



RAM BULLETIN
Retired Active Men, Inc.
San Luis Obispo Branch #2
Website: retiredactivemen.org



NOVEMBER LUNCHEON
At The Madonna Inn

The November Luncheon is on November 16, 2021 at the Madonna Inn. Members can check-in from 11:00a to 11:25a and we will be called to order at 11:30a. \$26.00. The presenter will be **Brad Parkinson**, Edward Wells Professor, Emeritus, Aeronautics and Astronautics (Recalled), Co-Director Stanford Center for Position, Navigation and Time, Stanford University. Brad will discuss *The Mars Helicopter*.

Luncheon Reservations
Rich Pescatore

Now that we are back to Madonna Inn for Luncheons, Ernie's Big RAM Bleat has a reminder about how reservations are handled and the commitment to pay for it. The rule is:

If a member makes a reservation for a Luncheon and does not attend the Luncheon, that member is responsible for the cost of the Luncheon and is expected to pay for it. Not paying will bar the member from attending future luncheons.

Why so strict a rule? By necessity. The cost of the lunch to a member is \$26.00 and the cost to SLO RAM is \$25.32. There is not enough difference to even pay for one person who does not show up and has a reservation. And there is a speaker's lunch, which we do pay for. We have a very tight budget. Also, **it would be helpful if everyone checked in by 11:25 AM**, so that those manning the sign-in table could join us for the start of the luncheon.

COFFEE CABINET
Steve Bennett



The Coffee Cabinet is held at the Madonna Inn in the Garden Room. We continue to meet in-person though this may change as the COVID situation changes. Meetings are open to all RAM members and invited guests. Meetings are held every Thursday. They are called to order at 8:30am and adjourned at 9:30 am. The fee to attend is \$5.00 to cover expenses.

Please visit our website to see recordings of past meetings: retiredactivemen.org.

November Coffee Cabinet Programs

November 4, 2021 – Scott Collins, City Manager, Morro Bay. Scott will discuss the *Proposed Battery Storage Plant, Morro Bay*.

November 11, 2021 – Eric Brun, Lt. Col (ret), U.S. Army. He will present *They Faced the Rising Sun – the Patriots Who Defended the Central Coast in 1942*.

November 18, 2021 – Gael Mueller, Weaver. Gael will present *Antarctica to Ireland*.

November 25, 2021 – Thanksgiving, no meeting.

BIG RAM BLEAT
Ernie Dossa

Finally....."Rain drops keep falling on my head"...Let's hope it clears the air and our minds. The holidays are right around the corner, and there are just a few things we need to cover.

I want to relay **Terry Whittaker's comments on reservations:** As of 10:00 A.M. on the Friday prior to the monthly Luncheon, all reservations reported are set in stone. We are committed to pay for the number of reservations that are reported to the Madonna Inn on that Friday morning. Terry is still able to add reservations to the count until 10:00 A.M. on Monday prior to the luncheon. Remember, it is your responsibility to pay for your lunch if you make the commitment to attend.

The **Holiday Gala:** Rich Hendrickson has been doing a great job getting it organized. See his comments in the bulletin. Should be a great event.

The **Membership Committee** will be presenting ideas on building the membership and the relationship between the Coffee Cabinet and the luncheon. The good news is we are having a boost in new memberships! Many great ideas are being presented. We will keep you all informed as we proceed forward.

Be safe as we travel to see loved ones over the next two months. To those going south (lexophile): When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A. Ernie

GREETER COMMITTEE
Bill Woodson

The powers that be have determined we need to be more welcoming and informative at the door. To test this, we will implement a "GREETER" pilot program for the months of November and December. The objective is to have an informative, receptive face at the door to be helpful, especially to first timers. As an added incentive to attract potential members, there will be a free CC coffee for first time potential SLORAM attendees. Also, there will be a free CC coffee for above's accompanying SLORAM Sponsor. So, all you SLORAM out there, bring in that colleague, and make us all look good.

Want to be a "GREETER"? Contact Bill Woodson @ (805)748-9220.

RAM OFFICER AND BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2022
Ernie Dossa

We will hold a membership vote at the November luncheon for the Officers and Directors for 2022.

