



## SIR Branch 176 Windsor Winds Newsletter for April 2024

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
Charlie's Restaurant 130 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Dr. Windsor CA  
Charlie's lunch is \$23.00 (plus \$1 table tip if you wish)

#### **Windsor Winds Edition**

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### **Big SIR – Larry Doherty**



Welcome to another month gentlemen and no pun intended, despite it being April fool's day.

We had a great time at Charlie's for our March luncheon. Rob (the cook) made us a wonderful Irish meal including corn beef (which was delicious) and the rest of the normal Irish fixings. Sorry if you missed it. I asked everyone to wear some green and most participated. I did hear from a few that they had forgotten (imagine that) to wear green despite it being a National Holiday. Frank Treanor won best dressed and was regarded with some raffle tickets for his efforts.

For this month's contest (and a means to introduce our seasoned members), I was looking for one of our members who has the most grandchildren. I started with five and several hands went up. When I got to seven there were only two members still holding their hands up, Jim Tubbs and Ed Peoples. They had fun trying to remember their grandchildren's names as well as their ages. They were each awarded with some raffle tickets. I was advised later that Pat McDermott never raised his hand as he was going to wait till I called the number eight. I had to laugh since if you have eight, you indeed have seven. I will make it up to you next month Pat with some raffle tickets.

We also have some additional raffle prizes to commemorate St. Patrick's Day.

During the BEC meeting, one of our Picnic Chairmen (Dave Harrison) advised he would like to keep the price for the picnic at \$40, the same as it was last year (even though Charlie's is now charging us \$43), as he would like the picnic to be about "fun" for our members--not money. The BEC agreed and we are going to keep the price the same. Make sure you mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 26, noon, at Charlie's. And if you can help out with either raffle prizes, wine, or pop-ups please let Dave, Steve de la Montanya (the co-chair), or myself know. Thanks in advance for any help you can provide.

It was also brought to our attention that the Healdsburg branch is considering disbanding. I recalled talking to Greg Putman nearly a year and a half ago about a potential merge with us however, his group later voted to remain together. Poor Greg was Big Sir, Little Sir, and Treasurer at the time. They are apparently down to 19 members. I reached out to Greg with some options for his members to consider in joining our group. I also asked him to invite his members to our next luncheon. If you have friends who are Healdsburg members, please reach out to them and invite them to our next luncheon, Wednesday, April 17.

Remember, all of our activities are about remaining social so please join in.

### **Little SIR – Tom Palmer**



I've really been excited to get to know the newer sir members. We have such a variety of folks with wide ranging experiences that it's almost overwhelming. Like new member John Hackenburg who was a navy pilot, a banker and a viticulturist; or newish member John Handcock who's favorite past job was sailing, even though he couldn't swim; or Charles Boyd who plays harmonica, and just finished a Cayamo music cruise. Anyway, my point is that most of us have fun/exciting/moving/interesting stories to tell. Telling these stories to one another is part of being social. I think we all have heard of the studies that say "people with strong social connections live longer, healthier lives" (Harvard school of public health). My point is that the only way we hear one another is to meet with one another. So please come to coffee, happy hour, the luncheon or be involved in our activities; and in any case it's good to tell our stories and to listen to others tell theirs.

## Chris Roach – Friendship Report

Terry Taylor, Get Well;

Family of Helen Franklin, Sympathy on her passing

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS APRIL TO:

Denny Amantite; Philip Bartels; Mike Berry; Jim Duvander; Al Fiori; Roger North; Michael Powers; Gary Quinton; Frank Treanor; Garry Trojanowski

## Golf- Frank Treanor & Jerry Culver

There has been some golfing activity but the course has been pretty wet and not much fun. We are trying to meld the 2 groups who play regularly into one group so that it works for the group and the golf course.

We are looking forward to dryer weather and enjoying golf, fresh air and good friends. To join us you certainly don't need to be a "good golfer", just a person who enjoys the game.

Jerry Culver is taking over handling the Tee times. He will be sending out a group text and group e-Mail every Thursday to all of our golfers. They need to respond I'm in or I'm out, short answer! The sign up sheet, text or email will be the avenues to sign up. *If you do not sign up or call, then your play cannot be guaranteed.* However, if you do sign up and need to cancel, please contact both Jerry and the Golf Course (707) 838-7888.

