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## Luther Burbank Branch 17

Santa Rosa, CA



### THE REDWOOD BARK NEWSLETTER

### For OCT. 20, 2017 Meeting

Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month at the Scottish Rite Center, 600 Acacia Ln., Santa Rosa, CA

For **Excused Absences**, **Guests Lunches** or **Alternate Lunch Selection**, please, you must call or email **before** 10:00 am on the **Monday preceding** the meeting for an excused absence, **otherwise you will be charged for a meal.**

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#### Meeting Schedule

Regular Board Meeting: 10:15 am

**Social Hour: 11:00 am**

Garden Club Meeting: 11:15 am

Lunch: 12:00 noon

Speaker: A presentation by Transcendence Theatre Company, which produces shows at Jack London State Historic Park and many other venues.

Adjourn by: 1:30 pm

Please place your badge into the collection buckets when leaving!

#### Lunch Menu

**1<sup>st</sup> Course:** Minestrone soup

**Main Course:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli and carrots.

**OR**

Chicken fried Portobello mushroom, mashed potatoes and mushroom leek gravy, broccoli and carrots.

**Either entrée served with:** Local Sourdough bread, butter, coffee, iced tea and water.

**Dessert:** Apple crisp with whipped cream.



#### **BIG SIR** Ted Scapeccia's Message

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Witches on brooms with cats and bats ride around after dark with funny black hats.....It isn't so hard to recognize the works of a Halloween Song.

This is the month kids put on their costumes and go door to door saying "Trick or Treat." Do you remember those days? I bet you never pushed an outhouse over.

Let's get serious, now. September was not a good month for our Branch 17. Three of our members went on Inactive status due to health reasons. That brings our Active Membership level down to 90! We started the year with 96 Active Members. Last November I suggested a goal of bringing our membership level back to what it was at the beginning of 2016 with 106 Active Members.

On the bright side, we did have two guests present at our September lunch, Perry Harpster who responded to our newspaper ad was sponsored by Fred Rose. Tony Carlsen was sponsored by Steve Edelstein. Thank you Fred and Steve. Thank you Lance Thompson, for getting the ad in the Press Democrat. I hope we induct both men in October. *(cont'd on page 3)*



#### **LITTLE SIR** Robert Reuther's Message

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It was nice to be with Bud Hill at our last meeting to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and share with us his BIG decorated birthday cake.

He left us with his words of wisdom for long term longevity, "**Just keep breathing.**" Interesting we had eleven birthdays in September. This has been the biggest number of births for any month. It must be a good month to be born.

On another note, as the incoming future Big Sir it would be an immense help to know what you think. The easiest way is to participate in the survey the Board is planning to circulate. Keeping your feelings to yourself really doesn't help because then we don't know what you want. The survey is the best way for you to communicate your interests and concerns.

The object of all this is for your benefit in keeping SIRS vibrant. So please take a little time and complete the survey.

**What you don't do, we can't do.**

**Luther Burbank Branch 17 is NOW in Area 10 of Region 3**  
**The following is a list of your 2017 Officers and Directors**

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**REGION 3 DIRECTOR**

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## September Attendance

**John French**, Chairman  
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There were only **58** members, one visitor and two guests that attended the meeting. There were **27** excused members and only **four** members that were unexcused this time!

were unexcused



## September Membership

**Doug Weber**, Chairman  
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There were no new applications nor induction of any new members.

Three “active members” have developed health problems and are now on the “inactive list:”

#54 Oscar Barragan, #20 Lloyd

Douglas and #6 Lee Kennedy. We now have **90** active members and six inactive members.

On the good news side, we had two guests: Perry Harpster, sponsored by Fred Rose and Tony Carlson, sponsored by Steve Edelstein. We are hoping that they will both be filling out the application forms and become new SIR members—soon!

## Chaplains' Corner

(by Herb Percy)

A thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest.  
*William Blake*

I recently was reading an article that talks about things that could be taken away from us or being very uncomfortable. I was naturally drawn to think about the possibility of death. Are there relationships I need to mend, are there financial matters to be dealt with, is there work that needs to be done.

