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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 Program



Dan Ashley
ABC Channel 7 News

Menu for March

Starter

Sweet Potato & Crab Chowder

Entree

Grilled Pork Loin with

Apple Cider Glaze and a Creole Mustard Reduction, Mashed Root Vegetables, Anchor Steamed Braised Cabbage
or (Fish List)

Barbecued Salmon

with Smoked Andouille and Potato Hash
Crispy Spanish Onions, Chefs Sweet Barbecue Sauce

Dessert - Chocolate Bread Pudding

The Pledge of Allegiance

will be led by veteran



Bill Maguire

Bill served in the United States Army from 1950 - 1953 in New England with the Signal Service during the Korean conflict.

Next Meeting March 1st

Thursday March 1st in the Walnut Room

Social Hour beginning at 11am in the Atrium Vineyards Restaurant

A MESSAGE FROM BIG SIR GEORGE GARCIA

Gentlemen,

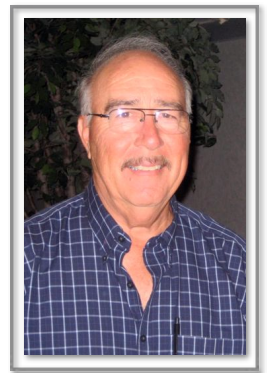
The name, Sons In Retirement, was unanimously adopted in 1958. Consideration was given to several other names, but none of them seemed to make clear the purpose of this group. Most retired men wish for nothing to do with things pertaining to inactivity or laziness!

The corporation's insignia is the rooster. Of all the creatures on earth, none expresses the independence and dignity with more sureness than a rooster. The majesty of his presence is felt in every barnyard, and when he crows he can be heard for miles.

The rooster of Branch 19 has obviously been crowing and making plenty of noise. Our growth for 2011 and 2012 has been excellent. Because of attrition, growth is one element that keeps branches healthy. The other element is activities! In the past year, our branch activities have doubled. Great work by those involved, but let's build on this!

The long range goal and purpose of "Sons In Retirement" is to promote the independence and dignity of retirement. So let yourselves crow and be heard for miles and not with a faint hearted Crow but on with lots of enthusiasm!!

George Garcia, Big Sir



The SIR State Nominating Committee is looking for your help in finding quality candidates for State President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for 2013.

For further information, contact: **Robert Mannell** (SIR President)
Chairman, 2012 State Nominating Committee
2628 Aragon Way San Jose , CA 95125 408.264.7121
BOB@MANNELL.COM

Branch 19 Activities

Bowling at Diablo Lanes

Just three and one-half games separate the top five teams in the SIR Area 2 Bowling League at Diablo Lanes in Concord! Sir **Jacky Luke's** Team 4 is in second place, one game out. Three teams, Team 6, with Sir **Dean Lucas**, Sir **John Zotti** and Sir **Allan Anderson**, Sir **Lloyd West's** Team 1 and Sir **Tony DeBello's** Team 2 are tied, two and one-half games out.

There were some firework's during week 6 when Team 4 fell just short of tying for the League lead when they tied for total pins and the fourth game. Meanwhile, Sir **Lloyd West** bowled his high game and high series (scratch) with a 189 and 497!

Sir **Mike McKay** threw down the gauntlet after his team won four games, and climbed out of the cellar by one game, announcing "Team 5 is hot!" Well , there are still 10 weeks to go so I guess anything is possible! Hold on to your dream, Mike
Nice bowling everyone!

Sir Dean Lucas

Bowling at Clayton Valley

Very close race in the league right now, only 3 points separate the top 5 teams! High game last week by **Ron Hammond** 244, series by **Gary Kaufmann** 696 about 30 over his average, a lot of high 200 games being shot this year, 268 by **Dan Weller**, 246 by **Mike Hooper**, 242 by **Milton Momita**, 215 by **Don Lambert**, 235 by **Tom Baker**, 227 by **Doug Schuster**, 279 by **Ron Hammond**, 246 by **Jack Jagoda**, 268 by **Rick Small**, 212 by **Tom Stewart**, 209 by **Jamie Maddox**, 219 by **Bill Schoonover**, 236 by **Frank Cooper**, 212 by **George Kapus**, 279 by **Ralph Dorsey**, 235 by **John Fernando**, 266 by **Jim Willey**, 238 by **Jim Wyllie**, of course **Gary Kaufmann** has a 290. A lot of us will be going to the Annual Area 2, Sir Branch 146 Tournament at **Diablo Lanes**, Concord, on, March 21, 2012, we take that Wednesday off in our League so we can support our fellow SIR's, and hope to win some \$\$\$\$.
Have a Nice Day -*Sir Mike Kropf*

