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**Due to the coronavirus, the monthly Branch 23 luncheon at the Elk's Club in Carmichael has been replaced by a virtual meeting via the Zoom technology on July 8, 2020, the usual second Wednesday meeting date. See the Branch Activities section of the Nugget to view information about which other activities are in the process of resuming.**

***BIG SIR REPORT:***

**NEXT MEETING:**

**2ND WEDNESDAY, JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> 2020**

**SOCIAL TIME 11:45 AM**

**BUSINESS 12:15 PM/ SPEAKER 12:30**

**VIA ZOOM**

**ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS BY E-MAIL PRIOR TO MEETING**

**BIG SIR MESSAGE**

On June 10<sup>th</sup> we had 40 members from Branch 23 join our Virtual Luncheon Meeting via ZOOM.

This was our second ZOOM Luncheon and we had hoped for a better turnout so look towards July 8<sup>th</sup> for our next luncheon. We have conducted Branch 23 BEC meetings by ZOOM with great success so we know our Virtual Luncheon Meetings can be successful.

We are attempting to structure our ZOOM experience so that it will be a time to see old friends and new members. On July 1<sup>st</sup> we will start to reopen our activities with 18 hole golf tournaments. Hiking should follow shortly after and we will conduct virtual meetings in anticipation of the start of Bocce Ball and Bowling.

If you do not show up July 8<sup>th</sup> someone will miss you.

**PLEASE REMEMBER SOCIAL SPACING, MASKING AND WASH YOUR HANDS DON'T SHAKE HANDS. STAY SAFE.**

**Dave Peterson, Big Sir**

## LITTLE SIR REPORT:

As we continue to live our lives under the cloud of Covid 19, the SIR BEC is exploring ways to keep you informed of our attempts to gradually reopen our activities. One of our efforts is to make monthly phone calls to “touch base’ with all of you, just to check in and see how you are doing during this uncertain time. Another approach is to conduct our monthly “luncheon meeting” using Zoom technology, which allows you to attend the meeting in the comfort of your own home. Up to now, the attendance at our May and June meetings has been marginal, with less than 50 members present. Our goal is to get more members involved in our meetings by taking advantage of Zoom. So mark your calendars for July 8, so you can join us at the next SIR “luncheon”!

Our June speaker was Alan Baker, who spoke to us regarding internet fraud and the ways you can protect your information when accessing websites on your computer. His presentation was well received, judging by the number of questions that were asked of him during his talk.

Our speaker for the July 8th meeting will be Carol Brush. Carol, who is married to fellow SIR Steve, is active in the Daughters of the American Revolution. Carol will describe the DAR organization, her role in DAR, and her efforts to support veterans. As you may recall, at the February luncheon I asked for SIR members who are veterans to provide information on your military experience in preparation for Carol’s presentation. Carol has prepared Certificates of Appreciation for your military service and has also included commemorative pins in the packet you will receive by mail. In addition, included in your packet will be a raffle ticket for a patriotic quilt that was handmade by a visually handicapped friend of Carol and Steve. **YOU MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE TO WIN THE RAFFLE!** Since she cannot personally give you the pin and certificate, I will mail the packet to you prior to the meeting and you will be acknowledged during her presentation in July.

