



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 March 2021

Greetings ! Well, "travelling around the world in photographs" was fantastic. I hung on every word and picture and he's promised that he will return with a Part 3! Our next presenter (Dedra Jize) will be talking to us about life care planning - critical knowledge for our survivors. She is a geriatric care manager who comes highly recommended. See you there !!

If you have not yet responded to the Covid-19 survey sent out by Darrell Jones, please do so.
-Ed Shpiel

Covid-19 Survey

The Covid-19 questionnaire asked 3 questions:
1. Are you going to get vaccinated or have you already received at least one dose?
2. Do you need help getting vaccinated?
3. Would you attend a physical luncheon meeting when such activity is approved by both Santa Clara County and the Elks Club?

Please respond by email or call Darrell Jones at 408-262-6273 and leave a message with the following information:

Your name and badge number.
Answer to the questions in the form
1- yes or no 2-yes or no 3-yes or no
-Darrell

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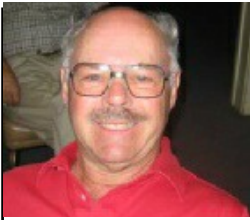
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Branch 94 Meeting

This meeting will be on the internet using the Zoom program /app at 7:00 PM on March 11.

Use the program/app:
Meeting ID: 840 3096 7639
Password: SIR94

Speaker:	Dedra Jize, Geriatric Care Mgr.
Topic:	Life Care Planning: What you don't know might hurt you



**Treasurer's Report
Submitted by
Neil Keever**

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Carry Over	\$2059.77	\$75.00	\$2134.77
January Income:			
Luncheon Receipts	\$0.00		
Contributions	\$0.00		
Total Income	\$0.00		
January Expenses:			
Elks - Luncheon	\$0.00		
State Assessment	\$0.00		
Bank Service Fee	\$16.00		
February Ending Balance	\$2043.77	\$75.00	\$2118.77

Covid-19 Survey Responses To Date

There have been 24 responses to the Survey:

Q1 - Are you going to get vaccinated or have you already received at least one dose?

Yes = 24 (100 %)

Q2 - Do you need help getting vaccinated?

No = 24 (100 %)

Q3 - Would you attend a physical luncheon meeting when such activity is approved by both Santa Clara County and the Elks Club?

Yes = 18 (75%), No = 4 (17%), Maybe = 2 (8%)

March Birthdays

Randy Palermo
Tom White

Mike Sinnottl

March Anniversaries

Dan & Linda Petersen, 55
Guy & Mimi Shellman, 51
Bob & Mun Goetze, 47
Ed & Carol Shpiel, 44

Zoom

Branch 94 has been using the Zoom Application to hold the Branch 94 during the Covid-19 epidemic.

Zoom may be run on your smart phone or computer. For computer use you need speakers or earphones/buds to hear plus camera and microphone to partipate. For the Smartphone version, I found it on the app store. To obtain a Windows version, go the Zoom website.

[URL: https://zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download)

Newsletter Access

If you would like to access any Branch 94 Newsletter published since January 2019, they are available on our website at [URL: branch94.sirinc2.org](http://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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SIR Branch 94 February BEC Meeting February 10, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER by Big SIR Ed Shpiel at 7:04 PM

a. Present: Ed Shpiel, Big SIR; Ron Carter, Membership Chair; John Sargent, director; Chris Monahan, Program Chair; Ted Head, director; Julian Luci, Little Sir; Neil Kever, Treasurer; Mike Conley, Secretary ; Darrell Jones, branch webmaster; 7 of the 11 officers and directors, a quorum was present.

b. APPROVAL OF AGENDA. All present had copies of e-mailed agenda e-mailed by Big SIR Shpiel. Motion to approve by Mike Conley/ second by Julian Luci/ approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. Minutes of the January 13, 2021, meeting had been e-mailed and read by BEC Members. Motion to approve by Director Ron Carter, second by Director Ted Head/Approved by unanimous voice vote.

b.

c. TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Neil Kever had prepared the Form 28 to send to State SIR. Balance in the Branch account was \$2059.77 with no bill outstanding. Cash on hand \$75,00. Motion to accept by Ted Head/Second by John Sargent/ Approved by unanimous voice Vote.

d. LITTLE SIR REPORT. Julian Luci led discussion of Attendance and the present Callers' making little contact with members and the reasons for low attendance at ZOOM meetings. The Discussion focused on the minimal number of attenders due to lax calling. Replacement callers suggested were Guy Pound and Don Slama. No action was taken.

e. MEMBERSHIP. Chairman Ron Carter indicated that the Form 27 showed 104 members. The Form 20 SIR report had been prepared but needed some detail before sending. All other reports to State SIR are timely. Mike Conley to accept/ second by Ted Head/ approved by unanimous voice vote.

f. In the absence of Rich George there was no RECRUITING report. Big SIR Conley stressed the importance of building a program to develop future leaders.

g. PROGRAM Chairman Chris Monahan spoke highly of guest speaker Russell Downing "a wild photographer of wild life" all around the world. Big Sir Mike will contact him about the ZOOM preparations required. Monthly virtual Branch Monthly Meeting is 1/14/2020 at 7:00 PM.

h. ANNUAL AUDIT Chair Neil Kever reported that the Auditors had Reviewed and Reconciled all Branch accounts for the year 2020. Motion to accept the Audit Report as presented by Big Sir Shpiel /Second by Ted Head/approval by unanimous voice vote.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. Treasurer Kever indicated that moving the Branch 94 account to Union Bank was in process, required a great deal of unforeseen documentation. Moving the account should be accomplished by Neil, Mike and Ed before the next meeting.

b. CHAPTER ANNUAL DUES during the Covid 19 limits were discussed. Two solutions were discussed: 1) require \$25.00 or less annual dues to measure the interest of members in continuing; and 2) waiving until further notice, perhaps in May or June. The motion to take no action was Moved by Ron Carter/Seconded by Julian Luci/ approved by unanimous voice vote.

c. Mike Conley had been notified by Elks Lodge that we must remove our Cabinet from the Lodge to allow them to be refurbishing the facility. Mike Conley, Ed Shpiel and Neil Kever will take charge of that. A pickup Truck is required. Mike will contact member Rob Perkins for more information. Director Sargent was interested in assisting, based on his familiarity with the setup for Branch 74, who merged with #94.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT.

a. It was announced that long-time Directors Chuck McCoy and Sam Walters have stepped down from the BEC.

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Golf

SIR Golf News

The Pacific Grove tournament, tentatively scheduled for May 24, 2021 has been cancelled. Unfortunately, the current Monterey County and Pacific Grove Covid-19 restrictions were not consistent with a SIR golf event. However, there remain a few possible opportunities for Area 11 tournaments this year. Hopefully with the vaccine, the current rules will be relaxed before too much more time passes. Please see the planning schedule below.

-Darrell

Planning 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)
Jun 28, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Seascarpe (Aptos) Colored Ball + \$5 skins	\$55 Ray Gilcrest, Henry Melin (125)
Jul 26, 2021	Los Lagos (San Jose) Individual Qualifier	Rick Hausman (32)
Aug 23, 2021	Dublin Ranch (Dublin)	?
Sep 27, 2021	?	?
Oct 25, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Spring Hills (Watsonville)	\$55 Dan Love (39)
Nov 22, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Seascape (Aptos) Turkey Shoot	Paul Goodwin (62)