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Luther Burbank Branch 17, Santa Rosa, CA,

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## The REDWOOD BARK Newsletter DECEMBER, 2023

Members can still buy tickets to our upscale December 21<sup>st</sup> Holiday Lunch. Significant others are invited and you have a choice of prime rib or salmon. The deadline for purchases is December 8. See details in the Holiday Party article in this month's **BARK**. We have sold 60 tickets so far, but the more the merrier. We have plenty of room.



**Big Sir** Gary Bondi's Message  
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Hard to believe, Earth is near completing another trip around the Sun and we are approaching the end of 2023! Our branch is also approaching the end of another SIR year! Seems like only yesterday we had our first meeting at our new location, Iron and Vine. It appears history to repeat itself and we will also be starting 2024 at a new location! Well, not exactly a new one, rather an old one revisited. The end of the year also brings to a close my tenure as Big Sir. As I look back, it has been a very successful one for our branch. We were entertained and informed by many interesting speakers and programs. Among my favorites are the presentation by our Santa Rosa Chief of Police and the heartfelt Veterans Day presentation by Sir Ted Scapeccia. We enjoyed another great picnic on a beautiful summer day at the Windsor Golf Club. We also saw our membership grow to the highest level in many years! The year began with 99 members! Thanks to our excellent recruiting and publicity team, we welcomed 28 new members. Unfortunately, due to various circumstances, we lost 10 members. The membership now stands at 117.

Looking ahead to 2024, there are some interesting things on the horizon! The year begins with a move to our new, or old location, the Epicenter. We will also welcome the members of Branch 76, who will be merging with us.

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**Little Sir** Chris Nelle's Message  
707-527-0576

Greetings fellow SIRs and Happy Holidays. Hope you got your RSVP in for our Holiday Lunch wherein we get to bring our significant other. The menu looks delicious and we are going to do an old fashioned sing-along led by the talented Kurt Wehrmeister. I'll have song sheets at all the tables so you don't have to lip sync; instead you can sing the lyrics like you're in the shower!

I had another epiphany yesterday and was reminded of the value of spending time with fellow Sirs. I attended the Thursday Coffee Club at Café Frida Gallery and sat next to a fellow member (Charlie Verzosa) who was sharing with me some of his experiences growing up in the Philippines during WW II. Which led to discussing other matters regarding global unrest. We're over 100 members now, so imagine the life experiences waiting to be discovered and the enjoyment and amazement awaiting you if you take the time to get behind the face and name badge of your fellow members. The world is full of interesting people with fascinating experiences, and no doubt, many are members of our branch. Enjoy the fun of getting to know us! (and then, remembering!!)

This is my segue into thanking Dennis Mangan for the last several years of his writing *Member Profiles* for **The BARK** the . They were very well done and gave us a chance to get to know people,

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**Big Sir Message** *(continued from page 1)*

So, as I ride off into the sunset and turn over the reins to our new leadership team I want to thank all our members for helping make our Sir Branch 17 one of the most successful in the State SIR organization. My compliments and sincere thanks to the BEC for helping make my job a little easier and assisting me as I stumbled through the year. Never did any of them say "no" when asked to step up and take on a task. To incoming Big Sir Chris, Little Sir Neil and all the BEC members, I wish you success as you guide us through the year. I know our branch will be in good hands and I look forward to another great year for Branch 17. Wishing you all the best for the Holiday Season, good health and good fortune for the New Year.

That's a wrap, Big Sir Gary signing off!

**Three New Members Inducted**

Three new members were inducted by Big Sir Gary Bondi at the November 16, luncheon. They are **Gary Greenough**, sponsored by Rich de Lambert; and **Peter Tracy** and **Patrick Wentworth**, sponsored by Gordon Boulton.

*(Article by Gordon Boulton)*



L/R: Gary Greenough, Patrick Wentworth, and Peter Tracy.

THE **SIR HAPPENINGS**

quarterly newsletter from State SIRinc is now available for viewing.

**Little Sir Message** *(continued from page 1)*

prior to sitting with them at one of functions and doing a deeper dive on our own. Well done Dennis!!

