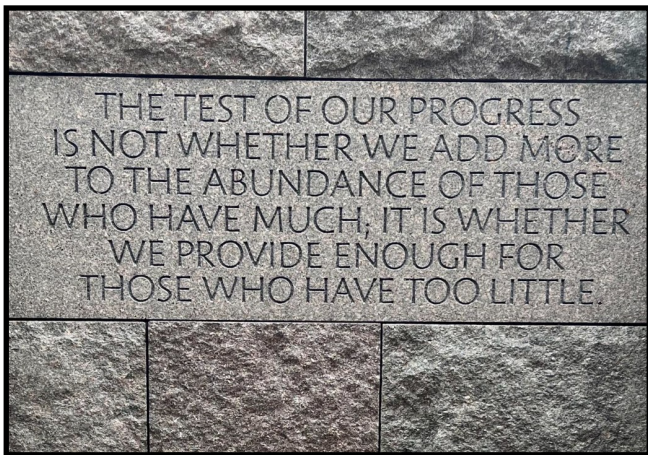
Late that afternoon we departed for the airport and our return flight home. Upon arrival in SFO we were greeted by a rousing welcome home from our family and friends complete with flags, balloons, banners and signs.

I left Vietnam in 1971, so 55 years later it was gratifying to receive that response. All in all, a terrific experience and one I would recommend to any veteran, regardless of where or when you served. You do not need to be a war veteran to be eligible. Go to <https://honorflightbayarea.org> and fill your application.

Peter Plante











Thank you, and all of our veterans, for your service, Captain Peter Plante!

NOTES

from Our Members

Do you love cod as much as the chef at Boundary Oak? After months and months of the wonderous fish on our menu, we felt it was well past time to introduce you to this wonderful and tasty fish. So without further adieu...

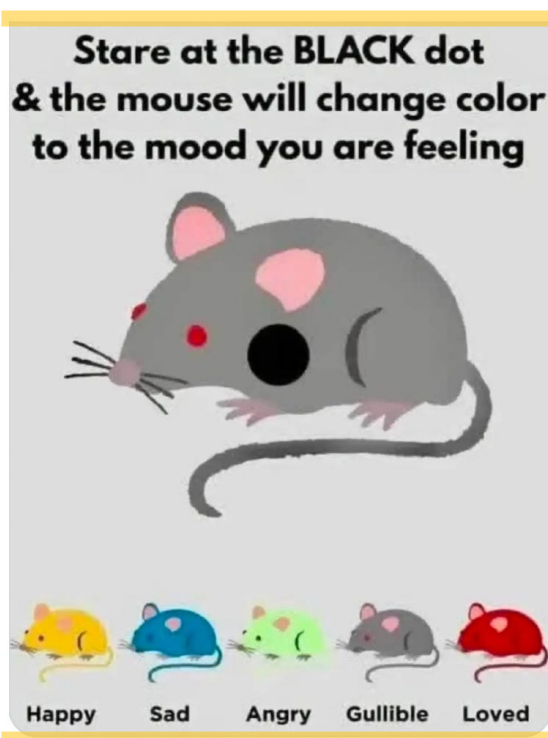
[Ode to the Codfish](#) (via AI)

Oh, humble dweller of the freezing deep, Where icy currents swirl and shadows sweep, Not clad in gaudy gold or scarlet sheen, But wrapped in scales of gray, austere and clean. O codfish, steady titan of the sea, This humble verse of praise belongs to thee.

While tuna flash and salmon leap on high, You drift where sunbeams scarcely reach the eye, A patient ghost upon the ocean floor, Bound for the distant net, the salted shore. Countless empires grew upon your back, From Grand Banks fog to ancient merchant track; Through centuries of hunger, wind, and gale, You kept the fragile fleets of men set sail.

Transformed by salt, pressed tight into the hold, You turned the fisherman's hard sweat to gold, A priceless treasure of the northern brine, Cured by the sun and dipped in simple wine. Or battered crisp, resting on beds of white, A golden cushion in the candle-light, You grace the table, modest, true, and deep, While hungry mortals bow their heads and weep.

So here's to thee, gray monarch of the cold, Whose silent story centuries have told. No crown of jewels, no boastful, flashing fin— Just quiet greatness waiting deep within.



ACTIVITIES



Activities Coordinator Glenn Breslin

I am writing to request sharing your SIR146 activities with our non-SIR friends.

- One of our many challenges for this new year is to grow our membership. Guests that attend activities many times, join SIR.
- Members are aging out, moving out or dropping out faster than we are recruiting.
- SIR risks having less members and activities and being a less vital organization

If you are involved in any SIR activity, can you please consider telling your friends how much you enjoy this activity? Also, ask them if they would also like to join this activity as a guest. Share the treasure of your enjoyment with them. You and other SIRs will enjoy their social interactions and they will enjoy the activity and others' social interactions. Surely a win-win at a minimum !!

To assure that our branch exists into the next decade, SIR146 requires a large number of guests. A percentage of these guests will turn into new members. Sharing your activity enjoyment with guests will also benefit SIR146 !! **Also consider inviting your friends to lunch.**

.Glenn Breslin

925.788.6520 glennbreslin@gmail.com

SIR Activities! Click on the link of the activity that you are interested in.