Roger Riley  
Little SIR, Branch 23

## TREASURER’S REPORT: by Jim Coe

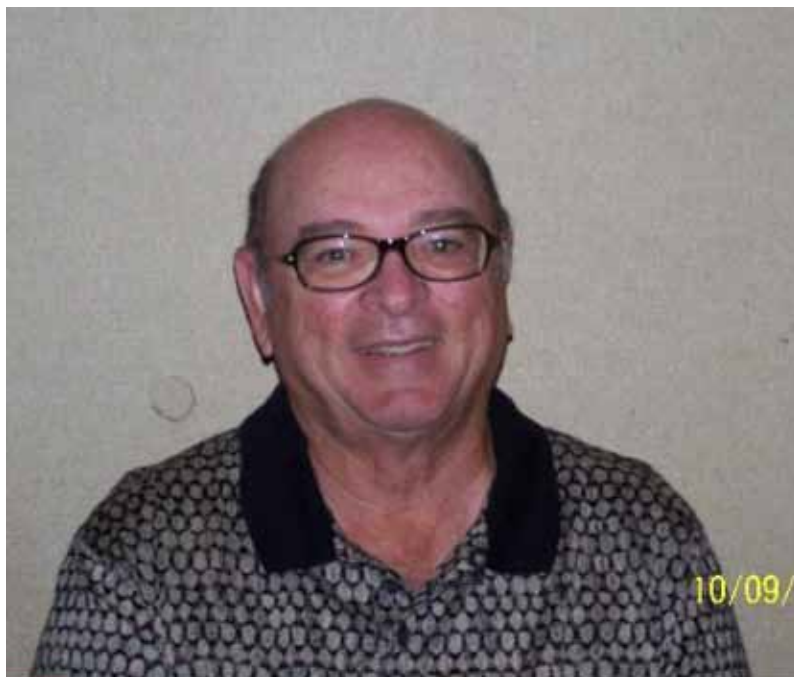
(Beginning Balance (Checking) May 1, 2020	\$5,815.34
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	73.00
Funds Disbursed	-0-
Ending Checking Balance May 31, 2020	5,888.34
Ending Savings Balance	- 0-
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) May 31, 2020	\$6,288.34

## **PAUL JOYCE SELECTED BRANCH 23 HONORARY LIFE MEMBER**

It is with great pleasure that Branch 23 announces the selection of Paul Joyce as our next HLM member, joining Bill Sutherland, Carroll Hamon, and Senior Life Member Joseph White. Paul's selection comes as a result of the passing of Hal Mattson, who was selected in March, 2018. This selection fills the branch quota.

Paul has served as both Little SIR and Big SIR, Assistant Treasurer, Director for calendar years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2018. He also served as our Picnic Food Chairman in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. He also stepped up to the Big SIR position a second time, taking the position when the Big SIR became ill. Given the qualities laid out to become Honorary Life Member, Paul Joyce filled the qualifications perfectly and we congratulate him for this achievement.

The Branch 23 BEC would like to thank Bill Sutherland, Scott Kenny, and Tom Novi for their participation in this award. Bill presented a detailed listing of members who have served in some capacity, while Scott and Tom served as the nominating committee and presented the candidates to the Branch Executive Committee for voting.



**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Phil Sittner**

**Membership Status: 153**, including one Senior HLM and two HLM's.

Deletions: Gene Marquart, deceased

**New members** inducted in June: None

Other Membership/Roster Changes: None

New Member Information: None

(editor's note.) We now have a picture of new member Ron Slusher, who was inducted earlier this year.



May inductee  
Ron Slusher

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The following is an email regarding the services for Hal Mattson, our former HLM who passed away earlier this year.

**Email from Ron Mattson, son of former SIR 23 member and HLM Hal Mattson, to Ray Zelinski, Sunday, Jun 21, 2020:**

Ray,

I apologize for the late response. I only recently re-obtained access to my fathers's email. We held the memorial last Thursday.

I wish I had been able to get you the memorial info as we live-streamed it for those unable to attend. It was a really nice memorial and it hurts my heart that I failed to include you all. I just had so much on my plate and it completely slipped my mind to get on-line (which was a whole other issue) and

contact you. Please accept my apologies and let the rest of the SIRS membership know.

Regards,

Ron

NOTE FROM RZ: Following Hal's death during the pandemic, Ron had agreed to let me know when a memorial would be held so that I could inform our general membership. The email shown above is explaining regrets for not contacting us.