As I prepare for my Big SIR term of office, I'm wondering if one of my first executive actions might be insisting that **The BARK** publisher use larger font so I don't have to write as much and expose my woeful lack of interesting content.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**December Birthdays**

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| Gary Bondi   | Frank Gironimi       |
| Bill Grafeld | James Gurke          |
| David Harris | Ken Johnson          |
| Tom Sparrowe | Lloyd Von Der Mehden |



The **November** Birthday Boy FREE lunch winner was **Alan Johnson**

**Poem for December**



# BRANCH 17 HOLIDAY PARTY    December 21, 2023

Iron & Vine Restaurant at BV Golf Course

11 am Social Hour    12 noon Lunch Served

We will have a SIT-DOWN PLATED LUNCH with a special menu as noted below, and *significant others are invited.*

There are two entrée selections for \$55 per person...Prime Rib or Salmon. You choose which one when paying for your lunch(es).

Either entrée comes with mashed potatoes and green beans, along with rolls and butter, and brownies for dessert.

Included beverages are coffee, iced tea, lemonade, and water. No-host drinks will be available to purchase at the bar.

Corkage will **not** be available so **please leave your own wine at home.**

Advance purchases are required. If you did not pay at the NOV 16 LUNCH MTG, MAIL this form and check made out to SIR Branch 17 to Al Petrie, 2188 Francisco Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Call 707-974-9193, or email: [alpetrie7@aol.com](mailto:alpetrie7@aol.com)

Deadline for all purchases is December 8, and **no** purchases on the day of the Event.

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Enter your **names** and **circle** entrée selection in the form below:

Name & Badge# \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib.....Salmon

Sig Other Name \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib.....Salmon

Cost \$55 per person    x        = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
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Any questions? Contact Glenn Seime 707-537-5360,  
[gseime@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gseime@sbcglobal.net)

## SIR Branch 17, Member Profiles:

### Don Malvestiti Badge #043

Talking with Don Malvestiti is like listening to a radio show. He has a professional, smooth voice and can tell you a million entertaining stories. What fun to talk with someone with an infectious laugh and a positive attitude about life despite some hard knocks he's endured over the years. The longer you talk with him, the more times he admits he's had a wonderful life and apologizes for telling too many stories. No apologies needed...he is fascinating, friendly and eager to hear your stories too.

Don was born and raised in the Corona Heights section of San Francisco. He attended the former San Francisco Polytechnic High School across the street from Kezar Stadium. Although he didn't play any sports, he participated as a school cheerleader. Don enjoyed drafting classes and being involved in student government. As the President of the SF Youth Association, a collective of student body officers from area schools, he was on KPIX TV at 7:30 am on Sunday mornings, talking about what was going on at all the schools. His TV fame increased further when the station invited him to help organize a teen dance show, sort of like Dick Clark's American Bandstand. However, the station had to let Don go when he did not join the union, effectively killing his blossoming show biz career.

Don claims being an only child was wonderful. Although his parents spoiled him, they also were strict with spending money. With limited funds as a teenager and good with his hands, Don built his own speed boat and skis, and had fun cruising the Russian River near their cabin in Rio Nido.



After high school, Don attended City College of San Francisco, UC Berkeley, and finally San Francisco State University, receiving a degree in engineering and a teaching certificate. His decision to become a teacher was based in part on a trip he took

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## Member Profiles:

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to Europe where he saw how people appreciated education, and realized teaching would be a good area to get a job. In 1963 he started teaching at Abraham Lincoln High School in San Francisco and, years later, taught in Marin County. Don taught industrial arts, basic math, history, and English. His colleagues were impressed with his ability to connect with the students. The kids liked him too. Don recognized that his students are very knowledgeable and have expertise in lots of things. For example, the students advised Don on how to buy tires, and once helped him get an emergency car repair after a breakdown on 101. A former student working on a dairy farm provided Don with a generous amount of cow manure for his garden, showing that not all the poop students give teachers is unwanted.

Don met Beverly after his friends set them up at a party. Don and Bev had an instant attraction but didn't start dating seriously for several weeks when he invited her, without warning, to have Irish Coffee with him after his class. She agreed (even though she wasn't 21 yet!) and Don says, "the rest is history." They got married, raised three children, moved out of San Francisco, and eventually landed in Santa Rosa. Don and Bev were married for 60 years before she died this past summer. Don says the loss of a spouse is devastating, but, with the support of family and friends, you learn to keep moving forward.