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Theater Glenn Breslin

Full 2026-2027 SIR146 Theater Schedule Now Announced

- For many of these shows, only a limited number of tickets are still available
- Subscription to 4 Jazz Performances at Leshar, deadline is 10/29. Leshar releases individual tickets on 11/1
- For the 4/3 Doo Wop show at Leshar, please send me your \$75 check. I can only hold seats for those that have paid
- If you are interested, send a check made out to SIR146 and mail to Glenn Breslin, 3480 School St., Lafayette, CA 94549

Sun 12/6/26 at 5:00 pm Snow Day (Walnut Creek Concert Band), general admission tickets are \$12 each. at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church—No meal planned for this event.

<https://www.lesherartscenter.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/20554/3144>

Let's welcome the holiday season with music that lifts the spirit. The Walnut Creek Concert Band's *Snow Day!* concert is packed with joyful winter melodies, festive favorites, and the kind of bright, feel good energy that makes December evenings special. This performance blends heartwarming storytelling with the rich, full sound of a live concert band — the kind of music that instantly puts you in a good mood. .

Thu 2/4/27 at 4:00 pm Magic Show – Cal Magic Martinez - \$95 includes show plus 3 course dinner

<https://calmagicclub.com/>

The California Magic Club in Martinez is a well-known local dinner-theater venue that hosts the Cal Magic show — a long-running, close-up comedy-magic experience with food, drinks, and audience participation. A live comedy-magic dinner show featuring rotating professional magicians. Shows often include: Pre-show mingling with magicians, A full dinner, Table-side magic during dinner, A headliner magician performing a 60–75 minute set

Sun 3/14/27 at 2:00 pm Native Gardens – Lafayette Town Hall Theater - \$27.00

5:00 pm Optional Dinner follows the show

<https://www.townhalltheatre.com/calendar/native-gardens-six>

From the wickedly funny mind of Karen Zacarías comes a smart, fast-moving comedy about good fences, bad neighbors, and the chaos that erupts when politeness wears thin. When Tania, a very pregnant Ph.D. candidate, and her high-powered lawyer husband Pablo move in next door, longtime homeowners Virginia and Frank are determined to welcome them. The new neighbors hit it off until a mysteriously misplaced fence line threatens Frank's prize-winning garden.

Sat 4/3/27 at 7:30 pm The Doo Wop Project: Echoes of the Street, \$75

5:00 pm Optional Dinner preceeds the show

<https://www.lesherartscenter.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/20834/3224>

<https://www.thedoowopproject.com/>

America's premier group dedicated to preserving and expanding the genre of this great music we know and love, Doo Wop! The Doo Wop Project brings the classic sounds of the '50s and '60s to life with incredible harmonies, slick choreography, and a modern twist that keeps the energy high from start to finish. Expect beloved hits from groups like The Drifters, The Platters, and Frankie Valli. The boys of the Doo Wop Project also take contemporary songs and give them a Doo Wop twist.

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Subscription to 4 Jazz Performances at Leshner – Total Price \$225

<https://jazzwalnutcreek.com/>

Join fellow SIR146 members for an unforgettable afternoon at Jazz Walnut Creek—one of the Bay Area's premier jazz series. Enjoy world-class performers at the Leshner Center, connect with friends, and experience a cultural event that consistently sells out year after year. This is a perfect co-ed outing and a great way to support vibrant activities within our club. Long may it swing!

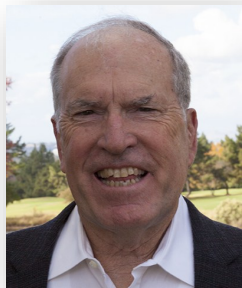
2027 Spring Concert Series (Margaret Leshner Theatre):

- **Cyrus Chestnut** — Sunday, March 21, 2027 at 3:00 pm
- **Kandace Springs** — Sunday, April 4, 2027 at 3:00 pm
- **Bria Skonberg** — Sunday, April 18, 2027 at 3:00 pm
- **Warren Wolf (featuring. Imani-Grace Cooper)** — Saturday, May 8, 2027 at 3:00 pm

Please reach out to me should you have any questions or comments. See contact information below. I look forward to sharing these SIR-Theater experiences with you !!

Glenn Breslin

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AREA 16 Fishing Report Brad Hatcher

SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Contacts are **Pedro Contreras**, 925.837.4847; and **Carl Moyer**, 925.378.9389. Next meeting will be at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek golf course at Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4 on Thursday, the 19th at 8:30 am. Come early.

PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS THE THIRD THURSDAY, NOT THE FOURTH. THE 4th IS THANKSGIVING!

20 of us caught limits of rockfish, some ling cod, and some bonita tuna on a party boat. 6 of us, including **Ross Abbott**, caught 25 nice rainbow trout on an overnight visit to Lake Almanor. **Matt Richards** got more rockfish launching at Bodega bay. **Matt, Dennis Lee, Phil Scimonelli**, and **Carl Moyer** got rockfish and lings further south. **Matt** and **Dennis** joined **Phil Scimonelli** and **Mike Pruett** at the Antioch Pier playing catch and release with many stripers. **Mike** travelled all the way to Ohio to help his granddaughters enjoy bluegill fishing. **Dennis Lee** went down by Half Moon Bay to catch quite a few Bonita tuna. We rarely get these super fast fighting fish this far north, and we have really enjoyed catching them. **Tom Kostik** worked the delta for lots of black bass and some keeper stripers. Everyone is looking forward to **Carl Moyer's** fish fry on the 10th.

