



SONS IN RETIREMENT ALMADEN BRANCH 94

A Nonprofit Organization For Retired Men

Devoted to the promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

Almaden Branch 94 meets the second Thursday of each month at the Elks' Lodge,
444 West Alma Avenue, San Jose, CA 95110

Branch Executive Committee Meeting - 10:00 AM,
Fellowship - 11:00 AM, Luncheon - 11:45 AM

Big Sir Message June 2020



The June 13 Ch. #94 Thursday Lunch Meeting is cancelled due to COVID #19 limits on how the Elks Lodge can operate. They have no approval to reopen under California and County requirements.

HOW'S IT GOING?? Do you know? Have you asked anyone? From the Elks stage I hear the lively conversations at the tables below and in the

buffet line. My belief is that all Branch 94 folks miss the same stimulation of a conversation with a friend.

NO MEETING NEXT THURSDAY, BUT READ THIS. Each of you must have a 2020 Roster Book, with at least three members that you can ask, "How's it going with you?" **CALL AT LEAST THREE SIR MEN IN THREE DAYS**. On Thursday you will get a call from a SIR to see if you called at least three. Simple enough. Be Prepared!! Report!! We will make every effort to defeat the enemy LONELINESS!!!! We are, after all, "friends for life."

HOW'S THE BRANCH GOING?? Because of the COVID 19 limitations the Board CANCELED PLANS FOR OUR ANNUAL JULY BARBECUE.

BUSINESS TO BE DONE, OR ELSE. #94 is in violation of corporate requirements of SIR, since we now have many VACANT OFFICER AND DIRECTOR positions. **You have heard and read pleas that we need two secretaries, two Membership Chairs, a Little Sir and a BIG Sir.** Thank God we have a capable volunteer, Darrel Jensen, to be Asst. Membership Chair. As a group BEC Members are not burdened. A little progress brings hope. Call me or a BEC member if you want to help. **the end of June looms.** We have talent, fellowship and a lot of good will on the BEC. Branch 94 can't live without you.

- Mike Conley

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Branch 94 Meeting

The June 2020 Meeting Has been Cancelled

Callers, Please advise your group.



From the Editor

I apologize for the brevity of this month's newsletter. I am afraid there is not all that much to report. In this issue, I have included the minutes from the May meeting of the Branch Executive Council (BEC).

This is information that would normally be conveyed during the monthly general luncheon meeting.

If any member would like to make a contribution to future Branch 94 Newsletters, please send it to me.

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The 2020 Branch 94 BBQ has been cancelled.

June Birthdays

Rich Hulsker
Dave Norris
Kelley Wood
Gerv Laundrye

Guy Shellman
Dan Thery
Gary Shelgran
Max Paluncich

June Anniversaries

Gary & Mary Lou Cameron, 62
Bob & Carol Ann Nulk, 61
Lyonel & Barbara Francis, 60
Gary & Jackie Auclair, 56
Phil & JoAnn Ignoffo, 52
Wayne & Vicki Crane, 51
Kelley & Roderta Wood, 51
Dick & Lil Clark, 50
Rob & Lois Perkins, 49
Jim & Candy Stonehouse, 48
Jim & Elle Dack, 48
Bill & Frances Ikerd, 28
Paul & Lois Berg, 21

 **Happy
Father's
Day!** 

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 14th, 2020

Committee: Big Sir Mike Conley; Little Sir Julian Luci; Secretary Jim Stonehouse; Treasurer Ed Shpiel.; **Directors:** Neil Keever, Sam Walters, Rich George, Ron Carter, and John Sargent. **Advisors:** Chuck McCoy; Darrell Jones (Newspaper Editor); Chris Monahan (Program Chairman); Leo Pursley (past Big Sir).

Committee Officers, Directors, & Advisors absent: Sam Walters; John Sargent; & Chuck McCoy.

Quorum Present: Yes (7 of 9 members present when meeting was called to order).

[The last BEC meeting was held in February due to Covid-19. The current meeting in May is being conducted through Zoom technology, with each Committee member participating using their own lap top.