***If you are new*** to Sirs or figure it's time to pick the game up again, please contact Jerry at [so.done56@yahoo.com](mailto:so.done56@yahoo.com) or text him at 707-953-4901.



## **DON'T MISS OUR LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER ON 4/17:**



Jon Stout, has over 30 years' experience in airport management with strong credentials in the areas of airport development, properties, air service development, governmental affairs, operations and marketing.

Mr. Stout is responsible for the daily management and long-term development of Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport (STS) - a rapidly growing, non-hub commercial air service facility supporting four airlines, an industrial park, 385 based aircraft, 26 commercial tenants and 4 rental car agencies. Come hear what's new and exciting.

## **Special thanks to our last guest speaker, Gary Greenough:**

Gary provided an entertaining and educational presentation (if you missed it, see his power point on our web page at <https://windsorsirs.org> ) about the Pacific Coast Air Museum who for the last 35 years have been dedicated to promoting and preserving aviation history through the acquisition, restoration, and display of historic aircraft. The museum displays a varied collection of over 30 American military, propeller, and jet aircraft. And don't forget about Hot Dog Thursday starting April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTENTION PLEASE:**

**SIR Branch 176 2024 Ladies Day Picnic**  
**Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Catered by Charlies Restaurant at Windsor Golf Course  
1302 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Drive, Windsor, California

11:00 AM Social Hour, Buffet Lunch at Noon

Including meat entre, pasta, chili beans, corn on the cob,  
salad, bread, butter, and dessert  
wine, beer and soft drinks

**Raffle, Bingo, Music, Conversation and Fun**

All for **Only \$40.00** Per Person

Tickets on Sale at April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 15  
At SIR Branch 176 Lunches

More Details to Follow

Remember Last Year's Picnic?



**Couples Dinner  
(Not an official SIR Activity)**

**Couples Dinner- Wayne Lindahl**

Our March 2024 SIRs Couples Dinner on Wednesday, March 27th at Savor Vietnamese Restaurant in Windsor was “fully booked” with 9 couples attending. The food was excellent and the conversation delightful. A good time was had by all. Please be on the lookout for my email announcing our next dinner in April. These dinner slots fill up very fast, so if you are not on my email list and wish to be, please contact me at [wlindahl@sonic.net](mailto:wlindahl@sonic.net).

**When you see them, please welcome our newest members Leo Jukov and John Hackenburg:**

Leo declined inclusion in this section but outgoing John climbed aboard.



John is originally from Michigan & graduated from GVSU in 1969. He married and began flight training with the US Navy, earning his wings in 1970. He left active duty but remained in the Reserves until his retirement in 1996. John received a MBA from Santa Clara U. and worked in tech marketing/sales/consulting. Next he obtained his real estate broker's license to work in mortgage banking until 1996. Finally, he studied viticulture, and in 2000 put in a vineyard. In 2013 they sold their vineyard and moved to Windsor. He is currently active in a “Petanque” league (like Bocce ball). He & his wife love adventure travel. He also volunteers with Veteran's Village in Windsor. You are most likely to see him at Tuesday coffee, Friday's Happy Hour, perhaps Wednesday's cribbage and the monthly luncheon.

## **Gary Jensen – Recruitment**

Recruitment: In March we officially brought in John Hackenburg & Leo Jukov; and Steve Clifford just put in his application. We are on a roll, so let's keep inviting friends.

For Coffee (John Fineren): Interest in the Tuesday Morning 9am coffee session remains high. Where else can one get coffee and a good pastry for \$1.00?



Coffee at the senior center

## **CRIBBAGE**



Cribbage is a weekly event every Wednesday afternoon from 2pm until 4:30. This is run through the Windsor Senior Center, so anyone and everyone is welcome. Just come for a game or two or stay the entire time, your choice. New players welcome.



### **Bocce Ball - Stewart Morgan**



**Bocce Ball at the Senior's Center Thursdays at 10:00am. All are welcome.**

Did you know, Bocce balls can be made of wood (traditional), metal, baked clay, or various kinds of plastic? Unlike lawn bowls, bocce balls are spherical and have no inbuilt bias.