Brad Hatcher

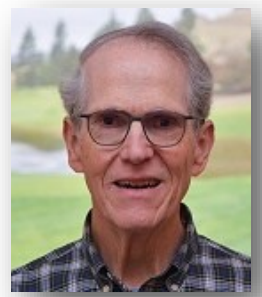
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Photography Group

The Photography Group will meet on Thursday, November 5th at the Walnut Creek Library on the second floor in the Las Trampas Room from 1 PM to 3 pm. The agenda is still being formulated with roughly a month to go. We will have a power-packed agenda for one and all.



The group did a photoshoot at Peju Winery in Rutherford on Friday, October 9th. We focused on an area called the Garden Art Walk. Pe-

ju Winery was founded in 1983 by Tony and Herta Peju. This winery is one of the last wineries in the Napa Valley that is family owned. The Peju's daughters, Lisa and Ariana, runs the day-to-day operations with great success. The beautiful gardens, sculptures, Koi Pond, and Willow Creek provide a great opportunity for photography. The photographs run from the Peju Tower, Historic Gates, Girl on the Bench, the Moonrise and Eternal Cycle which are marble sculptures. I have attached some photographs from members that attended: **Bill Holly, Glenn Breslin, Bob Wilkenfeld, and Moose Kelly**. After our photography session was complete, we adjourned to the tasting area where we sample Peju Winery's finest wines. The temperature was superb!! A good time was had by all.

If you are not on our email list and would like to join the Photography Group for one of our photoshoots or just want to come to our meeting to see what the club is all about, then please contact **John "Moose" Kelly** or **Mike Rothman**. We would be happy to send you the agenda.

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Mike Rothman

415.937.1846 mrothman9@gmail.com



Photo by **Moose Kelly**



Photo by **Bob Wilkenfeld**

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The Wine Gang: Bob Wilkenfeld, Bill Holly, Glenn Breslin and Moose Kelly. (Photo by Moose)



Photo by Glen Breslin



Photo by Bill Holly



...are we going to make it?



Birding Ted Robertson

There were two trips that were close together this fall on September 21 and October 7. Both trips are reported below. The next SIR birding trip is on November 11th (2nd Wed.) at 8:30 am. I will be sending out the location and detailed directions about 1 week before the trip. If you are not on my mailing list, please contact me at tedr@berkeley.edu so that I can add you. Beginning birders are welcome along with their spouses or close friends. I have a few loaner binoculars for those of you just starting out.

Old Borges Ranch Field Trip Report, Monday September 21, 2026.

At 8:30 am, a group of six SIR birders hiked up the trail from Old Borges Ranch in Walnut Creek, a restored ranch occupied by five generations of Borges since 1899 and now part of the Walnut Creek Park system. Our group spotted and heard 23 species of birds. The highlights of the trip included very close looks at a Western Flycatcher and several Golden-crowned Sparrows that just returned from their migration from Alaska. Numerous (twenty) Acorn Woodpeckers were actively storing acorns into the bark of trees. Part of the trail passes by a California Quail Restoration area, unfortunately we did not see any quail.



Western Flycatcher
(Photo by Earl Bates)



California Scrub-Jay
(Photo by Earl Bates)



SIR Birders (Photo by Ted Robertson)

Newhall Community Park Field Trip Report, Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

At 8:30 am, a group of ten SIR birders explored Newhall Community Park in eastern Concord and spotted and heard 21 species of birds. The highlights of the trip included a close look at a Red-shouldered Hawk, over ten Anna's Hummingbirds, great views of Lesser Goldfinches posing with an Acorn Woodpecker and spotting Yellow-rumped Warblers that have returned to the Bay Area for the winter.



Red-shouldered Hawk.
(Photo by Earl Bates)



Green Heron
(Photo by Ted Robertson)



SIR Birders (Photo by Ted Robertson)

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Bocce

John Kendrick

The 2026 SIR 146 Bocce Ball activity is officially complete. There were existing and new members who enjoyed this great outdoor activity.

The Bocce Ball activity meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 8:30 am to 10:00 am, May through October at Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord. The courts are near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads in Concord. Ladies are welcome.

Mark in your calendar May 10 as the official start of the 2027 SIR 146 Bocce Ball activity.

John Kendrick

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9 Hole Golf Group

Bob Ford

Getting bored sitting around the house? Dust off those golf clubs and come join us for a round of golf. Please email me (Scubabob.ford@gmail.com) if you would like to play with us. Our group tees off at 9:30

am at the Diablo Hills Golf Course on every Thursday, except the second Thursday of the month when we go to the SIR luncheon. It is open to all, and you don't need to be a member of the NCGA or have a handicap to play. It takes us about two hours to play, then most of us also have lunch at the Greenery which is the restaurant at the course. On Fridays, I will send out an email asking who is coming for golf and if you plan to walk or ride. On Wednesdays I will send out an email with who signed up for Thursday morning. I hope to see you there!!