A. Open meeting: The tele-communication meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Big Sir Mike Conley.

B. Big Sir Comments: After calling the Committee to order and welcoming everyone, Big Sir Mike Conley mentioned the problem we're facing regarding the lack of potential officers for 2021. Because of the number of vacant slots that continue to remain open for next year, the future of Branch 94 is coming into question, and the possibility of disbanding the Chapter is becoming real.

C. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the BEC's last scheduled meeting in February were reviewed by Committee members and were approved by voice vote without correction.

D. Treasurer's Report:

March, 2020	Opening Balance (General Fund)	\$ 2633.17
	Income	1125.00
	Expenses	1351.25
	Ending Balance	\$ 2331.92

Treasurer Ed Shpiel presented March's accounting of finances, which was accepted by voice vote from the committee. He further reported that there had been no activity since the March report.

Little Sir / Membership: Little Sir Julian Luci reported that all his callers were e-mailed a script to use when making calls for the purpose of maintaining contact with the general membership and keeping each member in the loop regarding future meetings, activities available, and the status of our Branch.

Membership Chair Ron Carter asked for updates regarding the status of two members, and will prepare monthly Forms as required.

G. New Business: Regarding the BBQ scheduled for July 16th, the majority of the BEC felt that in light of Covid-19 and the social distancing regulation that most likely will remain in place, that the BBQ for this year will be cancelled and scheduled for some time the following year.

In light of the dilemma we face regarding the open slots projected for next year, June may be the month that we start closing down by giving notice to the State.

Committee Reports:

- **Special Programs** – Chris Monahan, Special Programs Chair, in light of continuing Shelter-in-Place restrictions, is currently 'up in the air' regarding future speakers.
- **Golf** – Darrell Jones, Branch 94's Golf Chairman, reports that the current golf schedule can be found in the latest edition of the Branch's monthly newsletter.
- **Nominating Committee:** Nominating Committee Chairman Rich George had nothing new to report. Both he and Big Sir Mike Conley, have tried to appeal to both the general membership and to several others, individually, but no one seems willing to step up and volunteer. While Treasurer Sir Ed Shpiel would be willing to step into the Big Sir role, the position of treasurer would become open, along with the other remaining slots (e.g Little Sir; Secretary and his assistant, assistant treasurer, and assistant membership chair).

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Return Service Requested



Golf

The Following Golf Participation Plan has been submitted to the Branch 94 BEC. Thirty days after the date of BEC approval, members of Branch 94 may begin to participate in SIR golf activity by accepting the plan.

SIR Branch 94 Golf Branch Rules Of Participation

1. The Branch rules of Participation, for all members will reflect the most restrictive golf constraints as published by either the State of California, Santa Clara County and the local golf course to be played. No guests are permitted to SIR sponsored events.
2. The ultimate goal is the health and well being of each participant, with the maintenance of 6 feet social distancing at all times being the most critical requirement. Masks and other personal protective equipment are optional unless required by local rules.
3. Prior to play, all participants will receive written notice or email message specifying the current rules and constraints under which the golf activity will be played and acknowledge receipt thereof.
4. These rules and constraints will be updated as needed to conform to the most current State of California, County and local guidelines.
5. During play, all participants should continuously assist each other to remember and abide by the rules and constraints for everyone's safety.
6. Any participant failing to abide by the current rules and constraints may be denied further participation.
7. These rules will remain in effect until the SIR Branch 94 BEC modifies or terminates them.

Golf Schedule For Area 11 Monthly Events

All of these events are subject to cancellation by the SIR state organization.
 To sign up for these events, please see Darrell Jones

Date / Time	Course / Format	Price / Host(s)
Jun 29, 2020 10:00 AM First tee time	Seascape (Aptos) Colored Ball + \$5 Skins	\$60 Ray Gilchrist, Henry Melin (125)
Jul 27, 2020 8:00 AM Shotgun	Los Lagos (San Jose) TBD	\$50 Rick Hausman (32)
Aug 24, 2020 10:30 AM Shotgun	The Villages (San Jose) TBD	\$65 Richard James (38/114)