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JANUARY

SIR BRANCH 19 NEWSLETTER

ROOSTER TALES



A Non Profit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement



The Segway Program

Jim Heldberg will explain and demonstrate the Personal Transporter Segway PT.

After 10 years, the Scooter once seen as next world - changer finds it has enjoyed a level of success in certain niches, in law enforcement, private security and San Francisco tourism.

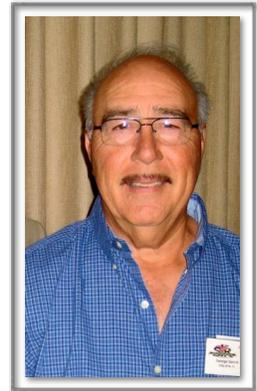


Next Meeting January 5th

*Thursday January 5th in the Contra Costa Room
Social Hour beginning at 11am in the Vineyards Restaurant*

A MESSAGE FROM NEW BIG SIR GEORGE GARCIA

This is my year as your Big Sir. First, let me thank my predecessors for their help and all of you who helped me get here. I've truly enjoyed all the experiences along the way and especially getting to know you better. This year I will work with the BEC and all the membership to make this Branch the best in Area 2. But, I will need your help... get involved with an activity or grow the branch by bringing a guest to lunch and, hopefully, they will become a member.



Last year our branch grew by 28 new members, which exceed the goal of 21 new members. With attrition, the branch netted 15 new members. Attendance at luncheons was an excellent 78.6 percent average.

Last year, the BEC instituted a *Sir of the Year Award*. This award is based on the following criteria; tenure, attendance, contribution to the growth and the betterment of the Branch, such as offices held, participation in branch activities, responsibilities accepted and recruitment of new members. Our 2012 presentation goes to **Bill Stephenson**. Congratulations, Bill !!

We ended our last gathering for 2011 with a wonderful Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon in the Atrium at the Crowne Plaza. It was the biggest turnout we have ever had. Our own X-factor, Jamie Maddox, and his band played and sang to the delight of everyone. Thanks to all who put these festivities together. I would like to make the 2012 luncheon gathering even a bigger success, by getting the women who attend involved with the entertainment. If you or your wife or significant other have any ideas, please send me an e-mail.

I hope your holidays have been blessed and may the coming year be filled with joy for you and your family. Happy New Year !
George Garcia

The Menu for January

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| | <i>Entree</i> | |
| <i>Soup</i> | Chicken Teriyaki | <i>Dessert</i> |
| Thai | or | Vanilla |
| Coconut | Tilapia Teriyaki | Tapioca |
| Curry Soup | w/ Steamed White Rice, Broccoli | Pudding |

Rolls, Water, Coffee and Tea on Tables

The Pledge of Allegiance



will be led by veteran **Gordon Monroe.**

*Served in Navy
Active Duty- 1955-1959
Rank - LTJG*

*Ships - USS George DE-697
- Communications Officer*

*USS Picking DE685
Gunnery Officer*

Birthdays - Two Separate Drawings

December

**Jack Barnaba Casey Campbell Michael Hooper
Jacky Luke Gregg Moore Charles Rodgers Patrick Rotell**

January

**Myron Allen Dennis Barbieri Al Berg Homer Colvin
George Garcia James Handel John Hayes
Bob Hillaker Nelson Luke Ken Peterson John Roebuck
Walter Stephen Don Weimann**

*New
Hotline
Number*

969-7753

Branch 19 Looks Forward to 2012 Activities

Bowling at Clayton Valley Bowl

Time sure flies by when you're having fun! January 4th, 2012, is the end of the 1st half already. There are four teams within one game of each other for the first half winners. Great scores are being shot by (of course) **Gary Kaufmann** 290 game high in league who is averaging over 220, Jim Willey 302 high handicap game and **Dan Weller** 268, **Ralph Dorsey** 279 game 769 series, and **Tom Baker** has a high handicap series of 740. Many are burning up the lanes and some are swimming up stream for their averages. So nice to have **Jaime Maddox** and **Ron Gagliardi** back from their injuries., 7 teams, 28 bowlers strong, still looking for that 8th team, be great to have some start the New Year out Bowling with us in the second half. Looks as though the Guzzlers are having a little to much fun or maybe it is the aiming fluid they are bringing up the seller dwellers!
Have a Nice Day & A Great New Year,
Sir Mike Kropf
925-689-1453

