



SONS IN RETIREMENT ALMADEN BRANCH 94

A Nonprofit Organization For Retired Men

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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 July 2020



The July 9 Chapter #94 Lunch Meeting is cancelled due to COVID #19 limits on how the Lodge can operate. They cannot reopen "until further notice."

HOW'S IT GOING WITH YOU?? Do you know? Have you asked anyone? I believe that all Branch 94 brothers miss the once-a-month stimulation of a PROGRAM and conversation

with a table of friends. Have you called a SIR brother that would be sitting at your table Thursday? DO IT!! NOW!!! One call will make your day, and his too.

READ THIS. Each of you have a blue 2020 ROSTER BOOK, with at least three members that you can ask, "How's it going with you?" **CALL AT LEAST THREE SIR MEN BETWEEN NOW AND THURSDAY.** The enemy is LONELINESS. "SIR friends are friends for life." At the least, share life's events with your callers.

: MAKE SURE THAT YOU CONTACT YOUR ENTIRE LIST. "LM" is not acceptable.

HOW'S THE BRANCH GOING?? BEC will again meet next Thursday. We got hope that some activities would start this month, but the "unmasked meanies" put that down the drain. If one doesn't want to wear a mask to keep self and household healthy, at least wear it to keep your neighbors from infecting you, or you infecting them.

Have you checked the Mercury News list (in color, page 2) of California deaths-by-age-group?

Good New for Branch 94!! At the June 11 Board meeting, SIRs stood up to serve your Branch through 2021. Do you wanna help??? We have paper. We Don't Have a Treasurer or Asst. treasurer.

Julian Luci was accepted to continue as Little Sir
Ed Shpiel was accepted as nominee for Big Sir.
Darrel Jensen volunteered to Assist Ron Carter,
Membership Chair. I will take over as Secretary.
- Mike Conley

Executive Committee

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Branch 94 Meeting

**The July 2020 Meeting
Has been Cancelled**



Membership Report

Submitted by
Ron Carter

SIR Branch 94 April Through June 2020 membership and attendance:

Total attendance

No lunch or meetings for last three months

Birthday free lunch winners (drawn from total membership)

April -- #218 Bay Lubow

May -- #142 Rex Krivanek

June -- #80 Andy La Scola

Total Membership

103 Active Members (includes 3 life member, 1 senior life member)

Membership Changes: None

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 June 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.

July Birthdays

Nick Pound
Ron Carter
Dan Petersen
Jack Cunningham
John Sargent

Dick Clark
Hal Ferrari
Darell Bellah
Bernie Turner
Andy Orendac

July Anniversaries

Dick & Masel Sheehan, 63
Dick & Cynthia Lake, 60
Andy & Kathy La Scola, 57
Jack & Sheri Cunningham, 56
Dennis & Pat Larson, 55
Joe & Shirley Keever, 38
Rex & Cathy Krivanek, 32
Bob & Betty Renfer



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SONS IN RETIRMENT BRANCH 94
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR June 11, 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 Chair); 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 current meeting is being conducted through Zoom technology.

A. Open meeting: When everyone was ‘connected’, the meeting was called to order at 10:06. 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 still facing regarding the lack of potential officers for 2021, along with the uncertainty of even having a Branch next year. Even the Elks Club’s future is uncertain. However, he did announce, since our last meeting, that we will have a Big Sir next year and that two other members have stepped up to fill some of those other vacant slots. According to his latest message in the Branch newsletter, Big Sir Mike Conley is asking that each SIR member call at least three other members to see how they’re doing and to spread a little sunshine by just saying ‘Hi’, “We’re thinking about you”, and ‘I hope you’re doing well’.

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

D. Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Ed Shpiel stated that nothing much has changed regarding Branch finances. He did report that we did get a refund check for \$282 from Vasona Lake regarding the July 16th BBQ cancellation.

Little Sir / Membership: Little Sir Julian Luci reported that he’s still in need of callers.

Membership Chair Ron Carter reported no change in membership over the last two months. Neither has a State report been submitted, based on no changes being recorded.

F. Old Business: Several open slots still need filling

G. New Business: Possible closure of Branch 94.

Committee Reports:

- **Travel** – Travel Chairman Paul Berg was not in attendance
- **Special Events** – Nothing scheduled at this time.
- **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. He also wants members, when playing golf, to be aware of the ‘Rules of Participation’, based on local and County guidelines.
- **Newsletter** – Newsletter Editor Darrell Jones had nothing to report, but does continue to publish a monthly newsletter for the Branch.
- **Sunshine:** Sam Walters, Sunshine Chairman, was not in attendance.
- **Nominating Committee:** Nominating Committee Chairman Rich George acknowledged that Ed Shpiel has agreed to be Big Sir for next year; that Julia Luci has agreed to serve one more year as Little Sir; and that Darrell Jenson has agreed to serve as the Assistant Membership Chair. It’s anticipated that Ron Carter will continue in his role as Membership Chairman.

Slots that still remain open: Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Treasurer; and Assistant Treasurer. While Big Sir Mike Conley has previously tried to appeal to the general membership, he will now be calling individual members in an attempt to recruit those who might be willing to volunteer their time. Members to be considered: Don Slama, #209; Rich Hulsker, #7; Jim Moritz, #88; and Carl Klemmer, #278.

- **Roving Roosters RV:** Parker Willey Jr. was not in attendance.

H. Date of next B.E.C. meeting: June 9th, 2020

Submitted by Jim Stonehouse, Secretary Branch 94

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Return Service Requested



Golf

The July SIR Area 11 Tournament has been cancelled.

Richard James reports that the SIR Area 11 tournament scheduled for August 24 at the Villages may be cancelled

The SIR State tournaments scheduled for September 15-16 Fall Classic at Blue Rock Springs and the October 12-13 state championship and open play at Hiddenbrooke still remain on the schedule. However, these may be cancelled as well.

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)
Aug 24, 2020 10:30 AM Shotgun	The Villages (San Jose) TBD	\$65 Richard James (38/114)
Sep 28, 2020 First Tee Time: 10:00 AM	Blackhorse (Seaside) Skins or Point Par	\$90 Paul Goodwin (62)
Oct 26, 2020 First Tee Time: 10:00 AM	Monterey Pines (Monterey) TBD	\$45 Dan Love (39)
Nov 23, 2020 First Tee Time 10:00 AM	Spring Valley (Milpitas)	\$60 Ray Gilchrist (125)