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SIR BRANCH 19 NEWSLETTER

ROOSTER TALES



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

The Joke Off Program



Here is a chance for all you wanabe comedians to show your comedic talent. Be prepared to participate for a prize. Let's have some fun!!

Menu for February

Garden Green Salad

Iceberg, Vine Ripe Tomato and Cucumber Ranch Dressing

Hobbs Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf

Country Red Bliss Mashed Potatoes, Sautéed Zucchini

Baked Tilapia

Sautéed Zucchini, Roasted Red Bliss Potato, Lemon Caper Sauce

Apple Pie

Fresh Whipped Cream

The Pledge of Allegiance

will be led by veteran

Robert E. Troyer.

Robert served in the United States

Air Force

from 1948 -1953 on the West Coast as a fighter pilot during the Korean conflict

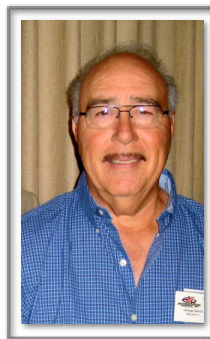


Next Meeting February 2nd

Thursday February 2nd in the Walnut Room

Social Hour beginning at 11am in the Vineyards Restaurant

A MESSAGE FROM BIG SIR GEORGE GARCIA



Well, my first meeting is now under my belt. I was a bit nervous, but everything worked out. I looked out over the group and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and the Segway speaker. There was even some interest in the Segway after the meeting.

Now we start the New Year...each one of us with our own promises, projects and resolutions. A new season is upon us, even though it seems we've skipped winter and gone right into spring.

I have appointed **Tom Lathrop, Ken Peterson and Milt Momita** to the Nominating Committee for this year. They must make their selection of new officers for 2013 by May 31st. **Tom Lathrop and Allen Anderson** are again serving on the Audit Committee. The report is due Feb. 10th. **Ron Cashion** is now doing the attendance report and has the Hotline in his home.

The BEC will be discussing the cash in the bank on Feb. 4th. Our Treasure, **Bill Schoonover**, will recommend what is required in the bank for yearly operating needs. The excess funds will be the topic for discussion. What do we do with it, if anything!! At this time, I have no idea what this amount may be. But I do have recommendations on how to spend some of the excess funds:

1. The ladies day Christmas Luncheon.
2. A spring or summer picnic with the ladies invited.
3. Improve Bring a Guest Program. The program now is: member and guest each pay \$10, for a total of \$20. Plus, a free lunch for the member if the guest becomes a member. We must recruit members to beat attrition from whatever cause. A reasonable goal for the year should be about 10%, or ten to twelve new members.
4. A fourth item to consider would be the purchase of our own projector. Today we borrow this item from Area 2 personnel, which can be cumbersome for the Little Sir. Having our own projector would make it convenient for staff to set up any time we wish to show slide shows of our members having fun at various activities. Many members come early to the meetings and sit with nothing to do. The slide shows or short videos would be interesting, educational, and entertaining.

I would like to commend Sir **John Hayes** for the fine job in crafting and donating the Sir of the Year plaque to our branch. Now this is what I call dedication and willingness to serve.

I would also like to welcome the newest member of our branch Sir **Steve Hanson**.

George Garcia, Big Sir

Branch 19 2012 Activities

Bowling at Diablo Lanes - by Sir Dean Lucas

Last month I promised to report on the First Half results of the SIR Area 2 Bowling League at Diablo Lanes. Since then I asked myself: "to whom am I talking? The bowlers know the standings!" Then I remembered why I volunteered to write this column, that is, to inform our Branch members of the activities and achievements of their bowlers and by so doing recognize their efforts and encourage others to join them.

So, here goes! Sir **John Carl** and Sir **Lloyd West**, took their "Wyrens" team to a two and one-half game lead for the first 16 weeks. Congratulations and don't look behind you!

Individual Achievement leaders are: **Sir Jacky Luke** with a first place in High Game Scratch, 243, High Series Scratch (HSS), 650 and High Average (HA), 199.87 and was third in Most Improved with a 1.29 pin average increase; **Sir John Carl** was second in High Game Handicap, 275, and High Series Handicap, 694; and second in HA was **Sir Dean Lucas**, 176.80, and third in HSS at 586.

Sir Bill Pope has been practicing on his form and may be someone to look out for in the Second Half!

Back from a brief layoff recuperating from surgery, Sir **Tony DeBello** shot a 191 in week 17, or, his age plus 100 pins! Sir **Allen Anderson** had a scare but a couple of days in the hospital and he's right back on form. I reported that Sir **John Zotti** was to undergo surgery but a re-exam showed that wouldn't be necessary! Sir **Lloyd West** is still out ill. We wish him the best for a speedy recovery.

Branch 19 is well represented on the Area League as you can see. Hopefully, more of you may want to try your hand at bowling and will contact Sir **John Carl**, Branch Bowling Chair for more information.

