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SEPTEMBER

SIR BRANCH 19 NEWSLETTER

ROOSTER TALES

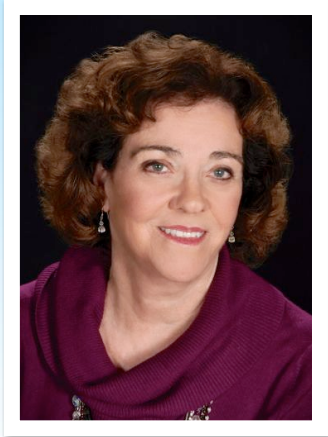


A Non Profit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

The September Program

Carolyn Oliver

“Cultural Studies for the Traveler”



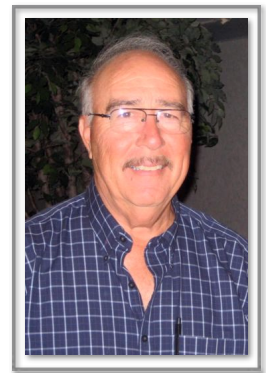
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Next Meeting September 6th Thursday in the Walnut Room

Social Hour beginning at 11am in the Atrium Vineyards Restaurant

A MESSAGE FROM BIG SIR GEORGE GARCIA

We started the second half of 2012 with a bang. In July and August, we had good attendance at the luncheons, 75%+, we had delicious meals, interesting speakers, and our membership is growing. Six new members have been added in the last two months, and our membership elected a new slate of officers for 2013.



All is well in Branch 19 except for one violation in the Rules... Rule 13 talks about worthy causes and affiliations: It has always been an important and fundamental policy that SIR does not support outside causes no matter how worthy they may be! What was the violation? The Golf group collected money and donated \$800 to the Lone Tree Golf Course “First Tee Program” with a check from Branch 19 Sir’s. A clear violation of rule 13 of SIR Inc. Today, as SIR members, we look to the years ahead of us with confidence that the inherent values and legacy of SIR JM100 will continue to be a driving force. As we have accepted the benefits offered via our membership in SIR, now let us accept the responsibilities we owe to the organization that has given us enormous pleasure in our retirement years.

A word about the S.F.Giants baseball tickets and “AT&T SIR Day at the Park”. I understand that the Branch 19 group did not get any tickets and the money was returned due to unavailability of tickets. I asked the Area 2 Governor to look into this. He told me in an e-mail that he has started his research and hopefully he can provide some insight into this matter.

We welcome the following new members into Branch 19:

Arnold Cota from City of Oakland,

Sponsored by **Bill Stephenson**

John Whalen from John P Whalen & Assoc.

Sponsored by **Ozzie McKenzie**

Joe Lattieri from Teamster Local Union, former member, Reinstated

Life is Good!

George Garcia, Big Sir

Remember !!!

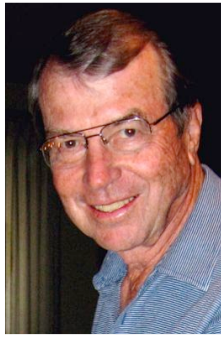
Wear Your **Wildest**

Hawaiian Shirt to the Meeting



Contest Prize will be awarded

September at Branch 19



Little Sir Program Report for September

Carolyn Oliver currently teaches "Cultural Studies for the Traveler" in Adult Education for Mt. Diablo Unified School District. The class started in 1989. Carolyn has been teaching it since 1999. The class includes, travel talk, and videos of cultures and travels around the world. She has taught English as a Second Language as well as

Cultural Studies for English Language Learners, for older adults and also in Elementary Education. In her previous life she was a community volunteer working with schools, Youth Orchestras, and the Contra Costa County Court Tour Program. Her present enthusiasms include: travel, photography, her Mac computer, watercolor painting, genealogy, jewelry making, Zumba and friends.

Bill Stephenson, Little Sir

The September Menu

Starter

Chilled Watermelon Gazpacho Soup Cherry Tomato, Chervil and Feta

Plated Entree

Pan Roasted Pork Chop

Hobbs Bacon & Whole Grain Mustard Sauce
Boiled Yukon Gold Potatoes

Braised Fennel, Roasted Red Onion and Oven Dried Tomato

Roasted Cod Fish

Hobbs Bacon & Whole Grain Mustard Sauce
Boiled Yukon Gold Potatoes

Braised Fennel, Roasted Red Onion and Oven Dried Tomato

Dessert:

Warm Cherry Turnover
Creme Anglaise and Cherry Jus Drizzle

Starbucks Premium Coffee, Decaf and Tea and Water on all Tables

The September The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by veteran

Roger Mills

Roger served in the United States Air Force from 1956 - 1958 as an MP on Travis Air Force Base.

