



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 November 2020



Your Branch Executive Board call you to a ZOOM virtual General Meeting November 12 at 7:00. It isn't like being together with friends and brothers. There are Coronavirus hazards in connection with meetings. We also are aware of the need to get out in fresh morning air with SIR Friends, as we did last Thursday. Come join us 9:30 AM every Thursday

at Almaden Lake Park at the corner of Winfield/Coleman. See Photo below.

NOVEMBER 12 ZOOM MEETING 7:00 PM. Invitation by e-mail will go out Monday, Nov. 6. Callers, be sure you Contact Every Member and get your response in to Julian or me. A member who has no computer or cannot access ZOOM through a computer or cell phone, can attend with ZOOM Audio (phone) Only. Read the Invite E-mail.

Our outstanding November 12 Program will feature Dr. Clyde Horn, a disabled Vietnam war veteran, photographer, and author. He has been involved in veterans' affairs to many years. Excellent speaker. Don't miss this one.

"Will there be a December Gala with guests this year?????" State and County require the Elks Lodge to follow Social Distancing regulations - 6 people (masked) per table. Plates to table, no buffet. Capacity is 100 persons. Eighteen SIRs responded to my Questionnaire. Six (6) indicated they would attend; twelve (12) said No. My sincere thanks to you who responded. Your BEC will meet Thursday to make a plan. Cancel? Any suggestions? Volunteers? Keep your eyes peeled for further formation regarding whether or not we will have a festivity next month.

-Mike Conley

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Branch 94 Meeting

This meeting will be on the internet using the Zoom program /app at 7:00 PM on November 12.

(The Zoom link, meeting ID and passcode for this meeting are not yet available. Please see the meeting information from Mike Conley on page 2. -ed)

Speaker:	Dr. Clyde Horn PhD, Vietnam vet, photographer and author
Topic:	Educating parents and loved ones about war veterans



**Treasurer's Report
October 2020
Submitted by Ed Shpiel**

Opening Balance	\$2432.42
Income:	
No entries	
Total Income	\$0.00
Expenses:	
October Bank service fee	\$16.00
State Dues	\$183.75
Total Expenses	\$199.75
Bank of America balance	\$2157.67
Petty Cash	\$75.00
Total	\$2232.67

November Meeting Information

Thursday November 12 at 7:00 PM

Get ZOOM!! Just type ZOOM on the internet.

The meeting link, password will be sent to you by email or snail mail, so you will have time to practice or call your grandkids to help.

It is not difficult, and you don't want to miss the speaker that we have for you. Dr Clyde Horne, PhD, a disabled veteran of Vietnam will be the presenter. He is a photographer and author, very friendly to talk to, involved in Veterans' Affairs for many years. He was the early driving force behind the Veterans Memorial in the Civic Center of Los Gatos.

His book "PTSD in pictures and words" is available through Amazon.

Dr Horn's email address is "chorn81903@aol.com"

Thanks to our Program Chairman, Chris Monahan, who found this most interesting speaker.

-Mike Conley

November Birthdays

Mike Conley	Ernie Lavoie
Marc Peloquin	Ed Shpiel
Howard Lockhart	Ron Raecker

November Anniversaries

Bill & Patt Hooper, 66
 Ron & Sally Carter, 59
 Chris & Susan Monahan, 57
 Bill & Marion Lee, 53
 Bruce & Connie Gieseke, 34
 Darrell & Ann Marie Bellah, 21

State Sir Leadership Conference

SIRs is the best kept secretno more!

Join us to Convers, Connect and Convey with State Board Officers' training presentations
 November 16-20, Monday-Friday 1-3 PM

Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/3mkaKHU>
 Meeting ID: 847 7081 4710
 Pass code: 553379

-AG Lee Moy, State SIR Trainer

Branch 94 sadly notes the passing of

 Andy Orendac
 Wesley Berg

Newsletter Access

If you would like to access any Branch 94 Newsletter published since January 2018, they are available on our website at URL: branch94.sirinc2.org. At the bottom of the page click on "Newsletters", then select the issue you would like to read.

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Bocce Ball

We are now meeting at Almaden Lake Park every Thursday at 9:30 to play a game or two of bocce. Some of the members playing are Chris M., Mike C., Leo P., Dick C., Paul B., Ted H., Neil K., Ed S., Jim S., and Dan T. We would welcome some additional players, so if you're not too busy on Thursday morning, come on over.

We even give lessons!!

Hope to see you on the bocce courts,

Julian Luci



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Return Service Requested



Golf

NCGA Membership 2021 Dues

Golfers who wish to retain their NCGA membership, which includes your GHIN number and handicap, under the auspices of the SIR Branch 94 Golf Club should send a \$39 check before December 15, 2020 payable to “SIR Branch 94 Golf” to Golf Chairman Darrell Jones at 1959 Conifer Lane, San Jose, Ca 95132.

Proposed Golf Schedule For 2021 Area 11 Monthly Events
 This planning schedule is subject to change.
 To sign up for these events, please see Darrell Jones

Date / Time	Course / Format	Price / Host(s)
Feb 22, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Spring Valley (Milpitas) Medal Play by flight. 32 Golfers	\$60 Darrell Jones (94)
Mar 20, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	San Jose Muni TBD	TBD Dan Love (39)
Apr 19, 2021 10:00 AM First Tee Time	Moffett Field (Mountain View) Irish Rumble + \$5 Skins	\$60 Ray Gilchrist, Henry Melin (125)
May 24, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Pacific Grove 4 man 2 Best Ball 40 Golfers	\$80 Darrell Jones (94)
May 28, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Spring Valley (Milpitas) State Team Qualifier (scramble)	Ray Gilchrist, Henry Melin (125)
Jun 28, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Seascape (Aptos) Colored Ball + \$5 skins	\$55 Ray Gilchrist, Henry Melin (125)
Jul 26, 2021	State Individual Qualifier	Rick Hausman (32)
Aug 21, 2021	The Villages (San Jose) TBD	Richard James (38/114)