2022 OFFICER POSITION NOMINATIONS

Big RAM	Rich Hendrickson
Little RAM	Brad Parkinson
Secretary	Steve Lumm
Asst Secretary	Ken Lann
Treasurer	Richard Pescatore
Asst Treasurer	Bill Fieldhouse

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

Position 1	Dick Adams
Position 2	Phil Keys
Position 3	Hank Campbell
Position 4	Jerry Larson
Position 5	Ernie Dossa
-2021 Big RAM	
Position 6	Bob Lever
-Membership Committee Chair	
Position 7	Steve Bennett
-Coffee Cabinet Chair	

HOLIDAY GALA – RESERVATIONS OPEN
Rich Hendrickson

Reservations are now open for the annual RAM Holiday Gala on December 21st this year. Gather your monthly luncheon or weekly coffee mates together for a table at the Gala – we will have six or eight place tables. Or plan for you alone or you and your partner and let Roger Eberhardt assign you and yours to an engaging afternoon with RAM friends, music, a three-course dinner including roast sirloin and German Chocolate Cake, and the upbeat and charming personality of illusionist-mentalists Derek Hood mixing breathtaking illusions and mindreading for a one-of-a-kind

experience that you will never forget. The Gala will be held in Madonna Inn's elegant Gay 90's banquet room, gaily decorated for the holidays, with cash bar beginning at 11:00am.

Roger Eberhardt will handle your reservation at the regular luncheon price of \$26/person (prepaid by check. Payable to RAM Branch #2), by mail to Roger Eberhardt, 4955 Caballeros Ave, San Luis Obispo 93401 or find Roger at one of our Madonna Inn RAM activities. Early reservations will be seated at tables nearest to the stage – to uncover the slight-of-hand (or catch the twinkle of our MC, Big RAM Ernie Dossa's eye). Address questions to Little RAM Rich Hendrickson at 805-787-0707 or at hendcmpnd@gmail.com. Thank you for your participation in our RAM club. For your safety and those of all participants, please be advised that *we currently require all attendees to be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus; your certification will be taken at check-in.*

RECRUITING COMMITTEE

Bob Lever

I am pleased with our RAM members' response to the Committee's recruiting suggestions. Outreach efforts are paying off with an increase in membership! Please continue spreading the word and distributing recruiting pamphlets and cards to friends, neighbors and social organizations about SLO RAMs.

In January, we will start our RAM ads (Jan-April) and notify various media outlets of our speaker schedule which, hopefully, will result in more new members. Should you have questions or need assistance, please contact one of the Committee members or email me. Bob Lever, Chair - rlever@charter.net, Ernie Dossa, Alan Henderson, Phil Keys, and Ed Benson.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Steve Lumm

A SLO RAM Executive Committee meeting was held on October 5th. Highlights from this meeting include:

- The committee accepted the resignation of Harry Sharp, with thanks for his many years of contributions, and appointed Steve Bennett as Director, with responsibility for Coffee Cabinet.
- Treasurer's Report - Rich Pescatore, Treasurer, reported that the bank balance is \$4318. Rich is working a budget for 2022, to be reviewed and adopted at the January Executive Committee meeting. Also, the Executive Committee reaffirmed the rule that if a member makes a reservation for lunch and does not attend, that member is still expected to pay for the lunch.
- After much discussion on the proposal to combine the Luncheon and Coffee Cabinet as SLO RAM activities, the decision was to create a committee to review the proposals. Subsequent to this meeting, the date for the committee meeting was set as November 8th.
- From a discussion on the role of a member sponsor, it was decided to ask the Membership Committee to create a Sponsor Responsibilities list, for review at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- Rich Hendrickson reported on plans for the Holiday Gala.
- Steve Bennett indicated that Larry Burke will continue as Big Bean for Coffee Cabinet for the rest of the year. He is looking for those interested in being a Big Bean in 2022.

For more information, see the minutes of this meeting posted on the web site.

HIKING GROUP

Bob Mott

RAMs on the Active Hike list will receive a reminder the week before. **PLEASE LET BOB KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO TAKE THIS HIKE: 1-805-748-0573 (cell) or rcmott30@gmail.com**



November Active Hikes

Friday, November 5, 8:30 am – Johnson Ranch, Double Loops, SLO (1 ½ hrs, 3.7 mi., +490 ft elev change) This pleasant, easy hiking venue is a favorite of families. We cross open grasslands with patches of oak woodlands. Each loop rises, descends, then rises again, giving us a cumulative elevation gain of nearly 500 ft, although maximum elevation change is well under 300 ft. Dogs on leash are allowed.

To get There – Take South Higuera St. Before joining US 101 southbound turn right onto Ontario Rd, then right again into the parking lot.

From Arroyo Grande, exit Higuera St, turn left at Cloveridge before the off-ramp joins Higuera, then left again under the freeway, right onto Ontario and right into the parking lot. We will meet at the kiosk.

