

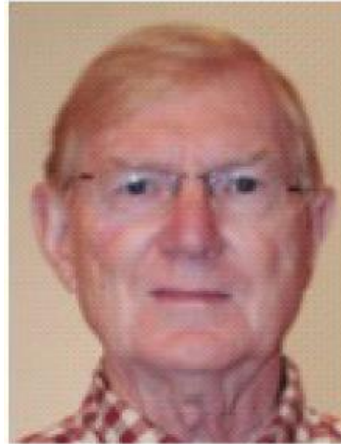
Mount Diablo Branch 8 Obituary Notices

The Membership Secretary will publish notices of the death of a Branch member as that information becomes known. Services, if any, will be listed in this document and email notices of the services will be made to the membership. A member's date of death, date of induction into Branch 8, city of residence, partner, Branch roles and interests will be listed.

Obituary notices will be listed by date of death and will remain on the Branch website for the one calendar year.

SIR Bill Barnard

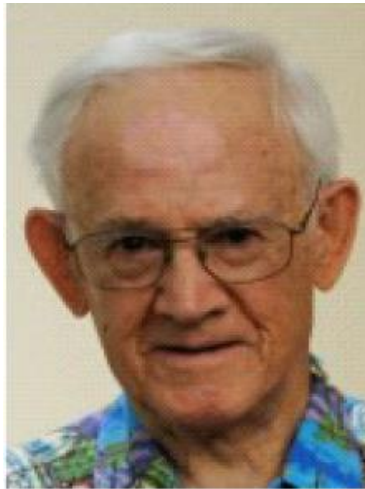
December 21, 1935-February 6, 2022



Field	Description
Inducted	3/2/2002 19+++++ YEAR MEMBER
Partner	Nancy Barnard
Veteran	US Army, 1959-1960
Residence	Walnut Creek
Deceased	2/6/2022
Service	3PM March 12 Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church 49 Knox Dr Lafayette, CA
Roles	Membership Secretary 2010-2011
Interests	Astronomy BBQ Bargain Bites Bargain Wine Computers and Technology Dine Out 1 Genealogy Sirs in the Garden

SIR Jack Holzinger

October 8, 1924-February 25, 2022



Field	Description
Inducted	1/2/1994 28 YEAR MEMBER
Partner	
Veteran	US Army Force, 1942-1946
Residence	Walnut Creek
Deceased	2/25/2022
Service	Pending as is obituary
Interests	18 Hole Golf Travel Woodworking

SIR Harry Hubinger

December 6, 1927-June 9, 2022



Field	Description
Inducted	10/2/1999 22.7 YEAR MEMBER
Partner	Barbara Hubinger
Veteran	US Navy 1946-1950
Residence	Danville
Deceased	6/9/2022
Service	Service and Obituary pending
Roles	Little Sir 2001 Big Sir 2002 Director 2003-2005
Interests	Duplicate Bridge

SIR Richard Bal

June 6, 1939-November 6, 2022



Field	Description
Inducted	8/2/2001 21 YEAR MEMBER
Partner	Adriene Bal
Veteran	no
Residence	Walnut Creek
Deceased	11/6/2022
Service	Service and Obituary pending
Roles	Director 2006 Member, Member Relation Comm. 2013-19 Member, Nominating Comm. 2014-2019 Member, New Mbr Follow-up 2014-2019
Interests	Bargain Bites Sirs in the Garden Wine Cellar Fillers Fishing

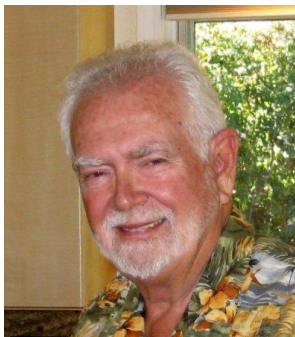
SIR Ed Benson

October 24, 1939-November 20, 2022

Ed grew up in Oakland and San Leandro. He first attended Cal, which graciously chewed him up and spit him out. Ed got his act together by attending the College of San Mateo, and graduated with not one, but two degrees from San Jose State University, both a BS and MS in business administration.

Ed's career started in the human resource field, where he moved around a bit, ending back in the Bay Area when he worked for Bechtel. Ed became a management consultant and ended the last 12 years of his 42-year career as an independent consultant. His consulting specialties included employee/executive compensation, opinion surveys, culture change, strategy development and implementation, customer service improvement and executive coaching. Witnessing Ed's direct, no-nonsense style of communication, one can envision how his customers appreciated his "street-smart" business wisdom and willingness to try something new.

