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JULY

SIR BRANCH 19 NEWSLETTER

# ROOSTER TALES



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

## The July Program Dick Callahan

Public Address Announcer



See Page 2 for Bio Information

## Menu for July

### Salad

*Organic Greens, Watercress,  
Jicama & Citrus Segments with  
Champagne Vinaigrette*

### Entree

*Rosemary Crusted Leg of Lamb  
with Mint Jus, Cous Cous Pilaf  
with Artichoke Hearts, Asparagus  
& Toy Box Tomatoes*

or (Fish List)

*Chermoull Marinated*

*Mahi Mahi*

### Dessert

*Dark Chocolate & Pistachio  
Cannoli*

Starbucks Coffee, Tea & Water

## The Pledge of Allegiance

will be led by veteran

### John Babjar

John served in the  
U.S. Navy from  
1951 - 1954 as a  
draftsman during  
the Korean War.



## Next Meeting July 5th

*Thursday July 5th in the Walnut Room*

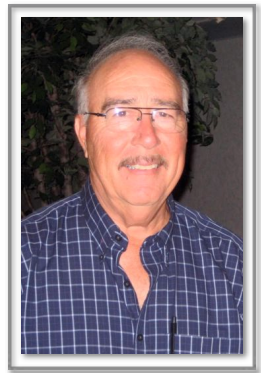
*Social Hour beginning at 11am in the Atrium Vineyards Restaurant*

### A MESSAGE FROM BIG SIR GEORGE GARCIA

Let's hear it for **Bill Stephenson**, I understand he did a great job running the June branch meeting. If he had any problems, he'll have the July meeting to work them out, because I'll be on vacation again, floating down the Danube. In June, I vacationed in Branson Mo.

What a hoot that trip was. It's like a mini Las Vegas... but no gambling, but lots of fun.

I hope all of you have made or are making plans to visit, vacation or cruise somewhere in this beautiful world this summer or fall. But, please remember to call the hotline and let Ron Cashion know you'll be away.



Keep in mind the Sir of The Year award these next few months. Last year's winner was **Bill Stephenson**, and any member may submit his choice to the BEC. Nominations should be based on the following criteria: tenure, attendance, contribution to the growth of the organization, participation in the branch, responsibilities accepted and recruitment of new members. The award will take place in January of 2013.

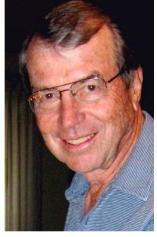
Welcome to the three new members. Again, congratulations to the recruiting members, you are the ones that strengthen and build this organization!

The new members are:

**Carleton Gooderham** from C & H Sugar, sponsored by **Donald Colvin**  
**Osmand McKenzie** from AT & T, sponsored by **Tom Lathrop**  
**Rick Velasquez** from John Muir tech staff, sponsored by **Bruce Persons**  
Enjoy the sunshine!

*George Garcia, Big Sir*

## *Branch 19 Activities*



**July Program Report:** Dick Callahan is a highly respected public address announcer and civic leader. The voice of basketball for St. Mary's College for 34 years, and for the Golden State Warriors for 19 years. He has also been the voice of the University of California Golden Bears football team. Recognized for his meticulous preparation and wide ranging

expertise covering athletic competitions, he presently announces for the Oakland "A's"

