



SIR Branch 116 Trampas Topics Newsletter

August 2020

Next Meeting: Zoom Speaker
Meeting on August 17th at 12:00

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Message from Michael



We are more than halfway through the year, just doesn't seem possible! But here we are going into August and another month of 'lock down.' The first half of 2020 has certainly had its ups and downs as well as its particular challenges and we are fortunate that we have a strong and committed BEC that continues to work diligently within tremendous restrictions to

try and keep us 'active.'

As an organization that 'specializes' in activities we have been particularly hard hit. However please read Trampas Topics carefully and you will note that things are beginning to slowly open up. Many golf courses will not allow tournaments of any kind yet, but some have opened up and there are now opportunities to book in advance again. Some other groups are successfully meeting via ZOOM, our two Book Groups as well as a modified Walking Group, even our proclaimed 'Winos' are meeting virtually, and the effects I am told are the same!

We had a very successful Branch Meeting in July with an excellent speaker, and have another one scheduled for August, so please do two things, mark it down on your calendar and do join us via ZOOM. We only have about 50% of the membership on-line and that is a pity because the rest of you are missing out. If you are afraid of Zoom, the internet or simply getting addicted to SIRs, then please contact either myself or Neil Schmidt, we will be only too happy to help you resolve any difficulties and will help you get connected.

I am routinely asked if a regular meeting is being considered and when might we return to our lunch meetings. Our latest discussions with Boundary Oak were not encouraging. At this point in time it is highly unlikely that we will be back to having a physical meeting any time soon, maybe it will be later in the year.

Blessings to you all and stay safe.

Michael



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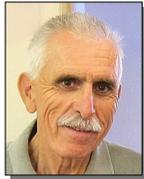
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• Golf-9 Hole	Dick Chaffee	D. McLaughry
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• Golf - Carson City	Tim Hubbard	Oberle, Harris
• Mexican Train	Richard Madden	Alex Lutkus
• Parties	Marty Katz	
• Pickleball	Ed Solomon	
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• Saturday Tours	Greg Hughes	
• \$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	
• Travel	TBD	
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- New Member Orientation Dave Williams
- New Member Packet Phil Goff

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- Publicity Jim McCormick
- Newsletter Editor Neil Schmidt
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**A Thank You to all Br. 116 SIR Who
Volunteer to be Leaders**

Some Other SIR Area 16 Activities

Apple User Group	Dick Macy (Br.171)	376-1180
Astronomy	Bill Hunter (Br.8)	947-6947
Bowling	Dan Weller (Br. 8)	935-5510
Digital Photo.	Bill Phelon (Br.8)	254-8338
Pocket Pool	Jerry White (Br.8)	944-9068
Tennis	Ralph Thornicraft (174)	376-8140

Monthly Activities Calendar

August 2020

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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2	3 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ San Ramon GC)	4	5 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pleasanton GC)	6	7 Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	8
9	10 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ San Ramon CC)	11	12 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	13 Computer & Tech (9:30 via Zoom)	14 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Larkey Park Swim Ctr., WC) Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	15
16	17 SIR Branch 116 Meeting (12:00 Noon via Zoom)	18	19 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	20 Book Group 2 (11:00 via Zoom)	21 Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	22
23	24 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Canyon Lakes GC) Book Group 1 (10:15 via Zoom)	25	26 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ TBD)	27 Fishing Group (8:30 via Zoom)	28 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Heather Farms Swim Ctr., WC) Pickleball (8:00@ WC Tennis, Heather Farms)	29
30	31 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Chardonmay GC)					



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Alan Fitzgerald, Treasurer
(galan.fitzgerald@gmail.com)

July 24, 2020

	July-2020	2020 YTD
Contributions		\$ 16,598.85
Disbursements	\$ (358.75)	\$ (15,322.67)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (358.75)	\$ 1,276.18
July Cash Balance		\$ 11,122.00
Outstanding Checks		\$ 0.00
Bank Acct Balance		\$ 11,122.00



Membership

Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 August Membership Status

Total Current Membership is 206

- Jack Minicucci : New Member
Sponsor is Don Schroeder
- Ken Nigro : New Member
Sponsor is Pete Coggiola
- Jim McCormick : Resigned
Work req. more time in NY



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena
(marena@astound.net)

No news is good news. Hopefully all our members are doing well. The 25 members who shared their images on the ZOOM session with our luncheon speaker looked fine. It will be a happy day when all of this is past and we will be able to spend some time together in person.



