

SIR Branch 8 Activity Announcements January 2018

New Activities: Chess

A new SIR Chess group will meet at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center on Friday, January 12, from 12:30- 2:30 pm. A reserved room will be available for our group. Lunch is available in the large Dining Room for just \$7.00 beginning at 11:30 am. Please contact Steve Schramm if you would like to play. Bring your chess sets. Sschramm01@gmail.com

SUMS in Retirement: Dave Sutton and Tom Henry, Chairmen

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 24, at 8:00 AM at the Legends Restaurant at the Diablo Creek Country Club - Port Chicago Highway, 1/4 mile north of Highway 4 in Concord. Our speaker will be a new Branch 8 member, Jamshed Gandhi, CPA, CFP, CVA, MS (Tax), who will tell us all we need to know about the new tax law.

The Legends opens at 7:00 AM. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.
SUMS Chairman Tom Henry - tomhenry925@gmail.com
Co-chair Dave Sutton - davesutn@comcast.net

SIRs at the Opera: David Bushnell, Chairman

It appears that the HD Opera and HD Ballet transmissions will be limited to the Pleasant Hill Century 16 theatre for the foreseeable future, as Walnut Creek will be undergoing renovations to some theaters.

Astronomy: Larry Lange, Chairman

The Astronomy group will begin the year watching a DVD entitled - The Greatest Story Ever Told. The DVD is part of the My Favorite Universe series given by Neil deGrasse Tyson and presents a coherent story of the cosmos. We'll meet right after lunch today.

SIRs at the Games: Steve Schramm, Chairman

We have secured tickets for a SIR group to attend the St. Mary's vs. Portland basketball game on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at 8:00 pm.

The game will be on the St. Mary's campus at the McKeon Pavilion in Moraga. We have a group of only 8 reserved seats in Section CC. The arena is small, so all of the seats are good, and close to the action. Our ticket price is \$27 per ticket. Parking in a nearby parking lot is another \$10.

Confirm your reserved seats including friends and family by contacting Steve Schramm, SIRs at the Games Chairman. Steve may be reached by email (sschramm01@gmail.com) or cell phone (925-222-0801).

18 Hole Golf – 2018 Events: David Platter, Chairman

ATTENTION: The golf outing at Rancho Solano on Tuesday, January 9, is cancelled due to wet weather. All personal checks will be shredded.

The 2018 golf program has begun. Again, golf is the largest activity not only in our branch, but also throughout the SIR organization.

During the year, a variety of competitive games have been scheduled such as scrambles (2 and 4 man teams), individual play and joint venture with other branches. Jim Erickson and Don Sanderson will use the latest computer software to select special tournament teams.

Weekend outings are also part of the program. One event will include a two-day trip to the Saddle Creek area near Copperopolis. Organized by Bill Koski and Jack Bybee, this trip will include wives, non-golfers and guests. Our activities are enjoyable and we extend an invitation to all members to consider joining our 18-Hole Golf group.

Travelling SIRs: Larry Yarberry, Chairman

We have two trips underway. A river cruise in France from Lyon to Arles with an option to stay in Barcelona, Spain for three days, August 22 to 30th. The second trip is a Colorado Train Adventure, September 8-15. We have several people signed up for these trips. We will have a travel meeting to discuss both trips with a travel agent.

See Larry Yarberry for more information at l.yarberry42@comcast.net or phone [925 890-9245](tel:925-890-9245).