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Luther Burbank Branch 17, Santa Rosa, CA,

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REDWOOD

## The REDWOOD BARK Newsletter For OCT, 2022

### All members are invited to attend our next SIR In-Person Luncheon/Meeting on Thursday, Oct 20, 2022 at The Epicenter, 3215 Coffey Lane, Santa Rosa.

If you told the Phone Committee "YES" you plan to attend but find later that you will be unable to attend, you need to contact Al Petrie at 707-974-9193 or email [alpetrie7@aol.com](mailto:alpetrie7@aol.com) by 6:00 pm Saturday, Oct. 15 to help keep our count more accurate. Also of importance is, if you are bringing a guest or if you originally said "NO" but changed your mind and decided to go after all, in either case, then please contact Al Petrie per the above!

#### Oct 20 Lunch/Meeting Schedule

Social Hour: 11 am      Lunch/Meeting: 12 noon

**Program:** Our speaker will be Jean-Marie Heskett and her son, Michael McCorry, about their book "Through My Mother's Eyes."

**Announcements:** All indoor activities are in the process of assessing the situations. The chairmen will be contacting you.

#### Oct 20 Luncheon Menu

Broccoli salad

Pork tenderloin (orange marinated and slow roasted)

Herbed pasta and glazed carrots.

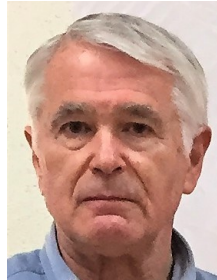
Rolls and butter, assorted cookies for dessert.

Water, lemonade, coffee or iced tea is included.

Other drinks available to purchase at the bar.

#### Big Sir Gordon Boulton's Message

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Things are hopping in Branch 17! We inducted five new members in September and have several others being processed for voting at the October BEC meeting. (We are addressing the implications for luncheon crowding as a result of our recruiting success).

Travel Golf has been resurrected and is being chaired by Art Appling. It is a joint activity with Branch 76, just as weekly golf chaired by Jim Gurke is.

A walking/hiking activity is getting started thanks to Stew Lauterbach's efforts. As the name suggests there will be two groups, a walking group and a hiking group. Richard Lundblad will lead the walking group and Stew will lead the hiking group when he returns from a trip.

BNO and CNO have been very well attended. They are excellent opportunities for socializing without the time and other constraints of our monthly luncheons. Neil Wheeler is organizing a book club, and has started an email of weekly happenings during . (continued on page 2)

#### Little Sir Gary Bondi's Message

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Recently a survey was sent to all the branch members. In it we asked for their input, suggestions and recommendations as to how we are doing, what we need to do to improve our branch meetings and activities, etc. We received 50 responses which represented about 58% of the members as of then. Thank you to all those who took the time to respond and offer their input and comments. I won't go into great detail on the results here as we will be emailing a summary of the responses to everyone. The raw results will then be available in the members only area of our website. I will say we received some very favorable comments as well as some constructive criticism. We appreciate our members candid comments. I will note, however, one of the recurring responses was related to the size and crowded space at our luncheon meetings. Be assured, the BEC is well aware of that and is already addressing that situation. You can also be assured the BEC will review the survey in great detail and address the concerns (continued on page 2)

**SIR Luther Burbank Branch 17 is in Area 10 of Region 3.**  
The following is a list of your **2022** Officers and Directors.

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### **Big Sir** Gordon Boultonbee's Message *(continued)*

our MemberFest month. Our Coffee Club continues to attract a lot of attention thanks to our multiple welcoming signs and Rich de Lambert's crocodile (or is it an alligator?) costume. The Global Forum continues to be one of our most popular activities. So if you haven't been availing yourself of everything the Branch has to offer, now's the time! Don't be left out!

In other news, we had a good response to our survey and the members are generally satisfied with their membership. It is also true that you can't please all of the members all of the time! 😊 The results will be summarized elsewhere, so I will just touch on a few misperceptions and questions/comments with easy answers here!