August Birthdays

When you see these members, wish them a Happy Birthday!

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jim Barstow | 10. Terry Grummitt |
| 2. Steve Bort | 11. Tim Martin |
| 3. Dick Breitwieser | 12. Fred McBreen |
| 4. Peter Coggiola | 13. Kirk McVean |
| 5. Frank Crua | 14. Don Murray |
| 6. Jim Dawe | 15. Roger Smith |
| 7. Bob Donohue | 16. Randy Welker |
| 8. Darrel Dummett | 17. Joel White |
| 9. Paul Freitas | |

Nominating Committee's Recommendation for 2021 Branch BEC

Nominating Committee:

Chair Jerry Hicks, Immediate past Big SIR
Members: Phil Goff, Kevin Donahue, Fred Wachowicz, Dave Williams, Don Schroeder

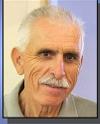
The following is the 2020 Nominating Committee recommendation to be approved by the BEC and voted upon by the Membership at the August Luncheon for the 2021 Branch 116 BEC:

Officers: (7)

Big SIR:	Sam Beret
Little SIR:	Fred Wachowicz
Treasurer:	Alan Fitzgerald
Secretary:	Paul Ramacciotti
Assistant Treasurer:	Al Satake
Assistant Secretary:	Alan Pope
Membership Chair:	Phil Goff

Directors (6):

Past Big SIR	Michael Barrington
	Gary Boswell (3)
	Roger Craig (3)
	Al Farbman (2)
	Kevin Donahue (1)
	Darrell McLaughry (1)



Meeting Speaker

Little SIR Sam Beret
(snb49@Outlook.com)

I hope all of our members and their families are doing well.

On Monday August 17, 2020, we will have a “virtual lunch” meeting via Zoom. Glenn King will be our luncheon speaker. The topic of his presentation is: “NFL Instant Replay System”.

Glenn King was born and raised in the Bay Area and attended Mission San Jose High School in Fremont prior to attending San Diego State University where he graduated with a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance. Glenn is a residential Real Estate Broker and has run his own real estate office here in the San Ramon Valley.

Glenn played football at Mission San Jose High School but ran track during his collegiate years specializing in both the 100 and 220 yard sprints along with the discus throw. In 2009 Glenn developed a passion for a relatively new segment of football officiating which was that of Instant Replay and was hired as part of a replay crew by the Big 12 Conference where he worked for two seasons and ultimately was asked to join the newly formed PAC12 Conference in the same role as they expanded from 10 teams to 12 in 2011. In 2014 he joined the National Football League again in the same role so his background in this segment of officiating is quite broad as it has encompassed two Division One NCAA programs along with the NFL. Glenn also worked in the now defunct Alliance of American Football League In 2019 and the XFL in 2020 furthering his experience in this segment of football officiating.

Glenn is looking forward to sharing with you not only the nuances associated with Instant Replay at both levels but also football officiating in general and has expressed his appreciation for being allowed to share with you his passion for the avocation.

This will be a presentation via Zoom video plat-

form and Zoom meeting details will be announced announced later.

Although our SIR 116 luncheons are suspended due to shelter-in-place, we are continuing with our tradition of celebrating member birthdays and the birthday-raffle winner will be announced at our August Speaker Meeting.

Congratulations to all of our previous winners and they can claim their free lunch vouchers when we

Zoom Meeting Tips

When attending a Zoom meeting, such as your monthly Luncheon Speaker’s Meeting, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Be careful what you are doing if your video is on (Everybody is watching).
- Recommendation: Use “Speaker View” when someone is making a presentation or sharing a document

If you need assistance connecting to one of our Zoom meetings, contact Neil Schmidt.



Bridge
Jon Dickson
(still26@sbcglobal.net)

Diablo Country Club was contacted last week and they are still closed to all. They have promised to contact us as soon as they are opening and we can start again to play bridge, have lunch there, on 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. I am sure they are as anxious to have us there as we are to resume playing bridge.

As soon as they give us a positive word, you will receive an announcement.

Duplicate Bridge

With the unknown about the availability of the bridge site and the continued use of face masks, the duplicate group has decided to wait until at least the first week of August before reconvening. We will reassess the situation at that time and make a determination as to when to restart



Amiable Amblers
John Riordan & Joel White
 (gcriordan@com,

It's great to be socializing in person with the Amblers again. On July 10 we walked the Ygnacio Canal Trail from Arbolado Park and on July 24 we walked the Iron Horse Trail from Walnut Creek Civic Park. Can you recognize anyone in the photo below?

