

SIR Branch 8 Activity Announcements October 9, 2017

New Activities: Chess

Reminder to those interested in discussing Chess as a new SIR activity. We will meet in the lobby following today's luncheon to discuss how we get started with this activity – who, what, when, where, etc.

Explore & Eat: Larry McEwen, Chairmen

Explore & Eat is featuring two trips to San Francisco's Fine Arts Museums in October.

On Wednesday, October 18, we will be viewing the works of Gustav Klimt at the Palace of the Legion of Honor. On Tuesday, October 24, we will join a tour of "Teotihuacan: City of Water, City of Fire" exhibit at the de Young Museum. Contact Larry McEwen for details after today's luncheon if you are interested at elmwoodeux@comcast.net or 925-939-3216.

SIRs at the Games: Steve Schramm, Chairman

Last chance! Only a few tickets remain for our upcoming Cal football game. We have tickets available for the California Golden Bears vs. Arizona Wildcats game at Memorial Stadium in Berkeley. This is an afternoon game on Saturday, October 21. Our seats are on the shady side of the field, and the ticket price is only \$40. Family and friends are welcome to attend with you. Details are on the SIRs at the Games activity webpage. Contact Steve Schramm if you would like to sign up for tickets. Email address is sschramm01@gmail.com.

Dominoes: Danny Rinaldi, Chairman

Looking for a few good men... we would like to add players to our Domino's 5 gang. We play on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at Pleasant Hill Round Table Pizza, Oak Park Blvd. Play begins at 10:00am and ends at 1:00pm.

Each player puts in \$5.00 to be won or lost at the end of play. We also buy lunch around 12:00pm, sit and socialize before playing the last game of the day. All interested should call:

Dan Rinaldi - Chair 925-381-5486

Alan Schulze - Co-Chair 925-876-7537

All About Wine: Tom Anders, Chairman

This is a new activity at the home of Tom and Barbara Anders, Walnut Creek, near Ygnacio and Bancroft. Thursday, Oct. 19. Time: 3:30p.m to 6:30p.m.

We have an early start to pick some grapes, sort and crush, begin fermentation process. Make wine, enjoy and comment on wines selected by Tom from Sierra Foothills wineries.

Contact Tom tganders42@gmail.com or cell phone 707-322-4500. Limit 14 members and guests, a co-ed activity, RSVP by Wednesday, October 18. Cost for wines \$11/per person plus bring appetizer to share.

Explore & Eat: Ron Woods, Chairman

"There will be an All Branch 'Day at the Races' on Friday, October 20th. The cost is \$41 and includes valet parking, admission & program, Turf Club Buffet, and the races. Check the October Hotline for registration details.

Ron Woods is coordinating this event, and will accept registrations by Friday, October 13. All checks should be made payable to Ron Woods. His contact information is: shepwoods@comcast.net and telephone [925-930-9194](tel:925-930-9194)."

SUMS in Retirement: Jim Warner, Chairman

Program change:

The speaker previously announced for October will now appear in November. Here's the new schedule:

The October 18 program will now be presented by Andrew Parrott, CFA from Edward Jones. He will describe his firm and why they have competitive advantages over banks and bank-affiliated firms.

On November 15 - previously announced for October - Jerry Halliday from Robert W. Ash, LLP will be the presenter. The discussion will be about estate preservation if a spouse requires nursing care.

Note that both meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday - not our usual 4th Wednesday of the month.

Significant others are welcome at these meetings, so let your lady know.

SIRs at the Opera: David Bushnell, Chairman

The Met opened the season Monday with Bellini's opera, Norma, and a fine production it was. I listened to the performance on Sirius XM radio while on a road trip, and loved every minute of it.

You can find several published reviews by Googling "Met Opera Norma reviews"; they range from highly favorable to glowing, with particular praise for both Sondra Radvanovsky in the title role and Joyce DiDonato as her assistant. Google "Norma opera synopsis" to read the story before you get to the theater.

The "Live in HD" matinee will be transmitted to the Century theaters on Saturday, October 7, at 9:55am. An "encore" recording of the same performance follows on Wednesday at 6:30pm. The Century Theatre in Pleasant Hill is undergoing renovations. Consequently, the Century Theatre in Walnut Creek is the best venue.

18 Hole Golf – Club Championship: David Platter, Chairman

The Club Championship will happen this month. Each player may play up to three rounds of golf on October 16, 23, and 30th. The best two scores will be recorded for the championship. Awards will be made from both gross and net scores. All rounds will be played at our home course, Boundary Oaks Golf Course.

Please sign up this week so that foursomes and tee times can be finalized by next weekend. Contact David Platter or a member of the Golf Committee if you have any questions.

Ladies Day Luncheon: Nat Bitton, Chairman

The Ladies Day Lunch will take place on Monday December 11 at Roundhill Country Club in Alamo. There are applications, for couples and groups of ten in the Hotline for last month. Our LDL committee will be in the lobby before our SIR luncheons this fall to answer questions and sign people up in person.

Activity Chairmen – SAVE THE DATE

The 2017 Activity Chairmen's Breakfast Meeting is scheduled for the morning of Friday, December 1. We will meet at Boundary Oak Golf Course. The meeting agenda and details will be communicated in the fall.