September Birthdays

Frank Carini - Duane Deonigi

Steve Hansen - Thomas Hickey

Don Lezer - Carl Nelson - Frank Singer

James Thelen - Rick VeLasquez

Richard Walker

August Birthday Drawing Winner - Jamie Maddox

Know Your Fellow Sir - John Carl



I was born in San Francisco Ca., we lived above Pauson's Clothing Store on Kearny St. (Wartime housing) We moved to the Mission District after the war where I attended St. Anthony's Grammar School. The nuns were of the Dominican Order and I swear were trained at Auschwitz! I went to high school at Sacred Heart where the Christian Brothers of De La Salle taught. It seemed that the morning sessions were extremely difficult, but the afternoons were relatively easy. I was almost positive they were partaking of their primary product, Christian Brothers Brandy. After high school I attended San Francisco State where I took up space. Three years and only 40 some odd units my dear dad suggested I take the test to get into the Electricians union. I passed, but waited 18 months to get in. In the interim I worked for the Bank of America in the mail department and then went to Wells Fargo into the Securities Clearance Department. When I finally got into the "Trade", I was married with a child on the way. My wife Patty and I have four great-grandchildren who today range in age from 33 to 46.

In addition I have 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Unfortunately, I lost Patty to breast cancer in hose 7 after 41 years of marriage.

I joined SIR in 2008 after getting back into bowling after a 30 year hiatus. Sir Homer Colvin talked me into joining and I remain grateful to this day. SIR is a fine organization with great activities for seniors in retirement. Both myself and my wonderful girlfriend, Rosemary, enjoy all the opportunities for fun that SIR has afforded us. I encourage all my fellow members to get active and keep on Rolling!

Branch 19 Activities

Branch 19 Welcomes 3 New Members



(Left to Right) John Carl, New Member John Lattieri, New Member Arnold Cota, Little Sir Bill Stephenson, George Vogt, New Member John Whalen Seated: Big Sir, George Garcia, Area 2 Governor, Ron Smith.

Past Winners of Hawaiian Shirt Contests



Top Clockwise: Mike Kropf, Don Lambert, Allan Anderson (two time winner) and Richard Small being presented trophy by Dean Lucas.

Know Your Fellow Sir - Ron Cashion



My name is **Ron Cashion** and I was born on October 23, 1943 at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Oregon.

My father was a body shop mechanic and my mother was an RN. I was the middle child with two sisters. In 1948 we moved to McKinleyville, CA, Humboldt County, and then to Fickle Hill, three miles above Arcata (near the College of the Redwoods). My mother passed when I was 12 years old. My dad remarried a widow with

two teenage daughters and we

became a family with 5 kids. We moved to our new \$14,000 home in San Jose, California. I picked prunes and apricots to have enough money for my Levi's and JC Penny tee shirts. In 1961, age 17, I volunteered to join the U.S. Navy. After Boot camp in San Diego, I was assigned to the USS Washburn AKA 108 (Attack Cargo ship) berthed in San Diego CA. The ship's purpose was to land Jar Heads (Marines) on the beach (its scrap metal now). Our Westpac tours took us to Hong Kong, Subic Bay, Philippines, Yokosuka and Nagasaki, and Okinawa, Japan.

My first memory of the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962 (a thirteen-day confrontation between the Soviet Union and Cuba on one side and the United States on the other) found me looking out my porthole and seeing hundreds of ships, just like the opening scene of the TV show, "Victory at Sea". I was honorably discharged after 3 years of service.....a crusty old cigar smoking, tattooed, "Bilge Rat", at the age of 21.

My daughter, Michele, is in Real Estate. My grandson, Peter, is serving in the US Army at Fort Lewis, Tacoma WA. Trey is electrician in Santa Cruz, California, and Great-Grandson Mason, is one year old.

