

Honorary Life Membership (HLM)

The purpose of the HLM is to recognize exceptional and extraordinary service by a member to SIR. It is not to be treated lightly or awarded merely based on good fellowship. This award is bestowed only to those who, upon careful review and scrutiny, are found to have clearly earned it through faithful and outstanding service to the organization for five years or more. HLM status may be awarded by a Branch or by the SIR State organization for service at the state level.

Branch 8 follows a careful process to nominate and vote upon deserving members to be honored with an HLM. Those nominated by the branch are submitted to the State for approval to ensure the HLM status for service is consistent across all Branches of SIR. In addition, a Branch is limited in the number of HLMs that it may have based upon its membership numbers.

Mount Diablo SIR Branch 8 is proud to present its HLMs below. As of 6/13/2020 Branch 8 has 13 HLMs (4 senior HLMs, 3 State HLMs and 6 Branch HLMs)

Don Atwater-2003

Senior HLM



Phase	Status	Description
Member	Active	4/8/1996
HLM (Branch)	Active	9/30/2003
HLM (Branch)	Senior	9/30/2013
HLM	Leave of Absence	
Partner		n/a
Residence		Clayton
College		Pepperdine University
Employer		P&O Cruise Lines
Interests, Activities		Bridge
		Cribbage
		Dominoes
		Genealogy
		Golf 18 Hole
		Hikers
		Travel
Role	1/1/2017 – 12/31/2018	WEB Master Assistant
	3/9/2015 – 12/31/2019	Activity Committee Member
	1/1/2015 – 12/31/2001	Activity Coordinator Assistant
	1/1/2001 – 12/31/2001	Big SIR
	1/1/2000 – 12/31/2000	Little SIR

Bob Barnes-2018



Phase	Status	Description
Member	Active	3/4/2004
HLM (Branch)	Active	9/21/2018
HLM	Senior	
HLM	Leave of Absence	
Partner		Laurie Barnes
Residence		Concord
College		University of San Francisco
Employer		Bank of America
Interests, Activities		Bridge
		Dine Out
		Bowling
		Computers
		Cribbage
		Dominoes
		Explore & Eat
		Investments
		Pinochle
		Poker
		SIRs At The Games
		Travel
		Walkers
Role	1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019	Birthday Drawing
	9/1/2018 – 12/31/2019	Systems Simplification Member
	6/1/2018 – 12/31/2019	Projector Assistant
	11/1/2013 – 12/31/2019	Laptop Manager
	1/14/2012 – 12/31/2019	Roster
	1/1/2012 – 12/31/2019	IT Team Member
	1/1/2012 – 12/31/2019	Membership Secretary
	1/1/2012 – 5/31/2017	MRC Member

Frank Begert Sr-2001

Senior HLM



Phase	Status	Description
Member	Active	5/2/1992
HLM (Branch)	Active	6/26/2001
HLM (Branch)	Senior	6/26/2011
HLM	Leave of Absence	
Partner		Mary Begert
Residence		Pleasant Hill
College		n/a
Employer		US Dept. of Defense
Interests, Activities		Bridge
		Bowling
		Golf 18 Hole
		Travel
Role	1/1/2014 – 7/28/2018	MRC Member
	3/1/2012 – 7/28/2014	New Member Follow-up
	1/1/1997 – 12/31/1997	Big SIR
	1/1/1996 – 12/31/1996	Little SIR

Ed Benson-2017

State HLM



Phase	Status	Description
Member	Active	11/14/2005
HLM (State)	Active	9/12/2017; State 12/30/2019
HLM	Senior	
HLM	Leave of Absence	
Partner		Donna Magee
Residence		Walnut Creek
College		San Jose State University
Employer		self
Interests, Activities		Dine Out
		Antique Cars
		BBQ
		Book Group
		Cooking
		Horse Races
		Poker
		Travel
		Walkers
Role	1/1/2016 – 12/31/2016	Director
	1/1/2016 – 12/31/2016	Nominating Committee Chairman
	12/1/2015 – 8/26/2017	Recruitment Chairman
	1/1/2015 – 12/31/2015	Big SIR
	1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014	Little SIR
	1/1/2014- 12/31/2018	MRC Member
	1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014	Nominating Committee Assistant
	1/1/2014 – 12/31/2015	Speaker Chairman