**Bill Stephenson, Little Sir**

### **July Birthdays**

*Bill Armstrong*

*Ralph Dorsey*

*Ron Hammond*

*Neal Higgins*

*Larry Kolano*

*Jon Longworth*

*Dan McLaughlin*

*Jarold Meyer*

*Joseph Milani*

*John Moriana*

**June Winner**

*Bill Schoonover*

### **Know Your Fellow Sir - Jim Thelen & Tom Lathrop**



I first saw the light of day on Sept. 22, 1938 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Left that fine city in 1942 moving to Alameda Calif. where I remained until I was considered by some an adult. I attended St. Josephs Elementary school where i was Taught/Disciplined by the Sisters of Notre Dame. Upon graduation, I considered entering the seminary as I thought I had been "called".. I asked the Nuns about it and they assured me that there had been no such call. So I moved on to Alameda High School. I graduated from High School in 1956. My graduation gift from my parents was not a trip to Hawaii or Mexico as I had hoped, but was a One Way train ticket to San Diego U.S. Navy Boot Camp. Upon completion of that I went aboard The USS HORNET Aircraft Carrier .. CVA12 .. where I resided for the two years I was in the Navy; being honorably discharged in 1958. I attended Chico State College for two years where I did not distinguish myself academically. I married and moved on to Sacramento State

where I did; earning my BS degree in Business Finance. In 1960 I married a lovely lady from Martinez by the name of Marilyn Viano. She was a Chico State Grad and an elementary school teacher. We are still married as I write this. She's in the kitchen right now making Biscotti. We have three daughters and two Grandchildren. We live in the city of Martinez.

Upon graduation from college, I worked in the Real Estate Finance industry for two years when i decided to move on by applying to the University of Calif. Hastings Law School. I was accepted in 1963 and was awarded a JD Degree in 1966 ; The same year I was admitted to the State Bar of Calif. and I'm still a member to this day. My law practice was predominately Criminal defense which involved many Jury Trials from Death Penalty trials to those for minor offenses. My practice also included some Estate Planning and most dangerous of all, Domestic Relations, which I did for a short period of time . I also taught Evidence at JFK law school for a couple of years in the early stages of my practice. In 1970 I decided to run for election to the Martinez City Council. I was elected to a four year term during which time I was elected Mayor by my fellow councilmen. As a further honor, that year I was elected Chairman of the Contra Costa County Mayors Conference by the Mayors of the other cities. I went on to be elected to two more Four year terms, Once again serving as Mayor during that period. I concluded my service to the City after 12 years. I have really enjoyed SIRS and the friendships I have made. The golfing group has been an exceptionally good group of guys making me glad to be part of it. We now spend our time traveling, golfing, singing, dancing, eating and drinking wine with a touch of exercise sprinkled in. Thanks for listening !! . *Jim Thelen*



My name is **Tom Lathrop**. I was born and raised in Portland, Oregon with two older sisters. After high school I first attended the University of Oregon (go Ducks!) then went to Oklahoma and graduated with a Business Degree from Oklahoma University. After graduation I was drafted into the US Army on October 4, 1967, where I was trained as a medic and spent my 18 month tour of duty in Erlangen, West Germany becoming the training NCO.

Following my military time, I returned to Portland and got a job as a claims adjuster. After several years, I enrolled in law school at Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College, also in Portland. I became a member of the Oregon State Bar in 1974, and then went back to work for Nationwide Insurance Company in their legal department. In 1983 we moved to Concord and I had an office for the next 30 years in Walnut Creek and Concord with several brief stints in San Francisco. I retired in July 2008 and joined SIRS in

March 2009. I have been the assistant Treasurer and Auditor for the past two years and help out with the Golf group.

I married Bonnie in 1978, and we have two daughters, Megan and Carly, who both live in San Francisco. We enjoy travelling and have taken several trips to Europe and Mexico. We also have a family beach house on the Oregon Coast and spend 5 to 6 weeks there each summer. I enjoy tennis, golf, snow skiing at Lake Tahoe and hiking on Mt Diablo. *Tom Lathrop*

## Branch 19 & Area 2 Activities

### Branch 19 Welcomes 3 New Members



(Left to Right) *Tom Lathrop, Ozzie McKenzie, Don Colvin, Carleton Gooderham, Bruce Persons, Rick VeLasquez, Ken Peterson and Bill Stephenson.*

### Computer & Technology

*Walnut Creek Elks Lodge  
Next Meeting on July 21st*

**Phil Goff** is offering an overview of the most common internet scams, spams, rotten tricks and general skullduggery. He'll identify the current status of phishing, hijacking, malware, and how thieves steal your email address book. Although you cannot be totally immune from these rogue tricks, there are some simple things you can do to increase your safety. A few simple safeguards and actions will make the bad guys look elsewhere.