### **Dave Harrison: Bowling Report for SIR Branch 176**

As of March 25<sup>th</sup>, our Fall and Winter Mixed Couples Monday morning bowling league has only five sessions left with playoffs concluding the current league. Sir John Campbell's team and one other team not including a Sir player have qualified for two of the four playoff spots, while two remaining spots are yet to be determined. One team will emerge as the leader of this final segment, while the other team will have the best overall record for the season, thereby setting up a showdown between the four overall best teams for the season. Our Summer No Tap league, where nine pins down count as a strike, is still taking sign-ups, with a starting date expected in early May and a duration extending into late August.

Dave Harrison, Bowling Chair ([harrisod@sonic.net](mailto:harrisod@sonic.net))



## DID YOU KNOW?



**In 1959, a coffee maker was an optional extra in Volkswagen cars.**

PICTURE COURTESY: OPENCULTURE

@ VINTAGEFACTS



**Before she became a famous actress in classic sitcoms like Maude and The Golden Girls, Bea Arthur served as a truck driver in the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve during World War II. She respectively earned Honorable Discharge, and was regarded as "One Hell of a Marine."**

PICTURE COURTESY: PUBLIC DOMAIN

@ HISTORYALLDAY

### Special Profile:



Don McCorquodale

I ("Corky") was born on August 7, 1941, as a twin brother, in Sacramento, Ca. We moved to Spring Gap, Ca. when I was just one year old. My father was a powerhouse operator for PG&E. About two years later, the family relocated to Salinas, Ca and two years and after that to King City. Then in 1946 my family was involved in an auto accident that took the life of my twin brother. A while after that, my father was promoted to Electrical Supervisor causing us to move yet again, this time to Willits, Ca.

When I was 13 years old our family relocated one last time to Santa Rosa. I attended Slater Middle School and then Santa Rosa High School. While I was attending Santa Rosa High School, Montgomery High School was being built. I went there in 1959 for my senior year, making me a member of the first graduating class of Montgomery.

After graduation I went into the Sheet Metal trade where I worked for 4 years before becoming a journeyman. While still working in this trade I decided to join the Army Reserves. After 6 months of training, my service consisted of summer

camp two weeks every year and meetings every month for the first four years. For the following four years I remained with the Army as inactive, only required to serve if there was a war. I retired from the Army in 1968. During these years I continued to work in the sheet metal trade; but most importantly, it was the time I met the love of my life, Rogene Vartanian. We married in April 1965 at St. Eugene's Catholic Church and nine months later became proud parents to our son, Doug.

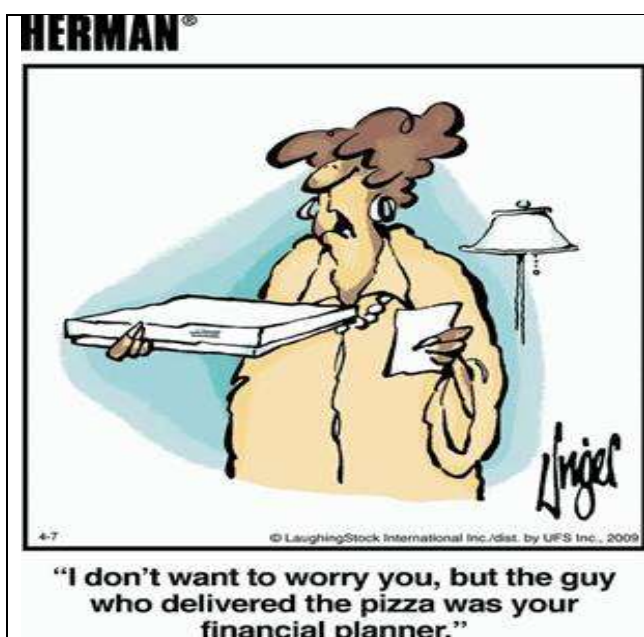
I retired from the Sheet Metal Trade and joined PG&E in 1967. In 1968 we had our first daughter Heather, and then our second daughter, Stacy in 1971. We all moved to our dream home in Northeast Windsor in early 1978.