- There is no limit on the number of times you can win a raffle prize at each luncheon. Some members *choose* to not accept more than one prize if they win more than once.
- We stopped doing the opening song because health officials said singing was a way the aerosol-borne coronavirus could be easily spread. We stopped singing Happy Birthday partly because I forgot it was part of our tradition! Maybe it is time to reconsider!
- BEC meetings are open to all members. BEC agendas and meeting minutes are posted in the BEC Materials section of the branch website. It is password protected but all you have to do is ask.
- The roster of members with their phone numbers and emails is available on the branch website. Photos of all members is a project we plan to undertake in the future.

### **Little Sir** Gary Bondi's Message *(continued)*

expressed therein. We want our meetings and activities to be a pleasant, enjoyable experience for everyone. We are nearing the end of our first year resuming in-person meetings and are trying to smooth out the wrinkles. As I stated in a previous article, we are heading in the right direction. We are welcoming back our members after the two-year break, greeting old friends, seeing increased attendance at our luncheon meetings and welcoming many new members. Thank you all for supporting the branch, the BEC and doing your part to keep us going.

### **BEC Votes to Continue Original COVID Vaccination and Waiver Protocols**

At its September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, the BEC voted to continue to require proof of COVID vaccination and signed waivers of liability from all attendees at indoor Branch 17 activities, and to require the signed waiver at all outdoor activities. At a recent State Board Meeting the COVID protocol was changed from a State mandate to a local branch option.

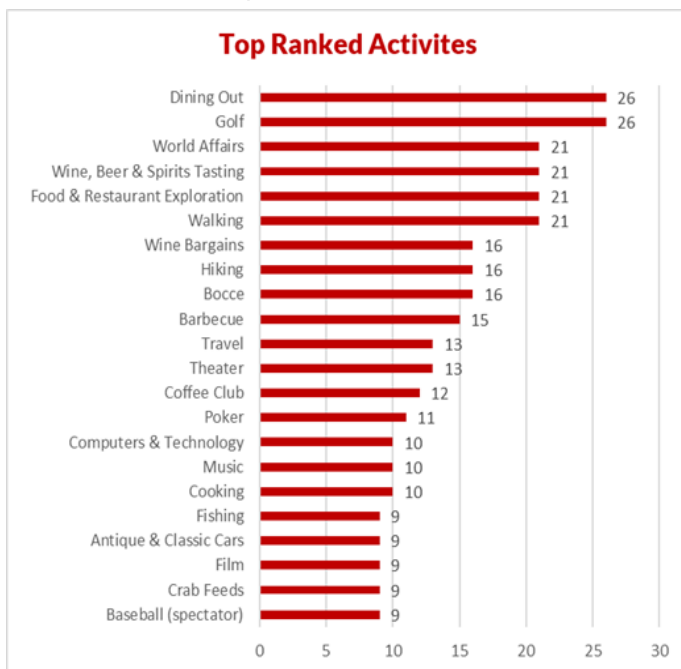
The reason the BEC voted to continue the original COVID protocol was that several members in attendance (both BEC members and non-BEC members) said they would no longer participate in Branch 17 activities if the protocol rules were relaxed. So although we *might* have gained a few members in attendance who had not for whatever reason provided us proof of COVID vaccination, we *assuredly* would have lost members. Not worth it!

## The 2022 Member Survey

(Article by Neil Wheeler)

The Member Survey was closed on September 14th, and we have begun summarizing the results. There were 50 members (58% of the membership) who took the survey. Some of the results are easy to summarize but others that involve text responses are a little more difficult. In his monthly message, Little Sir Gary Bondi provides some of his “takeaways” from the survey. When we have summarized all of the results, the summary will be sent to all members and posted on our website.

One tidbit I will share now is the top ranked activities that members are interested in. The graph below shows how many survey respondents indicated an interest in these top activities.



## Recap of past speaker programs:

For those members who were not able to attend the September meeting, the speaker program is available in full on our website. All past speakers' presentations are also available there. Go to [sir17.org](http://sir17.org), scroll down and click on YouTube. This will be the recap procedure going forward. (Article by Little Sir Gary Bondi)

## Future Programs/Speakers

**October 20, 2022** Our program for October will be presented by Jean-Marie (Jerry) Heskett and her son, Michael McCoy. As a young child in the Philippines during WW2, Jean and her family, along with over 3,600 other non-national civilians, were forced to surrender to the Imperial Japanese Army and live as prisoners of war in the Santo Tomas Internment Camp in Manila. She and her son, Michael, co-authored a book, "Through My Mother's Eyes," chronicling her experience during that time. She has an amazing story of survival to tell us!



