



# The Rooster Crows!

## The Scoop from the Coop

November 2025

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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

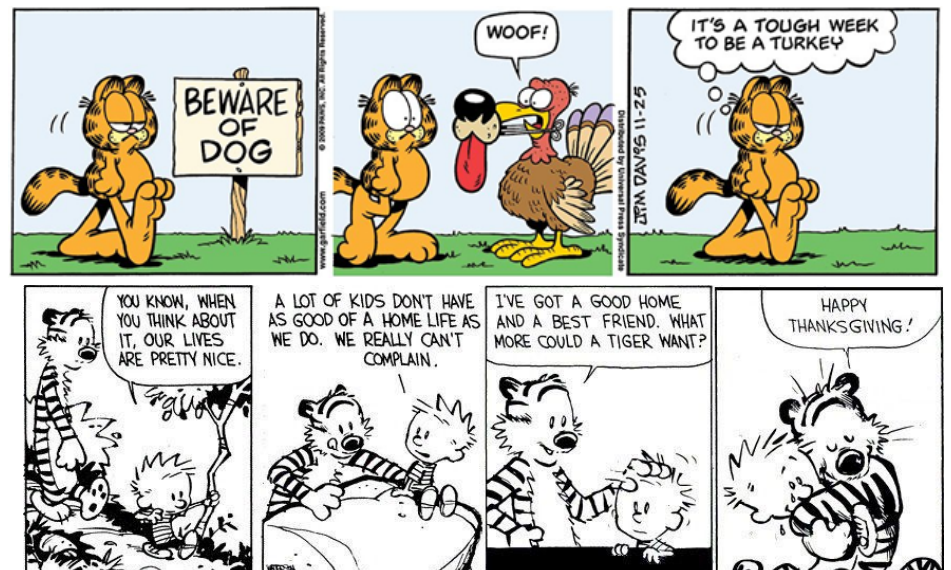
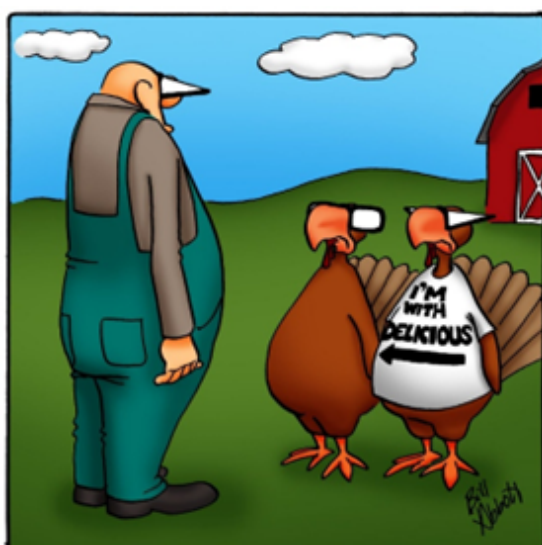


It is hard for me to believe we are already in November. November is a special month which displays Nature's beauty as we see the colors of Fall, albeit perhaps a little faded. We feel the crispness in the air and the rejuvenation of Winter rains.

But the best part of the month for me is Thanksgiving, one of my favorite holidays. It is not because of the traditional or the non-traditional Thanksgiving Feast or the football games. It is because it is a time when we pause and think of the many things that bless our lives and for which we are thankful. I'm thankful for my family, and the life and peace which we have been afforded. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all those who have made this possible: Among others, to our family, our friends, our military, our police, our teachers, our churches, our doctors, our leaders, our employers, our retail and grocery stores and all those men and women who work, and have worked and sacrificed, in those organizations. While we aren't immune to difficulties and problems, they are dwarfed by the misery which abounds today in the world. Yes, Thanksgiving is a time to ponder and recognize the many blessings we have and the people who have sacrificed to enable them.

And yes, I am thankful for SIR which facilitates our activity, provides opportunities for service and growth, brings joy and fun while satisfying our social needs and providing lifetime friendships. SIR allows us to enjoy life longer in a dignified but fun and rewarding manner. Thank you SIR.