Tom Hensley-2009

Senior HLM



Phase	Status	Description
Member	Active	3/2/1990
HLM (Branch)	Active	8/10/2009
HLM (Branch)	Senior	8/11/2019
HLM	Leave of Absence	12/10/2018
Partner		Carolie Hensley
Residence		Walnut Creek
College		
Employer		U.S. Forest Service
Interests, Activities		Bridge
		Computers
		Dancing
		Genealogy
		Golf 18 Hole
		Horse Shoes
		Mineralogy
		Ping Pong
		Pinochle
		Poker
		Softball
		Symphony
		Tennis
		Travel
Role	1/1/2003 – 12/31/2003	Big Sir
	1/1/2002 – 12/31/2002	Little SIR

Stan Johnson-2020



Stan Johnson

Phase	Status	Description
Member	Active	7/05/2004
HLM (Branch)	Active	6/13/2020
HLM (Branch)	Senior	
HLM	Leave of Absence	
Partner		Lea Johnson
Residence		Walnut Creek
College		Michigan Tech/Stanford
Employer		Pacific Bell
Interests, Activities		Bridge, Basic
		Cribbage
		Pinochle
		Astronomy
		Golf 18 Hole, 9 hole
		Plays & Musicals
		Sirs at the Games
		SUMS in Retirement
		Travel
		Volleyball
		Cellar Fillers
		Car Enthusiasts
		Bargain Wines
		Bargain Bites
		Barbecue
		Walkers
		Hikers
		Sirs in the Kitchen
		Sirs at Foreign Films
		Writing Life Story
		Dine Out 1 & 2
		Bocce Ball

		Computer & Technology
Role	1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013	Big Sir
	1/1/2012 – 12/31/2012	Little SIR
	1/1/2014 -- 12/31/2014	Nominating Committee Chairman
	1/1/2014 -- 9/1/2015	MRC Chairman
	1/1/2014 -- 12/31/2014	Director
	1/1/2015 -- 12/31/2015	Recruitment Chairman
	1/1/2016 -- 12/31/2016	MRC Member
	9/1/2018 – 12/31/9999	Projector Screen Manager
	9/1 /2020 –12/31/2020	Future Committee Member

Ed Myrtle-2004

Senior HLM



Ed Myrtle

Phase	Status	Description
Member	Active	4/02/1993
HLM (Branch)	Active	4/14/2004
HLM (Branch)	Senior	4/14/2014
HLM	Leave of Absence	
Partner		
Residence		Martinez
College		
Employer		IBM
Interests, Activities		Bridge
		Golf 18 Hole
		Pinochle
		Poker
		Sirs in the Garden
		Sums in Retirement
		Swimming
		Tennis
		Travel
		Astronomy
		Dine Out 1
		Genealogy
Role	1/1/1999– 12/31/1999	Big Sir
	1/1/1998 12/31/1998	Little SIR

Dave Perkins-2011



Phase	Status	Description
Member	Active	7/2/1994
HLM (Branch)	Active	10/14/2011
HLM	Senior	
HLM	Leave of Absence	
Partner		JoAnne Perkins
Residence		Walnut Creek
College		University of Arizona
Employer		Chevron
Interests, Activities		Bridge
		Golf – 18 Hole
		RVing
		Travel
		Wine Club
Role	1/1/1997 – 12/31/9999	Email Manager
	1/1/1999 – 12/31/1999	Little SIR
	1/1/2000 – 12/31/2000	Big SIR
	1/1/2001 – 12/31/9999	Orientation Coordinator
	1/1/2013 – 12/31/9999	MRC Member