Don is a man who admittedly can't sit still! He considered retiring after his teacher days, but not having a job was just no good. After working as a real estate appraiser, he became a courier for ETS Laboratories, transporting wine samples for chemical and physical analysis. Although this job prevents him from attending our Thursday luncheons, he has always been an active member of SIR17 since being inducted in February 2013. Don was a bartender at our SIR17 meetings when we met on Fridays at the Scottish Rite Center, and a founding member of the (in)famous "Italian Table" at the luncheons. Don now is lead organizer for our popular Boys' Night Out,

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## Member Profiles: *(continued from page 4)*

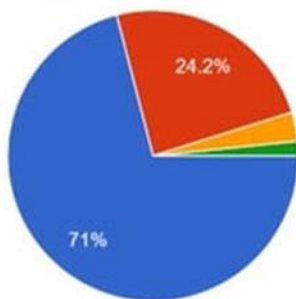
which typically meets on the third Wednesday of the month. The BNO rotates to various restaurants for casual dining, diverse conversations, and hearty laughing. BNO is a terrific way for members to get to know each other as well as a great way to introduce potential members to the club.

Don has had a wonderful life of 86 years and looks forward to many more. I asked him if he had any advice for me and our club members. He thought about it carefully and then said, "Life is short...don't take anything too seriously. Enjoy what you've got, and be thankful for the things you have, including your spouse, your kids, your health...and so much more!" As we grow old together, Don's advice and friendship seem particularly meaningful and comforting for us.

**Happy holidays!** *(Article by Dennis Mangan)*

## 2023 Member Survey:

The survey results are in and have been posted in the Member and BEC (Login) area on our website, [www.sir17.org/login](http://www.sir17.org/login)



I will be using my Little Sir articles in 2024 to report on what can and is being done to address issues, and if we can't do something, explain why we can't.

If you have any further questions about the survey, please feel free to contact me by email at [njmwheeler@science-one.org](mailto:njmwheeler@science-one.org) or in person.

*(Article by Neil Wheeler)*



**New Member** Badge #063

**Blaise Cirelli**

I was born in 1952 in Philadelphia, PA and part of the second generation of my Italian family. My father's family came from the province of Perugia which is situated in southeast Italy. My mother's family came from the province of Abruzzo which is in the central east part of Italy. I have been to both the small towns, neither of which are normal tourist destinations.

I went to Catholic grade and high school and briefly to Holy Cross College in Massachusetts. I later returned to Temple University in Philadelphia and finished my BA in 1973.

I worked for five years at an automotive parts manufacturing company in Philadelphia where I introduced their first computer system.



I moved to San Francisco when I was around 26 with my wife Susie where we lived for five years. I worked for Schlage Lock company which was headquartered in South San Francisco. During that time, I returned to graduate school and got an MBA in Information Systems.

I later got a job with Hewlett Packard in 1983 and worked there for 32 years and saw them transition from HP to Agilent to Keysight. I held various positions related to software development and management. I retired from that company in 2016.

During the later years at Agilent, I decided I wanted to pursue my long-term dream of getting a PhD in Philosophy and Theology and I enrolled at Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. I finished my PhD in 2021. As part of my studies, I learned the Italian language and I try to practice it as much as possible.

At the current time, I am with my partner Joy who is a lovely woman I met two years ago. We enjoy hiking, stand-up comedy, watching movies, and spending time with her son, daughter-in-law and their two cute girls ages 11 and 8.



**New Member** Badge # 085  
**Gary Greenough**

I was born in Oakland, CA in 1948. I grew up in Ukiah, graduating high school in 1966. After a brief attempt at college, I entered the Navy in 1967. Watching the ships go in and out at boot camp, I looked forward to going to sea. After 12 weeks of boot, my orders were to Beeville Texas, NAS Chase Field, for the next two years, about as far from water as could be. I was an Aviation Storekeeper, meaning, I was everybody's buddy. I could get anything, anywhere, anytime, anyplace for anyone. After Chase Field I was assigned to the USS *Ranger*, Top Gun of the Pacific Fleet, for another nearly two years, and two combat cruises to Vietnam. I was also assigned to be the ship's mascot, and I was filmed on the Bob Hope Christmas Show for about a minute...I was on a white horse (plastic), wore a couple of six-shooters (actually fired) and wore a mask (can you guess who?) I was also able to meet Bob Hope personally, one-on-one, after the show. Then I got an 'early out' of three months, to attend college.