Bob Ford

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Cycling Group

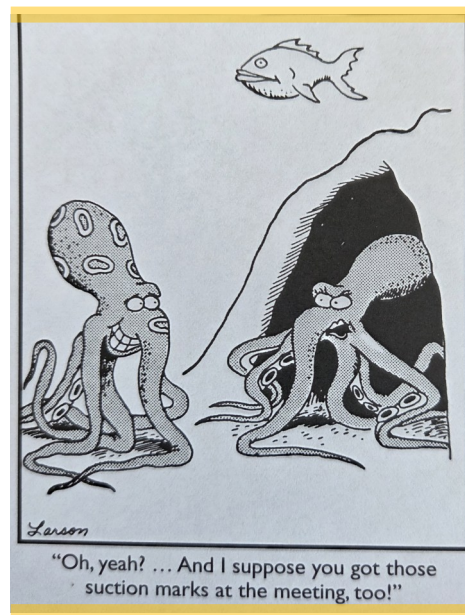
Larry Kaye

Larry Kaye
925.698.4030

October 20th: Today's ride showed that age means crap. We climbed almost 1500 feet today.

The trip was to Martinez thru the back roads of Pleasant Hill. The hills were plenty and steep. Over 14% I was told. Yet, we all did them. The ride was a show of what exercise can do for you. Present today were : **Bill Ross, Eric Finson, Dave Paulson, Bob Wilkenfeld, Brian Totter, Tom Alborg, Mike Schruup, Phil Lee, and Larry Kaye.** If you turn that knob and step outside you too can find strength.

Larry



If you are interested in joining us for a ride, then please reach out to **Larry Kaye** at 925.698.4030. So, dig out your old bike and dust it off. Come out and join us. Our rides are a no drop policy where we don't leave anyone behind. During the ride, we occasionally stop to gather the masses, then proceed onward to our goal of riding for coffee, having fun, solving the world's problems and staying healthy through exercise. The cycling group's motto: **HEALTH IS WEALTH**



Book Corner

Paul Kersis

The SIR lending library is available at our general meetings in February, May, August, October and December. Bring a book –borrow a book!





Hiking

Ray Martz and Bob Wilkenfeld

Twin Ponds Loop

(September 28): This hike took us to sections of Shell Ridge and the Diablo Foothills Regional Park

that we have never hiked before. We started our 5.1 mile hike from the Livornia Road Staging Area and headed to Twin Ponds. Then our outing took us along the entire Twin Ponds Loop Trail, part of the Sugarloaf-Diablo Foothills Trail and the Franco Ranch Trail on our way back to our cars. We stopped for a brief snack, at the dry bed of Bullfrog Pond, by the shade of a large oak tree. In the end we climbed 1,120 feet.

Redwood Regional Park (October 5): The hot weather was back so we went back to the cool Redwood forest; 69 degrees at 10 am and 79 at 1:00 pm Our 5.2 mile hike, with 890 feet of elevation gain took us along the West Ridge, Madrone, French, Mill and Stream Trails. **Earl Bates, Cleo Bolen, Jim Crites Chris Duffek and Ray Martz** barely broke a sweat!

Morgan Territory (October 12): It was a glorious day for hiking — temps in the low 70s and a clear blue sky. Hiking out on the Volvon Trail was easy, as the climbs were minimal (300 feet) and not steep. After a lunch break in the shade of a grove of oak and buckeye trees, we headed back. But the last 3/4 mile of our 5.3-mile outing was tough — the Coyote Trail climbed 680+ feet over rocks, fallen trees and large roots. Still, **Earl Bates, Eric Finson, Prashant Gupte, Ray Martz, Roger Meyer, V.J. (guest) and Bob Wilkenfeld** soldiered back to the parking lot.



Briones Regional Park (10/19): Once again, we managed to avoid the very hot days. Despite the elevation gain of 930 feet and the exposed trails (think, no shade), we remained relatively cool on this 4.6-mile hike. **Chris Duffek, Eric Finson, Mike Gipps, Prashant Gupte, Ray Martz, Roger Meyer, Gene Schulting, and Bob Wilkenfeld** only got lost once!

The hikes we plan are 4-7 miles in length with around 1000 feet of climbing. Advanced email notifications for each hike and walk describe the outing details, including starting point, route and difficulty. Spouses and guests are always welcome. Our canine friends will be allowed on

leash if the hiking venue permits it. If you are interested in joining us, please let **Bob** know.

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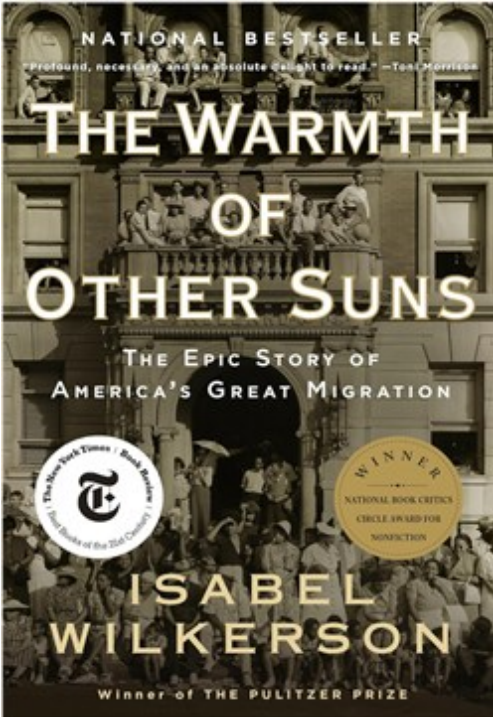


Book Group

Nick Jabuka

We met on the last day of September at our usual spot, Panera. It was busy that morning, but it's rarely as noisy as other breakfast places, and the music stays low enough to talk over.