**Yes, I love Thanksgiving!!!**





What did the turkey say when he met the President? Pardon me.

What do you call a turkey the day after Thanksgiving? Lucky.



If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims!

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter? Pumpkin pi!

ACTIVITIES mean FUN!

One of the primary goals of SIR is for our members to have fun! So, I thought it appropriate to look at the many activities that are available in our branches. The below chart was put together under the direction of Lee Lamb in 2024 and shows the top fifty activities and the number of branches offering them at the time. The chart likely doesn't show all of our activities or the total number of branches now offering them but it is an excellent overview of what is offered.

Why is this information important you ask:

- First, to show the variety of the activities offered and the number of branches offering them.
- Second, to provide you information if you would like to create new fun activities for your branch members. If you see one or more activities you would like to have, simply contact our State Director of Activities, Michael Lee, and let him know. He can connect you with the activity chair or Big Sir of branches with that activity and they will give you invaluable guidance on how to organize and run the activity so it will be successful. Talk about a time saver!!
- Third, in working with Michael, you may find that the better solution for your members will be to coordinate with a successful branch and create a joint activity with them.
- Finally, your members can individually benefit from the information. For example, if you have a member planning a trip who loves kayaking, he may want to contact a branch offering kayaking and arrange to join them at their activity.

So many more possibilities for having with SIR!! Let's take advantage of them.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY LLOYD!!!



2026 STATE GOLF TOURNAMENTS

- April 22-23. Napa "Spring Fling" at Chardonnay and Eagle Vines Golf courses
- May 20-21 Fairfield "Fun in Fairfield" Paradise Valley and Rancho Solano courses
- June 24-25 Vallejo "Springs Eternal" Blue Rock Springs East and West courses

2026 STATE TRAVEL

- Australia/New Zealand Jan 7 - 25, 2026
- Cuba – March 12- 2026
- South Korea & Japan April 1 - 26, 2026
- Great Lakes and Niagara Falls, May 3-11, 2026
- Christmas on the Danube Nov. 27-Dec. 8, 2026

Activity	# of Branches	Activity	# of Branches
1 Golf-18	65	26 Volunteering	5
2 Bowling	46	27 Classic Cars	3
3 Bocce Ball	38	28 Photography	4
4 Wine Tasting	25	29 Day Trips	3
5 Dining-out	21	30 Games	3
6 Fishing	19	31 Golf-9	3
7 Cards	18	32 Happy Hour	3
8 Travel	21	33 Horseshoes	3
9 Hiking	15	34 Movies	3
10 Book Club	14	35 Bingo	2
11 Cycling	11	36 Chess	2
12 Pickleball	11	37 Gardening	2
13 Poker	11	38 Kayaking	2
14 Walking	11	39 Lunch-Outing	2
15 Book Exch	8	40 Mtn Biking	2
16 Pool-Billiards	8	41 Picnic	2
17 Bridge	7	42 Theater Club	2
18 Holiday Party	6	43 Wood Working	2
19 Nights-Out	7	44 Cooking	1
20 Personal Finance	7	45 e-Bike	1
21 Technology	7	46 Exercise	2
22 Beer Tasting	6	47 History Club	1
23 Breakfast	5	48 Ladies Day	2
24 Coffee Group	6	49 Dinner Club	4
25 RV	7	50 Other	15

Spread the word. We have fun. We make friends. We are active. We are happy. We help each other. We live longer. WE Are SIR!



Big/Little SIR Annual Training Session 2  
Friday Nov 7 8:30-11:30am

- Navigating the SIR Web Site-Jim Gragg
- \*SIR Policies/Forms Overview
- Running your Branch:
  - \*Membership Form 20- Jeff Chin
  - \* Financials Tax/State Filings Form 28,29-Carl Mason
  - \*Insurance Forms 8,63, 64 -Craig Hoffhines
- Schedule of Branch Operations-John Farcich
- Getting Ready for your 1<sup>st</sup> BEC and Lunch Meeting – Nick Feimer
- Q and A

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