I did well this time in college, and my first job lasted 20 years, as a Park Ranger for Sonoma County Regional Parks, the third ranger hired for the department. After working every holiday and weekend, I transferred to Code Enforcement with the Planning Department to finish out my 30 years. An avocation was being a volunteer fire fighter and fire investigator with Rincon Valley for 22 years.

Hobbies included being a docent tour guide on the USS *Hornet* for four years, and a living history guide at the Rural Cemetery for 21 years. I am currently the Public Information Officer for the Pacific Coast Air Museum, where I am also on the Board of Directors and I give history tours of the aircraft out at the museum. I am also a public speaker and have been making the 'rubber chicken' circuit of the Rotary Clubs in Sonoma County, and have also given a talk at the SIR branch in Petaluma. Giving speeches has been a big part of my life and I have done so for many years, mostly at Veterans' themed events, but at other events as well. Although I am fairly busy with the air museum, I look forward to attending the luncheons at Branch 17, as the speakers are always interesting. I hope to speak before our SIR branch at some point.



**New Member** Badge # 091  
**Patrick Wentworth**

I was born at San Mateo, California in 1947 and raised down and up the California landscape from San Luis Obispo to Redding, then high school and college at Yuba City. Next I moved to Chico State for Computers and Business, then off to the wild blue yonder in the Air Force. (Compliments of the Draft.)

The Air Force decided that I should be a rated Navigator but they admired my ears and ability to discern sounds clearly, like radar signals. Poof...I became an Electronic Warfare Officer (EWO) in the upper deck office of a B-52 bomber where I could transmit many, many kilowatts of noise to confuse those pesky radar systems that direct those pointy explodey surface-to-air missiles at my pink body. The AF must have guessed well as my crew and I came home safely in 1973 after 99 missions over the picturesque Southeast Asia countryside after enjoying the 12-hour flights from Guam.

Family life started with Janet and marriage in 1971, where she got to travel to such wonderful Air Force places like Blytheville Arkansas and Guam where she was one of 15 wives amongst 15,000 airmen—I had to break a few rules but, hey, I was a newlywed). After the Air Force I was fortunate to land a job as a proven Air Force Officer and "leader of men" as the mid-shift supervisor at Optical Coating Laboratory, Inc. (OCLI) in Santa Rosa. Janet did not like being alone, so she got a job there as well in the daytime, so we had little time to get on each other's nerves.



The next 38 years I worked at a variety of jobs in finance, manufacturing and R&D at OCLI which was an optical thin film coating and plastic injection molding factory. Janet tired after 10 years there and went on to software and web development.

Our hobbies are traveling, which we do quite a bit, the normal house and yard projects, flying (unfortunately we sold our plane at the beginning of COVID, as no one would let us go into any town after landing), and now I do stone sculpting as a retirement project.

# Activities:

Use this link below to view the latest online Calendar of Events

<https://www.sir17.org/calendar-of-events.html>

## Bocce:

Has been discontinued as a Branch 17 Activity. Those still interested, check Fred's weekly calendar and join Branch 76 as their guests.

## Bowling:

(article by Fred Rose)

If you have an interest in helping to get this activity going again so you also could enjoy it then contact our Activities Chair, Fred Rose at:

707-548-5797 or [fredicrose@comcast.net](mailto:fredicrose@comcast.net)



## Book Club:

(Article by Neil Wheeler)



The Book Club will **NOT** be meeting in December due to the holidays. However, we will start the process of selecting January's book by email. In the meantime, read a book, and if you enjoy it, let us know.

If you have any questions or would like to be on (or off) our email list, send an email to: [njmwheeler@science-one.org](mailto:njmwheeler@science-one.org)

## Boys' Night Out:

(Article by Don Malvestiti)



There will be **NO** BNO for December. Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends.

Have a very **Merry Christmas!**

At The BIRD. on November 15, 2023



L/R: Glenn Seime, Bill Grafeld, Dave Harris, Gordon Boulton, Chuck Stark, Dino Boito, Dennis Mangan, Don Malvestiti, Tom Johnson, Marc Perl, Tim Stewart.