The book is 188 pages and available at most bookstores and Amazon.

**November 17, 2022** Our program will be by Gary Maher, an Army veteran and a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. I am sure he will have some interesting experiences to share with us.

**December 15, 2022** To be determined.

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## SIR Apparel

(Article by Neil Wheeler)

Show your pride in being a member of SIR! Wearing the SIR brand helps the public recognize our organization and an easy way to start a conversation with potential members. Shirts, sweat-shirts, jackets, and hats are available for purchase at the SIR ProShop online at <https://sir.ourproshop.com/>



## SIR Branch 17, Member Profiles:

### Wynn Bailey Badge #146

“Never look back...keep moving forward” was the sage advice Wynn Bailey gave me when describing his life after losing his left leg to bone cancer at the age of 14. This was a time before modern chemotherapy, and amputation was the only option. He remained in the hospital for months before leaving on crutches at Christmas. By the following summer, he was fitted with a prosthesis and ready to move on. Within a year, Wynn got a car and learned to drive both automatic as well as standard shift effectively using his right leg for the gas and brake, and the prosthesis to push in the clutch. It was high school, and Wynn was not going to let his amputation slow him down. He had teenager spirit and teenager things to do, like hang out with his buddies and look for cute girls. That strong, positive spirit lives on today in Wynn, and he still likes hanging out with his buddies in SIR. His search for a cute girl was realized 30 years ago when he married Heide.

Wynn was born in Madisonville in the Western Coal Fields region of Kentucky. However, after watching a Rose Bowl game on a frigid New Year’s Day, his parents said someplace much warmer would surely be a better place to raise a family. So, when Wynn was one, they moved to Glendale, CA where his dad got a job selling Cadillacs and Oldsmobiles.



Despite falling back a year in high school due to his leg rehabilitation, Wynn worked hard to catch up to and eventually graduate with his original classmates. Following stints in junior colleges in the San Fernando Valley area, he attended California State University, Northridge, where he majored in electrical engineering. Here he was introduced to computers and became a software engineer, designing computer programs that run machines. Software engineers were rare back then

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## Member Profiles:

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and he was sought after by numerous companies that had tools, plotters and machines that needed to be hooked up to minicomputers. In the early 1970s, minicomputers were not so mini: weighing hundreds of pounds yet smaller than the massive main frame computers that filled entire rooms. Wynn says, “I found programming computers to be easy.” From his engineering training, he already knew the insides of the computers, and making them do what he wanted was “very exciting!” Later, he would build the software for milling machines, video games, children’s learning programs, gambling machines, and spreadsheets. One of his biggest successes was designing the software to run the computer mice that moved the cursor on early versions of Microsoft Windows.

Wynn is an avid reader and TV watcher. Stephen King’s books got him into reading lots of fiction, and over time he grew to enjoy science fiction and epic fantasy adventure novels, movies and TV series like Game of Thrones and Lord of the Rings. He spends hours every day reading all types of newspapers from around the world. English versions from Singapore, Europe, South America, and the Middle East give him new perspectives on world affairs. Wynn is currently a member of both SIR #176 in Windsor and our club. He was attracted to SIR17 because of our Global Forum meetings run by Marvin Mai, our luncheons and speakers, and our many social activities, including dining out, photography, and the nascent book club. He joined us in February 2022. Wynn is eager to help the club grow stronger and has been elected to be a BEC Director in 2023. *(Article by Dennis Mangan)*

### Sunshine Report:

We need your help to tell us before the monthly meeting if any of our members are sick or if some member has died.



All you need to do is call Kurt Wehrmeister, at **630-461-2715** or send him an email to:

[kurtwehrmeister@gmail.com](mailto:kurtwehrmeister@gmail.com).





**New Member** Badge #082  
**Ken Fox**

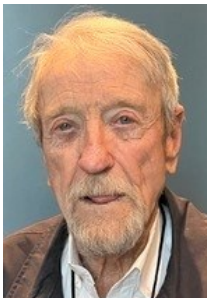
I was born in Camden, New Jersey on May 20, 1934. I grew up in Oaklyn, NJ until I was 14 years old, and then lived in San Gabriel, CA until the age of 21. I went to Alhambra High School and then Mark Keppel High School in Monterey Park, CA. After high school I attended Pasadena City College, UCLA, and Los Angeles State.