An important part of being safe is to use high quality protection software. We will identify the top rated free utilities to protect you from the various internet criminal activities.

Although you may be quite secure from any fraudulent practices, it's good to know what is out there in the wild world of the internet. This will help you answer questions from friends and family members who don't use secure practices and may fall victim to one of these thieves.

Also, we had a good response to our member survey to identify topics of interest for the coming year. There were many good ideas submitted and we'll show a summary of the survey results and ideas for future topics.

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. We ask for a JM11 \$5 donation to cover expenses.

**Phil Goff** 820-3573 & **Derek Southern** 253-1646  
Co-chairs

### Next Dining Out

*Thursday - July 19th*

*The Outback Restaurant, Pleasant Hill*

*Social Hour at 5pm - Order at 6pm*

*Reservation Signup at July meeting*

### Dining Out Group at the Bella Restorante



### Sums in Retirement

*Next Meeting - July 25th*

*The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C., Concord*

*The restaurant opens at 7:00am for those who would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.*

Our speaker will be **Barry N. Mendelson**, CFP, President of Elevation Wealth Management of Walnut Creek. Barry's presentation "**Five Ways to Beat Wall Street at Its own Game**" is based on the NY Times bestselling book "The Investment Answer" by **Daniel C. Goldie**, CFA, CFP and **Gordon S. Murray**. The book is a 70 page primer that can be read in one or two settings, that explains the five decisions every investor needs to make. You all might pick up a copy and read before the meeting. A copy of Barry's presentation will be made available on the Investment Group web site prior to the meeting so you can print yourselves a copy to bring along.

*Co-Chairmen: Allen Espenmiller (Br-174)  
925-376-3977 George Schulze (Br-8) 925-429-1756  
Leary Wong (Br-8) 925-457-080 Ken Nakashima  
(Br-171) coordinator 925-376-0421*

## Area 2 & Branch 19 Activities

### **“Let’s Go Fishing”**

**Next Meeting Thursday July 26th**  
**Diablo Creek G.C. - Legends Sports Bar & Grill**  
**Meeting starts at 8:30am**

**The hot topic is salmon.** Unfortunately, the ocean has been just a bit too rough for us. In fact, we have not even tried for rock fish. An old friend told me the last time he could remember the ocean this rough was 1982. . The wind in this month of tears has kept us off the delta as well, but the trout have been cooperating.

We will be very busy this summer with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, trout in local lakes, party boat trips for SALMON, 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.)*

### **Branch 19 Statistics**

**JUNE Attendance**  
**Members and Guests - 99**  
**95 Members + 4 Guests**  
**Average Age of membership - 73.1**

### **Financial Report**

**May 2012**

**Bill Schoonover, Treasurer**

Beginning Cash Balance	\$4,105.76
Net General Accounts	\$125.90
Custodial Accounts	
Receipts	\$1,808.92
Disbursements	\$1,994.12
Monthly Luncheon	\$1,525.92
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$1,808.92
Subtotal Cust. Disbursements	\$2,610.56
Net Custodial	- \$272.13
Ending Cash Balance	\$3,959.53

### **2012 State Team Golf Scramble**

**Area 2 Scrambler Qualifier**

**State Championship**

**Championship Location:** Shadow Lakes G.C. - Brentwood, Ca.

**Date:** Monday - August 13th **Time:** 9am Shotgun Start

**July 26th - SIR Area 2 Individual Qualifier**

*at Roddy Ranch*

**Time:** 8:00am Shotgun

**Marvin Terrell**, Branch 19 Golf Chairman 689-7964 or

E-mail: <[judy3764@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judy3764@sbcglobal.net)>

### **Bocce Ball Rollout**

We have 2 Thursday night teams. and 1 Wednesday night team Capo'd by **Tom Lathrop**. Team “Sirfire” led by Capo **John Fernando** are off to a great start. Our new team (coed) “Sir Wine’rs” is Capo'd by **Bob Hillaker**. They are an all rookie team and doing very well. We welcome any curious members to come on down and watch us play and root for us on either night. Hopefully this is an activity you may want to consider for you and possibly your better half in the future. Bocce Ball is a pleasant way to spend a beautiful summer evening. Bottom line, a good time is had by all.