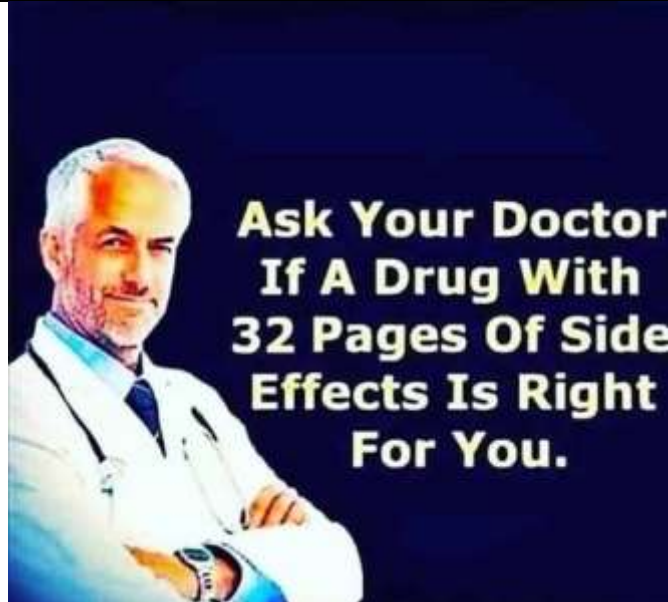
While continuing to work, I attended Santa Rosa JC in the evenings to earn my AA in Industrial Arts, graduating in 1969. Having worked my way up to a "Gas Technician", I retired from PG&E in 2001. By retirement, my family had grown to include 4 wonderful grandchildren. Doug & his wife Zobida have a daughter and a son; while Heather with husband Paul have twin daughters. Stacy provided them with furry grand babes to love on.

After my retirement, for 20 years, I stayed busy running my own handyman business from which I retired in 2021. Life was not always work, work, work Rogene and I went on many cruises to see different parts of the world and also joined an RV Club to explore closer areas of the country. We really enjoyed our leisurely time together. Rogene and I spent 58 years together before she passed from Alzheimer's complications in February of 2023.

Currently, I like to be active by RVing with son Doug, bowling in his league and playing bocce ball. I also attend SIRS meetings and PG&E Retiree luncheons. When at home I enjoy watching a good ball game, whether it's baseball, football or basketball.

## FOR THE LIGHT HEARTED:





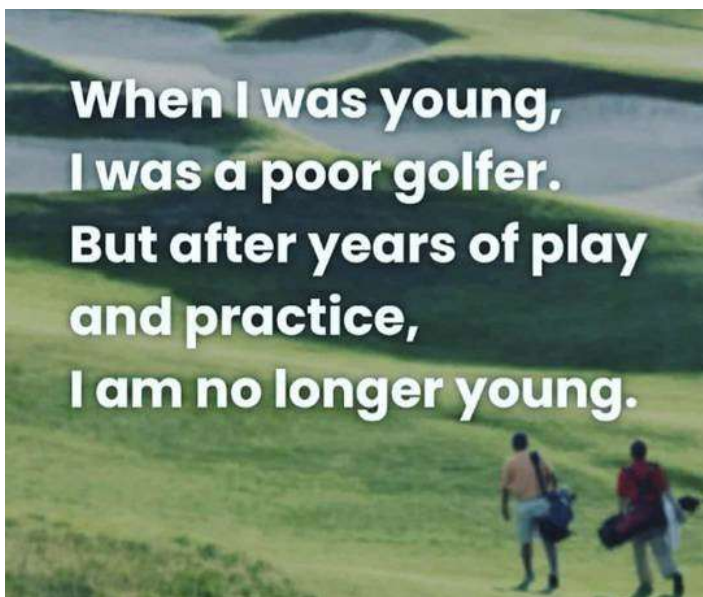
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If A Drug With  
32 Pages Of Side  
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For You.**

**GOOD JUDGEMENT COMES  
FROM EXPERIENCE.**



**AND EXPERIENCE? WELL THAT COMES  
FROM POOR JUDGEMENT.**

**When I was young,  
I was a poor golfer.  
But after years of play  
and practice,  
I am no longer young.**



**An elderly man thinking his  
wife was losing her hearing  
went about 20' behind her  
and asked "Can you hear me  
sweetheart?" No reply. Moved  
to 10' and inquired again. No  
reply. 5' and not a word. A  
few inches behind ear, he  
asked "Can you hear me now  
honey"? His wife said "For the  
fourth time, yes."**

## OTHER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Not official SIR Activities)

**April 4th** – The first Thursday of every month, April through October, is the return of “Hot Dog Thursday” hosted by the Pacific Coast Air Museum at the Sonoma County Airport. **Cost: \$8.00** will get you into the museum, a hot dog, a drink, and chips. Extra hungry? Ask for the Big Dog for \$10 or add an ice cream for \$2.