I was a U.S. Navy corpsman (medic) with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division.

I worked for Ford Motor Co. as a manufacturing rep., but also taught history along with other subjects at Piner High School for 38 years. I still substitute teach in the Santa Rosa City Schools District.

My ex-wife's name is Page and we have three daughters and one son. My interests include: sports, politics and reading.

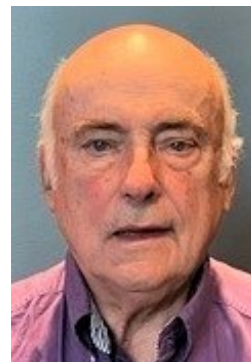
I have two claims to "15 minutes of fame." After the Watergate scandal I and my family invented a satirical board game called "Waterquake." You can read all about it by Googling "Kenneth Fox, teacher Piner HS." My other claim to fame is I met President Kennedy in June 1973 in Los Angeles.



**New Member** continued for  
**Fred McMane**

four college football bowl games, one Super Bowl and countless other events. In 1988 he became sports editor of UPI and oversaw the coverage of the 1988 Seoul Olympics and the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Fred also was employed as a copy editor for Business News New Jersey, a senior editor of the sports information service Sports Ticker and a sports writer/reporter for the Newark (NJ) Star-Ledger.



He is named in a book by writer Bill Shannon as one of the most influential sports writers/editors in the history of New York sports. One of Fred's books, "The Worst Day I Ever Had," which he co-wrote with his wife, was the recipient of a national library honor for encouraging children's reading.

After retiring as a sports writer in 2005, Fred became a high school sports coach at an all-girls boarding school in Virginia where he coached softball, basketball and volleyball for 15 years. He also served "unofficially" as the school's sports information director and founded the school's Sports Hall of Fame in 2014.

Away from the sports arenas and playing fields, Fred's interests include movies, theater, music, dining out and traveling. He has three daughters, two of which live in northern California, and five grandchildren.



**New Member** Badge # 039  
**Fred McMane**

Fred McMane was a professional sports writer for more than 30 years and is the author of 11 sports books, many of which he co-authored with his wife, Cathrine Wolf, who served as editor.

A native of New Jersey and a graduate of Rutgers University, Fred spent most of his career with the wire service United Press International based in New York City. During his years at UPI he covered 23 World Series, four Summer Olympics and two Winter Olympics, three Pan American Games, two NCAA Final Fours,

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**New Member** Badge #098  
**Frank Panza**

Frank was born and bred in Brooklyn, New York. He is a product of a Jesuit, Franciscan and secular education having attended Brooklyn Prep, a Jesuit High School, St. Bonaventure University, the first Franciscan University in the United States, Fordham Law School, another

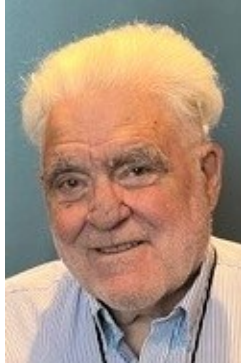
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**New Member** Continued for  
**Frank Panza**

Jesuit Institution, and New York University Graduate Law School, as secular an institution as any in the United States. He was a tax lawyer, in private, corporate, and Federal Government practice until he retired in 2004.

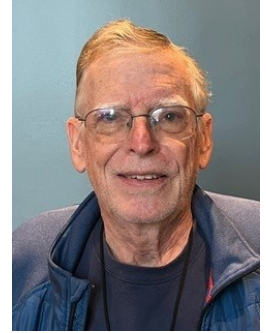
Frank moved to California in 1982 and settled there with his spouse, (now of 57 years) Marie, and their three daughters. After moving here Frank became a volunteer Ranger, patrolling the local parks on horseback. At the same time he and his wife, Marie became active in the local theatre community performing in numerous plays as members of the Santa Rosa Players. Shortly before retiring they bought a boat which they kept near the San Juan Islands in WA State for about eleven years. They still have a smaller boat they keep in the CA Delta.



