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LUNCHEON INFORMATION
BIG SIR COMMENTS

OCT 2021

The Gateway Chapter 169

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October Luncheon

When: October 12, 2021

Where: Pardini's Catering, 2275 W Shaw Ave

Time: Board Meeting 930, Social Hour 1100-1200, Luncheon 1200

Cost: Members/Guests: \$15.00, Annual Dues: \$15.00

Speaker: Dan Pessano

Menu: Choices: Beef Burgundy or Chicken

BIG SIR ARTICLE FOR OCTOBER 2021

A Tribute and A Thank You



It has been said, "To find a man's true character, play golf with him." This quote seemed an appropriate introduction as I considered the best way to pay tribute and say "Thank you" to Ed Dorn and Mick Carrera for their time and effort to provide our Sir Branch 169 with a weekly and monthly golfing activity, which they have been doing for many years.



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In the SIR Mission Statement, we find the following: "SIR exists to enrich the lives of its members through fun activities, luncheons and events while making friends for life." The purpose of the SIR Organization is: "To provide for the welfare of retired men... who are pursuing a common goal...the enjoyment of their later years with dignity and pride and they do this through activities and association with other retired men."

One of the ways our SIR Branch 169 members seek a common goal is through participation in our monthly golfing activities. An article in a recent golf publication provided the following as a reasonable expectation for a SIR golfer: "Be courteous to one another. Treat one another with respect, and please be considerate of the condition of the golf courses, the customs and rules of the game, and your fellow golfers, including the often-impatient non-SIR's golfers who get stuck playing behind us. Please be sure to repair all marks on the greens, especially when you are within sight of the pro shop!"

In summary let me share from an article provided in "A Golf Story..." where the author tells us "...I met a whole lot of different people out on the course. That was one of the best things about the game. But aside from my regular partners and a few others, I don't feel like I got to know many of these people very well. I know they didn't really get to know me and probably didn't want to.

I was always so occupied with my own game and didn't have much time for anyone else, especially if I wasn't playing well. Golf is a wonderful game. It should be played with enthusiasm and appreciation for the true values the game provides. Allow me to encourage you to realize how lucky you are to be able to play a game well into your "Golden Years" and..."don't waste a minute...for all too soon it will no longer be possible...and all too soon it will be gone."

Scott Barcus - Big Sir, 2021



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SIR BRANCH COVID PROTOCOLS

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BRANCH PROTOCOLS FOR MINIMIZING COVID-19 LIABILITY In view of the deletion by SIR's insurance carrier, effective May 1, 2021, of coverage for pandemic diseases and the likelihood that other carriers are also not providing such coverage, the following requirements are necessary to protect the health and safety of SIR members and minimize SIR's exposure to possible claims related to pandemic diseases:

1. The branches are required to strictly observe corporate formalities, such as annual election of officers and keeping corporate minutes in a timely and orderly manner.
2. The branches are urged to encourage all branch members to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and to help those branch members who need assistance in finding vaccination centers and getting vaccinated.
3. Beginning May 1, 2021 and until further notice to the contrary, branches shall require branch members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others ("Attendees") to be fully vaccinated (2 shots, if required) as a condition of being allowed to attend branch activities which are conducted wholly or partially indoors. In the alternative, unvaccinated Attendees can attend such activities if they provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test administered within 3 days prior to an event they want to attend.
4. To ensure compliance with the requirements of item 3, branches shall require Attendees to show the original, a copy, or photo (in hardcopy or via a phone) of their vaccination record cards or test result documentation.
5. Branches shall maintain an updated list of members who have submitted proof of vaccination and use it to check them in for branch activities involving any indoor components. Branches need not require members who are on the vaccinated list to show proof of vaccination thereafter.
6. Branches shall require all Attendees participating in SIR activities to comply with all then-current state and county requirements related to COVID-19 protection, such as wearing masks and social distancing.
7. Branches shall require all Attendees attending SIR indoor or outdoor activities, to execute the attached waiver prior to allowing a member to attend such activities. Such waiver need only be executed once by a member, and the branch shall maintain the originals of such executed waivers for inspection by State SIR representatives.



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SIR EVENT WAIVER FORM

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SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

Branch Name and Number: _____

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the general unavailability of insurance to cover liability related to that matter, the SIR branch listed above ("Branch") is requiring members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others attending events sponsored by the Branch or by Sons in Retirement, Incorporated ("State Sir") to agree to the following:

1. In attending activities sponsored by the Branch or State SIR, the undersigned agrees to comply with mask, social distancing, and other Covid-19 protocols required by applicable government bodies, the Branch, State SIR, and the applicable venue. Failure to do so will result in the attendee being asked to leave the event.
2. Regardless of adherence to mandated protocols, requirements, recommendations, and vaccinations, the undersigned acknowledges that there is a risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or a group of other individuals.
3. Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned assumes the risk of Covid-19 exposure and accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur due to attendance at a Branch or State SIR event.
4. The undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless the Branch, State SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and members from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at a Branch or State SIR event.

**THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE,
UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE
VOLUNTARILY.**

Attendee's Name (print): _____ Attendee's

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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LITTLE SIR COMMENTS

TREASURERS REPORT

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LITTLE SIR ARTICLE FOR OCTOBER

In October we had Peter DeYoung scheduled as our speaker. He decided today that he needed to wait until the springtime to talk to our group. So I will be looking for his replacement right away. I wanted to submit something for our newsletter so I'll put forth these thoughts. Our Sirs group (like most of them throughout the state) is having a difficult time finding board members. So I'm asking everyone to consider doing one of two things. Become a member of our Board with really no responsibility other than attending our meetings and speaking out if you have thoughts on whatever subject we're on. Secondly, consider running for Little Sir. In my capacity of Big Sir I will always help find speakers or at least brainstorm ideas about creating a list of really good candidates. Of course there is always the Treasurer position. I'm also sure that Duane will take you into his care and teach you the ways of keeping this well-oiled machine moving forward. Oh, just confirmed Dan Pessano will be our guest speaker in October

Dan Lindstrom

Little Sir

TREASURER REPORT

Month of: September' 2021

Beginning Balance:	\$ 3422.26
Income:	\$ 800.00
Expenses:	\$ 826.17
Ending Balance:	\$ 3,396.09



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SECRETARY REPORT

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: 9/14/2021

BigSIR, Scott Barcus called the meeting to order at 9:40 am

Attending: Scott Barcus, Duane Evans; Jim Forden; Ted Fox;; Jim Hiney; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large, Dan Lindstrom;;Jackie Lovato; Luis Rodriguez; Ed Dorn

Guest(s): None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC

BIG SIR: Scott Barcus observed that the reporting requirements of the State SIR have been and continue to be frustrating to the leadership of our Chapter.

LITTLE SIR: The speaker for today's luncheon will be Kevin Mikle, Director of Aviation at FYI. Commitments have been secured for all the program presentations for the rest of the year. Bullard Talent will be providing the entertainment at our December luncheon.

SECRETARY; Given our inability to deliver at a luncheon meeting, the SIR Life Awards to the two remaining recipients, Bob Facciani and Mike Torosian, Jim suggested that a few members of our Board visit the men at each of their homes for a brief ceremony. By consensus, the Board determined that it would be a nice gesture to do so. Form 27 for the months of July and August 2021 have been submitted to the State with cc to members of our Board.

TREASURER: MSC to approve the Treasurer Report for the current month.

ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn reported that the next golf outing will be the final Championship Round for our Chapter.. Additionally, the Genius Software for scheduling and scoring our golf events is being dropped by the NCGA in favor of a new software package. Our golf committee will have to be trained on the new program. This month's dinner is scheduled for this Thursday at the Lime-light.

MEMBERSHIP: Jim Hiney reported that we have received an application for membership from Michael Spencer. Per his sponsor Greg Geis, however, he will be unable to attend today's meeting. MSC for induction.



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SECRETARY REPORT (Continued)

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SUNSHINE: Bernie stated that he was pleased to report that there have been no new medical or other issues brought to his attention this month. He has and will provide a copy of a suitable Prayer to be used at our luncheons, whenever our Chaplain is unable to attend.

OLD BUSINESS: Stressed that the Board keep seeking out candidates for Little SIR and Newsletter publication. The difficulty of recruiting members who are interested and qualified to perform the duties of leadership positions seems to be not just a local problem, but also one that other chapters are facing as well.

NEW BUSINESS: Latest pronouncements from the State SIR office:

SIR luncheon speakers and entertainers must sign waivers to protect SIR from liability;

Branch assessments for the current and possibly next quarters will be relaxed;

Privacy and confidentiality issues have arisen regarding the requirements of COVID vaccination and/or testing of members and guests;

Eighty per cent of the State SIR budget resources are now being paid out for insurance coverage.

State leadership have made the marketing and public image of SIR a priority. The plan for this effort is presented on the State SIR website.

