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BIG SIR JIM GOETSCH

We've had a good year in SIR Chapter 170 in 2017. We increased our membership above the magic 150 number, which entitled us to a third Honorary Life Member. We agreed that **Larry Shelley** should have that honor, although there were several worthy candidates. We also increased our membership significantly despite the deaths of several members over the year. We honored three individuals as Senior SIRs: **Chuck Mercer**, **Art Kusnick**, and **Phil Franks**. Our various events were well-attended, and our SIR members enjoyed being with one another at those events.

In November's issue of our monthly bulletin I thanked the key leaders of our organization for their work this past year. I also pointed out the individuals who would be taking their places this year. Now I want to take the opportunity to thank the many individuals who contributed this past year and who will be continuing to assist in 2018.

The editor of this Bulletin, **Rich Hibbs**, has been, and will continue to be, an invaluable resource for our chapter in getting the *Bulletin* produced and distributed. **Duane Heaton** is the new writer and editor of our monthly **LOP News Article** (taking on the task from **Phil Frank** after many years), a column in that periodical which is getting very good reviews.

Another very busy position that has been ably handled by **Terry Eberhardt**, and ably assisted by **Dennis Camarlinghi**, is our Travel and Wine Tasting Chair. The events they have sponsored have been very well received by many members. Both individuals will be continuing in those roles in 2018. Our Golf Chair, **Ron Wolyn**, has been very busy this year arranging our involvement in SIR golfing events and presenting the cash prizes to our winners.

I want to thank these individuals for their ongoing efforts throughout the year. We have several other activity chairs who contributed their time as required through the year. I haven't the space to thank all of them by name, but you can see who they are by consulting our SIR Website <http://branch170.sirinc2.org/personnel/bec+state.pdf>.

I have enjoyed serving as your Big SIR this year, and I will continue to support our Chapter as the need arises. I welcome all of you to get a little more involved in the coming year by taking on some leadership positions and recruiting new members. Best regards to all! Jim Goetsch



LITTLE SIR BOB CHAN

Greetings. As the saying goes, "All good things must come to an end" As I end my tour as Branch 170 Little SIR, I can honestly say it has been an exciting and fun year for me. Thank you to our Branch Executive Board and our officers for their assistance and support. I especially want to give a special thanks to our Secretary and Info Tech chairperson, Hal Hawthorne. Whenever I needed information or assistance on anything, Hal was always there with an answer or suggestion. I never needed to make a request a second time. Big SIR Jim Goetsch was great mentor to me and I valued his leadership and friendship. I hope I can do him justice as I step up to replace him as Big SIR. I am grateful that he accepted the RAMP chair and the Nominating Committee Chair for 2018. Thanks, Jim, for your guidance, encouragement and support.



To our membership, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Big SIR for the New Year. Your Branch Executive Committee and I are here to serve you. So, if you have a reasonable complaint on how things are being done or not being accomplished, let me hear from you. Let there be no dissension amongst us. In turn, I hope each one of you will volunteer for an activity or serve on a Branch committee and help out when called upon.

The annual Christmas Dinner Dance was as usual a great success. Congratulations and thanks to Steve Michalak, John Brewer and their committee for another job "well done". Unfortunately, both of them will be stepping down as chairpersons for this event after this year. We need someone to step forward to take charge of this event. Please let me, or our Branch Executive Committee, know if you are interested. We need YOU. I hope you enjoyed the beautiful table decorations for this year's event. Ahem, my wife, Louise Chan was chiefly responsible for them

Until the New Year, I wish you and yours a Happy Holiday Season. And, please stay safe and well.

MEMBERSHIP PHIL JONES



MEMBERS
157

NEW MEMBERS
0

INACTIVE MEMBERS
5

FREE LUNCH WINNERS FOR JANUARY

JIM SHIRO
KERMIT JACOBSON

SIRS CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE 2017



TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES TERRY EBERHARDT



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

AL CASH MICHAEL CRONAN

ROBIN FRIESEN MARC LORANGER

DAVE MEDLICOTT

JIM WOLF MICHAEL GAIDE



New Year's in Memphis The NEW "Guest House" at Graceland!

December 30, 2017 - January 3, 2018
Revised Date



When Elvis Aaron Presley first set eyes on Graceland, he didn't just see a house, he saw the beginnings of a dream. For the untold millions of fans who cherish Elvis, that dream has become a destination. Now a new part of the dream has come to life - a place that brings you closer to Graceland than ever before. The Guest House at Graceland welcomes you!

Located on beautifully landscaped property, just a few steps from the gates of Graceland, this unique accommodation is inspired by the warm hospitality that Elvis always showed his guests. From the southern colonial exterior to the beautifully appointed guest rooms - every aspect of The Guest House reflects Elvis' personal style and the unique character of Graceland.



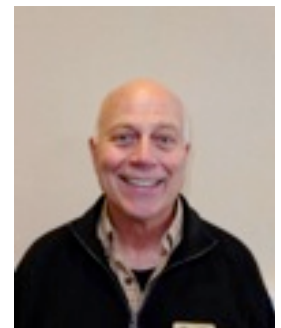
Our final tournament of 2017 was held at Black Oak Golf Course, November 20th. There were 46 golfers competing, with three flights. This was an 18 hole individual low net competition. Our branch, #170, had three winners, Flight #3, with a net score of 65, Ron Wolyn, followed closely in second place by Peter Voskes with a net score of 66. Jerry Langseth was second on hole #7 with closest to the pin. Included also, was a barbeque lunch, drink of choice and additional raffle prizes. At the end, everyone went home a winner!

Looking ahead to SIR Golf in 2018: Our branch will be hosting two tournaments, our first tournament will be at Lake of the Pines Golf Course in late June (tentatively scheduled for Monday 6/25), and at Auburn Valley Golf Course in September (no date selected yet). Other tournaments will be at Alta Sierra in May and Dark Horse in August. Once the 2018 regional and area branches have submitted their course selections and dates, we will let you all know.

The 2018 SIR State Golf Schedule: April 23 & 24, Spring Time in Napa, two day tournament at Eagle Vines GC & Chardonnay GC (Ladies Welcome). June 11th thru 14th, Reno Tournament at the Atlantis Resort, playing three great courses: Somerset GC, Red Hawk Lakes Course, and Red Hawk Hills Course (Ladies Welcome). Monday, August 13th at Rancho Solano GC, in Fairfield. This is the State Team Championship Tournament ("The Chairman's Tournament") Division Qualifying for Individual Championship Tournament August 7 & September 7, location of Division Tournaments will be posted on golf.sirinc2.org. September 17th & 18th will be a member/guest event (Ladies Welcome). This tournament will be a two day event at Lincoln Hills GC, The Hills Course and the Orchard Course. The Individual State Championship and Open Play is scheduled for Monday October 15th and Tuesday October 16th. (The course is yet to be determined).

Lots scheduled for 2018 and more to come! Please attend our SIR #170 Luncheon Meetings for up-to-date details and scheduling. We will do our best to post all coming tournaments on our web site as they become available!

GOLF CHAIRMAN RON WOLYN



Thanks for a great
golfing year!

Merry Christmas and the
Happiest of New Years,

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There will be a salad and plated entree. This allows the chef more time to put together the most cost effective lunch for us. Saving the association (and us) money

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