The **August 14** walk will begin at 8:15 in the parking lot by the Larkey Park Swim Center (2771 Buena Vista Ave, Walnut Creek). We will walk north on Buena Vista Ave, turn right onto the Briones-to-Mt-Diablo Trail and then proceed north (left) on the Contra Costa Canal trail.

The **August 28** walk will begin at 8:15 in the parking lot by the Heather Farm Swim Center (1750 Heather Dr, Walnut Creek). We will walk north on N San Carlos Dr and then proceed east (right) on the Contra Costa Canal Trail.

John Riordan will lead both walks. RSVP to him at jriordan730@gmail.com . Call his cell phone 925-391-5749 if you are running late.

These walks are for individuals or couples, as spouses and significant others are encouraged to participate. The significant other/spouse is also invited to participate even when the member is unable to. Also, members and or spouses are invited to join the post-walk convocation even if they are

are unable to participate in a particular walk. SIR members, including those from other branches, wishing to join this mellow group or to be added to the email contact list should contact John Riordan at jriordan730@gmail.com or 925-284-3394.

SIR Br. 116 Zoom Speaker Meetings are Interesting and Fun



Dr. Nick Lavingia's Zoom presentation at the July SIR Br. 116 Speaker Meeting



Amiable Amblers are taking extra precautions



Walking Tours

Greg Hughes

(greghughes505@gmail.com)

In July the Saturday Walking Tours activity enjoyed a decent lead walking tour of downtown Martinez. The tour was directed by Barbara Patchim, Martinez Historical Society, and John Greitzer, CCC Historical Society. These are very talented and capable presenters. The participants were very impressed with their knowledge, and everyone expressed that it was a very educational and enjoyable experience.

Due to the COVID 19 precautions we limited the group size to 8 couples. Barbara Patchim and John Greitzer will be happy to do a second program if there is sufficient interest in our branch to do so. If you would like us to schedule a second Martinez walking tour, please send an email to Greg (greghughes505@gmail.com).

The next scheduled event is a decent lead walking tour of downtown Walnut Creek on September 26.



Walking Tour Group standing in front of the Martinez Court House on July 18th

Trampas Topics Submissions



We need your contributions and suggestions for Trampas Topics. Please send photos, news items, SIR activities, and Letters to the Editor:

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com



Activity Chair

Fred Wachowicz & Mike Ward

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Looks like the overall Covid situation has not resulted in any further reductions in Contra Costa County Guidelines over the last month so our Branch Activities remain the same as our last newsletter update.

Pickle, Golf (18 hole and 9 hole), Fishing, Book Clubs 1 and 2, Amiable Amblers, Computer & Tech and Saturday Walking Tours are back in operation along with a bit of online Bridge

A Continuing Caveat to all, please continue to observe all of our County and State Covid requirements to keep us healthy during these times.

We also continue to ask our members to refrain from carpooling to and from our various activities.

For those on our Travel Committee, apologies for not getting us back together yet given vacations etc. Please expect a zoom call early next week to continue with our plans to update our Branch 116 Travel Venue to include 1 day excursions, weekend travel on the West Coast, US National and Canadian Travel, and International Travel. Don Murray has updated SIR Area International Travel Information available at this point for members interested in this venue.

Lastly, based on input from our membership on our recent Zoom Meeting/Speaker Session, there is an interest in holding a Grand Celebration Luncheon similar to the Spring Fling when Covid retires into the past. We will be working on this possibility.



Pickleball

Ed Solomon

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Our Pickleball group is back to playing every Friday, now from 7:30 to 9 am, at Heather Farm Tennis Center.

Until further notice we are only allowed to play "skinny" singles which is less running around on the court.



Br. 116 Book Group 1

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

Book Group #1 will meet next on **Monday, August 24, at 10:15 am**, to discuss "Facebook, The Inside Story" by Steven Levy. It is the custom of Book Group #1 to meet at 10:15 am at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, in Orinda but in all probability this meeting will again be conducted on the Zoom on-line platform on that date at that time. The Convener will notify members ahead of time if an in-person meeting consistent with BEC guidelines can be conducted. Prospective new members should contact Richard Black at Blackrw41@comcast.net

Book Group #1 will not meet on September 28 because of Yom Kippur but will meet a week later on October 6 to discuss "The Radetsky March" by Joseph Roth.

Given the Trampas Topics publication schedule, this report covers two previous meetings, June 29 and July 27.