Our September Read: *The Warmth of Other Suns*



Isabel Wilkerson's *The Warmth of Other Suns* (2010) chronicles the Great Migration, the movement of roughly six million Black Americans out of the Jim Crow South between 1915 and 1970 to cities in the North, Midwest, and West. Rather than telling the story only through statistics, Wilkerson follows three individuals over decades: Ida Mae Gladney, a sharecropper's wife who left Mississippi for Chicago in 1937; George Starling, a citrus picker who fled Florida for Harlem in 1945 after organizing fellow workers; and Robert Foster, a surgeon who drove from Louisiana to Los Angeles in 1953. Drawing on more than a thousand interviews, she shows what pushed people out, including violence, economic exploitation, and the daily humiliations of the caste system, and what pulled them toward the promise of better wages, schooling, and dignity. She also details the discrimination they met in the North, such as housing segregation and job barriers, while arguing that the migration reshaped American culture, politics, and cities and should be understood as a quiet act of agency, comparable to the journeys of other immigrant groups seeking freedom and opportunity.

Our Verdict – An Important Read

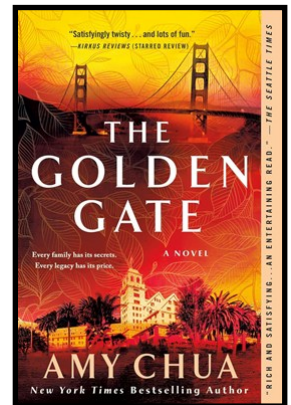
We strongly recommend this book to anyone who wants a deeper understanding of this pivotal chapter in American history and of the migrations

that shaped the country as we know it. By going beyond statistics, the author brings this story of hardship and resilience vividly to life.

Next Month's Book

Next month's book is *The Golden Gate* by Amy Chua. If you enjoy reading and engaging in friendly, interesting discussions, we would love you to join us! We welcome new members.

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SongSirs

Don Casey

We continue to finalize/rehearse for the Veteran's Day event (AKA the November meeting). Be prepared to stand and represent when we sing the anthem for your service.

We're also preparing for some events in December; stay tuned for more on that.

Meanwhile we're working on new techniques and songs designed to highlight them. Hope to bring those to you soon.

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Guitar Group Curtis Young

The SIR guitar group performed October 22nd for the Martinez Veterans Hospital. This was our first gig and we had a great time playing for about 20 veterans. They enjoyed our music

enough to ask us back for another gig!



The players are from left to right, **Bruce Kimmis**, **Ricky Moreno**, myself, **Tom Amann** and **Jeff Denny**. we had great time and look forward to playing there again.



Curtis Young
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"No, it's not the governor. Do you want to save 20% or more on your car insurance?"



A cowboy walks into a seedy old café in Wyoming. He sits at the counter and notices an old cowboy with his arms folded staring blankly at a full bowl of meaty chili.

After a few minutes of just watching him staring at the chili, the young cowboy bravely asks the old cowpoke, "If you ain't gonna eat that, mind if I do?"

The older cowboy slowly turns his head toward the young wrangler and in his best cowboy manner says, "Nah, you go ahead." "Eagerly, the young cowboy reaches over and slides the bowl over to his place and starts spooning it in with delight. He gets nearly down to the bottom and notices a dead mouse in the chili.

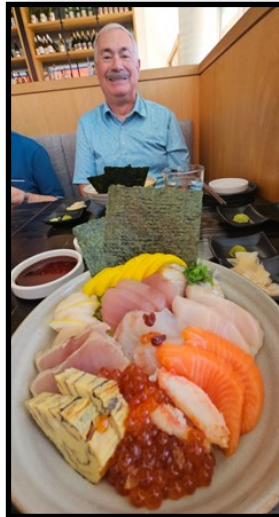
The sight was very shocking and he immediately barfs up the chili back into the bowl.

The old cowboy quietly says, "Yep, that's as far as I got, too."



寿司の友達 Sushi no Tomodachi Clint Collier

BAMBOO SUSHI



Five of us gathered on October 15th sushi at Bamboo Sushi in Bishop Ranch in San Ramon. One would-be member, unfortunately, got lost and could not find Bamboo Sushi and so missed out on some great fish. A variety of dishes were ordered the most popular however was the scattered sushi, Chirashizushi. The picture to the left shows my "bowl" but **Bob Wilkenfeld**, sitting across from me is about to dive into his too.

There was no clear choice for the location of our next adventure, our annual, spouses included, holiday party. The date is set, December 17th, so put that on your calendar and look for the location in next month's SIRCall and in a special e-mail to the members of the group.



Clint Collier

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Which of the following has four eight and one nine?

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B: 4819

C: 888819

D: 489



Cooking II Steve Ybarra

Richard Hockenbrock hosted our October gathering at his palatial residence. First on the agenda was wine, appetizers, and thoughtful conversation. **Richard** treated the group to a top end well aged red wine from his extensive wine cellar. Our conversations this month were more local and state focused with the upcoming elections around the corner. And of course, discussions regarding the 49er's fast start to the season were abundant. For lunch **Richard** served us a pre-Thanksgiving meal of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy which was preceded by a Melo restaurant designed green salad. The lunch experience was excellent and delicious. Congratulations to **Richard** who has evolved into a budding chef since he joined the group several years ago. The Cooking II group will next meet on November 9th at the home of **Corrie Oranje**.



