



SIR Branch 176 Windsor Winds Newsletter for February 2023

SIR Mission Statement

The Mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life. Visit our [Branch Webpage](#), [State Webpage](#) and/or attend Tuesday morning coffee.

Windsor Branch 176

Monthly Luncheon Meeting Every 3rd Wednesday
Charlie's Restaurant 130 19th Hole Dr. Windsor CA
Charlie's lunch is \$22.00 (plus \$1 table tip if you wish)
Reminder: Yearly Dues (\$24) can also be paid at lunch.

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Big SIR – Chris Roach



At the January lunch meeting, we targeted our main goal of growing our club's membership. We have business sized cards with SIR info on them available. You can carry these in your wallet in case you meet someone who might be a good candidate. We have 65 members currently. However, we average only 35 attendees at the meetings. If you know someone who hasn't been attending, please contact and encourage them to attend. If you need contact info for a member, please contact Little SIR Larry Doherty (707) 484-5308.

We will be having our annual picnic in June and Holiday Party in December. Tom Hasco has volunteered to lead a committee for the Holiday Party. Anyone wanting to help with it, please contact Tom. I ask the members of the Picnic committee from last year to step up at the February lunch meeting. We can determine if more volunteers are needed. This is a joint effort with Branch 76.

We have been contacted by Dave Gonzalves, State President. He has promised that the State Board will be more approachable & responsive the branches. Also, Our Area 10 rep and Branch 76 Santa Rosa member, Bob Nadal, will be joining us for a BEC & Lunch Meeting sometime this year

Chris Roach – Friendship Report

Get Well cards were sent to:

- Hilary Hasco
- John Crooker
- Don McCorquodale
- Cyndy Bartles



Gary Jensen – Recruitment and Coffee



January 24th coffee time

Our goal is to have one or two new members each month, and Jim joined us last month. A big part of meeting that goal is Tuesday coffee. We still are unable to have coffee at the Senior Center due to it being re-modeled. So, coffee with pastries will continue to be at the temporary Senior Citizen Center which is at 25 Bluebird Dr, Windsor, CA 95492. See you there.

Little SIR – Larry Doherty



This month we will have a guest speaker from the Redwood Empire Food Bank. The food bank has been around since 1987 and since then have been feeling our neighbors' needs to end hunger. They distribute food in Sonoma as well as four other surrounding counties. As the largest hunger-relief organization in our area, they work the front lines of emergency food assistance, playing a crucial role in helping individuals, families, seniors, and children.

Warmest Regards,

LarryD.



AWARDS:

Frank Treanor was able to obtain a Certificate of Honorary Life Membership for Phil Anderson. Frank will present the Certificate to Phil's widow Jeanne. Frank also presented Jerry Culver with a Distinguished Service Certificate and coin for his years of service at Branch 176.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BRANCH 176 MEMBER:



Jim Branscombe

Jim was born in Japan in 1950, then lived in Formosa (now Taiwan) until 1957. Their family moved from Taiwan to El Paso, Texas where he attended school and college. He and his sister are the only two left in their family and Jim is currently unmarried with no children.

Jim graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1972 with a degree in Business and Public Administration. Jim had five careers that caused him to move 14 times. During his earlier careers he lived in El Paso three times, Kansas City, Seattle, Colorado Springs twice, Austin, and Fort Worth. Because he had a strong background in technology and membership organizations, Jim was recruited by a group of Brokers to run the multiple listing service in El Paso and lead their real estate community into the "miracle of the internet". Then in 1999 George Gallegos (SIR member and Jim's sponsor) was Chairman of the MLS organization headquartered Santa Rosa. He played a critical role in hiring Jim and Jim's subsequent transfer to Sonoma County.

Jim retired from the Bay Area Multiple Listing Service in 2015. He has spent most of his life volunteering frequently as needed. He has worked with a large number of nonprofit organizations as a staff person, consultant, and volunteer including being a Rotary member for 20 years in four different communities.

Thanks to the pandemic, Jim has spent the past three and a half years focused on things he has always wanted to do such as research, resting and "sticking swabs up my nose". Jim likes to research his family's illustrious history and also has a strong interest in the Eighteenth Dynasty of Egypt. Now that he has joined Branch 176 Jim looks forward to more social contact and activities.



Golf

It's still winter but the holidays are over so more players, regardless of skill level, are desired. Come and join us on the course Wednesday mornings. Prior to Wednesday, use the signup sheet at the golf course or call the golf course at 707-838-7888 to sign up for SIRS golf. The starter usually gets us out by 8:00. ***If you are new*** to the golf group, please show up on time (7:45) and look for us. Since we look forward to playing with new members, we will certainly make adjustments to get you in.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS FEBURARY TO:

Tom Hasco; Tony Lazzari; Tom Palmer; Ed Peoples; Chris Roach.

Dave Harrison –Bowling

The Windsor Seniors Monday Morning Fall League season runs from September into April and is divided into three segments. In two weeks we'll be ending our second segment. The highest scoring team of each segment, together with the highest scoring team not previously leading will be the four teams that square off at seasons end for our championship. Presently, the team led by Sir Wayne Lindahl leads the second segment. If his team is the cumulative high score team for the second segment, Wayne's team will be in the playoffs in April. Another team lead by Sir Don McCorquodale is right behind Wayne's team, and may contend for high score for this segment. Don, Wayne, Phil Bartels and Dave Harrison have had high handicap games and series. Bowling competition is exciting and fun. If you'd like to participate as a substitute, please contact Dave and he'll give you more particulars.