Ed was married to Ms. Donna Magee. He leaves one daughter and two grandsons who live in the Cleveland area. His hobbies included cooking, playing with his collector cars, finding cheap wine, San Jose State University, SIR and Branch 8.



When Ed came to Branch 8, he jumped right in. We knew him as the guy with the endless supply of Hawaiian shirts and who always wore shorts. Ed started the Member Relations Committee and served as a Director, Little Sir and Big Sir. At the SIR State level, Ed was the Area Governor of Area 2, then the Region 6 Region Director, the State Chairman for Growth and Membership, becoming the State SIR President. Ed participated; he rarely missed a luncheon including as he dealt with the rigors of his cancer; attended many social activities. Ed initiated and chaired the highly successful Sirs in the Kitchen that functioned up until the pandemic. Here, he had to have Ms.

Donna's support as there were up to 30 guys trooping through their home. Thom Watkins wrote "A Toast to Ed and Donna", which was published in the July 2022 Hotline; it best describes this activity. It's worth rereading at this time. Finally, to quote Ed, "As I've said many times, I love SIR and our branch. It's changed my life and Ms. Donna's too."

Our guys have remembrances, too. To include a few:

In 2005, former Big Sir Harry Hubinger told me about this new guy (Ed) he was bringing into the Sirs that was a leader. As our branch Activity Coordinator, I was very interested. Of course, at that time new members needed to attend a few lunches before being accepted into the organization. It turns out he was to become one of our most prominent leaders. He has helped keep SIR alive in so many ways, whether at the branch, regional and state levels. At the branch level, the idea of a men's cooking group was new. However, under Ed's leadership, it has been one of our branch's most successful activities. Ed should be remembered as "Mr. Sir", for his many involvements in keeping SIR active and alive. Rest in Peace Ed and thanks for being a good friend. – Don Atwater, Big Sir 2001

Words can't express what SIR Ed meant to SIR. He was always promoting and working for us. I visited him the week before he died. The first thing he said to me, "how is the Branch doing?" We lost a good friend and mentor to many of us. He served as State SIR President, Big Sir, Little Sir and chaired and started many activities. He will be missed. – Ron Cassano, Big Sir

There is no one in Branch 8, no one in the SIR organization, who worked harder to grow the name and population of SIR, than Ed Benson. When he was Little SIR in 2014, Ed never missed an Orientation session and always told his story to new our members: "When I retired, I had no men friends, none! Joining Branch 8 absolutely saved my life. Now, I have male companionship, men I can laugh with, cook with, garden with, have fun with, I am alive because of SIR". "Make Friends for Life", that was my friend, Ed Benson. – Dave Perkins

I don't remember when I first met Ed, but once he came into my life things got much busier and better. One of the times was in Concord in late 2014 when a group of us decided to have lunch at DJ's Bistro, a small restaurant/bar establishment that served good German food and beer. Afterwards we were talking and Ed said we should start an activity and go out to eat at less expensive restaurants. Plenty of Chinese, Thai places etc. We can start with DJ's. What do we want to call it? A few names were kicked around and we came up with "BARGAIN BITES". "That's great", Ed said, "I'll be the chair, and Ron, you can be the Asst. Chair". Well, I think it was before the week was out, Ed called and said Ron, I'm going to be the Big Sir next year (2015) and I'm really not going to have time for a new activity. You can take over the activity and I have an Asst Chair lined up for you, Ron Maciak. (Bargain Bites started on November 25, 2014 with a dinner the Tuesday before Thanksgiving at DJ's Bistro in Concord. It was sold out. The trend continued in 2015 and has been going strong ever since-- thanks to Ed for pushing us into it.

He had his fingers in the start-up of more new Activities than we will ever know about. A couple of Wine Tasting Groups, Dine in Group, and more. And he was always involved and a participant. Of course, his baby, and one of the best Activities in all of SIR was "SIRs in the Kitchen". I remember that Dan Franklin and I were relegated to "Garlic Bread" duty for several months. Everyone who participated enjoyed it. A lot of thought, planning and effort went into every month's meal. And they were outstanding and always a good time. Brought in a lot of new members.