Thanks

March Birthdays

*Jerry Burton
Phillip Culcasi
Don Lambert
Tom Lathrop
Dean Lucas
Mike McKay
Edwin Tallyn
George Vogt
Dennis Webb
Dwayne Williams
John Wolfe*

February Winner
George Fulmore

In Memoriam

*Don Boyd
1932 -2012*

*Joseph Cereghino
1925 - 2012*

Know Your Fellow Sir



My name is **Dennis Webb** and I joined SIRs in January 2008. I was born in Spokane, Washington, March 15, 1941, and spent the first years of my life in my grandmother's home...a Dutch windmill house now on the historical building register ...for its architecture not because I was born there. My father was a career man in the Air Force, who flew 32 missions as a navigator over Germany during WWII.

In addition to Spokane, I called Texas (twice), South Dakota, and England home all before 1955. After returning to California, we lived in Castro Valley and Novato. All this moving caused me to attend 5 grade schools and 3 high schools. On my own, when the family had to return to England, I've lived in Berkley, Texas (during my own Air Force stint), back to Castro Valley, Salt Lake City, San Ramon, Walnut Creek (attending 3 colleges before receiving my Bachelors of Arts degree with a major in international business from what was then known as San Francisco State College) and finally in Clayton where I have lived for the past 26 years with my wife, Paulette.

I worked for Kaiser Steel for 22 years moving from the mail room to an outside sales representative and then with Myers Container for 18 years as Material & Traffic Manager. I retired in 2001 only to find a new (and unpaid) career as chief stable hand to a variety of horses over the years along with my duties as "housekeeper" for my still working wife and cat walker. Outside of those obvious duties, I fill my time with home improvement, landscaping and wood working projects (thus 1claytonwoodworker@comcast.net). When time allows ☺, we travel and I play golf and enjoy my time with the SIRs and the wonderful people I've met through the organization.

Area 2 Activities

Sums in Retirement ***Next Meeting - March 28th*** ***Legends at Diablo Creek G.C., Concord***

The Area 2 Sums Investment Group will meet on March 28, 2012 at 8:00 AM. Our speaker **A. Brent Cunningham**, a Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. His topic "Global Economic JM117 Outlook for 2012". Key topics that will be covered; The economic and geopolitical events of 2011, downside risks and opportunities in 2012, 10 key macroeconomic themes for 2012, 3 scenarios for

how 2012 might play out, investments ideas that you may want to consider and how will you be affected.

Brent's presentation early on this 2012 year will be one that has the year plays out, may be an indicator of how the investment community reacts to implementing portfolio structure.

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) coordinator

The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group ***Next Meeting - Thursday, March 15th at 9am***

Dean Steichen will explain how to set up a home wireless network (no more stringing long wires all over the house!) If you already have a wireless system he will show how to increase the signal strength in areas where you need a stronger signal, eg for streaming online movies like Netflix. If you have visitors with laptops, iPads etc they will appreciate the ability to log-on from anywhere in your house. Dean's presentation will be posted on the Area 2 computer group website before the meeting for you to download from sir-web.org/computer

Time permitting, **Dick Curry** will lead a Q&A discussion to address current computer issues that you identify. So please bring your questions and 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 2 months will be on: Apr 19, and May 17. Topics should 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.

Co-chairs

Phil Goff 820-3573 and **Derek Southern** 253-1646

Dining Out

Thursday - March 15th

The Dining Out Group is returning to a favorite of many: The **Outback Steakhouse** in Pleasant Hill Happy Hour is from 5:00 to 6:00 P.m and orders are placed at 6:00 P.M.

Sign ups will be at our monthly meeting or by contacting me by phone or e-mail by March 11.

John Babjar - 672-0325 or
E-mail <jbabjar@comcast.net

Golden Gate Fields presents....

SIR Day at the Races ... A Spring

"Salute to SIR" day at the races!!!

When: Friday April 20, 2012 **Where:** Golden Gate Fields Turf Club Time: Please arrive @ 11:15 a.m. Gates open at 11:00 a.m. Buffet Hours: 11:30-3:00 p.m. First race: 12:45 p.m. **Cost: \$27.00** per adult (Groups of 12+ required) Includes: Valet parking (or parking for a bus), admission & reserved seating, daily racing program, Turf Club buffet, tax/tip for the food servers and a race named in honor of your SIR Branch!

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE FOR A BIG WIN!!!