Golf Schedule

January 3 - Boundary Oak
7:30 First Tee Time

Winter Lone Tree Schedule

**January 10th, January 24th,
February 7th, February 21st,
March 6th, March 20th**

Note: Alternate Tuesdays are open for individual groups to arrange tee times at various courses of their choice.

Marvin Terrell - 689-7964

Nine Hole Group

Every Monday 9:00 AM
alternating Buchanan Fields,
Pine Meadow and Diablo Hills
Steve McMurdo - 687-6271

Bowling at Diablo Lanes

By the time you read this we will have completed the first half of the 2011-2012 SIR Area 2 Bowling League (January 4)! We will be able to report on the first half standings next month. If you have been hesitating about joining the league, now would be the perfect time (well, maybe September would have been "perfect" but you know what I mean!) to do so. All members of any Branch in Area 2 are welcome.

Several of our bowlers, Sir **Tony DeBello**, Sir **Lloyd West** and Sir **John Zotti**, have been on "injured reserve" and had to miss a few games but will be back for the second half stronger than ever.

I look forward to reporting the results of the first half next month. Interested in joining us? Sir **John Carl** is the Branch 19 Bowling Chair and can field your questions (827-2444).

The League hopes you had a wonderful Holiday season and wishes you a healthful and prosperous New Year. Let's make a New Year's resolution to get back on the lanes **Sir Dean Lucas**

Know Your Fellow Sir- Jack Barnaba & Marvin



Jack Barnaba Hi fellow SIRs. I was born in Jersey City in December, 1947. While in

first grade my parents bought a home in the small town of Waldwick, NJ where my younger brother Jim, sister Deb and I all grew up through high school. It was a nice time to be in a small town. I then attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA (this was the farthest I had ever been from home, 100 miles). I graduated with a BS in Industrial Engineering in 1970. My wife, Michelle, and I married that year and moved to Glen Rock, NJ. I went to work as an IE for Colgate Palmolive at their manufacturing plant in Jersey City on the Hudson River. This was directly across the river from the construction of the World Trade Center towers. In 1975, we bought our first home in Mahwah, NJ and started a family with son Keith, closely followed by daughter Tracy.

We transferred with CP from the Home Office in NYC to the Berkeley plant in 1978. We expected to spend a couple of years here and then transfer back to the east coast. Instead, in 1980 Clorox came along and we became northern Californians. We have lived in Concord since 1978 except for two years (85-86). We spent that time in Fort Atkinson, WI making Moore's frozen onion rings and appetizers. It was a fun business for engineers. Clorox was a terrific place to work. I was there for 27 years and most of the nine positions I had were brand new when I moved into them. After a career that had me logging over two million miles in the air, I retired in 2007 as VP of Applied Technology.

Our kids are married and live locally. We have two grandchildren, JP who is five and Sydney who is two plus. We are fortunate that we can spend lots of time with them. It certainly keeps us young.

I ran into **Bill Stephenson**, who I had known for many years, and Jim Randall at jury duty in 2007. They told me about the SIRs and invited me to lunch. I decided to give it a try. I am very pleased that I did. We have a great bunch of guys. By the way, I do enjoy playing an occasional round of golf.



Know Your Sir - Marvin Terrell

Born **Marvin James Terrell**, February 24, 1940, in Littlefield, Texas.