**New Member** Continued for  
**Jim Taylor**

I worked at the Hansel Auto Group for 30 years as a lease manager for Hansel Leasing Inc., retiring May 31, 2019. While leasing autos and equipment, my favorite part of the job was leasing barrels and equipment for wineries. Through this, I made some very good friends along the way.

In 2006, I started my own wine brand, Zickefoose Wines, making Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel wines. As a small brand, we have had good success with wine competition medals, including two gold in the Press Democrat's North Coast Wine Challenge. We also export wine to Quebec Canada.



For fun, I made numerous trips to Alaska for salmon and halibut fishing with family and friends. Most recently, travel has been mostly to Hawaii, my "Happy Place"; enjoying Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island of Hawaii.

I spend much of my time participating in church activities, sharing quality time with my children and grandchildren, and completing endless chores around my house; always being "Mister Fixit."

Thank you to Rich de Lambert and Tony Negri for encouraging me to join SIR. I look forward to becoming an active member, making new friends, and reacquainting with those I have not seen in a while.



**New Member** Badge #087  
**Jim Taylor**

I am a California native, born in Culver City. When I was about two, my family moved to Cumberland, Maryland, which was my mother's hometown. I attended elementary and high school there until 1965 when I moved to La Habra, CA. I graduated La Habra High School in 1966 and later received my AA Degree from Cañada College in Redwood City, after moving to Northern California in 1968.

I met my bride, Therese, in 1969 and we married in October 1970. We will be celebrating our 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on the Big Island of Hawaii this October 17.

We are blessed with two daughters, Marisa, and Stephanie, and four grandchildren. Marisa is a very talented winemaker and Stephanie is an outstanding paralegal and physical trainer.

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### Can You Hear Me Now? Maybe Not!

Several of our members are hearing impaired, not surprising at our ages. That's why we Zoom our guest speakers' presentations even when we have no remote attendees, to make use of its closed captioning feature. It's not perfect, but it helps. And that is why I ask our speakers during Q&A, etc. to use one of our two microphones. It can make a significant difference in our members' abilities to be fully engaged in our luncheons. Thanks!

*We are sad to inform you that our member*

## Oscar Barragan

*passed away on August 24, 2022.*

*We send our condolences to his family.*

Oscar was born on June 15, 1937 and grew up in Oakland, CA, the youngest of his five siblings. He went to Tech High and was on the diving team, bowling team, cheer team and Key Club.

He served two years in the Army at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, WA and then went to work for State Farm in Berkeley where he met his wife JoAnn. They made the move to Santa Rosa with State Farm and had two daughters, Debbie and Doreen.

He and JoAnn loved to go on cruises with their friends, the annual Lake Tahoe camping trips with his family. He loved sports with friends, playing softball, bowling, and later bocce. He became a huge fan of golf, especially the friends he golfed with.

Oscar joined Branch 17 in April 2007. He took a leave of absence in September 2017 to care for JoAnn with her health problems. After she died, he returned to active status in February 2019.

He loved sharing a bottle of wine for any occasion, or no occasion at all, and even poured for some well-loved wineries when he retired from State Farm. He laughed at his own jokes and always had a smile on his face. His daughters are so very thankful for his friends in this community and all the help they received getting Oscar to and from meetings and events this last year. He never wanted to miss out on spending his time with his fellow Sirs.

At the present time we do not know of a date for a service or a memorial.



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### **Why do we celebrate United Nations Day?**

United Nations Day is celebrated on October 24 every year. It marks the official establishment of the United Nations in 1945. On this day, the UN Charter was ratified by the majority of signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, and this led to the official establishment of UN. It currently is made up of **193 Member States**, and is the headquartered in New York, New York.

### **What is the theme of United Nations Day 2022?**

The 2022 theme for the International Day of Peace is “**End racism. Build peace.**” We invite you to join the efforts of the United Nations as we work towards a world free of racism and racial discrimination.

### **Which country is No 1 in world?**

The United States of America is a North American nation that is the world's most dominant economic and military power. Likewise, its cultural imprint spans the world, led in large part by its popular culture expressed in music, movies and television.

