

SIR Branch 8 Activity Announcements April 2018

Welcoming Guests to Our Activities:

In 2018, we are making a concerted effort to attract guests to Branch 8 activities. I'm asking each of you to identify and invite "membership eligible" guests to our activities. Membership eligible guests are smart, talented, interesting men like you. Please work with your Activity Chairmen to provide guests with a great Branch 8 experience.

Duplicate Bridge #2: Jerry Milano, Chairman

The Duplicate Bridge #2 group is looking for two more players to comprise a 6th table. Members and guests are eligible for this co-ed activity. This group meets at the Roundtable Pizza on Oak Park Blvd. in Pleasant Hill on the 4th Friday of the month, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Contact Jerry Milano for more information, 925-934-3496.

Bocce Ball: Bob Barnes, Chairman

Bocce Ball League Play begins on Tuesday, May 1, at 6:30 pm in Baldwin Park. Bocce Ball Open Play begins on Friday, May 4, at 8:30 pm in Newhall Park.

Both parks are in Concord. Bob Barnes will broadcast an email to all interested parties for each activity.

SUM\$ in Retirement: Dave Sutton, Chairman

\$UMS in Retirement is meeting on Wednesday, April 25, at Diablo Creek Golf Course. Breakfast is at 7:00 am, and the meeting begins at 8:00 am. The speaker will be Dave Munson of Branch 174 regarding the current financial markets. Dave last spoke to us about websites, newsletters and tools available to make good investment decisions.

Sirs at the Games: Steve Schramm, Chairman

A few tickets remain for summer baseball with the A's and the Giants. Sirs at the Games has scheduled outings for our members and guests. Whether you're a Giants' fan or an A's fan, we have a game for you.

Our group will see the Oakland A's take on the Seattle Mariners on Thursday, May 24. This game is a matinee beginning at 12:35 pm at the Oakland Coliseum. We have secured field level tickets along the first base side for only \$28 per ticket. Please contact Jack Schweitzer to reserve your tickets for this game. jackschweitzer@ymail.com.

Our Giants' game will be very special. The World Champion Houston Astros will visit AT&T Park on Tuesday, August 7. The matinee game begins at 12:45 pm. The group ticket price is \$40 per ticket for our Infield View Reserve seats. Please contact Steve Schramm to sign up for tickets. Sschramm01@gmail.com.

Please remember that your family and friends are welcome to join us for these games.

Gold Country Golf Trip: Bill Koski, Leader

Our annual golf outing will be held at Saddle Creek, October 9-11. This includes deluxe accommodations, two rounds of golf, and two dinners. All Branch 8 members are invited. For the non-golfers, there are two casinos, plenty of boutiques, and numerous wineries as well as full use of the Saddle Creek Sports Club. This is an opportune time to invite your neighbor or friend and introduce them to SIR Branch 8.

For more information, contact Jack Bybee or Bill Koski . jackbybee36@gmail.com or billkos36@comcast.net. Space is limited.

There is a SIR Golf Tournament in Reno, NV, in June. The 18 Hole Golf Committee will distribute more information. David Platter is the contact person for this tournament.

Ladies Day Luncheon – June: Nat Bitton, Chairman

The Ladies Day Luncheon will be on Monday, June 11, at Boundary Oak Golf Course. Boundary Oak is home to another SIR group, and they have assured us about the quality of the food and accommodations. Of course, there will be entertainment, door prizes, a no host bar, and most importantly, great company. Sign ups are available via the Hotline instructions, and also a table in the foyer, this month and in May. We are limited to 200 people, so please book early.

SIR Chess: Steve Schramm, Chairman

We will be playing chess this Friday, April 13, at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. We will play in the Game Room from 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Beginners are welcome. Bring your chess board if you have one. Contact Steve Schramm for more information.

Sschramm01@gmail.com

Travelling Sirs: Larry Yarberry, Chairman

The Colorado Train Adventure trip is sold out. In case of cancellations, we are taking people for the waiting list on a first come first serve basis. This trip is September 8 – 15. If interested in joining the waiting list, contact Larry Yarberry, 925-890-9245. Space is available for the French river cruise from Lyon to Arles, August 22-30.

Birding: Leary Wong, Chairman

On April 16, the Birding group will be going to Mitchell Canyon in search of Gnatcatchers: Flycatchers & Warblers. In the past, over 50 species have been sighted in this area. Please contact Leary Wong for more information. Kinglear3@aol.com.

Barbecue on June 19: Phil Trapp, Chairman

The 2018 Branch 8 barbecue is sold out at 160 attendees. However, some cancellations are anticipated. If you would like to be on a “wait list”, contact Phil Trapp. prtrapp@sbcglobal.net or 925-963-1819.