Steve Ybarra

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What do you call a turkey with no legs?
Leftovers.



COFFEE GROUP

Tom Byrom

The Coffee Group, meets weekly on Wednesday morning at 9:30 am at Panera in Walnut Creek (corner of



Bancroft and Treat).

Our group is informal and open to all SIR members. You may come late and leave anytime, as your schedule requires. We end our sessions no later than 11:00 am.

Our group is relatively new but we are off to a great start with seven to nine attendees at our first sessions. Conversations were lively and interesting.

Tom Byrom

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A chuckle, just for you...

A rookie police officer pulled a biker over for speeding and had the following exchange:

Officer: May I see your driver's license?

Biker: I don't have one. I had it suspended when I got my 5th DUI.

Officer: May I see the owner's card for this vehicle?

Biker: It's not my bike. I stole it.

Officer: The motorcycle is stolen?

Biker: That's right. But come to think of it, I think I saw the owner's card in the tool bag when I was putting my gun in there.

Officer: There's a gun in the tool bag?

Biker: Yes sir. That's where I put it after I shot and killed the dude who owns this bike and stuffed his dope in the saddle bags.

Officer: There's drugs in the saddle bags too?!?!?

Biker: Yes, sir. Hearing this, the rookie immediately called his captain. The biker was quickly surrounded by police, and the captain approached the biker to handle the tense situation:

Captain: Sir, can I see your license?

Biker: Sure. Here it is. It was valid.

Captain: Who's motorcycle is this?

Biker: It's mine, officer. Here's the registration.

Captain: Could you slowly open your tool bag so I can see if there's a gun in it?

Biker: Yes, sir, but there's no gun in it. Sure enough, there was nothing in the tool bag.

Captain: Would you mind opening your saddle bags? I was told you said there's drugs in them.

Biker: No problem. The saddle bags were opened; no drugs.

Captain: I don't understand it. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license, stole this motorcycle, had a gun in the tool bag, and that there were drugs in the saddle bags.

Biker: Yeah, I'll bet he told you I was speeding, too.



Cooking Lunch and Wine

Paul Dubow

The Lunch and Wine Group met on October 7th for their final event of the year, this "Dinner-out for All" took place at Wise Girl in Pleasant Hill. A good time was had by

all. We ordered a broad variety of items off their regular menu and everyone seemed pleased with their food and the service. Our next event will be a member-hosted luncheon in January.

Pete Gates for Paul Dubow

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I gained a little bit of weight recently. In my defense, I've had a lot on my plate.

MEXICAN TRAIN Dominoes

Group Uno 1



Mexican Train Dominoes "Uno"

Alicia Bailly hosted a full house on October 9th for the Mexican Train Uno group. The whole clan was present and spent the social hour catching up with each other. We were tickled to have **Alicia's** granddaughter join in the festivities and we were all impressed with her future mission of linguistics with the Air Force, as well as her beautiful smile and sparkly eyes! At half time break we were treated to ice cream bars and/or bite size pastry tarts! Our champions for the night were **Bruce** in first place, **Martha** in second and **Richard** followed as third.

Corrie Oranje



Bruce Borgman, Richard Hockenbrock and Martha Plante

Group Dos 2



Mexican Train Dominoes "Dos"

Ron Plachy

We played at the Martinez home of **Dan and Mary Holland** on Friday, September 25th. We

played from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and all seemed to like the change from evening play. **Mary** had had fruit, cheese, and snacks prior to the game. At our half-time break, **Dan** provided tasty cream filled cupcakes he had baked earlier in the day.

We played with 5 per table since we are still missing a 6th couple. **Loren DeLaurenti** was hotter than blazes going out in 5 of the 9 games we played. He took first with a 13.6 average. **Ron Plachy** grabbed second with a 17.0 average. At the other table, **Bev Collier** came in third with a 23.1 average

Next month we will play at the home of **John and Nancy Pearl** in Walnut Creek.

Ron Plachy

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Ron Plachy 2nd, Bev Collier 3rd and Loren DeLaurenti 1st.

Today I went to the toilet without my phone. There are 124 tiles in the bathroom!



Mexican Train Dominoes "Cuatro" Jim Pope

On October 16nd the El Quattro Mexican Train dominoes group met at Jim and Renie Pope's home with 13 players. Those in attendance this evening were: Henry and Barbara Thatcher, Dick and Christy DeVoe, Dick and Leslie Firth, Rich Pace, Scott and Marie-Claire MacDougall, Fred and Katie Morehouse, and Jim and Renie Pope. The group enjoyed outstanding goodies provided by the members and some wine and beer, too. We had 13 players, so we played at 1 table of 6 and one table of 7. The low score winners at each table were Leslie Firth and Renie Pope. We paid each table winner 7 or 6 one-dollar California Lotto tickets respectively. There were 2 high score players at each table: Barbara Thatcher and Henry Thacher. They received one

Lotto ticket each. (see pictures). The El Quattro MTD group will meet next on December 4th for our Holiday MTD. (Photos by Steve Oki)

Jim Pope

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THEY SAID TECHNOLOGY WOULD REMOVE UNNECESSARY WORK.