**SIR Branch 23 NEW Members Information -- 2020**

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Finkler	Jon	916-505-2312	jonfinkler@gmail.com
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Wallace	Jim	916-539-2633	jamesrwallace@yahoo.com
Irish	Dave	916-203-7437	dave.irish@gmail.com
Smith	Don	916-205-1773	janepsmith6645@gmail.com
Sickels	Chuck	916-638-0680	cmsickels@comcast.net
Palabrica	Paul	916-254-9917	paulpalabrica1@gmail.com
Raymond	John	916-799-2621	jhray@winfirst.com
Slusher	Ron	916-303-0330	rslusher@gmail.com

**SIR Branch 23 SEPARATED Members -- 2020**

Marquart	Gene	Deceased
Reames	Gene	Deceased
McGuire	Bill	Resigned
Sandhu	Joe	Resigned
Mattson	Harold	Deceased
Hayes	Dennis	Resigned
Salto	Jesse	Resigned

The above information will become a regular feature of the Nugget. The list notes new members for calendar year 2020 and their contact information. It also will include those members who have resigned or passed away. It will help keep your rosters up to date.

## **BRANCH ACTIVITIES:**

### **Branch 23 Logo Shirts:**

**Greg Hood would be happiest member of Branch 23 if you would call to arrange the pickup of the logo shirts which were ordered prior to the Covid19 lockdown. Greg's number is 916-717-7874. Some shirts have already been prepaid.**

## **BRANCH 23 SPORTS ACTIVITIES:**

### **Bocce Ball:**

Start dates for Bocce Ball have not yet been determined. Much depends on the Dante Club accessibility.

### **Bowling:**

Like all activities with SIR, bowling has been dormant for some months. On June 23, Country Club Lanes, where the SIR's bowl, is scheduled to reopen. There are new policies in place at Country Club Lanes regarding the coronavirus. Please read them on the CC Lanes website.

Subject to final approval from the State SIR president, the league has scheduled an organizational meeting on August 18 at 11am at CC Lanes, with a scheduled start date of August 26, 2020.

### **Hiking:**



*The Pennyweight Trail winds along the hillside and riverbed of the North Fork of the American River, below Colfax, with excellent river views and sandy banks for swimming. On your way down from Colfax, on Iowa Hill Road, you'll see the trailhead sign on your left before the Iowa Hill Bridge. Since this is in the Auburn Recreation Area, the parking fee is \$10 unless you park on the side of the road before you reach the trail outside of the designated fee area.*

*This hike is rated easy and 4.5 stars by All Trails.*

**Join Us On Tuesday, July 21st for the first Branch 23 hike of the year.**

**Gordon Callander**

### **SIR Golf:**

Golf has been approved and is set to begin on July 1, 2020. Gary Bradley will continue to send out entry forms by email, as he has for many years.

### **NOTABLE MEMBER DATES FOR JULY:**

#### **MEMBER JOIN DATES:**

Frank, Howard	1993
Del Torchio, Marv	2005
Pennington, Dallas	2005
Harr, Richard	2014
Moller, Kurt	2014
Bloomer, John	2015
Benner, Brian	2017
Nemana, Gopal	2017
Kopf, Buzz	2018
Ferguson, Mark	2019
Fystrom, Dell	2019
Jarvis, Rocky	2019
Nguyen, Lam	2019

#### **MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Christopherson, Chris	1927
Heavner, Jim	1928
Oxford, Dick	1931
Naquin, Dave	1932
Doljanin, Pete	1934
Laumer, Jerry	1934
Nemzek, Dave	1935
Suckow, Lowell	1937
Nemana, Gopal	1940
Retterer, Ron	1940
Boss, John	1942
Ahders, Bob	1947
Angeloni, Randy	1948
Rodriguez, Don	1948
Rogel, John	1953

#### **MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Hollis, Ron and Luann	07	07 1962
Doljanin, Pete and LaOna	07	06 1966
Kehoe, Don and Carol	07	25 1975
Stott, Bob and Sonia	07	20 1996
Rudkin, Derek and Janis	07	01 2009

(Ed). The question of the moment is "Who's zoomin' whom?"