Bowling at Clayton Valley

We started our second half of the season and Lucky Strikes and Marx Bros won all four. Everyone hopes to get the high series and high game in this half, but they will have to beat **Gary Kaufmann's 290**, or **Ralph Dorsey's 769** scratch, or **Jim Willey's 302** handicap, or **Ron Hammond's 798** handicap. Going to be hard to beat all these great scores, we all are going to give it a try!

Have a Nice Day
Thanks,

Sir Mike Kropf

February Birthdays

Allan Anderson
Clyde Bird Jr.
Robert Clouser
Frank Cooper
George Costa
Anthony DeBello
Ed DiBetta
George Fulmore
Kal Horvath
Ron Ingersol
Roger Mills
Gordon Ralls
James Randall
Fredric Sorrenti
Bill Stiles
Marvin Terrell
Anthony Tonti
James Willey

Birthday Drawing
Winners
December
Charles Rodgers
January
John Roebuck

Know Your Fellow Sir - Bob Hillaker



Born **Robert Paul Hillaker** January 18, 1944 in Arbuckle, California, a small farming community of 1000 citizens 80 miles North of Concord. Attended Arbuckle Grammar School and Pierce Joint Union High School, Graduated from Pierce in 1961 during my years there we were Small Schools Football Champion and Small School Track Champions, the relay team I was on came in second at the Northern California League Track meet. My all time high during High School was intercepting a pass and running it back 90 yards for a touchdown. After High School I attended Yuba City Junior college for Two years graduating with an AA degree.

Next the United States Air Force from 1964 to 1968 as a Fuels Specialist as every one else called it I drove a big yellow truck on the flight line, though I did get to meet Ann Margaret one morning around 2:00 am as she was returning from Vietnam, she gave us all the TV dinners and fresh milk off her plane sure was better than the powdered milk and eggs we got on grave shifts. I did get to go on Temporary Duty to Iwo Jima, Okinawa and another place I did not like too well. Upon coming back to the good old United States I got together with my best friend who introduced me to my Lovely Wife, I had no idea then, that Carol Ann and I would be married in 6 months on July 10th, 1967. No kids just two dogs that have passed. I love going to the Oregon Coast every year for 30 days and catch crab, oysters and salmon. With a good glass of wine french bread and Caesar salad now that is living. And then playing golf with my friends, one cannot ask for anything better. In 49er Coach Harbaugh words WHO HAS IT BETTER (NO ONE). Thanks go to **Roy Priest** for introducing to Sirs and to **Marvin Terrell** for the Branch 19 Golf Club and the Big Sirs and all the Committee Chairmen for running a great organization.

Area 2 Activities

Sums in Retirement

Next Meeting - February 22nd

As your Program Chairman I am in the process of setting up our initial meetings. Some of the members have asked if we could schedule a speaker who would just be available to answer a variety of financial planning questions instead of just an investment advisement presentation. One of our previous speakers has agreed to do this for us. As you know the financial planning process involves a number of items –not just portfolio setup. Please send me any question you might like to have an answer to that falls in to the financial planning process - insurance policy coverage, taxes, wills and trusts etc.

I would like to hear back from those of you who have questions of this nature in **the next few days** as I will

need to get the presenter scheduled for our February meeting and let the Branch Editors know of the meeting for the monthly newsletter.

Dear Sirs: Thank you all who sent in financial planning questions. I received 12 great questions and I may add a few of my own if I feel our speaker will have time to answer them all in the normal 1-1/2 hours we usually allow for our meeting. Our speaker will be **Rick Asburn** – Principal of Creekside Partners in Lafayette, CA. Rick will post all of your questions on the screen as he goes through them. Plan to bring something to write with as we will provide copies of the questions for your note taking. See you on the 22nd of February

Allen Espenmiller, Chairman

The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

Next Meeting - Thursday, February 16th at 9am

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invites all Sirs and their guests to our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge.

Neil Schmidt will make a presentation about online telephone services and video. If you've wondered how to make free telephone calls, or how to have a free video conversation with family members (or friends) this is the session to attend.

Dick Curry will then 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 3 months will be on: **Mar 15, Apr 19, and May 17**. Topics should include 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

Dining Out for February 18th

To: Fellow Sirs. For our next dining out experience we will be going to **Bravo Bistro**, 1050 Contra Costa Blvd, Pleasant Hill. (Just south of the Sun Valley Mall) We will meet at 5:00 to 6:00 for Happy Hour, and order dinner at 6:00PM. You can either sign up at our February meeting or call or e-mail me by February 15th

John Babjar - 672-0325

E-mail <jbabjar@comcast.net>

Wine Tasting

Next Meeting

Friday February 10th

Where: Ken & Kathy Kuhn

535 Mt. Davidson Ct.
Clayton, Ph: 673-9072

Theme: Zinfandel

For further details contact
Don Weimann 672-7711
weimanns@astound.net

Programs?