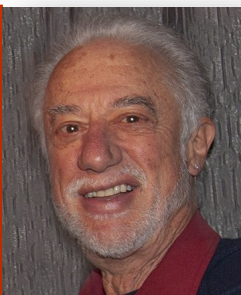
Now I have sixty passwords, fourteen verification codes and a robot asking me to prove I'm not a robot.



If you're going to Fu*k up, at least make them wonder how you did it.



**If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive,
They would eventually find me attractive.**



Mexican Train Dominoes "Siete" Bob Lucido

In September the Degnan's bravely hosted our Mexican Train Dominoes 7 group.

Thom Degnan (center) not only hosted, but came in first. **Mary McCarthy** (right) was second and, finally, bringing up the rear in last place was **Bob Wilkenfeld** (left), who won a paltry \$3.00—but still had fun!

Bob Lucido

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Mexican Train Dominoes "Ocho" Richard Hockenbrock

Although fall officially arrived on September 22, you would not have known it inside the playing venue

where the air conditioning was working overtime to keep our 18 participants comfortable throughout the evening. Players began arriving around 6:15 pm, enjoying conversation and fellowship before play commenced promptly at 7:00 pm.

As part of our continuing effort to make game nights more enjoyable and convenient, we have implemented a seven-round limit per table. This adjustment allows players to finish earlier, with a target ending time of approximately 9:30 p.m., helping to reduce late-night driving for our members.

A special thank you goes to **Jim Barry** and **Joyce Wells** for graciously hosting this month's event. Their hospitality is greatly appreciated and helps make these gatherings a success.

Competition was spirited as the 18 players were divided among three tables, with six players at two tables and five at the third. At the end of the evening, **Steve Loftin** claimed top honors with an outstanding average score of **7.28**.

Finishing in second place was **Steve Dinning**, who posted an excellent average score of **10.0**. Since **Steve** was unable to be present to claim his winnings, **Richard Hockenbrock**, who recorded the next-best

qualifying score of **11.67**, stepped into the winning lineup. Steve's well-deserved winnings will be awarded to him at next month's gathering.

Rounding out the top finishers was **Chris Flannigan**, who secured third place with an overall average score of **11.85**.

Congratulations to all of our winners and thanks to everyone who participated. The evening provided another enjoyable opportunity for friendly competition and camaraderie among members.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next game night on Wednesday, November 4, when **John** and **Sandi Foster** will serve as hosts.

Richard Hockenbrock

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Winners (L to R): Richard Hockenbrock subbing for **Steve Dinning** in (2nd) place, **Chris Flannigan** in (3rd) place, and **Steve Loftin** in (1st) place,



Mexican Train Dominoes “Nueve”

In September the McCarthy's bravely hosted our Mexican Train Dominoes 9 group. **Mary McCarthy** (right) not only hosted but came in first. **Jane West** (left) came in second, and finally, bringing up the rear in last place was **Wendy Lucido** (middle) who won a paltry \$3.00—but still had fun

Bob Lucido

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Mexican Train Dominoes “Diez” (10) Mark Sorum and Cleo Bolen

Our October game of Mexican Train Dominoes “Diez” (Group 10) was hosted by **Phil and Chris Lee** on the 16th at their beautiful home in Lafayette. We had a large turnout with 14 participants and had 2 tables of 7 players. We enjoyed a great assortment of snacks, both sweet and savory plus ice cream!

The October winners were **Barbara Peterson, Mark Sorum, and Steve Peterson** with consolation prizes

Mark Sorum

going to **Frank Lucas and Don Casey**

We meet on the third Friday of each month at 1:00 pm to socialize and have fun. Our November game will be on the 20th. This is a coed activity, but single SIR members are welcome. Please contact us if you are interested in joining.



Cleo Bolen

It is important to look closely at lawn signs during election campaigns. Last time I voted for a real estate agent...





CARD GAMES

...we play



Cribbage John Kendrick

September 23, 2026 – Cribbage at Rocco's Restaurant.

A lively group of cribbage enthusiasts gathered at Rocco's Restaurant on the afternoon of September 23, for another enjoyable tournament filled with friendly competition, good conversation, and plenty of laughs.

The players included **Ron Afdal, John Dorr, Kirk McVean, John Pearl, Roger River, Jack Starr** and **Mark Raaberg** who was filling in for **John Kendrick**.

After several rounds of close competition, the top three finishers were:

- 1st Place: **Ron Afdal**
- 2nd Place: **Jack Starr**
- 3rd Place: **John Dorr**

As usual, Ron was toying with his opponents. Two games had the opposition in the stink hole and Ron raced by to win. Roger beat Mark by 2. Lots of nail-biting. All in all, a great session.

Result submitted by **Mark Raaberg** who was filling in for **John Kendrick**

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Men's Hearts Bob West and Steve Ybarra

Since the prior SIR Call submission, we are reporting on results for September. The major winner was **Mike Riley** with 5 wins, and **Steve Ybarra** with 3. **Ron Polivka** had 4.5 2nd's and **Brian McCarthy** had 2.5. **Mike Riley** and **Ron Polivka** each had 2 STM's. Lowest Average Score was **Steve** with 30 and **Mike** with 31.