With three kids in tow my mom and dad moved to San Francisco, California in 1942. We lived in the Bernal Heights area until we moved to Concord in the summer of 1949. While in San Francisco my mom had three more kids. Now there were three of us born in Texas and three born in California, three boys and three girls.

I graduated from Mount Diablo High School in 1957, and soon went to work at the Beacon gas station on Galindo and Cowell in Concord. Sometime during 1959 a young lady with her girlfriends came in for gas. That was when I met Judith Ann Atwood. We were married at the St. Mary's church in Concord on August 20, 1960. Our son was born on March 7, 1964. His name is James Andrew Terrell.

I thought I would be a gas jockey, but fate stepped in and in 1961, while out of work, my dad said I should join the Carpenters Apprenticeship. I soon found out carpenter work came to me very easy.

In 1965 I became the first apprentice carpenter in our area to be in the Northern California Apprenticeship Contest. While in Monterey I was asked to become a member of the local union Executive Board. In 1968 I was elected as trustee and served until 1981. During that time I served as interim president, vice president, and recording secretary. I was the youngest carpenter to serve on the Executive Board. I was elected to be an assistant business representative in 1977. Again I was the youngest carpenter to serve as a representative. My boss in 1979 asked me to get involved in the politics of Contra Costa County. Like being a carpenter, this also was easy for me. In 1989 I was elected as senior business representative of the local County. One year later I oversaw the entire county. I retired from the position in 1994. I received an Associates degree from Golden Gate University in 1987. During those years I served on the Parks and Recreation Commission of Concord from 1981 until 1989.

In 1984 I was sponsored to run with the Olympic torch through Walnut Creek, a total of five miles. My sponsor was Senator Alan Cranston. After retiring in 1994, my older brother and I hiked up Mount Whitney to 14,495 feet altitude. He was 60, I was 54.

I served on the advisory board to the city of Concord from 1987-1988 and recommended the rezoning of downtown Concord. In 1989 I was appointed to the Contra Costa County planning commission. I have served as Chair and Vice Chair. In October of 2011 I was honored to be named Commissioner of the Year by the California County Planning Commissioner's Association.

I have served as an advisor to the Mount Diablo District School Board concerning excess land from 1990 -1991. I was a panelist for Leadership Contra Costa from 2005 to 2008. I belonged to the Sheriffs Posse from 1987 to 1994. I was a member of the Contra Costa Food Bank from 1992 to 1993. I was appointed to the Northern California Carpenters trust fund from 1990 to 1994.

I became the Golf Chair for SIR Branch 19 in 2008. I am still serving you as the chairman. In 2010 I was elected as a Board member of Sir Branch 19.

Area 2 Activities

Sums in Retirement

The Area 2 Sums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday January 25, 2012 at 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our guest speaker **Tom Kopas** returns again this year to present "Market Outlook 2012 – Is the Cyclical Bull Market for Stocks Over?" Tom will deliver an update to Pring Turner Capital Group's secular and cyclical outlook for stocks, bonds and commodities. Packed with fresh new material based on their unique, internationally recognized research, this presentation will answer many topical questions, including: What's ahead for the Economy? Are We in a Recession or Not? Is the Cyclical Bull Market for Stocks Over? What are the Long-Term Themes for Profitable Opportunities? Mr. Kopas is a familiar and

popular speaker to Sums in Retirement, having been invited to speak each year since 2001. Tom will discuss what asset allocation decisions will bring investors profitably through this cycle, and where the risks and opportunities are for investors now and in the coming months and years.

The timeliness of Tom's presentation is one all will enjoy. The restaurant at the course opens at 7:00 AM for those would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.

Co-Chairmen: **Allen Espenmiller** (Br-174)
925-376-3977 **George Schulze** (Br-8) 925-429-1756
Leary Wong (Br-8) 925-457-0807 **Ken Nakashima**
(Br-171) 925-376-0421

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The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group

invites all Sirs and their guests to our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, January 19th at 9am.