<https://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/hot-dog-thursday/>



**Every Saturday morning (8:00-10AM)** Jose Castaneda hosts a **FREE breakfast for veterans** at Castaneda Marketplace; 8465 Old Redwood Highway. This “Castañeda’s Breakfast Brigade,” provides veterans a place for connections, camaraderie & friendship

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





**Once a month**, date varies, this month it is **April 15th**. All SIR and their spouse are welcome to start the “work” week with Margherita Monday – a chance to sample the best frozen margaritas in Windsor. Starts sharply at 4PM Castaneda’s Market Place.

**Keep an Eye Out for notices from Len Schwer about Margarita Monday and other community events.** For additional information contact Len Schwer at: [Len@schwer.net](mailto:Len@schwer.net)

## STEWART MORGAN –TRAVEL

If you are interested or have questions please contact Stewart at [stwrmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:stwrmorgan@gmail.com)



### 2024

**Princess 11 Nigh Inside Passage Cruise from San Francisco Rt Alaska May 26 – June 6, 2024.** Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway AK and Victoria, Canada. Cabins start \$2590 pp to \$3322 pp double occupancy. **Contact John Cardoza Branch 143. 209-483-7722 or [johncardoza@hotmail.com](mailto:johncardoza@hotmail.com)**

**Best of Spain and Portugal April 27 – May 12, 2024. Branch 146. Cost \$7,895pp.** Madrid, Segovia, Porto, Lisbon, Seville, Gibraltar, Costa Del Sol, Alhambra, Valencia, Barcelona, round trip airfare, 15-day guided tour with Travel Director, 14 nights at centrally located 4star hotels, 5 dinners and 2 lunches including wine, all tips, transfers and baggage handling. **Contact Glenn Breslin Branch 146 925-288-6520 [glennbreslin@gmail.com](mailto:glennbreslin@gmail.com)**

**Venice & Croatian Islands Cruise Sept. 30 – Oct. 12 '24 cost approx. \$6,645 - \$7,145pp. depending on cabin.** Highlights: 2 nights hotel each in Venice and Rijeka. 7 night cruise of the Croatian Islands Venice, Murano Island, Collio Wine Region, Hum, Olive Oil tasting, Farm to table dinner, Sailing through Kornati National Park and more. **Contact Bill Britton Branch 101, 925-200-1062 [bill.britton@comcast.net](mailto:bill.britton@comcast.net)**

**Fall Mexican Riviera Getaway Oct. 15 – 26, '24 11 Days. Branch 98 Cost \$844 - \$944 - \$1074 - \$1424 - \$6083pp. depending on cabin.** Highlights: Departs from and returns to San Francisco, ports of call Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlán, Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo. **Contact Katherine Gervais Branch 98. 916-337-1623 [Kathig@shipsandtrips.com](mailto:Kathig@shipsandtrips.com)**

### **Prague to Budapest River Trip November Dates: 11/6/24 thru 11/20/24**

Serenade A: \$3995 / Serenade B: \$3895 /Sonata C: \$3795 Sonata D: \$3695/Cantata E: \$3595 /Cantata F: \$3495/Prelude G: \$3395/Prelude H: \$3195/Air from SFO: \$1100. **Ports and cities:** Prague, Linz, Krems, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest. **Pre-trip US departure date: 11/1/24. Post-trip to Budapest return date: 11/23/24**

Dresden and Berlin: \$995pp PRE-TRIPM - Warsaw and Krakow: \$1095 PRE-TRIP. Budapest: \$745 POST-TRIP. **Contact Milt Smith 925-258-2897 ASAP for more info. [miltsmith549@gmail.com](mailto:miltsmith549@gmail.com) or book directly Group Code G4-23630 call 1-800-221-2610**

**Panama Canal Cruise San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale. Jan. 20 – Feb. 5, 2025 17 days. Cost from \$4,185 - \$6,295 depending on cabin choice.** Ports of Call: Puerto Vallarta Mexico, Puerto Quetzal Guatemala, Puntarenas Costa Rica, Fuerte Amador Panama, Full Transit through the historic locks, and Cartagena Columbia. Includes transfers from Modesto to Port of San Francisco and airfare from Ft. Lauderdale to Sacramento. For more information **contact John Cordoza 209-483-7722 [johncordoza@hotmail.com](mailto:johncordoza@hotmail.com) Branch 143**

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