The article reminded me that we have a creator who helps us when we are in time of need. No matter what religion we practice, it is good to know our creator knows our needs. It is also good to hear our friends and family say that they will pray for us or have good thoughts.

Bottom line: that we are not alone in this world and we all have challenges. It is good to have each other and another reason to keep track of the dots we leave on this earth.

Remember to make a friend and not just an acquaintance as we continue our dots in our legacy.

Contact Herb Percy, email [dadpercy@yahoo.com](mailto:dadpercy@yahoo.com) or call 707-575-7787 OR assistant chaplain Mike Heinzelman, email [mdheinz2@gmail.com](mailto:mdheinz2@gmail.com) or call 707-579-6615.



## Calendar of SIR Events for OCTOBER 2017

Any Monday	<b>Golf</b> at BVGC
Any Monday	<b>Bowling</b> , Double Decker Lanes, R/P, 10 am
Oct 9	Columbus Day, observed
Oct 11	<b>Boys Night Out</b> , at BJ's. in Coddingtontown, 6:00 pm
Oct 13	<b>Global Forum</b> meeting, <b>Tom Johnson's</b> , 9:30 am
Oct 17	<b>Bridge Club</b> at Legends, BVGC, 10:00 am
Oct 19	<b>Poker Fest</b> at Legends, BVGC, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Oct 20	<b>SIR Luncheon Meeting</b> , 11:00 am to 1:30 pm
Oct 22	National Nut Day
Oct 24	<b>Bridge Club</b> at Legends, BVGC, 10:00 am
Oct 25	<b>Couples Night Out</b> , at Basilico, Hyw 12, 6:00 pm
Oct 28	National Chocolate Day
Oct 29	National Cat Day
Oct 31	Halloween

The San Francisco Cable cars are the  
 only mobile National Monuments.

## Program for October 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The October speaker will be represented by the Transcendence Theatre Company, which among other things, produces Broadway Under the Stars in the summer at Jack London State Historic Park in Glen Ellen. In its 6th year, the outdoor theater originating in Sonoma County, was voted by USA Today as the second best outdoor theater in the United States. People from all over the Bay Area, and from all over the world, have attended their performances and have been extremely impressed.

One of the founders Steven Stubbins, Co-Executive Director and Liz Rouse, Sales Coordinator, will be with us to give a preview of the theater. Their community winter event is Broadway Holiday Spectacular at the Luther Burbank Center on December 1, 2, and 3. The March performance is The Ladies of Broadway, at the Marin Center on March 17 and 18, and at the Luther Burbank Center on March 24 and 25.

You will discover Transcendence does more than perform, it also enhances the tourist and wine industry in Sonoma County. It is supported by over 250 volunteers from the community, so far has brought into the State Park 170,000 visitors and contributed \$365,000 to its upkeep. The Theatre also reaches out to the community and has several charitable activities. One example is their work with the Boys and Girls Club with a summer theater program. *(Article by Robert Reuther)*

### 2018 Elected Officers and Directors:

BIG SIR: Robert Reuther

LITTLE SIR: \_\_\_\_\_

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Assist. Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dennis Mangan                      Bill Traverso

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### List of the OCTOBER Birthday Boys!

Carlo Bottini	Jim Park
Don Coover	Allen Pisenti
Charles Green	Kent Richmond
John Horwath	Bradley Smith
Don Malvestiti	Ed White
Bob Zeni	

## BIG SIR Message

*(continued from page 1)*

We need your help, bring in your friends. Remember, if you bring a guest who might want to join SIR, his lunch is on us. If your guest joins, you, as his sponsor get a free lunch!

Prior to our regularly scheduled BEC meeting on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> we had a special meeting devoted to Membership. This meeting was the result of an email Rich de Lambert sent to several members on the BEC. Two action items came out of the meeting:

1. Rich de Lambert and I will be on a special committee, tentatively called the "Motivation Committee" who will be focusing on ways to get all our members involved in recruiting. We will be contacting a few of you to join us on this committee.