Barry Brown will explain why the good looking image on our screen often turns into something unrecognizable when we print it! Why do the colors change so much? (Is my face really that red?) The photos I got back from Costco (or whoever) are terrible considering the time I spent adjusting the colors to get them exactly right! Find out why color is so difficult to define and reproduce. Learn how you can improve your color prints with a little effort that soon becomes a simple routine. The knowledge you gain should reduce wasted ink and paper. Come to learn, socialize, and save money too! After this presentation **Dick Curry JM65** will lead a Q&A to address current computer issues. So please join us for a fun and informative session. As always there will be coffee and cookies available before and during the meeting.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. See you there.

The planned meetings for the next 4 months will be on: Feb 16, Mar 15, Apr 19, and May 17. Topics should include online telephone services and video, home wireless networks, file organization and back-up, home automation and security, and new consumer technology devices. Later in the year we hope to discuss principles of basic scanning and sending images, photo restoration and, possibly, developments in genealogy research. If you can suggest other titles of interest please contact one of the co-chairs.

Phil Goff 820-3573 and Derek Southern 253-1646
Co-chairs

Let's Go Fishing

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 26th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course. Meeting starts at 8:30 am.

All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Winter wasted no time pouncing on the bay area with near freezing temperatures and rain. Undaunted, our fearless fishermen ventured forth. Joe Miscione and Mario Moratorio continued their assault on Lake Berryessa catching kokanee salmon and trout. Closer to home, Carl Moyer, Barry Rauchle, Ron Yates, Romano Gnusti, George Schulze, Steve Greytak, and Gordon Linebaugh all caught big beautiful trout at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir. Paul Dubow and Carl caught some small sturgeon and a striper on the Sac, and Terry Miller and Carl got some rockfish and crabs on the ocean. Clem Teeters caught a nice limit of trout trolling Eagle Lake, Joe Miscione and Mario Moratorio caught 5 small sturgeon near Pittsburg, Sal Costanza caught limits of stripers on several trips to the same area. **George Vogt** got a limit of crab and rockfish and a nice ling on a party boat out of Bodega Bay.

We will be very busy this winter with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, trout in local lakes, party boat trips for kokanee, sturgeon, crab and rock fish.

For further information, please contact **Pete Gates**, Big Fish (925-937-2035); **Carl Moyer**, Branch 8 Coordinator, (925-685-5243); or **Tom Boltz**, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-825-5695.)

Lucky Badge Number

If you find your Badge Number (preceded by JM) somewhere in the newsletter text, you may be a winner of a free lunch. However, you must call the Hotline **969-7753** in advance of the next meeting in order to qualify for the free lunch.

Branch 19 Statistics **Ladies Day Attendance** **Members and Guests - 94**

FINANCIAL REPORT **NOVEMBER 2011**

BILL SCHOONOVER, TREASURER

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| Beginning Cash Balance | \$5,441.78 |
| Net General Accounts | \$251.40 |
| Custodial Accounts | |
| Receipts | \$4,175.00 |
| Disbursements | \$1,939.70 |
| Net Custodial | \$2,235.30 |
| Monthly Luncheon | \$4,067.00 |
| Subtotal Custodial Receipts | \$4,175.00 |
| Subtotal Cust. Disbursements | \$1,939.70 |
| Net Custodial | \$2,235.30 |
| Ending Cash Balance | \$7,928.48 |

Dining Out for January

To: Fellow Sirs. For our next dining out experience we will be going to **Tulio's Italian Restaurant** at 2065 N. Broadway in Walnut Creek. (Right across from the W.C. Post Office) on Thursday, Jan. 19. Shirley and I field tested it recently and found the food to be excellent. You can either sign up at our January meeting or call or e-mail me by Jan. 15th. Happy Holidays to you all. **John Babjar - 672-0325**

Wine Tasting

Co-hosts: John Babjar & George Vogt
When: Friday January 13th - 7:00 PM
Theme: Malbec Red Wine
Where: Babjars - 564 Hamburg Circle
Clayton - 672-0325
For further details contact **Don Weimann**
672-7711 weimanns@astound.net

Travel Opportunities - Harry Reiter, Travel Chairman



Reno Snow Train

Have a fun ride with SIR 19 on the Reno Snow Train on

Tuesday March 6, 2012.
Price per person is \$265.00 and includes a round-trip train ride from Martinez to Reno with two nights double occupancy hotel accommodations at

Harrah's.

