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The REDWOOD BARK Newsletter June. 2023

In lieu of our regular monthly meeting in June, we will be holding our Annual SIR Picnic Luncheon on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at Windsor Golf Course, 1302 19th Hole Drive, Windsor.

Reservations and tickets must have been purchased by June 1st, NO walk-ins, NO tickets to be sold the day of the event!

See page-5 for more details about this special event.



Big Sir Gary Bondi's Message gbond@sonic.net 707-539-2445

Summer is just around the corner! The official beginning is with the summer solstice on June 21st. At Branch 17, we begin the season a little earlier

with our annual picnic on June 15th. It is, and has been, our largest social event of the year! If you have attended past picnics or this is your first time, you can look forward to a great day sharing time with of your fellow Sirs and their partners. There is great food, fine wine, a fun raffle, time to enjoy the outdoors, and, make friends for life! Our picnic chairman, Ted Scapeccia, has put together a great committee and they have worked hard to make it all happen. Ted has been the Chair for the past few years and has done a masterful job. That said, he will be retiring from the job after this years event and we will be looking for someone to take on the job for future events. The picnic has been happening for over 20 years and we know someone will step forward and take up the reins. (continued on page 2)



Little Sir Chris Nelle's Message nelleval@hotmail.com 707-527-0576

Well it is time again for my attempt to provide some pearls of wisdom or useful tidbits. What about I try for both! I'm at day seven in post-op from having

my prostate removed. I'm doing well especially today when I got the catheter removed, what a barbaric device! But, isn't it interesting how frequently health issues make you reflect on your life. Even though I was only in the hospital for 30 hours, with all due respect to our healthcare professionals, I just don't like being in the hospital! Now, with time to reflect on this, I concluded that there are health issues that just happen and you could not have done anything to prevent it. But, as some far more experienced in these matters will attest, we can work at getting healthier. Being a member of SIR is a great help. A key aspect of getting and remaining healthy is activity. Physical activity like just walking every day and pushing yourself to increase your pace and your distance. (continued on page 2)

You Are a Member of the Recruiting Committee.

If you haven't asked your friend or neighbor to a SIR event, please get on the phone, and call them today. Remember, our activities (coffee, walking, etc.) are great places to have friends join you and learn about SIR!

Big Sir Message

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We now have 99 members in our branch and I'm certain there is one of you that will step forward to keep this great tradition alive. Ted has kept detailed records and will, of course, be there to assist in helping the new chair. On behalf of myself, and the members of Branch17, I want to express our utmost gratitude to Ted for his excellent past efforts in continuing this great event. To the next chairperson we offer our help and support going forward. Let's not let this great tradition fade away. So, let's begin our summer with a great outing on June 15th!

June Birthdays

Wynn Bailey Bill McNeany
Richard Peterson Glenn Seime
Charles Stark Daniel Sullivan
Jim Taylor



Lance Thompson was the Birthday Boy winner for the month of **May!**

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.

Joke of the Month



Did you hear about the new restaurant called Karma?

There is no menu—you get what you deserve!

(Submitted by Gordon Boultbee)

Little Sir Message

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Join in the SIR walking/hiking groups. Stay mentally active, read and then read some more, check out crossword and sudoku puzzles. Join in the SIR Global Forum group and be socially active. Move around at our lunches, meet guys you don't know, see how much you can learn about them during a lunch and remember their name and say Hi to them at the next lunch.

It might seem too difficult to change our unhealthy habits (over eating, eating-poorly, overdrinking, inactivity, isolation) but effort and determination to improve does work. Remember the Ara Parseghian quote shared by our last speaker: "Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which under prosperous conditions might have remained dormant." Let's do it guys! Preview of coming attractions: June, don't miss the picnic; July, Stew Lauterbach sharing his exploits as an ER doctor; August, Police Chief John Cregan; September, Maraskeshia Smith, Santa Rosa City Manager.

Recruiting:

(Article by **Rich de Lambert**)

HELP! SIR needs your support. Please review all the ways you can get information about SIR and share it with others. Our club looks to you to find new members. This work can't be left to a few members as that doesn't work!

Your club has had some outstanding results over the last year, but we must continue to find that new prospective member because people leave for many different reasons. Where do we find these people? Look in church, club coffee, sport events, or your neighborhood. Finding a new prospect isn't easy and if you need support or have a name, phone number or email give it to us to follow up on.

We can get all the information we need in the following ways: Email to SIRBrI7@gmail.com, use the contact form on our website (SIR17.org), or call 707 596-8027. Our recruiting committee: Tony Negri, Bill Grafeld, and Rich de Lambert are here to assist you, so give us a call!