2. The BEC thought it was time to do a Member Satisfaction Survey. Mark Burchill volunteered to put together this survey. He has circulated a draft copy to the Board, collected their feedback and published a final copy. You will find this final copy as a separate attachment to this email. Please take the time to fill it out as it is your chance to tell the Board how the SIR experience can be improved.

That's it for now; I hope you have a great Halloween. Watch out for those witches!

REMINDER SIR **CHRISTMAS**  
LUNCH DECEMBER **15TH**  
TICKET INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED  
IN THE NOVEMBER **BARK**  
TICKET PRICE STILL **\$35.00**  
THE MENU WILL BE SAME AS LAST YEAR  
**STEAK OR SALMON**

Last month we celebrated a special birthday that very few ever achieve. Our own, Bud Hill, just turned 100 the next day after our Friday meeting. We celebrated with a special cake, candles, song and certificate, which was greatly appreciated. Many of you do not know Bud very well (*but you should as he has been a SIR member for 32 consecutive years*). Not only is Bud now 100, but his wife Clair is also 100 and they have been happily married for 79 years! Bud finally had to give up his passion for golf due to his bum knee, but it is good enough to get in several games of shooting pool each week at Oakmont.

There are not very many people that can come close to the Hills' record these days. To finish off their month long celebration, Chris Smith wrote a great article about them on September 25<sup>th</sup> in the "Press Democrat."



## ACTIVITIES:

### Bowling

(Article written by Mike Heinzelman)

If you have an interest in joining the SIR bowling league, or just want to see how Bob is progressing, come-on-down to Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park any **Monday at 10 AM**. Ask for the SIR bowling group. (Remember, it's not a weekly commitment--just come when you can.) Whether you are a good bowler or a beginner, you are welcome. For more information call Mike Heinzelman at **579-6615** or send an email to him at [mdheinz2@gmail.com](mailto:mdheinz2@gmail.com).



### Boys Night Out

(Article by Mark Burchill)

Boys Night Out enjoyed a tasty meal on the patio of Sebastopol's Hopmonk in September. Fifteen SIRs attended, making this the largest BNO ever. There were dozens of conversations and a good time was had by all. There were a few guests who saw firsthand the fun we have at our events. There is a good chance they may join our club.



Photo by Dennis Mangan

The next BNO will be **Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** at **BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse** 334A Coddington Center, Santa Rosa. (north side) Come for cocktails at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm.

For reservations, contact Mark Burchill:

[MarkNick@sonic.net](mailto:MarkNick@sonic.net) or call 707-542-2529 by Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see y'all here...this should be great fun!

### Bridge

Bridge is an important activity with many of our members not only within our own branch but with participation of members from other branches in our area. Bridge activities are coordinated by chairman Al Black, email to [rosaridge@comcast.net](mailto:rosaridge@comcast.net) or call 707-578-3210.



We welcome new and interested members who are thinking of joining the pool of players.

Bridge days scheduled this month for play at Legends Restaurant Bennett Valley starting at 10:00 AM on **Tuesdays, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**.

### Couples Night Out

(Article by Fred Rose)

September CNO was held in Petaluma at Graffiti Restaurant, "thanks" Gary Bondi for the recommendation. A nice cocktail lounge looking out at the Petaluma River, the restaurant with a comfortable atmosphere, good service and a great menu. Eight hungry couples enjoyed the evening away, eating, drinking and enjoying lots of interesting conversations and shared stories. A very fun evening and we all look forward to the next outing. For those of you that do like to dine out, do not like to do dishes, like to have a good time—then come join us on the next outing—you will be pleasantly surprised.

The Burchills even took the SMART train down, walked off their dessert in four short blocks!



Photo courtesy of Jim Oswald

**October CNO** will be held **Wednesday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 pm for cocktails, 6:30 pm order dinner at **Basilico Cucina Italiana** restaurant, 4776 Sonoma Highway 12, S/R (the old Roberto's).