## Bridge:

Eight of us met in the Valley of the Moon Oak Club for bridge and lunch.

If you have an interest in Bridge, contact:

Dean Lundgren 707-544-8088

[mdlungren@msn.com](mailto:mdlungren@msn.com)

James Park 707-578-4255

[jcpark38@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcpark38@sbcglobal.net)



## Coffee Club:

(article by Rich de Lambert)



The Coffee Club has moved indoors, so there will be **NO** \$1.00 coffee and treats. We will meet at 9:00 am on **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** and **28<sup>th</sup>**.

On the **14<sup>th</sup>** we will meet at **Sam's For Play Café**, 2630 Cleveland Ave, Santa Rosa. On the **28<sup>th</sup>** we will meet at **Sonoma Bagel & Deli**, 515 Hahman Dr., Santa Rosa.

Come join us for coffee, conversation, and something to eat!

Guests and Partners are welcome so bring a friend! If you have questions, contact, Rich de Lambert, at [richdelambert@gmail.com](mailto:richdelambert@gmail.com) or call 707-545-3490.

## Community Involvement Program:

We will be at the Redwood Empire Food Bank (FEFB) on Thursday, December 7, 2023, from 10 am until noon. The Holidays are here, and we are needed more than ever. Thirteen of us made 3,750 food containers and packaged 1,454 pounds of carrots at the last outing. This provided for 1,211 meals. Consider joining us for this Holiday season.

When you come to the Foodbank, they provide you with a lanyard and a card to be punched for attendance. Ten punches and you are entered into a monthly prize drawing. The CIP Branch 17 Committee will start an additional prize drawing on our next visit. Your attendance will automatically enter you for a prize.

Our name is becoming better known in the community as a group that helps others, as well as working together and making friends for life.

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We hope that you can join us in our next volunteer activity at the Food Bank and experience the good feeling of helping others. Wear your SIR apparel so our Branch 17 is identified.

Chairs are available for those who prefer not to stand. It is located at 3990 Brickway Blvd. in Santa Rosa.

Let one of the committee members: George, Rich, Barry, or Bob, know that you are coming so we can inform the REFB in advance. You can find us on the [www.sir17.org](http://www.sir17.org) website under the first Thursday of each month. All the information related to time and place is on that site.

*"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."*-Albert Einstein



Barry Bialkoski and Bob Reuther,  
Co-Chairs

Rich de Lambert and George  
Traverso, Co-Vice Chairs

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

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

We will be **return in January.**



If you haven't joined us in the past, please do so in 2024! It is a great opportunity to socialize with members and their wives or partners. If you have a favorite place you would like to share with us please let me know. I like to keep the location within an easy hour's drive of Santa Rosa, so Tahoe and Monterey are out!

If you have any questions or suggestions contact me at: [fredricrose@comcast.net](mailto:fredricrose@comcast.net) or 707-548-5797.

## GLOBAL FORUM: (Article by Marvin Mai)



As we approach the end of another year of great discussions, we find a world that continues to grapple with the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. A new wave of challenges shaping the global landscape in 2023 has emerged and we find the news media is somewhat myopic. The conflict with Israel and Hamas

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## GLOBAL FORUM: (continued)

has overshadowed the coverage of Ukraine and Russia as well as events in Africa, Pakistan, China and Taiwan and North and South Korea.

We have and will continue to discuss these conflicts but also the fallout of the numerous coups in Africa, the rise of radicalism, loss of human rights, climate change and food insecurity in the emerging nations. Also, the trends and challenges facing NATO and the EU.



These are just some of the major events that have shaped the world in 2023. As we move into 2024, it remains to be seen how these events will continue to unfold and what impact they will have on the world.

Due to the Christmas holiday, we will have our normal in-person meeting at Mai house on Friday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 10 am and **NO** Zoom meeting for this month.

We will resume our normal schedule in January with the in-person meeting on the second Friday of the month and the Zoom meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday.

If you would like to attend an in-person meeting and because our space is limited, please let Marvin know via email,

[Maimarvin57@gmail.com](mailto:Maimarvin57@gmail.com)

## EXPLORE and EAT: (Article by Art Appling)



First, let me introduce myself as the person who has agreed to spearhead this activity for 2024.