### **Is Russia in UN?**

**Russia, one of five permanent members of the UN Security Council**, is mandated to uphold the UN Charter, which prohibits the threat or use of force and champions the principle of sovereignty and territorial integrity. Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, its UN seat was transferred to the Russian Federation.

### **Is Ukraine in the UN?**

Since 1992, **Ukraine has been an active contributor of personnel and equipment to the UN peacekeeping operations.** Ukraine actively participates in the activity of the principal organs of the United Nations: General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, Human Rights Council, etc.





## MemberFest 2022

(Article by Rich de Lambert & Neil Wheeler)



**MemberFest** started on September 17<sup>th</sup> and continues through October 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you have been to a recent SIR activity you may have noticed the theme...

Pumpkin Cookies and Madeleines at Global Forum, Gingerbread for the Hike/Walk Group, Apple-Cinnamon Cake and Pumpkin Spice Café au lait at Coffee Club, and early Halloween Treats and the Golf Course.

We are now in the second week of MemberFest 2022, and we need to ramp up the effort to identify potential new members. Those of you that help out in this effort will be invited to a hosted Oktoberfest style picnic. What can you do to help out? You can do any of the following!

- Bring a guest to our next luncheon
- Bring a guest to any of our activities
- Get a friend to apply for membership
- Provide the Recruiting Committee with contact information (name and email, phone, or address) for a potential member and we will follow up with them.

Just so you know, we try to make our brochures, invites cards, and applications available at every SIR activity. You can also find SIR applications on our website, [www.sir17.org](http://www.sir17.org), just follow the [Member Application link](#) on the home page. There is also a link to our [MemberFest 2022 Flyer](#) just below the application link.

Please, pick up an invite card today and hand it to one of your friends!



## HAPPY HALLOWEEN



**The September “Birthday Boy”  
winner of a FREE Lunch was:  
Stan Borges**

### List of the October Birthdays



Art Appling	Timothy Fawcett
John Grant II	Don Malvestiti
Tony Negri	Jim Park
Al Petrie	Kent Richmond
Steven Saulsbury	Bradley Smith
Tim Stewart	Bob Zeni

## Activities:

### Bocce:

(Article by Mark Burchill)



We did not receive any RSVPs for the initial outing set for October 6. If no one RSVPs then this event will be canceled. Show up at Julliard Park in downtown Santa Rosa at 12:30pm and bring your own refreshments. Please RSVP to [cstark@sonic.net](mailto:cstark@sonic.net) to register your intent to attend so we know how much equipment to provide. We will have first come first served to the public courts until 4:00pm. Upon arrival we will sort out teams based on experience. Perhaps our most experienced members can give us a 30 minute clinic on rules and techniques. During play we can discuss preferences for future locations and times.

Any questions, contact:

Chuck Stark at [cstark@sonic.net](mailto:cstark@sonic.net)

Mark Burchill at [marknick@sonic.net](mailto:marknick@sonic.net)



## Book Club

(Article by Neil Wheeler)



As mentioned last month, we sent out a survey to gauge interest in forming a SIR Brn 17 Book Club. Twelve members responded to the survey and five additional members have shown interest. We met on September 28<sup>th</sup> to organize the club and made some decisions on how the club will operate. We plan to meet on the last Friday of the month and have members volunteer a title and venue. Our first book to review will be **Never Surrender** by Michael Hobbs, selected by Frank Panza, and hosted by Fred Rose. We will present our activity proposal to the BEC for approval on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, email Neil Wheeler, at [nimwheeler@gmail.com](mailto:nimwheeler@gmail.com) or call 707-291-0271



## Boys' Night Out:

(Article by Don Malvestiti)



Sept. BNO was held at the **Cattlemens Restaurant**. Ribs, Steak, & Beef—what a way to enjoy an evening!

Don will be out of town for most of October so there will **NOT** be a BNO in October. More details later.



Any questions, contact Don Malvestiti at [malvestitidon485@gmail.com](mailto:malvestitidon485@gmail.com) or call him at 707-539-0677, leave a message if no answer.

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## Are there any members interested in Bowling?



Before the pandemic came and shut down most of our activities there were several members who enjoyed the occasional game or two. It has been a slow process getting it back going again. If you have an interest in helping to get this activity going so you also could enjoy it then contact our Activities Chair, Fred Rose at [fredicrose@comcast.net](mailto:fredicrose@comcast.net) or call 707-548-5797.