**John Fernando**, Bocce Chairman.

### **Branch 19 Golf Group**

#### **July Golf Schedule**

**July 3rd - Roddy Ranch 9am July 10th Lone Tree**

**- 9am July 17th Boundary Oak - 7:45 July 24th**

**Lone Tree - 8:45 July 31st Deer Ridge 9am**

**Marvin Terrell** <[judy3764@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judy3764@sbcglobal.net)>

#### **Nine Hole Group**

Every Monday 9:00 AM alternating between Buchanan Fields, Pine Meadow and Diablo Hills G.C.

Contact: **Steve McMurdo** - 687-6271

### **Wine Tasting Group**

**Next Wine Tasting, Friday, July 13th - 7PM**

**Host: Dennis & Paulette Webb**

**951 Oak Street, Clayton**

**Theme: Reisling - (The Forgotten Wine)**

**Bring a bottle of Reisling and an appetizer to share**

RSVP to: **Dennis Webb** 925-6727703

or **Don Weimann** 925-324-0760

E-mail: **Dennis Webb**

<[1claytonwoodworker@comcast.net](mailto:1claytonwoodworker@comcast.net)>

or **Don Weimann** <[weimanns@astound.net](mailto:weimanns@astound.net)>

## *Travel Opportunities - Harry Reiter, Travel Chairman*

### ***Canada & New England Aboard NCL Norwegian Dawn. Oct 26- Nov 11, 2012***

Beautiful scenery is always on display when cruising down the east coast during the peak weeks of autumn. Along the way visit an exciting array of east coast ports including Quebec City, Portland, Boston, New York, Key West and Tampa. Package price includes RT airfare, transfers, driver and stevedore tips, government fees, and taxes, all meals. Prices start at \$2335 to \$3475.

Contact **Jim Lunn** (Branch 8) 925-551-3329 for more information.

### ***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

### ***Blue Angels & the San Francisco Belle - Oct 6, 2012***

Enjoy the best aviation show in the country featuring the US Navy Blue Angels. Join us on the Hornblowers "San Francisco Bell" a Bay Area landmark and the largest private charter yacht on the West Coast. We will board at 1:30pm and cruise around the Bay, stopping in a great spot to view the aviation show between 3:00-4:00pm. Cost is \$128.00pp

**Bob Spellman** 934-3428

### ***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](mailto:hr5000@comcast.net)



### ***The Great Italian Festival. Oct 5-7, 2012***

Reno's Great Italian Festival is among the nation's largest and most famous events. Celebrate the food, culture, music and tradition of Italy. Free activities and entertainment highlight the festivals main focus. The cost is \$308.00 pp and includes motor coach transportation, 2 night stay at the Eldorado with hosted seafood dinner and a show by the Jersey Boys. Contact **Bob Hagler**, Br 8, 934-7620 for more information.

### ***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.

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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*

**JULY 2012 CALENDAR**

**JULY 21st**

*Computers & Technology Group*

**JULY 25th**

*Sums In Retirement Group  
Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.*

**JULY 26th**

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

**BOWLING**

*Every Wednesday - 10AM Beginning in Fall  
Diablo Lanes and/or ClaytonValley Bowl*

**GOLF**

*Every Monday & Tuesday - Schedule inside*

**JULY 19th**

*Dining Out  
The Outback, Pleasant Hill*

**JULY 13th**

*Wine Tasting  
See inside for details*



*1645 Beckner Court  
Concord, CA 94521-1119*

*Return Service Requested*



*Next Regular Meeting - July 5th - Noon - Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord  
Unable to Attend: Please Call the **New Hotline** and leave message >*

*Hotline Number  
**969-7753***