Feel free to contact me at: harrisod@sonic.net



Couples Dinner (Not an official SIR Activity)



Windsor SIRs Couples Dinner at Tian Yuen Restaurant

We had a great turnout for our first Couples Dinner for 2023 at Tian Yuen restaurant on the Windsor Town Green. There were 27 of us who gathered together. I think all would agree that it is a very good time to not only for some of us dine out at a new restaurant, but a great way to socialize and get better acquainted with our SIRs' members and their wives.

Some tables decided to share their meals with their fellow table mates. A good idea, more dishes for everyone to try.

The immediate response to the dinners has been great and we are now having more couples attend. Due to lack of staffing, the restaurants limit the number of attendees they can accommodate. If you are interested in joining your fellow SIRs, I would suggest that you get your name in promptly when I send out an email announcing the event.

Wayne

So if you wish to attend the next Couples Dinner, please contact Wayne as soon as possible following his email notice.

wlindahl@sonic.net

FOR THE LIGHT HEARTED:

RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.



FOR THE LIGHT HEARTED CONTINUED:

BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!

I recently called an old Engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days.

He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

Oldtimers9.com



Shhh... She's fixing the world ❤️



Profile: GARY JENSEN



Gary was born in Gardena, California and was raised by his mother and father along with his younger brother. Sadly, he lost his father in a car accident when he was 12 years old. From this point on Gary's mom raised the two boys on her own while working and owning a variety of businesses. Upon graduation from high school Gary enlisted and served six years in the Army reserve and six months active duty.

In 1963, he married his wonderful wife Linda. Gary was working for Anheuser Busch in beer sales, then in 1966 he was fortunate and given the opportunity by the company to move to Santa Rosa. In February 1967, Gary went to work for RCA Distributing Corporation as a territory manager and sales rep calling on TV and stereo stores covering eight counties from Santa Rosa to the Oregon border. Gary and Linda also started their family in 1967 welcoming their first daughter Karen in June, and then just 12 months later in the following June, they welcomed their second daughter Valerie.

Gary always had a desire to be an entrepreneur and be independent by owning his own business. So in 1977 he used his knowledge of the electronics industry and moved his family to Clearlake where he purchased Lakeside TV & Appliance and later a coin-op laundry. Then in 1984 Gary ventured in a new direction in the electronics industry "rent-to-own" opening his first Home Rental Center store. In 1985, he sold the appliance store to focus on the rent-to-own business and its expansion. Next they moved back to Santa Rosa and started opening stores in other cities and counties, eventually growing to a chain of 9 stores. In 1997, a large corporation made them an offer to purchase all the stores and so began their retirement.

In retirement, Gary and Linda ventured to Sun Lakes AZ where they enjoyed 17 years in the desert. But in 2016 Sonoma County drew them back and they moved to Windsor to be closer to their daughters and their families; one living in Windsor and the other in San Jose. Unfortunately, Gary lost his wife Linda in 2020. They were married for 57 years and he continues to miss her very much.

Today, Gary enjoys doing some woodwork, mainly on the wood lathe. He has been very active in the Sirs Organization enjoying every minute of it, and especially the friends made.



EDITOR'S NOTICE REGARDING MEMBERS' PRIVACY:

As Editor of the newsletter I am also in charge of mass email notices, such as our Weekly notice and any other information which needs to be communicated to everyone. You may notice that you are receiving your emails from me without being able to see other members' email address (BCC). This is done to ensure the privacy of all. There are some of us who had dangerous careers and try to keep our personal information held close. This issue was raised during the last Wednesday's meeting and the discussion came about because someone had wished to get in contact with another member and wanted their email address, or phone number, or maybe even an address.

Hence, there was discussion by your Officers and Directors and the following procedure has been developed: If you wish to gain someone's personal information, please reach out to our Little Sir Larry Doherty by email at ldohrebl@mindspring.com or by phone at 707-484-5308. Larry will then contact the member to determine if it is ok to release the requested information. Likewise, if you wish it to be known by Larry upfront that you have certain privacy concerns, please feel free to contact him anytime. Thank you for understanding.

2023 SIR Branch 176 Officers:					
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OFFICIAL SIR Activities

Coffee – Gary Jensen

Coffee and Pastries at the Windsor Senior Center Tuesdays at 9:00am

Bocce Ball - Stewart Morgan

Bocce Ball at Lakewood Meadows Park Thursdays at 10:00am

OTHER SIR FYI Activities

Friday Afternoon (3:00pm) Happy Hour – Tom Palmer

Location changes weekly and will be published every Sunday or Monday in the weekly notice of events with a reminder sent on Thursday.

OTHER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Not official SIR Activities)

From Len Schwer:



SIR members Glenn Dollarhide and Jim Griffin
sharing a little of our Latino culture by celebrating Rosca de Reyes

Every Saturday morning (8:30-10AM) Jose Castaneda hosts a FREE breakfast for veterans at Castaneda Marketplace; 8465 Old Redwood Highway.

<https://www.facebook.com/CastanedasMarket>

Also Keep an Eye Out for notices from Len Schwer about Margarita Monday; and new, is a monthly third Thursday, senior meeting, with provided coffee and concha.

For additional information contact Len Schwer at: Len@schwer.net