For more information please call Michael Roberts of Golden Gate Fields @ (510) 559-7380 Or email mroberts@goldengatefields.com

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

18 Hole Golf

Eleventh Annual Area 2 Governor's Cup

Shadow Lakes G.C. - Brentwood

Thursday April 26th - 8:30 am Shotgun

\$40 per golfer

**Includes, Green Fee, Cart, Prize Fund
and LARGE Hamburger after golf**

Flight #1 Index 0.0 to 17.0 Flight #2 Index 17.1 to 22.0

Flight #3 Index 22.1 to 27.0 Flight #4 Index 27.1 to 36.4

Teams are composed of two players in each flight from each Branch

Sign up with Marvin Terrell, pay \$40 fee to Jim Randall

SIR Branch 19 are the Defending Champions!

Branch 19 Statistics

**February Attendance
Members and Guests - 111**

FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 2011

BILL SCHOONOVER, TREASURER

Beginning Cash Balance	\$6,343.75
Net General Accounts	\$65.88
Custodial Accounts	
Receipts	\$1,872.72
Disbursements	\$1,939.70
Monthly Luncheon	\$1,924.75
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$1,872.72
Subtotal Cust. Disbursements	\$1,948.75
Net Custodial	- \$76.03
Ending Cash Balance	\$6,333.60

Tournament information for the 2012 Branch 19 Golf Group

On Tuesday, February 21st the **Match Play Tournament** began at Lone Tree G.C. Thirty four (?) golfing members of Branch 19 are participating and will continue match play in the coming weeks. The four handicap brackets have been formed and some of the matches were completed with the winners moving on. Up to date results of each bracket will be in the *Rooster Tales* as the tournament progresses. Both **Jack Barnaba** and **Gary Addison** hope that the matches will generate interest and comradeship within the Branch.

March Schedule

March 6th Lone Tree - 9am - March 13th Shadow Lakes - 9am

March 20th Lone Tree - 9am

March 27th Boundary Oak 8:30am First Tee

Wine Tasting Group

Friday - March 9th - 6:30 PM

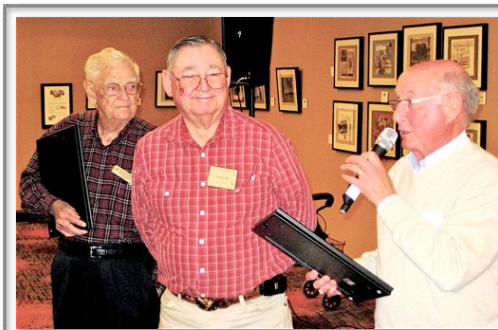
Host: Jack Barnaba 5570 Merritt Ct.

Concord - Email <j.barnaba@yahoo.com>

Theme: To be decided

Area 2 Awards

Sir **John Roebuck** (HLM) and Sir **Jim Willey** are presented Achievement Awards for SIR Area 2 as Programs and Golf Chairmen respectfully. Presenting the awards, SIR Area 2 Governor **Ron Smith**



Let's Go Fishing

Next Meeting Thursday, March 22nd

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.

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.)

Lucky Badge Number

If you find your Badge Number (preceded by JM) somewhere in the newsletter? You could 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.

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. http://sirinc.org/new_site/travel.html

A Trip to Paradise

Cruise to Hawaii from San Francisco

October 6 - 21, 2012

Embark on a 15-night cruise sailing round trip from San Francisco on board Princess Cruises' **STAR PRINCESS**

See the dramatic water falls of Hilo. Experience the hustle & bustle of Honolulu. Be awe struck by the beauty of Kauai. Explore the historic whaling village of Lahaina this is the Hawaiian Islands...PLUS the friendly atmosphere & warm Mediterranean climate of Ensenada, Mexico

NO AIRPORT HASSLES!

For Itinerary & Pricing Contact **Harry Reiter (925) 709-2820**

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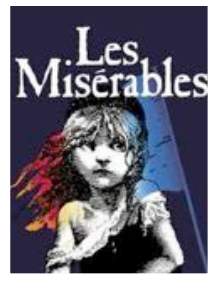
Springtime in Branson April 16-21, 2012

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

Sponsored & Escorted by:

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*

MARCH 2012 CALENDAR

MARCH 15th

Computers & Technology Group
Walnut Creek Elks Club

MARCH 28th

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

MARCH 22nd

Area 2 Fishing Group
Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

BOWLING

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

GOLF

See schedules inside

MARCH 15th

Dining Out
The **Outback Steak House**, Pleasant Hill

MARCH 9th

Wine Tasting - See inside for details



1645 Beckner Court
Concord, CA 94521-1119

Return Service Requested



Next Regular Meeting - **March 1st** - Noon - Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord
Unable to Attend: Please Call the **New Hotline** and leave message >

New Hotline Number
969-7753