In looking at the calendar for the balance of this year, there does not appear an opportune time to hold an **EXPLORE and EAT** event, so we are on hiatus for at least a month.

In 2024 we hope to have members take turns picking a venue and being that month's event leader. **Sir Elias Zegarra** and his lovely wife, Nancy, were our first group leaders and recently lead the **EXPLORE and EAT** group to Cotati. Unfortunately I was not able to attend, but I'm sure those attending enjoyed getting together and socializing. *(continued of page 9 top left)*



**EXPLORE and EAT:** *(continued from page 8)*

Remember that these are co-ed and guests are welcome events.

Considering that **EXPLORE and EAT** is a relatively new activity I believe we need to think about if we want events during the cold and wet winter months. We have been selecting locations with outdoor dining and that seems to be working well, so far.

I'm thinking we will want at least four to six events for 2024.

**Please consider a good weather locations where you would like to lead us and send me your suggestions so we can get them entered on our calendars.**

Art Appling, **EXPLORE and EAT** coordinator.

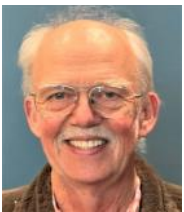
Email to: [art4747@msn.com](mailto:art4747@msn.com)

**GOLF? Yes!** *(Article by Fred Rose)*

Not many golfers with Holiday travels and events, not to mention the WEATHER. We are still out there. For December we will have a slight change, Monday, 12/25/23 will move to Tuesday, 12/26/23.

So, in the spirit of things, "**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**"  
*(Maybe a new putter?)*

Breaking news! **Sir Bob Nadell** of Branch 76 has agreed to be Golf Chairman for 2024!

**HIKING GROUP:** *(Article by Gordon Boulton)*

If you would like to join us, get on the hiking activity email list by contacting Stew Lauterbach, at: [stewartlauterbach@gmail.com](mailto:stewartlauterbach@gmail.com). He seldom leads us down the wrong path!

**Friday December 8:** Shiloh Ranch Regional Park, 5750 Faught Road, Windsor.

For other weeks, those interested should see the weekly calendar from Fred Rose.

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

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

Our next Poker game is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> at Epicenter, 12 pm to 3 pm. You need to be registered to play. We currently have seven players signed up, but I will give new players priority to play. Also, as we merge with Branch 76, we might have enough players for two games. Drop by for lunch and watch the game. We have a good time!

That's it. If you are interested contact Mike O'Neill at [Mikeo46@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mikeo46@sbcglobal.net) or call him 707-479-4158.

**TRAVEL GOLF:** *(Article by Fred Rose)*

Travel Golf will return in 2024 as soon as the weather cooperates.

**Walking Group:** *(Article by Richard Lundblad)*

The walking group meets every **Tuesday morning at 10 am**, that is weather permitting. Exact meeting places to are TBD but we have been leaving from Cypress Point and go for coffee afterwards.

Come join us and bring a friend! If you have any questions or would like to be on our email list,

contact me at [richardlundblad@gmail.com](mailto:richardlundblad@gmail.com)

or call me at 707-888-8386

**Wine, Beer & Spirits:** *(Article by George Traverso)*

No planned events for December nor January. Watch for an announcement for February!

**NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION**

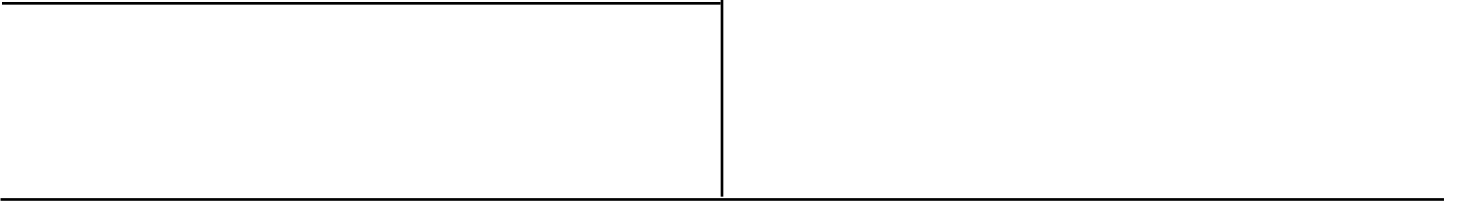
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## SIR Luther Burbank Branch 17

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