Call Golden Gate Tours @ 925-335-9836 or 800-874-4345 for a brochure or more information.

Bob Hagler @ 925-934-7620

Visit: www.sirinc.org **SIR Happenings** for additional Travel information.

Romance of the Rhine & Mosel.

May 19-Jun 3, 2012

Cruise aboard a private Grand Circle river ship starting in Basel, Switzerland ending in Antwerp, Belgium. The ship will make stops at Strasbourg, France, Speyer, Baden-Baden, Boppard, Koblenz, Cochem, Bernkastel, Trier, Bonn, Germany, Nijmegen, Kinderdijk and Antwerp. The price starts at \$3895 to \$5295 plus air. The trip includes, 12 exclusive guided sightseeing tours plus personal headsets, Captains welcome dinner, 42 meals with complimentary wine with dinner.

Contact Ken Richter, 689-6217.

Pre and post trips are also available to Lucerne, Switzerland and Bruges, Belgium. Rooms will be available on a first come first serve basis.

New Member Recruitment is Successful Branches are Improving by Jim Stedman, SIR President

Our goal was to recruit 1,900 new members in 2011. Branch leaders exceeded this goal by recruiting and inducting 2,100 new members. This is an outstanding accomplishment which puts to rest the idea that newly retired men are not joiners. They will join SIR branches that are appealing. But this successful year is only a start.

The SIR organization fell on hard times in recent years. Overall membership declined from about 32,000 members in 1990 to about 18,000 now. 44 branches failed and closed in the last 12 years. We know why this happened. We lost our focus on maintaining a good balance of newer and older members in our branches. We did not recruit enough new members annually to maintain a good proportion of newer members and our branches became less appealing and lost members.

Our challenge now is to restore this balance. We have found that recruiting new members every year at the annual rate of at least 10% of membership is needed. We met and exceeded this goal in 2011. So when Branch leaders remind you to sponsor a new member, please respond by inviting your retired friends and acquaintances to join. Each successive year this goal is met the proportion of newer members in your branch will increase. Over time balance will be restored and your improved branch will be there for you and for those who come after you.

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About Attendance ...

Please make sure to cooperate, and call the Hotline Number **969-7753** on or before five (5) days in advance of the lunch if you can not attend the regular luncheon. Not calling was a critical problem in the past months. However, the Hotline has been effective in reducing the unexcused No Calls. Remember, your unexcused absence is costly to the club because the precise number of meals must be ordered in advance. If not eaten, the club pays, and you will be charged for the meal!
Thanks for your cooperation

Attendance is Required by the By Laws:

Rule 100: A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the committee chair person (or calling the Hotline) giving valid reason or who attends less than six (6) meetings within the last twelve (12) months, shall be notified by the prescribed form, of termination of his membership

JANUARY 2012 CALENDAR

JANUARY 19th
Computers & Technology Group
Walnut Creek Elks Club

JANUARY 25th
\$ums In Retirement Group
Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

JANUARY 26th
Area 2 Fishing Group
Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

BOWLING
Every Wednesday - 10AM
Diablo Lanes and/or Clayton Bowl

GOLF
See schedules inside

JANUARY 19th
Dining Out
- **Tulios**, Walnut Creek

- **JANUARY 13TH**
Wine Tasting - See inside for details



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Concord, CA 94521-1119

Return Service Requested

Next Regular Meeting - **January 5th** - Noon - Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord
Unable to Attend: Call the **New Hotline Number 969-7753**