Friday, November 19, 8:30 am – Ridge Trail to Hazard Peak, Montaña de Oro (2 – 2 ½ hr, 4.6 – 5.4 mi, + 1,000 ft elev change) The trail heads north towards a eucalyptus grove then turns east along a ridge overlooking Islay Creek. Looking back, we see vistas of Spooner Cove, the bluffs, and the dunes. At the top there are 360° views of Morro Bay, the Sandspit, the Morros, West Cuesta Ridge and Montaña de Oro. We may go out and return on the same trail (4.6 mi) or if the group wishes, we may take switchbacks to Islay Creek Rd. on return (5.4 mi).

To Get There – From the entrance to Montaña de Oro St. Park, continue 2.3 mi. to the trailhead on the left. This is about 0.3 mi.

before Park Hq. Travel time from SLO is about 35 minutes.

SLO RAM GOLF

Dave Martindale



SLO RAM Golf meets each Wednesday at the Laguna Lake Golf Course. Players check in at 8:20am for tee off at 8:30am. Regardless of skill level all RAMs and guests are welcome. For information contact Dave Martindale, 1-805-550-6500



RAM TASTERS

Gus Wassel

At the time of this bulletin submission, we hope to have, on November 4th, our annual beer and food event at Roger Eberhardt's home. Roger and his generous assistants will coordinate the meal that accompanies the beer which Roger will select.

Roger and Kathy encourage those attending, and eligible, to have received their booster shots. We should also wear masks when not seated.

As is normal, there will not be a tasting in December.

Participation is available to RAM Tasters members and invited guests when space is available.

RAM DAY TRIPS

Hal Thilmony



Two group outings are in the works but there is not a definite date for either yet. If you are interested in a group led tour of the 5 acre Leaning Pine Arboretum at Cal Poly or a docent led tour of the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art please let me know. I will add your name to the mailing list and update you as soon as an outing is scheduled.

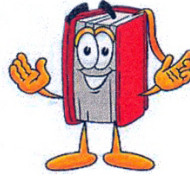
Hal Thilmony (hthilmon@yahoo.com)

If you are interested in participating, contact Ernie Dossa: dossae33@gmail.com.

THE BOOK CLUB

Phil Keys

The RAM Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm. Meetings will be held on Phil Keys' deck until further notice.



November 23rd *Flash Boys: A Wall Street Revolt*
by Michael Lewis. Presenter: Bernie Troy.

From goodreads.com:

"In Michael Lewis's game-changing bestseller, a small group of Wall Street iconoclasts realize that the U.S. stock market has been rigged for the benefit of insiders. They band together—some of them walking away from seven-figure salaries—to investigate, expose, and reform the insidious new ways that Wall Street generates profits. If you have any contact with the market, even a retirement account, this story is happening to you."

December – no meeting in December.

January 25th *The Chimpanzees Who Would Be Ants: The Evolutionary Epic of Humanity*
by Russell M. Genet.

If you are interested in participating in the Book Club Meeting or want to be added to the club's email list, please contact Phil Keys at philk557@gmail.com.

POKER GROUP

Ernie Dossa

With the holidays coming up, the Poker Group is going to play it day by day. They will determine later in November when the next meeting will be occur.



LUNCH BUNCH

Steve Bennett

As we are all aware the pandemic has shut down many Ram activities including the Lunch Bunch. I conducted a poll at the July lunch to determine if there was enough interest to start up the group again and we had ~10 members showing interest which would probably mean we might have as many as 20 attendees (including spouses) in the future. I do not foresee a luncheon for the next several months since guidelines are constantly being updated and the Delta strain is not under control. As soon as it is practical, we will resume. Steve Bennett (805) 556-0359.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Last Name	First Name	Date
Bretting	Joe	11/5
Eberhardt	Roger	11/4
Higgins	Nick	11/13
Price	Larry	11/25
Seeber	Jim	11/1
Tobias	Jim	11/26
Woodson	Bill	11/1

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date	Yrs
Barragar, Steve & Nancy	11/12	32
Burke, Larry & Susan	11/11	29
Parkinson, Brad & Ginny	11/26	44
Short, Stan & Nancy	11/21	34
Sicanoff, Steve & Ilene	11/11	49
Zaretska, Glenn & Judy	11/12	17

CALLER DIRECTORY

Terry Whittaker

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D-F:	Mike Dilallo	805-489-5172
G-I:	Terry Whittaker	805-773-3964
J-L:	David Werner	909-702-8782
M-N:	David Prigge	805-773-3532
P-R:	David Prigge	805-773-3532
S:	Nick Higgins	559-289-1586
T-Z:	Terry Whittaker	805-773-3964

BITS OF WISDOM FROM A PERSON OF NOTE BORN IN NOVEMBER

“The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.”

“There are a terrible lot of lies going about the world, and the worst of it is that half of them are true.”

“I like pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals.”

“If you are going through hell, keep going.”

- Winston Churchill 11/30/1874