Too many more memories of Ed to recount. I'll miss him – Ron Smith, Big Sir 2006


A legend has passed. I want to call him MR. SIR. Ed was Chairman of many Branch 8 activities, Little SIR, Big SIR and then State President for 3 terms! Ed was my friend and mentor. Ed had a plan to replace the SIR pamphlet handed out at farmers markets and senior centers with a DVD describing the benefits of Branch 8. We produced an 8-minute DVD video that's been distributed for years. We shortened the video and made it SIR generic. Now, all branches utilize this tool to recruit new members. Over the years, I have co-produced a handful of state training videos for SIR at Ed's request. Ed, my friend, you will be missed. Rest in peace. – Chuck Joyce, former Hotline Coordinator

Field	Description
Inducted	11/14/2005 17 YEAR MEMBER
Partner	Donna Magee
Veteran	no
Residence	Walnut Creek
Deceased	11/20/2022
Service	Service ashes at sea in spring of 2023 and Obituary above
Roles	<p>State President -2 years, held various state roles including Chairmen State Growth and Membership and as well as area and regional governor positions</p> <p>Created the branch Member Relation Committee and served as Chairmen and member five years</p> <p>Chairmen of the Nominations Committee (2yrs), Speaker Committee (2yrs) and Recruitment Committee (3yrs)</p> <p>Big Sir</p> <p>Little Sir</p> <p>Director (4 yrs)</p> <p>Honorary Life Member, 2017</p>
Interests	<p>Sir in the Kitchen, Head Chef- 10+ years</p> <p>Sirs at the opera/Ballet</p> <p>BBQ-Asst Chairmen/chief recruiter</p> <p>Started Bargain Bites, Bargain Wines, Cellar Fillers and Wind Finds</p> <p>Poker</p> <p>Dine in</p> <p>Dine Out 1 and 2</p> <p>Member Mixer</p> <p>Car Enthusiasts</p> <p>Podcasts</p>

SIR Burt Baker

February 10, 1940 -December 5, 2022



Field	Description
Inducted	4/11/2016 6+ YEAR MEMBER
Partner	Kathleen Heaps-Baker
Veteran	U S Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, 1966-1988, Captain 
Residence	Walnut Creek
Deceased	12/6/2022
Service	Service and Obituary pending
Interests	Sirs in the Garden Car Enthusiasts Book Group

SIR Dan Franklin

September 2, 1926 – February 6, 2023



Lafayette, California

Dan passed away peacefully in his apartment in Merrill Gardens, Lafayette.

Dan survived his wife of 60 years Marilyn Franklin.

Born in Kansas City, Dan lived a full and amazing life. Dan enlisted in the Navy at 16 years old in 1942 with a desire to fight Germany. At just 17 years old, Dan's service to his country brought him to the shores of Omaha Beach on D-Day. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in February 1946, at the age of 19. His service resulted in many medals and letters of commendation for his service, notably the Legion of Honor - known as "Chevalier (Knight) of the Légion d'Honneur" the highest award bestowed by the French government, which was presented to Dan by Senator Nancy Pelosi in 2013.

Initially resuming work at a florist shop in Kansas City, Dan decided to look for a different occupation.

Through help of friends, family and the local Jewish Federation, Dan started what was to be a 43 year career in the paper distribution business. Though lacking a high school diploma, his career advanced with moves to Dallas, Chicago and finally Moraga, CA, ending his career as vice-president of a multi-billion-dollar corporation.

He is survived by son Barry (Gail) Franklin of Roseville, daughter Mindy (Robert) Becker of Moraga, son Jeffrey Franklin of Lafayette, and son Michael (Lisa) Franklin of Lake Forest, IL, 11 Grandchildren, 2 Great Grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life for family and friends will be scheduled. Donations can be made to Suncrest Hospice or Hospice of the East Bay.

Field	Description
Inducted	1/9/2006 17+ YEAR MEMBER
Partner	Marilyn Franklin, deceased wife of 60 years
Veteran	Dan was a WWI veteran and received medals for his actions on Omaha Beach on D-Day, including the Legion of Honor, the highest award from France.
Residence	Lafayette
Deceased	2/6/2023
Service	A Celebration of Life for family and friends will be scheduled
Interests	Poker

SIR Pete Kiernan

December 24, 1945 - early January, 2023



Field	Description
Inducted	10/8/2012 10+ YEAR MEMBER
Residence	Concord
Deceased	Early January 2023
Service	Unknown
Interests	Hikers

Membership was notified by Pete's daughter that he had passed.