Bill Peterson-2013



Phase	Status	Description
Member	Active	3/8/2004
HLM(Branch)	Active	8/21/2013
HLM	Senior	
HLM	Leave of Absence	
Partner		Treva Peterson
Residence		Pleasant Hill
College		University of San Francisco
Employer		Levi Strauss I.S.
Interests, Activities		Computers
		Poker
		Walkers
Role	4/1/2018 – 12/31/9999	Systems Simplification Member
	6/10/2011 – 12/31/9999	IT Team Member
	1/1/2009 – 5/31/2017	MRC Member
	1/1/2006 – 12/31/9999	Attendance Secretary
	1/1/2006 – 12/31/9999	Luncheon Organizer
	1/1/2006 – 12/31/9999	Lunch Site Coordinator

Ron Smith-2011



Phase	Status	Description
Member	Active	9/2/1997
HLM (Branch))	Active	10/14/2011
HLM	Senior	
HLM	Leave of Absence	
Partner		Judy Smith
Residence		San Ramon
College		Chase College
Employer		Decimus Corp.
Interests, Activities		Hikers
		Golf – 18 Hole
		Travel
Role	1/1/2019 – 12/31/9999	Nominating Committee Assistant
	1/1/2019 – 12/31/9999	Public Relations Member
	7/28/2014 – 12/31/9999	New Member Follow-up
	1/1/2014- 12/31/9999	MRC Member
	1/1/2014 – 12/31/2018	Recruitment Chairman
	1/1/2007 – 12/31/2007	Director
	1/1/2006 – 12/31/2006	Big SIR
	1/1/2005 – 12/31/2005	Little SIR

Derek Southern-2015

State HLM



Phase	Status	Description
Member	Active	11/6/2006
HLM (State)	Active	10/3/2014-State1/1/2019
HLM	Senior	
HLM	Leave of Absence	
Partner		Pauline Southern
Residence		Orinda
College		n/a
Employer		L. C. Resources
Interests, Activities		BBQ
		Bridge Duplicate
		Bridge Rubber
		Computers
		Cooking
		Digital Photography
		Hikers
		Tennis
		Wine Club
Role	1/1/2006 – 12/31/2007	Hotline Editor
	1/1/2007 – 12/31/2009	Membership Secretary
	1/1/2009 – 12/31/9999	WEB Master
	1/1/2010 – 12/31/2010	Little SIR
	1/1/2011 – 12/31/2011	Big SIR

Dean Steichen-2013

State HLM



Phase	Status	Description
Member	Active	9/3/2002
HLM (State)	Active	12/5/2013
HLM	Senior	
HLM	Leave of Absence	
Partner		Marilyn Steichen
Residence		Danville
College		University of Washington
Employer		GAP Inc.
Interests, Activities		Bridge
		Cribbage
		Golf – 18 Hole
		Investments
Role	1/1/2004 – 12/31/2005	Attendance Secretary
	1/1/2006 – 12/31/2006	Little SIR
	1/1/2007 – 12/31/2007	Big SIR
	1/1/2008 – 12/31/2008	Director

Dean Weller-2020



Phase	Status	Description
Member	Active	1/13/2008
HLM (Branch)	Active	6/13/2020
HLM	Senior	
HLM	Leave of Absence	
Partner		Carol Weller
Residence		Walnut Creek
College		Cal State Long Beach
Employer		APL
Interests, Activities		Bowling
		Computers
		Heads Up Walkers
		BBQ
		Digital Photography
		Golf 18 Hole
		Golf 9 Hole
Role	1/1/2009-12/31/2018	Hot Line Editor
	5/20/2011 – 12/31/1999	Database Architect
	1/1/2014 – 12/31/2017	Hotline Coordinator
	1/1/2015 – 12/31/2019	AMS Mentor Support
	3/1/2015 – 12/31/2019	Activity Committee Member
	1/1/2017-12/31/2019	Director