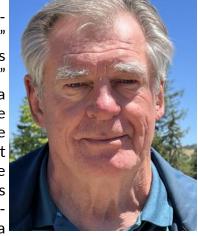
SIR Branch 17. Member Profiles:

Dave Harris Badge #22

"Mr. Smooth is a male who can handle multiple situations in a fashion that can only be described as "awesome, spectacular, and, above all else, smoooooth"." Urban Dictionary

As soon as you meet him, you recognize that Dave Harris is the perfect definition of Mr. Smooth. Dave is a big, quiet guy...so quiet you might not hear him across a luncheon table. He is big...I mean, he's a dentist...how does he get those big hands in someone's mouth? He's got a smile that lights up the room, a friendly voice, and a charismatic personality as big as Mount Saint Helena.

Dave describes himself as a "blue-collar" sort of guy who has lived a "normal life." He grew up in Nevada in small towns where pipes water freeze year, desert 🖁 every heat cooks you in the summer, rattlesnakes roam freely, and saloons are within a



stone's throw...places, he says, that are perfect for raising kids. Although Dave was an independent boy and did not like high school, he was a good student and his grades got him accepted into the pre-dentistry Biology program at the University of Nevada-Reno.

"Mr. Smooth rarely gets into trouble and, when he does, can usually get out of these situations quickly, elegantly and with a zero percent chance of casualties." Urban Dictionary

At UNR, Dave was in the ROTC and on the Sierra Guard drill team, where they perform complicated, synchronized moves tossing guns with bayonets to each other. He says the practice for this was intense and led to lots of ducking and covering. The drill team was good enough to get into New Mexico for a national competition followed by a police escort out of New Mexico when they fired off their guns (continued on top right)

Member Profiles:

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in the middle of the night at the hotel.

As expected, Dave was an outstanding undergraduate student and was accepted at all seven dental schools he applied to, received a \$10,000 scholarship from the state of Nevada, and attended the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco.

After graduation and with seniority due to his ROTC experience, a dental degree and rating as Captain, Dave entered the Army and received a preferential assignment at their hospital in Colorado Springs. There he took care of special forces, hospital staff, and their dependents. He credits this hospital experience as essentially a free internship into various dental specialties that otherwise would have cost him lot of cash and been hard to get.

Dave met Judy at UNR (the story of their meeting is worth hearing when you talk with Dave!) and they have been married for 54 years. They moved to Santa Rosa to be near his cousin, loved the area and raised their two daughters here. About three years ago, Dave grew tired of always playing with the same foursome in golf and saw a group of SIR golfers at Bennett Valley. Gary Bondi invited him to play golf and join our club. He credits Gary with getting him involved with SIR17, but the real driving force may have been Judy, who told Dave to "get out of the house!"

"Mr. Smooth is someone who tends to be "on top of things" and is usually in control of any given situation. If he isn't in control of a situation, he is a master of "faking it until he makes it," typically resulting in making it more awesome for everyone involved." Urban Dictionary

Dave has been active in the club and jumped in to join the SIR17 Board. He is impressed with the number of things we do, saying anyone "could be busy every day of the week with club activities!" When asked what he would like to see changed in the club, he says not much, but it would be nice if there was more emphasis on new member engagement. This might include having the new members sit with their sponsors

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Member Profiles:

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and move around to other tables to meet more members. When Dave had his dental practice, one aspect he really enjoyed was spending time talking with his patients. (Sound like your dentist or doctor?) The medical care system does not encourage this, and healthcare has suffered as a result. Dave likes to sit and talk with fellow SIR17 members, getting to know them and talk about shared interests. One topic he shies away from is baseball, since he is (and has been since a kid) an avid Dodgers fan. Despite this "flaw in judgment," we love this guy and look forward to his impact on our club for years to come!

(Article by **Dennis Mangan**)

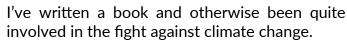


New Member Badge #104 Rich Harkness

I was born in Wilmington Delaware in 1942, have a degree in Electrical Engineering from Duke, spent two years as a Naval Officer, and got a PhD in Urban Transportation Planning at the U of Washington.

My career has mainly been business planning and developing video teleconferencing at SRI, IBM, a silicon valley start-up, and Boeing.

My wife Kathy and I moved from Seattle to Santa Rosa in 2009. We have two daughters, Julie lives in Orinda and Nancy lives in Seattle.



For fun, I enjoy hiking, travel, history, and watching Turner Classic movies on TV.