We last visited here in January 2016 and several members liked it so well they wanted to go back, so here we are!

Contact Fred Rose: [fredicrose@comcast.net](mailto:fredicrose@comcast.net) or call 707-548-5797 to make your reservations by Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Fishing

(Article as reported by Glenn Seime)

The July 21st fishing trip aboard the Miss Anita sailing out from Bodega Bay was a very successful day for the fishermen: Jim Jones, Bob Naddell, Jim Oswald, Don Salazar and Glenn Seime. After spending the day out on the boat, they managed to catch seven salmon. The biggest weighing in at **22** pounds was caught by Jim Jones who won all the big prize money for his big “heavy duty” fish. Believe it or not **NOBODY** got seasick!

There was some dispute about some of the charges and license fees but they all got worked out. Everyone claims, if you did not go, then you missed a good time!



Photos by Glenn Seime

## Garden Club Announcements

We meet at one of the tables near the door to share our gardening interest at 11:15 am on our next SIR meeting day, which will be on **October 20<sup>th</sup>**.

I am still sacked out under the grape arbor and only have a little in the way of “new” news to provide to you for October. I have been given two ideas for next spring—one is local and one is south of San Francisco. Also fall has finally arrived, so it is time to clear out the garden, get ready for winter, do some composting, plant some winter vegetables that you have always wanted to do and get your pumpkins ready for Halloween.

For other outing suggestions, please let me know of any. Also, pass on to me emails and contacts, as I will then contact those on the list for an impromptu outing (preferable during the week).

Any questions, contact **Lance Thompson** at: [lance@pon.net](mailto:lance@pon.net) (please put SIR in the subject heading) or call 707-527-3438. (Article by Lance Thompson)

What is the only food that does NOT spoil? **Honey**



## GLOBAL FORUM

(Article written by Tom Johnson)

The **October** Global Forum will still be held at its new location, while still we await Adu’s recovery. Topics remain similar and as in the past with no major changes. They include the usual: North Korea, ISIS, refugees, Venezuela, as well as any new topics of interest by attendees. We meet once a month to discuss these and other events that are in the news and how they impact us as individuals, our state and our nation. We bring multiple viewpoints and a wide variety of background information to a lively discussion.



All SIR members interested in exploring our global environment are invited to join the monthly confab. We meet from **9:30 to 11:30 am** on the second **Friday** of the month and the next gathering will be **Friday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** at the home of **Tom and Kimie Johnson: 5465 Wikiup Bridge Way, Santa Rosa.** (Wikiup Bridge Way is off Mark West Springs Road, a short distance east from Riebli Elementary School, just opposite the 45 MPH sign. It looks like a driveway between two walnut trees with white rings painted on their trunks. Over the bridge, take the branch straight up the hill. Houses are **NOT** in numerical order!)

Should you have any question, or would like a map to the house, please email Tom at [TWJ@sonic.net](mailto:TWJ@sonic.net). If you do get lost, then call him at 707-528-7725 for more directions. We hope to see more new SIR members there for our discussions!

## POKER FEST (Article written by Steve Edelstein)

This new activity has gained quite a bit in popularity and is looking to set up another day to play. We are also always looking for some new members wishing to play and maybe even more days to play on.



The new date is Thursday, **Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** from **1:00 to 4:00 pm.** at **Legends** at the Bennett Valley Golf Course area.

If you would like to join this exciting new group in a rousing game of Poker, then contact Steve Edelstein by email at:

[1hatisland@gmail.com](mailto:1hatisland@gmail.com) or call 707-206-8084.

Please leave a message, I **will** return your call.

## GOLF:

Autumn is here and there's a chill in the morning air. The staff at BV has completed their fall greens aeration and they're nicely on the mend... should be some fantastic golf on the horizon.

If this golfing season has been too wet, too muddy, or too hot for you, now is the time to dig out those old knickers and come join us.

The place to be is The Bennett Valley Golf Course - the time to be there is Monday mornings starting at 8:30 am.