The June meeting discussed "The Splendid and the Vile" by Eric Larson. Garret Girvan recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion with Jerry Christopherson, Mac McLoughlin, Pail Freitas, Mike Schneider, Jim Flessner, Joel White, Richard White, Tim Tinnes, Nick Bowles, Art Donaldson, John Kopchik, Mike Barrington, John Reardon, Bob Wolf, Richard Rossland and Steve Bort.

The book was an engaging read covering Winston Churchill's first year as Prime Minister which included the Battle of Britain, nighttime blitz bombing and the tentative support offered by the United States through the Lend Lease program. Also included were the lives, sometimes quite lively lives, of men and women of lesser historical importance. Most group members thoroughly enjoyed the book as reflected in their 4.2 star consensus rating.

The July 27 meeting discussed "Say Nothing" by Patrick Keefe. Richard Black recommended the book and led the discussion with Jerry Christopherson, Mac McLoughlin, Mike Schneider, Jim

Flessner, Joel White, Nick Bowles, Art Donaldson, John Kopchik, Mike Barrington, John Reardon, and Steve Bort.

While the group found this nonfiction account of "The Troubles" in Northern Ireland a dark tale indeed, most of the members were largely ignorant of this conflict and found this well written, if incomplete, narrative both compelling and instructive. The consensus rating was an even 4 stars.



Br. 116 Book Group 2

Alan Pope

(pope451@gmail.com)

Book Group 2 met on Thursday, July 16, to discuss "Indianapolis" by Lynn Vincent and Sara Vladic. The Indianapolis was a "Portland Class" heavy cruiser which saw heavy action in World War II before it was torpedoed, literally days before the end of the war in the Pacific.

The group had a very good discussion, enhanced by the stories and comments by Fred Schafer and Fred Wachowicz, who both served in the U.S. Navy. Based on extensive, detailed research, the authors described individual crew members, the ship's sinking, and the aftermath in a way that put the reader in the middle of the events. The book also described the Navy's investigation of the sinking, the court martial of the ship's captain, and the efforts of a young boy and surviving crew members to rehabilitate the captain's reputation. The group gave "Indianapolis" an overall rating of 4.9 out of 5 and highly recommend the book.

The next Book Club 2 meeting will be on **Thursday, August 20, at 11 am** by videoconference using the Zoom app. The group will discuss, "Empires in the Sky" by Alexander Rose. "Empires in the Sky" is a "sweeping narrative" about early attempts to fly, by airship (zeppelin) and airplane. After "Empires in the Sky", Book Club 2 will discuss "A Gentleman in Moscow, by Amor Towles in September.



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

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All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will not be in the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am, come early. Contacts are Ron Lew (925-550-4166) and Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator, (925-846-7067). Next meeting will be through ZOOM on **Thursday August 27th** at 11:00 AM

Because our activity happens outdoors, we have been able to pursue our passion, observing all the COVID limitations. We have been fishing on party boats with half loads and increased prices. Bob Stein, Brion Beetz, Dick Thomson, Phil Scimonelli, Stan Wong, Rich Fiscina, Ron Lew and Carl Moyer caught salmon outside the gate. The same group also caught halibut in the bay. Brion Beetz, Carl Moyer, Gordon Linebaugh, and Stan Wong, got rockfish on the big water. Harry Sherinian, Mike Corker, and Tom Kostik fished the delta for black bass in their boats, keeping distances, etc. Ernie Wong fished from the shore and finished the shad season with over 550 shad caught and released in 11 trips. All on the Yuba River. Chuck Vanoncini fished Davis Lake for a big rainbow trout. Stan Wong targeted kokanee salmon at Lake Berryessa. Phil Scimonelli had fun with bluegill from the shore at San Pablo reservoir.

SIR Web Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site
branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf
branch116golf.org

Computer and Technology
<https://sirinc2.org/a16cat/>

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/sirhappenings



Computer & Technology

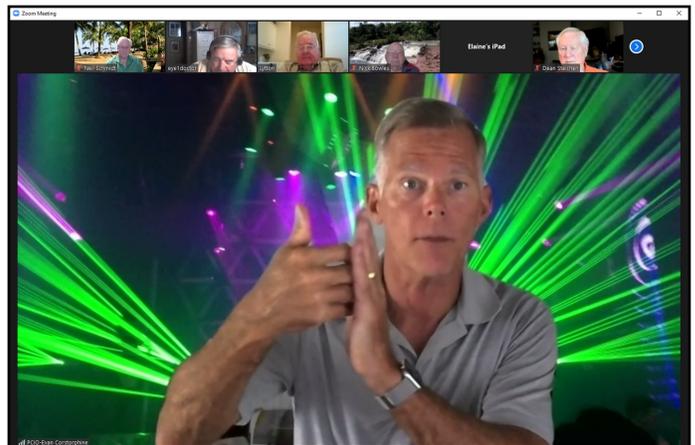
Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

The next SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology (CAT) Group meeting, via Zoom, will be **Thursday, August 20th starting at 9:30 AM**. The Zoom "Doors" will be open at 9:15 AM so come a little early to chat with friends.