We welcome suggestions from the membership concerning topics for future Branch 19 meetings. Also, if you have heard an excellent speaker, or are interested in being a speaker yourself, and would be appropriate as a speaker to SIR, please let me know. You can contact me at our regular meetings, golf outings, at home, 680-0234 or call the Hotline 969 7753 and leave a message.

branch19newsletter@yahoo.com

Bill Stephenson, Little Sir

Let's Go Fishing

Next Meeting Thursday, February 23rd

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 brings fishermen challenges of a chilly, chili, and rewarding nature. Harry Sherinian hosted a foray to Shadow Cliffs Reservoir on a day that turned warm and sunny. Carl Moyer, Joe Peterson, Pauls: Dubow and King, Robby Robertson, Dick Thomson, Craig Walden, Gordon Linebaugh, and **George Vogt** enjoyed the weather, the hot chili lunch prepared by Harry, and even caught a few fish. Earlier, a group of eight including many of the above, with Terry Miller and Romano Gnusti caught a few fish but then went to a restaurant for coffee and brunch. George Schulze, Gordon Linebaugh and Carl Moyer limited out there on fish to pounds, and Harry Sherinian caught a big, beautiful, bubba rainbow of nearly 4 pounds on separate trips. Carl and Terry Miller caught only small fish while sturgeon fishing. John O'Brien caught a small rock fish from the jetty at Princeton Harbor fishing with Carl, and then enjoyed the wonderful seafood at Barbara's restaurant there. Bill Landers and friend Sean caught 6 stripers to 8 lbs on a productive December outing in the Delta.

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. We will also go as a group to the Sportsmen's Expo and other fishing shows.

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.)

18 Hole Golf Schedule

Winter Golf at Lone Tree G.C. The Schedule is

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 between Buchanan Fields,
Pine Meadow and Diablo Hills G.C.

Contact: Steve McMurdo - 687-6271

Branch 19 Statistics

**January Attendance
Members and Guests - 111**

FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2011

BILL SCHOONOVER, TREASURER

Beginning Cash Balance	\$7,928.48
Net General Accounts	\$84.00
Custodial Accounts	
Receipts	\$476.00
Disbursements	\$1,939.70
Net Custodial	- \$1,668.73
Monthly Luncheon	\$1,801.70
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$476.00
Subtotal Cust. Disbursements	\$2,144.73
Net Custodial	- \$1,668.73
Ending Cash Balance	\$6,343.75

The February program features the **Joke Off** contest. That is J O K E .. so if you want to participate, bring a favorite story to entertain the troops!!

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.

Tournament information for the 2012 Branch 19 Golf Group

In early February we hope to begin a Match Play Tournament within the golfing members of Branch 19. Both **Jack Barnaba** and **Gary Addison**

hope that the matches will generate interest and comradeship within the Branch. The brackets have been made, most of the matches have been set up and those who have not yet committed to play and pay the entry fee, have until **February 1st** to do so.

Gary Addison & Jack Barnaba

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 JM62 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.

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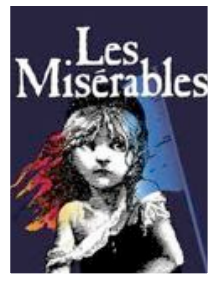
Springtime in Branson April 16-21, 2012

The spotlight is shining brightly on Branson! For nearly a century, Branson has quietly built its reputation as a popular place to visit and has it all. And especially, Branson has MUSIC!

Contact **Harry Reiter** for Itinerary, application and complete information.
(925) 709-2820

Les Miserables

**Wednesday,
August 8th, 2012**



\$163 per person

Itinerary: 10:00AM Motor Coach from Concord to S.F. - Lunch at Louies Matinee performance of Les Miserables at the Orpheum Theatre Motor Coach back to Concord, arrive approximately 6:30PM

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SIR Branch 19

For Application and Information

Contact **Harry Reiter**

(925) 709-2820

SIR Day at the Giants

Join your fellow Sirs at AT&T Park for a Giants game.

**Thursday, August 2, 2012
12:45 p.m.**

versus the NY Mets

Price is **\$32.00** per person

Tickets are limited

Full payment is required to hold your space.

Call **Harry Reiter**
925-709-2820

Email hr5000@comcast.net



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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*

FEBRUARY 2012 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 16th
Computers & Technology Group
Walnut Creek Elks Club

FEBRUARY 22nd
\$ums In Retirement Group
Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

FEBRUARY 23rd
Area 2 Fishing Group
Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

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

GOLF
See schedules inside

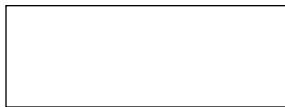
FEBRUARY 18th
Dining Out
Bravo Bistro, Pleasant Hill

FEBRUARY 10th
Wine Tasting - See inside for details



1645 Beckner Court
Concord, CA 94521-1119

Return Service Requested



Next Regular Meeting - **February 2nd**- Noon - Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord
Unable to Attend: Please Call the **New Hotline** and leave message >

New Hotline Number
969-7753