We play at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park any **Friday**. They open at 10:00 am and you can start bowling after checking in with Bob Brown of SIR Branch 76 after 10:15am.

## Coffee Club:

(Article by Rich de Lambert & Neil Wheeler)



If you didn't come to Coffee Club on September 22<sup>nd</sup> you missed the chance to see my alligator costume...it was quite a sight! Coffee Club will continue in October on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays (10/13 and 10/27) at **9:00 am** near the Cypress Point picnic area (*between the boat docks and trail to Spring Lake*) in Howarth Park.

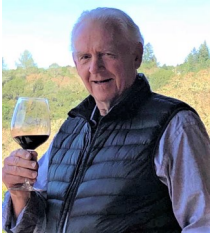
Come enjoy a cup of coffee, some baked goods, and conversation with your fellow SIR members, take in the views, and maybe take a walk up the trail towards Spring Lake before or after having coffee. Bring a friend and a lawn chair. In case of rain, we will relocate to a coffee shop, yet to be named.

If you have questions email Rich de Lambert at [richdelambert@gmail.com](mailto:richdelambert@gmail.com) or call him at 707-545-3490.



A special Thank You to members Gordon Boulton and others for helping me by spotting all my errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling and any other boo-boos I have made before the final edition goes to press and you see it.  
Jim, the Editor

## Couples' Night Out: (Article by Fred Rose)



On Thursday, October 27th, plan on enjoying a great dinner out at the **Northwood Bistro & Bar**, 19400 Highway 116, Monte Rio.

*(at the Northwood Golf Course)*

Come and enjoy cocktails at 6:00 pm dinner at 6:30 pm.

For more information check out their website at [northwoodbistro.com](http://northwoodbistro.com) or call 707-865-2454.

**Reservations  
are  
Required!**



So get your reservations to me as soon as possible.

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## GLOBAL FORUM: (Article by Marvin Mai)



The death of a queen, food crisis in Africa, the never-ending war in Ukraine, pipeline explosion and LNG shortages, the rising dollar, N. Korea missile and nuke testing, there is too much going on in the world for a person to keep up.

The monthly Global Forum looks out at our contemporary world from multiple perspectives. We gather to discuss what is in the news and what is likely to be in the news soon. We have a variety of perspectives and bring to bear our various backgrounds. It is always great fun and the monthly GLOBAL FORUM provides a place and a group interested in all that is going on around us. We do not always agree, but we enjoy exploring our diverse information and opinions.



We will meet in-person on **Friday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am at the home of Marvin and Pat Mai, 4743 Woodview Drive. *(South on Summerfield Rd to the end, turn left up the hill about 1/3 mile, the house is on the left.)*

We will have a Zoom meeting on **Friday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**. Call if you need the message number.

If you are not currently receiving the email notices and wish to be included, contact Marvin at: [maimarvin57@gmail.com](mailto:maimarvin57@gmail.com) 707-545-2224.



Come out and join the fun at the weekly 17/76 tourney, with tee times beginning bright and early at 8:30 AM each Monday.

Your Golf Committee

Jim Gurke 707-303-0989

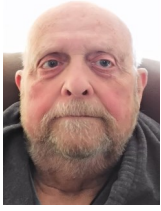
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## Hiking/Walking:

The Hiking/Walking group met on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Ralphine parking lot in Howarth Park. It was agreed there will be two groups: a hiking group, and a more leisurely walking group. The hiking group probably will hike the trails of nearby Regional and State Parks. Richard Lundblad will lead the walking group and Stew Lauterbach will lead the hiking group once he returns from a trip. They will do the scheduling and venue selections, with input from participants, of course. Partners are welcome, and of course you can participate with both groups. After the meeting, attendees took a jaunt around Lake Ralphine. It started as a walk and ended as a hike! Several participants then stopped at a local café for coffee and donuts, burgers and fries. Communications on schedules and venues will come via emails to all members, at least initially.



**POKER:***(Article by Mike O'Neill)*

Yes, we have a game scheduled for Thursday, Oct 13th. At the Epicenter when they open at 12:noon. We will play to 3:00 or 3:30. Some members have already signed up. We play the 2nd Thursday of the month. Do not just show up. One person did this last month and he did not get to play since we were full.