Hope to see you all out there.

Until Next time, Good Golfing,

Roy Thuestad

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## Recap of Speaker for Sept. 15, 2017

At the last meeting, our speaker was Alan Silo, the President and CEO of the Santa Rosa Symphony. The symphony is the third oldest in California, following the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the San Francisco Symphony. The Santa Rosa Symphony is recognized as a leading regional symphony. The Orchestra has had only four Conductors and Musical Directors in its 90-year history. Currently it is the resident orchestra at the Green Music Center, Sonoma State University. The Santa Rosa Symphony has a \$4,000,000 annual budget.

After 12 years Maestro Bruno Ferrandis is leaving to pursue other opportunities. The Orchestra has had 70 applicants for Bruno Ferrandis' replacement as Conductor and Musical Director. The Conductor leads the orchestra and the Musical Director elects what is to be played. The search committee consisting of Alan Silo, five Board Members, and four Orchestra Members will make the final selection of one of the five who are the finalists. Each finalist will have the opportunity to perform this season at one of the seven symphony programs.

It should be interesting to see who will be chosen to be the fifth Conductor and Musical Director of the Santa Rosa Symphony, a symphony orchestra rich in its 90-year tradition in Santa Rosa. *(Article written by Robert Reuther)*

## The Poem of the month!

### The Road Not Taken

Robert Frost, 1874 - 1963

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

Yogi Barra said, "take it."

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## Traveling Golf

(article written by Jim Jones)

Jim is currently on vacation on the Big Island of Hawaii and will be not back “state-side” to revise his article in time before this edition of the **BARK** gets published. He wants to remind all of you about the two upcoming events, at Oakmont in October and at Bodega Harbor in November. (See schedule below)

So, if you plan on playing either of these beautiful, very respectable, well maintained and challenging courses, please forward your **check** (made out to **SIR1776 Golf**) to:

**Jim Jones**

**1016 Aleppo Drive**

**Santa Rosa, CA 95409**

**The deadline to have your check for \$50.00 in is Thursday, October 19th. As always, please get your money in on time so you can play at the Oakmont GC—DON’T HESITATE! Time is not to be wasted! “For an opportunity ignored is an opportunity lost forever – especially in the case of a good game of golf played at this course!”**

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### The remaining 2017 SIR 1776 Travel Golf schedule:

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**October 26 @ 9:30 AM Oakmont (W) GC, Santa Rosa, CA @ \$50.00/player**

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**November 16 @ 9:00 AM Links at Bodega Harbour, Bodega, CA @ \$60.00/player**

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As you are aware, we are required to commit to tighter booking, rate and payment obligations at this year’s participating golf courses. These new obligations require a change to our SIR 1776 travel golf policies, and player payment schedules and obligations.

**Please note: No refunds will be made within 7 days prior to the scheduled play date, UNLESS cancellation is permitted by the contracting golf course, or if the cancelling member or the cancelling member’s guest can furnish a paying replacement. Remember to have your payments to Jim Jones **NO LATER THAN Thursday, October 19th.** Remember, payment is by **CHECK ONLY & YOUR PAYMENT MUST BE ON TIME IN ORDER TO PLAY!****




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A special **Thank You** to member Gordon Boulton for stepping up to help me by spotting all my errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling and any other errors I have made before the final edition goes to press and you see it. Jim, the Editor

## HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a celebration observed in a number of countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day and Reformation Day. It begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed.



Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories and watching horror films. In many parts of the world, the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead.

*(Reprinted from various web sites)*

## PETALUMA VETERANS DAY PARADE

**SATURDAY, NOV 11 - 1:00PM**

**GRAND MARSHALLS:**

**Delmar, Joe and Martin Turner**

**All born, raised and have lived**

**All their lives in Petaluma.**

Come and join the festivities celebrating Veterans Parade, at the biggest parade north of San Francisco. It's a great way to spend the day watching the activities, and if you'd like to ride in a classic car in the parade, just contact

**Mike O'Neill at 707-479-4158.**



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