Questions and Answers:

- **Q:** What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo?
- **A:** One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.
- **Q:** Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population?
- A: Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.
- Q: What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind?
- A: A maybe.



New Member Badge #119 Richard Peterson

I was born in 1956 in San Francisco, CA. I have lived in Sonoma County since 1967 and graduated from Piner High School in 1974. I went on to SRJC and then to SSU and graduated in 1979 with a degree in Business Management. I have worked in the supply chain world for several different manufacturing companies and retired in 2021.

Some of the companies I worked for are: Hewlett-Packard, AVE (which was acquired by Medtronic), JDSU, L3 Communications, IDEX, and BioMarin Pharmaceutical.

My wife's name is Mary and we have six children and four grandsons. We enjoy spending time together at baseball

games, hiking, family BBQ's, and in the Redwoods in far Northern California.

My current interests are tennis, gardening, hiking, woodworking, and travelling. In the last year I have started to play the piano and enjoy learning new songs to play. Mary and I take a road trip somewhere in the US each year or a vacation in Hawaii.

I look forward to some of the club activities and meeting other members.

Poem for June By Robin

So, stay in tune
With what and who you are.
Go silent...
To explore & excite
The wonder of yourself
And, all the beauty that surrounds you.
Smile at all
Then, you shall know

Then, you shall know Just how to bloom in June!

A special **Thank You** to members Gordon Boultbee 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*

The SIR Branches 17/176 Picnic Thursday, June 15th, 2023

Outdoor Event Area at Windsor Golf Course 1302 19th Hole Drive, Windsor, CA Catered By Charlie's at Windsor Golf Course

11 am Social Hour 12 noon Lunch Served

BBQ Chicken, Veggie Pasta, Chili Beans, Corn on the Cob Salad, Bread, Butter & Dessert Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks Raffle & Music

All for Only \$40.00 per person!

Purchase tickets by mail from:
Al Petrie, 2188 Francisco Ave., Santa Rosa, Ca 95403-8173
707-974-9193 / alpetrie7@aol.com
Purchase by mail deadline is June 1st.

Be sure to include mailing address and name(s) for name tags.

No tickets will be sold the day of the Event.

Contact Ted Scapeccia Br 17 Picnic Chair with questions. 707-529-0063 / tescape4@gmail.com

Activities:

Bocce:

(Article by Chuck Stark)



We are now meeting at 10:45 am at Julliard Park EVERY Friday to roll the pallino. I can't personally be present every Friday and until we get a co-captain, it's a good idea to let me know you are coming in advance so we have some-

one there with the equipment.

We organize several matches depending on the turnout. We join with Branch 76 members also. (Mark is their Captain.) We have had between five and seven Branch 17 members join in the fun during the last several weeks. The weather and court conditions have improved. We play from 11 am to approximately 12:30 pm, and players can opt in for lunch somewhere downtown afterwards if they desire. This is a friendly game, easy to learn and a good way to get to know other members. Join us as many Fridays as you want or can, there is no obligation to be there every Friday. As the group develops, we can periodically organize games at other venues also.

For questions or more information contact:
Chuck Stark at: cstark@sonic.net
or call **707-799-3373**

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 fredricrose@comcast.net

Book Club:

(Article by Neil Wheeler)



The SIR Branch 17 Book Club is a social book club. We read and share our thoughts but don't take it too seriously. In June we will be reading *Origin Story* by David Christian. (continued on top right)

Book Club:

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David Christian

Christian takes readers on a wild ride through the entire 13.8 billion years we've come to know as "history." By focusing on defining events, major trends, and profound questions about our origins, Christian exposes the hidden

threads that tie everything together—from the creation of the planet to the advent of agriculture, nuclear war, and beyond.

On Wednesday, **June 21**st, at 2:00 pm, we will meet at the

Cypress Point Picnic Area in Howarth Park to socialize,

discuss the book, and partake of refreshments.

If you have any questions or would like to be on our email list, contact me at:

njmwheeler@science-one.org or call me at 707-291-0271.

Boys' Night Out:

(Article by **Don Malvestiti**)



If you like a good hamburger, join BNO on Wednesday **June 14**th at **Mike's at the Crossroads**, 550 E Cotati Avenue, Cotati.

5:30 social, 6:00 dinner.

Last day to respond is June 12th. Please do **not** show up if you did **not** respond by that date.



Email at: <u>malvestitidon485@gmail.com</u> or call 707-539-0677 and please leave a message if no answer.