SIR is currently supporting a statewide study concerning Medical issues faced by Seniors. Member participation in the research is totally voluntary.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:28 am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jim Forden, Secretary and Luis Rodriguez, Asst. Secretary

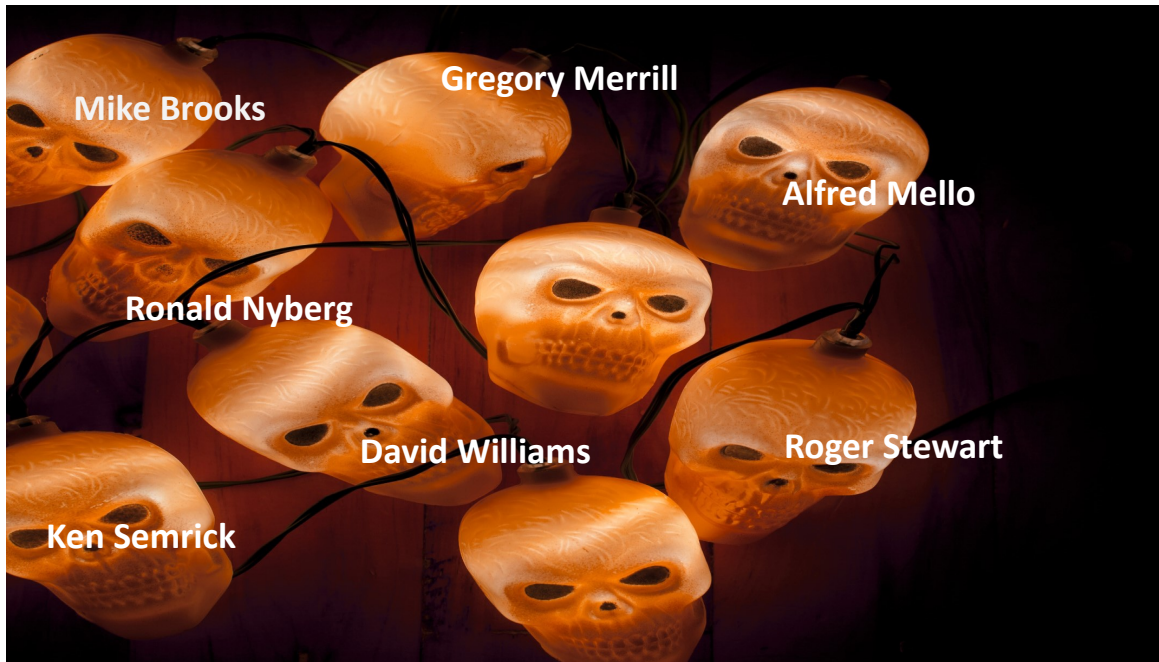


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IMPORTANT OCT EVENTS

The Gateway Chapter 169

Birthday Ghouls



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Tony and Maryann Anello

Marvin and Sunny Carrera

Adam and Elisa Rodriguez



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ACTIVITIES

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Golf:

Complete results and the current schedule can be found on the golf web page:

<https://sirgcarearea29br169.memberplanet.com>

Branch Championship:

There currently is a tie for the Branch Championship between Dan Lindstom and Jackie Lovato. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

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October Schedule:

Ken Myers is the host

Oct 5th: 9:00 Airways Cha Cha Cha

Oct. 14th: 9:00 Belmont CC Scrambles

Oct. 19th: 10:00 Rivercreek-Oakhurst 4man 2bb

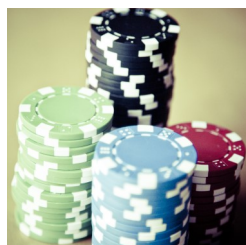
Oct. 26th: 9:00 Madera CC Shambles

Thanks to Steve Strid for
Hosting in August and Sep-
tember. Great Job.



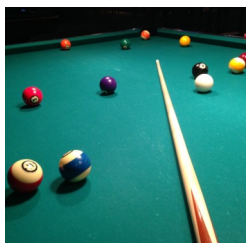
Couples Nite Out

The next Couple's Nite Out dinner will be on October 14th at 6:30 at the Antonio's Mexican Restaurant located at 7959 N Blackstone Ave., Fresno. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the October luncheon for this fun evening.



Poker Group

Contact Ed Dorn, Jim Hiney or Ted Fox if you are interested in joining the poker group. We currently play once a month, the Wednesday following the luncheon, rotating houses. Contact us at the monthly luncheon.



Pool Group

Contact Ted Fox (298-3179) if you are interested in joining the pool group. Group meets every Tuesday for breakfast then pool. Temporary arrangements until the pool hall we were using reopens.



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ACTIVITIES (cont)

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Pickle Ball

Contact member Larry Rowe: 559 623-8670, or at the meeting.. Group he is involved with plays most mornings at a local park.

Sponsors of prospective new members are requested to review the applications completed by their guests to make sure that the information provided is both complete and legible. Thank you for helping with this.



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SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON PICTURES

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SIRS gathering for lunch



Kevin Mielke, Director of Aviation, FYI



Cock-a-doodle-do, raffle prizes



Bernie Hollenbeck



Bob Lung



Fref Bates





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SEPT LUNCHEON PICTURES

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50/50 winners



Anthony Noia



Frank Bavaro

Birthday Boys



Eric Miller



Rick Christl— Lunch Winner