



The Rooster Crows!

The Scoop from the Coop

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TIME FOR FUN IN THE SUN!!

TIME FOR SIR!!

June has always been one of my favorite months. Summer is here. Time for going outside and having fun in the sun. The joy from being outside with nature and our friends is one of the true joys of life in California! And that is exactly what our branches provide. Let's enjoy summer and live our SIR lifestyle to its fullest.

And don't forget to invite others to our activities. Once they get a taste of our activities and our lifestyle, they will want to join. More members make for stronger activities, more energy in the branch and more hands to help. In fact, the new members you admit this summer will likely be your branch leaders of tomorrow.

What a dynamic "win / win / win" situation. New members gain activities and friendships through their new SIR lifestyle, living longer fuller lives. On the other hand, branch members gain greater participation in activities, more friends and more to help. As a result, the branch becomes stronger, securing our lifestyle for the future. So have fun this summer and share that fun with others by inviting them.

Also this summer, plan to visit a branch as you travel. Just find the Big Sir of the branch on our website and contact him to make the necessary arrangements. You will love the friendships you develop when you visit a new branch. And they will love getting to know you. If you need help with arrangements, let me know.

From State SIR:

Time To Change
The Passwords for
the State SIR
websites. Yes, we
have a new
password for
sirinc.org and for the
member only tab.

Under the guidance
of our CIO, both
have changed for
security purposes.

While the new
passwords are now
effective, the old
ones will continue to
work until the end of
June.

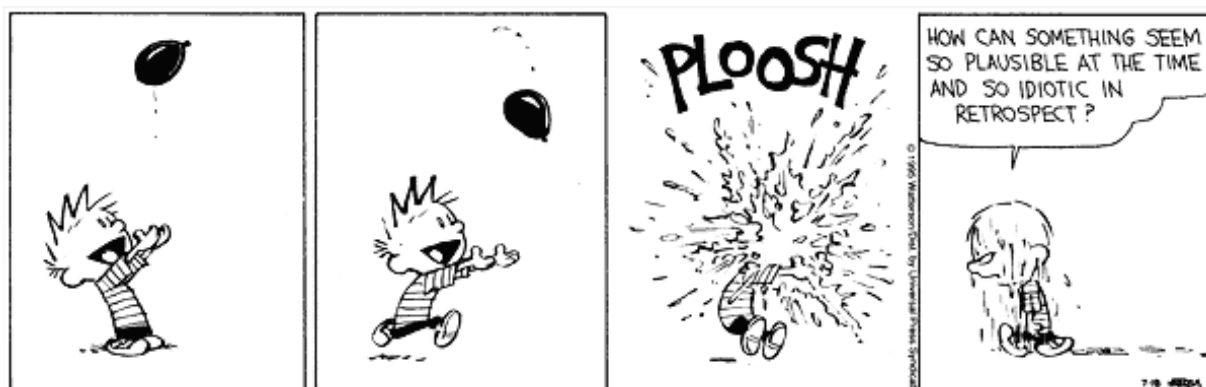
Please get a copy of
the new passwords
from your Area
Representative, Big
Sir or simply contact
me and I'll make
sure you get them.



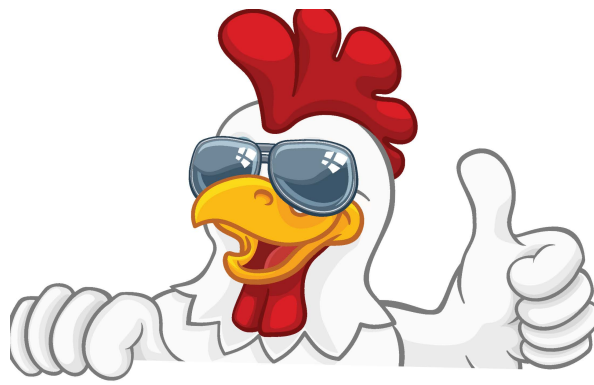
Take another look at the SIR Pro Shop and see all of the wonderful products that are available. Everything is there: shirts, pants, hats, signage, marketing materials, business cards, awards, stationary and much more. Check it out!

The PRO SHOP

CHECK IT OUT!



The feelings from
SIR Friendships



As issues arise within the branches, we necessarily review our policies and make adjustments. Some of these policy changes are required by law such as our new policy pertaining to conflict of interest disclosures. Others address officer responsibilities such as our new policy relative to branch directors. But it is the change in Policy 20, which directly impacts branch activities, that I want to ensure you know about.

The need to reconsider Policy 20 was brought to our attention by several branches. Concerns were expressed about the 3 time/5 time limit on guest attendance at our activities. Do they apply to family members? What about a long time nonmember participant who is central to the activity? What about a woman guest who can't join? How does it apply to joint activities with non-SIR groups?

These inquiries from multiple branches required careful consideration. We listened to the concerns expressed by them, their needs and their suggestions. We evaluated their suggestions in the light of the diversity of our communities and changing society. Our evaluation led to important changes to the now amended policy that will guide us into the future. These changes are set forth below in red.

Policy 20. MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA – Membership shall be open to any man regardless of age, race, color, or religion who will participate in SIR activities, events, luncheon meetings, and is also willing to volunteer and bring guests for the purpose of perpetuating the organization. Except as set forth below, a guest may attend a Branch's activities, luncheons or events a total of three times. **For purposes of this policy, a member's relative as defined in Policy 19, is not a "guest" and can participate without limitation. The Big Sir may, in his discretion, either directly or through his activity chair, allow non-members to participate in SIR activities, events and luncheon meetings without the requirement that they become a member of SIR. Finally, branch members can participate in joint activities with other groups provided (i) the activity has been approved by the BEC prior to participation and (ii) it is suggested that the member wear some article of clothing identifying their membership in SIR.** [key changes in red]

We have:

1. Clarified that family members are not guests.
2. Given the Big Sir the discretion to allow nonmembers to participate in SIR activities of the branch.
3. Authorized joint activities with other groups.



What is the difference between a raffle and a door prize?

Raffle: A raffle is a type of lottery in which people pay for a chance to win prizes, typically by purchasing a ticket or making a donation. If any form of payment (including a required donation or purchase) is necessary to enter, the event is considered a raffle and is subject to strict California regulations, including registration and the requirement that at least 90% of proceeds benefit charitable purposes. [See SIR Manual, Policy 30.](#)

Door Prize: A "door prize" is not a raffle if no payment is required to participate. If tickets are distributed freely to all attendees, and everyone has an equal chance to win the event is not classified as a raffle under California law.



LOOSE PARTS: By Dave Blazek