Bridge:

If you have an interest in getting Bridge going again, contact:



Dean Lundgren at mdlungren@msn.com or call 707-544-8088

James Park at <u>icpark38@sbcglobal.net</u> or call 707-578-4255

Coffee Club:

(article by Rich de Lambert)

The Coffee Club returns to Cypress Point picnic area (between the boat docks and trail to Spring Lake) in Howarth Park in June on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 9:00 am.

Come enjoy a cup of coffee, some baked goods, 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. We ask for a \$1 donation to offset the cost of the coffee and treats. Bring a lawn chair as we like to "camp out" under the trees. Guests are welcome so bring a friend.



If you have questions, call me, Rich de Lambert, at 707-545-3490 or email me at:
richdelambert@gmail.com

Community Involvement Program:



Barry Bialkoski and Bob Reuther, Co-Chairs Rich de Lambert and George Traverso, Co-Vice Chairs

Last month we had 13 volunteers

from SIR Branch 17 at the Redwood Empire Food Bank project including two spouses. We were part of an assembly line which packaged 352 boxes of food for a total of 10,648 pounds. The boxes contained enough food for 8,873 meals to ease hunger. The management compli-

mented our SIR group as one of the most productive groups of volunteers that they have. They are glad that we came and participated in helping to ease hunger. 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.

We hope that you can join us in our next volunteer activity at the Redwood Empire Food Bank and experience the good feeling of helping others. Wear your SIR apparel so our Branch 17 is identified. The date is set for **June 1**st from 10 am to noon. Chairs are available for those who prefer not to stand. (continued at top right)

Community Involvement Program:

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Let one of the committee members, George, Rich, Barry, or Bob, know that you are coming so we can inform the Food Bank in advance. The Redwood Empire Food Bank is located by the Airport at 3990 Brickway Blvd. in Santa Rosa. You can find us on the wwww.sir17.org website under the **first Thursday** of each month. All the information related to time and place is on that site.

Eat & Explore: (Couples' Night Out)



As traditionally we have done, there will be **no** Couples' Night Out in **June**, instead we are recommending The SIR 17/176 **Picnic Thursday June 15**th catered by Charlie's at the Windsor Golf Course.

COUPLES' LUNCH OUT for May, or as we have renamed it, "Eat & Explore," had a great time at the Crooked Goat Brewery in the Barlow Center in Sebastopol.

The Brewery supplied the drinks and three local restaurants delivered the food. Very nice picnic tables and benches created a great setting for lively conversation among the group consisting of Ted & Lynn Scapeccia, Bill & Mauren Grafeld, Richard & Marilyn Lundblad, Neil & Barbara Wheeler, Fred Rose & Jamie Gallagher and Rich De Lambert.

Expect to see this event again, soon!

Always looking for fun things to do and interested in your suggestions and opinions.

Call Fred Rose at 707-548-5797

or email him at: fredricrose@comcast.net

GLOBAL FORUM:

(Article by Marvin Mai)



Global Forum continues to meet on the 2nd Friday of the month in person and the 4th Friday of the month via Zoom. With the almost daily changes in events on the world stage it's al-

most impossible to

predict where our discussion will lead, but I can assure you that it will be (continued on next page at top)

GLOBAL FORUM:

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interesting, challenging and educational. Several countries and areas are always a concern and worth discussion, such as Syria and the Middle East, Russia and Ukraine, the many nations of Africa and always, China and North Korea and the South China Sea were recent areas.

We'll be meeting at the home of Marvin and Pat Mai, 4743 Woodview Drive on **Friday June 9**th at 10 am. **Reservations** are **required** and limited to **eight**. To reserve your spot send as email to Marvin at: maimarvin57@gmail.com

If you'd like to attend the Zoom meet let Marvin know so he can add you to the invite list.

GOLF: Mondays at Bennett Valley BVGC: Schedule and Policy Changes:



1. BVGC is hosting tournaments on our normal Monday, June 5 and Monday June 12 dates. We are now scheduled to play at the normal 8:30 am starting time, but moved to Tuesday, June 6 and Tuesday, June 13.

2. Those of us who played on May 20 noticed a new policy regarding "no shows." If you sign up to play using our weekly sign up sheet, or book a time on your own and don't show up, you are subject to a \$25 fee. A second policy change is a two-person per cart rule. If part of a foursome and you want to rent a cart on you own, you will be charged for the full cart rental. For seniors the fee is \$15 per person sharing a cart; \$30 if you insist on renting a cart alone. It may seem punitive, but remember, they need to turn a profit to keep BVGC from the hungry eyes of developers.