If you are interested in joining our group, contact Mike O'Neill at [mikeo46@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikeo46@sbcglobal.net)

"Big winners" in September were:  
Fred, Rich and Marv.

**Travel Golf:***(Article by Art Appling)*

**Travel Golf is back!** Your BEC has approved adding Travel Golf back to our approved activities.

This is in addition to the established Monday rounds at Bennett Valley Golf Course, which remains open for all players.

Our first event is on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at "Valley of The Moon Course" at Oakmont. This date is already sold out with 16 golfers signed up. Great Start! Thank You.

The current plans are for the Travel Golf Committee to line-up 3 to 4 tee times at courses within a reasonable drive from Santa Rosa. We hope to have this be a monthly event, subject to the rain months.

Email invites will go out and it will be the first to RSVP (based on email time stamp) that get on the players list for a particular date. Make sure your email address is on the golfers email list.

1. Once committing, players will be responsible for paying all costs incurred if they cancel or do not show-up.
2. There will be a back-up list maintained to fill in for any last minute cancellations.
3. The committee will not be involved in any carpool arrangements. You are on your own.
4. The committee would appreciate your feedback and positive suggestions.
5. If there are members of private courses that could get SIR's players approved for a few tee times that would be very exciting and much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Art Appling, Committee chair

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**Wine, Beer and Spirits:**

In the spirit of Oktoberfest (and MemberFest), we have decided to host an event at the **Russian River Brewery** located at 700 Mitchell Lane in Windsor, CA on **Wednesday, October 5th**. The day starts at 11 AM with a self-guided tour of the brewing facility; then, about 11:30-11:45 we can enjoy lunch in the Pub at a community table with lunch concluding by 1 PM. Our sit down starts with a Beer Flight with four tastings (Pliny, STS Pilsner, OVL Stout and a seasonal offering). The kitchen team thinks offering the whole menu for the group will be the best option. Some of the favorite offerings are fish n' chips, pork schnitzel, pulled pork sandwich (George's favorite), grilled chicken sandwich, veggie burger, Cambozola burger, American burger, basic burger, and all the salads. We are still working with the Brewery to determine a fixed price per person. So far, including tax and tip, it will be about \$30.00 per individual. Unfortunately, the Brewery will not allow separate lunch payments, so we shall present one collective remittance. Guests of members are welcome to attend.

For more information contact:

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**Joke of the Month**

Why teacher DRINK!

Q. Give the meaning of the term "Caesarean Section."

A. The caesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q. What is a seizure?

A. A Roman Emperor.



## Poem for October

### Leaves

by Elsie N. Brady

How silently they tumble down  
And come to rest upon the ground  
To lay a carpet, rich and rare,  
Beneath the trees without a care,  
Content to sleep, their work well done,  
Colors gleaming in the sun.

At other times, they wildly fly  
Until they nearly reach the sky.  
Twisting, turning through the air  
Till all the trees stand stark and bare.  
Exhausted, drop to earth below  
To wait, like children, for the snow.

## Calendar of SIR Events for Oct, 2022

- Golf at BVGC every Monday morning
- Oct 5 Hiking/Walk at Spring Lake Lagoon, 9:00 am
- Oct 5 Wine, Beer & Spirits, "Oktoberfest" at Russian River Brewing in Windsor, 11:00 am
- Oct 12 Boys' Night Out, **CANCELED** for October.
- Oct 13 Coffee Club, Cypress Point area in Howarth Park, 9:00 to 10:00 am
- Oct 13 Poker, Epicenter Trophy Room, 12 noon
- Oct 14 Global Forum **in-person** meeting, 10:00 am at the home of Marvin and Pat Mai
- Oct 20 SIR BEC** meeting, Epicenter, 9:45 am
- Oct 20 SIR Luncheon/Meeting**, Epicenter, 11:00 am
- Oct 27 Coffee Club, Cypress Point area in Howarth Park, 9:00 to 10:00 am
- Oct 27 Couples' Night Out, Northwood, 6:00 pm Social, 6:30 pm Dinner
- Oct 28 Global Forum **Zoom** meeting, 10:00 am

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