YTD: **Frank Lucas** and **Ron Polivka** are still tied for the lead, now with 23 wins followed by **Dave Smith** with 16 and **Brian McCarthy** with 15. In winning percentage **Mike Riley** and **Bob Finlayson** are tied with 50%, followed by **Ron Polivka** with 42%. In seconds, **Frank Lucas** leads with 20, followed by **Ron Polivka** with 19.5. In lowest average score **Mike Riley** leads with 43.1 and **Ron Polivka** has 50.7. In STM's, **Ron Polivka** has 12 and **Frank Lucas** has 8. In most improved over 2025, **Ron Polivka** is 151% better, followed by **Frank Lucas** at 149%, and **Dick Wade** at 138%. Best Sheriffs: **Brian McCarthy, Ron Polivka, Brian McCarthy, Bill Vizza** and **Dick Wade**, all had no uncovered passes this year.

Future Meetings: We play 4 games at Rocco's on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, at 11:45, following an optional lunch at 11:15am. Our upcoming matches will be October 23rd, November 13th, and November 27th.

Please email us if you have any questions or are interested in playing.

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Couples Duplicate Bridge 1

John Kluesener

We gathered on the 21st of October at the Kluesener home for our per-games chat to catch up on the latest travels and travails. **Ardith and Max**

Hinkle joined us to fill out the group and **Bob Yoland** stood in as Christy's partner as **Dick DeVoe** was at Lake Tahoe. Food and drink accompanied the chatter. Play began! Results for the evening were a third-place finish for **Kathy and John Kluesener** with 20.5 points while **Nora and Mike** were in second place with 23.5 points. **Christy and Bob** came away with the first-place honors with a total of 25.5 points. Next month we meet at **Bud Pearce's** home.



John Kluesener

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The most disturbing thing about accidentally waking up at 4:00 am is realizing some people do this on purpose so they can exercise.



Couples Party Bridge

Tony Greco

Our October 6th event was hosted by **Tony and Cindy Greco**. We had an unusual mix of subs this month with **Max and Ardith Hinkle** subbing for the **Hatchers** on short notice, **Dave and Joan Pierce**, from their Couples Duplicate bridge group, subbing for the **DeVoes** who were back east, and **Ken and Elaine Richter** who were visiting from southern California, subbing for the **Browns**. I'm anticipating that more regulars will be playing in the next few months. We'll see.

Tony and Cindy Greco had favorable cards taking and holding onto the lead through all five rounds. **Dick and Maggie Chaffee** held on to second place for four rounds but faded to third place when **Dave and Joan Pierce** overtook them in the 5th and final round.

The official results are as follows:

- 1st PLACE with 3370 points - **Tony and Cindy Greco**
- 2nd PLACE with 2290 points - **Dave and Joan Pierce**
- 3rd PLACE with 1910 points - **Dick and Maggie Chaffee**

Our next event will be held on November 3rd and hosted by **Larry and Linda Brown**.

Happy Halloween!

Tony and Cindy Greco

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Poker Group 4

Mark Sorum

Our October game was at the home of **Frank Lucas**. Frank provided a wide range of terrific snacks and drinks. Only 6 of our regular members were able to play this month as **Melo** was unable to join. Playing were **Pete Gates**, **Ray Bland**, **Pat Tidmarsh**, **Bruce Kimmis**, **Frank Lucas**, and **Mark Sorum**

As usual, we had a very competitive time with no one getting rich or losing much. The big winner won \$9 and no one lost more than \$6. We played a variety of games with 7/27, Omaha, and draw poker with a wild card being played the most.

Games are scheduled from 1-4 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. Hosting is rotated between members' homes. The host provides light snacks and beverages. Our next game is on November 16.

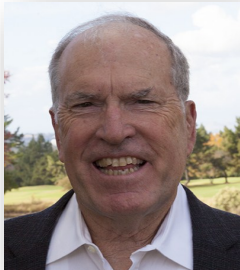
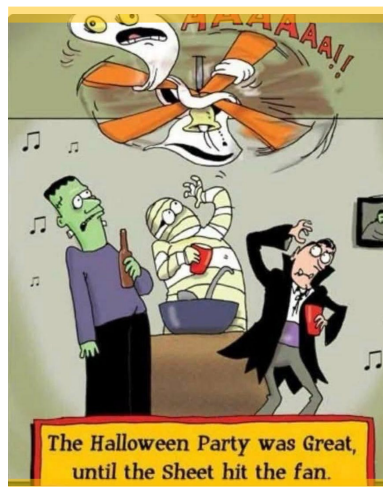
Buy-in is \$10 and stakes are nickel, dime, and quarter with a limit of three raises.

Dealer antes a nickel per player. A wide variety of poker games are played. Dealers' choice.

We are currently full but we welcome alternates.

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Old Money Poker

Group 6

Brad Hatcher

Our game was hosted by **Brad Hatcher** on the usual first Thursday of the month. Five players enjoyed the afternoon with snacks and wine to keep us going. Substitute **Ray Bland** joined **Bruce Kimmis**, **Melo Piccolo**, **Frank Lucas** and **Brad** for the game.

There were several hands won by four of a kind and the star hand in a wild card game was five 8s to win a hard-fought game. **Ray** was the big winner with **Melo** right behind.

Our next game will be hosted by Bruce in November. We are looking for additional players, If you are interested, please contact **Brad Hatcher**.

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Parting Shot



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