SIRs Annual Team Scramble:

SIRs state golf committee announced a new format for the team scramble. There is no regional qualifying event like in past years. Instead, the Haggin Oaks Golf Course in Sacramento will host the tournament over two days. Teams may elect to play either one of the following dates: Thursday, August 17, or Friday August 18. They're hoping to field at least 25 teams each day of the event.

The team entry fee is \$300. For complete information about the team scramble format, announcements and application visit the state website at www.sirgolf.org.

A copy of the application is found at: https://www.sirinc2.org/golf2018/wp-content/uploads/2023-Team-Championship-Registration-Form-FILLABLE.pdf.

Golf Committee Chair: Jim Gurke

Email to: 1jgurke@gmail.com call 707-303-0989

Hiking Group:

(Article by **Stew Lauterbach**)



Email <u>stewlauterbach@gmail.com</u>) to be added to an email list for a hiking group to help us create a list.

All hikes start at 9 am and are TBD where—later.
Contact Stew for more details!

POKER:

(Article by Mike O'Neill)



We had a fun game in May with a couple of winners and a couple of contributors. I played for three hours and contributed \$3. Cheap fun. Food and service at Epicenter was very good. We are all ready for our **June 8**th game.

If you would like to get on our mailing list please contact Mike O'Neill at: Mikeo46@sbcglobal.net

TRAVEL GOLF:

(Article by **Art Appling**)



I'm told the branch 17/76 travel golfers who participate in May's two-day event to Lake County with an overnight stay had a great time. Bill Brooks from branch 76 deserves the credit for putting this successful event to-

gether!

Our next outing is to San Rafael to play Peacock Gap on June 21st and them on to Napa to play Chardonnay in July with the July signup emails out soon. A closing thought: COVID-19 is still out there, so be careful!!! My last 10 days have been very unpleasant even after having had all the vaccinations.

Art4747@msn.com or 707-538-1769

Walking Group

(Article by **Richard Lundblad**)



The walking group meets every Tuesday morning at 10 am, that is weather permitting. Exact meeting places to 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 <u>richardlundblad@gmail.com</u> or call me at 707-888-8386

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SIR Luther Burbank Branch 17 The following is a list of your 2023 Officers and Directors.

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Big Sir Little Sir Secretary Assistant Secretary Treasurer Assistant Treasurer	Chris Nelle Neil Wheeler Terry Freeman Steve Saulsbury John Gnam Mike Rogalski	2024 SIR Branch 17 Branch Executive Committee Slate of Candidates	Director 1 Director 2 Director 3 Director 4 Director 5 Director 6 Director 7	Wynn Bailey Barry Bialkoski Rich de Lambert Bill Grafeld David Harris Marc Perl Kurt Wehrmeister

Calendar of SIR Events for June, 2023

Golf at BVGC every *Monday* morning Walking Group, every *Tuesday* morning at 10 am Bocce, every *Friday* morning at 10:45 am,

June 1 *Thu,* Community Involvement, Redwood Empire Food Bank, 10 am to noon

June 2 Fri, Hiking, TBD

June 8 Thu, Coffee Club, Howarth Park, 9 am

June 8 Thu, Poker, Epicenter, 12 noon to 3 pm +

June 9 Fri, Hiking, TBD

June 9 *Fri*, Global Forum **in-person** meeting, 10 am at the home of Marvin Mai

June 14 *Wed,* Boys' Night Out, Mike's at the Crossroads, 5:30 pm social, 6 pm dinner

June 15 Thu, SIR Picnic Windsor Golf Course 11am

June 16 Fri, Hiking, TBD

June 21 Wed, Travel Golf, Peacock Gap

June 21 Wed, Book Club, Howarth Park, 2 pm

June 22 Thu, Coffee Club, Howarth Park, 9 am

June 23 Fri, Hiking, TBD

June 30 Fri, Hiking, TBD

Wine, Beer & Spirits:

(Article by **Bill Traverso**)

Our next wine tasting event will be at the Santa Rosa Junior College Shone Farm. Prior to the purchase of the land by SRJC in 1972, the land was a military listening post from World War II until its purchase by the college.

Today the SRJC Farm includes 120 acres of forest, 100 acres of pasture, 90 acres of vineyards, 12 acres for crop production, four acres of olive and apple trees and an active winery. The Shone Farm is considered one of the top college farms in the United States.

We will have a tour and tasting conducted by Dr. Kevin Sea, chair of the Agriculture Department director of the Wine Studies program beginning at 10 am, July 12th followed by a non-host lunch at the River Vine restaurant at the Vintner's Inn. We ask all guests to donate to the Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation for this educational event. Wives and guests are invited.

George and Bill Traverso, Co-Chair

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