The presentation topic for the meeting will be "Personal Security" by Alan Baker. This topic of vital interest to all our members. Alan has a wealth of information about technology having worked as a Senior Information Technology Specialist at IBM. Before that he was a USAF pilot and ran a small business. In retirement he enjoys helping nonprofits with their technology needs. He was webmaster of his SIR Branch and currently serves on the SIR State Information Systems team helping branch webmasters around the state. He also designed the new State SIR website at sirinc.org.

To attend the Zoom meeting, individuals need to sign-up for the CAT mailing list. A few days before the meeting, a Zoom weblink that is needed to connect will be sent to members on the mailing list.



Evan Corsotphine's Zoom presentation on July 16th to the Computer & Technology Group



Wine-O-SIR

Lou Meylan

(loumeylan@hotmail.com)

The Wine-O-SIR are on an indefinite hold until the virus ends.



SIR Branch 116 Golf
 By Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman
 (bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

SIR Golfers Social Distancing



Blue Rock Springs—East GC on July 21st
 (LtoR: J. Johnson, Richard Madden, Harry Oberle)

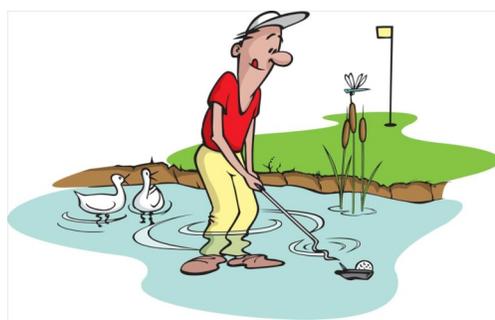


Lone Tree GC on July 27th
 (LtoR: Al Hutchko, Don Nix, Phil Goff)



Nine Hole Info
 Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman
 (rwchaffee@sbcglobal.net)

The SIR Branch 116 Nine Hole Golf Club plays every Wednesday morning. First tee time is 10:00am. Golfers of all levels are welcome. All events are scored on a handicapped basis. An NCGA index is not required. You may use your NCGA index if you have one. If not, we will compute an index for you based on your SIR 9 hole scores. **To sign up for an event**, please call the SIR Branch 116 Golf Club Hot Line, 925-906-5355. State that you want to sign up for the 9 hole event on (give the date). Or, **if you receive our 9 hole golf e-mail announcements**, reply to the e-mail.



Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website is: branch116golf.org

Please bookmark it in your "Favorites" list of websites to access information on the following:

- 2018 Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, and special event facts.

18-Hole Pairings: Shows captains, teams, starting times & handicaps for next event.

- 18-Hole Leaders and Results: Shows results from recent events and leaders in each group.
- Paid-In-Advance Sign-Ups: Shows checks that have been received for the next 3-4 pre-paid outings.

August 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 05	10:00	Pleasanton GC	Marty Katz
Wed. 12	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 19	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 26	10:00	TBD	TBD

August 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 03	9:00	San Ramon	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 10	9:00	San Ramon	Alex Lutkus
Tue. 18		None	
Mon. 24	9:30	Canyon Lakes	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 31	9:30	Chardonnay	Alex Lutkus



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Walnut Creek, CA 94596-5805

Sons In Retirement: A non profit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Rules of Attendance & Membership for SIR Branch 116

RULE 100. A member shall be notified in writing and/or telephone by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership should he be responsible for any of the following:

- Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.
- Did not attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.
- All legitimate alternatives to termination shall be explored. The member's response may suggest an alternative to termination such as inactive status.

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. Individual Branches may limit the number of make-ups during a 12-month period.

Non Responsibility Declaration

RULE 345: All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

Checks for Trips

Trips of 2 days and 1 night or less may be made payable to the Branch conducting the trip. Trips in excess of 1 night must be made payable to the travel agency involved.