I met Sandy, my wife and best friend at an adult Sunday school class and we were married in 1996. Sandy has four sons, one daughter and 7 grandchildren. The last 15 years I was head of maintenance at Live Oak School District. I retired December, 2010 and, moved to Concord. I joined SIR in 2010, and play golf with the best group of guys I've known. I'm involved in the nine-, and the 18-hole golf group that meets on Tuesdays. My hobbies include photography, music (heavy on the country), steam trains,"D-Nine" caterpillars, B-17 & B-52 Bombers, or anything that shakes the ground. I'm the guy who takes the messages for the hot line.

Ron Cashion

Area 2 & Branch 19 Activities

Branch 19 Golf Group Report

Marvin Terrell - 689-7964
<judy3764@sbcglobal.net>

September Golf Schedule

September 4th - Open - September 11th - Lone Tree
September 18th - Deer Ridge September 25th - Lone Tree

SIR Area 2 Two Man Better Ball

Date: Thursday September 13th - 8am Shotgun

Pick Your Partner and Enter as a Team

\$46 per player - Send check to **Jim Randall**,
2271 Arcadia Ct., Martinez, CA 94553
Tournament Hosted by SIR Branch 19

Nine Hole Group

Every Monday 9:00 AM alternating between Buchanan Fields, Pine Meadow and Diablo Hills G.C. Since there is NO Tuesday 18 Hole golf for September 4th. To play Buchanan Fields please let Steve McMurdo know ASAP in order to arrange enough tee times.

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

Bocce Ball Rollout

Well it's coming down to the nitty gritty with just 2 weeks left in the regular season and all 3 of our Branch 19 teams are still in the playoff hunt. It's time for all these *finely tuned* bocce athletes to dig deep and go after bocce gold. There has been a lot of interest expressed from my fellow Sir's in our branch to perhaps join the bocce program the next time around. I find that very encouraging and maybe we can have 5 teams next season with maybe 2 coed teams and 3 Sir's only teams. The word is getting around of how much fun we're all having. Don't get left out next season and get in on the fun

John Fernando, Bocce Chairman.

Branch 19 Statistics

August Attendance
Members and Guests - 104
100 Members + 4 Guests
Average Age of membership - 73.1

Financial Report

July 2012

Beginning Cash Balance	\$3,831.99
Contributions	242.06
Subtotal General Receipts	213.74
Disbursements	
Printing, Telephone, Guest	213.74
Net General Accounts	\$ 28.32
Custodial Accounts	
Receipts	\$1,587.94
Disbursements	\$1,751.36
Monthly Luncheon	\$1,525.92
Receipts Special Activities	704.00
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$1,587.94
Subtotal Cust. Disbursements	\$2,455.36
Net Custodial	- \$867.42
Ending Cash Balance	\$2,992.89

Bill Schoonover, Treasurer

Bowling News

The wonderful world of SIR bowling starts on Wednesday, September 5th at the Clayton Valley Bowl and Diablo Lanes. Contact **John Carl (Diablo)** 827-2444 or **Mike Kropf (Clayton Valley)** 689-1457 for information.

Wine Tasting Group

Next Wine Tasting
Friday, September 14th- 7PM

Host: To Be Determined

Signups at the SEPTEMBER meeting

For Information Contact

Don Weimann 925-324-0760

E-mail: <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

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**, Branch 8 934-7620

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

Tulip Time Cruise

Apr 14-22, 2013

Discover the beauty & History of the Dutch and Belgian waterways in springtime. Cruise ports include, Amsterdam, Arnhem, Antwerp, Bruges, Middeburg, and Rotterdam. Prices range from \$3225 to \$5080 and include airfare, complimentary beverages, many guided tours, tips and gratuities. Contact **Jim Lunn** Br 8 for more information. 925 551-3329

New England for the Fall Colors

September 23-October 2, 2012

This is a 10 day trip to New England for the fall colors. We'll fly to Boston and then tour several states in the area, using buses and trains. We'll also have 2 days at the end of the trip in Boston at a very centrally located hotel, with time on your own for sightseeing. Price is \$3280 PPDO. Offered by Branches 101 & 121 Travel. Call

David Abrahams at 925-447-9386.

Discover Additional

Travel Opportunities by reviewing the Travel Section in "SIR Happenings"

<www.sirinc.org>

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.

SIR Area 2 Activities

Sums in Retirement

***Next Meeting - September 26th at 8am
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.

The Area 2 Sums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday September 26, 2012, 8:00AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, [4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord](#). Our speaker will be **Michael Skinner** who is a board member of the local San Francisco Chapter of the American Association of Individual Investors-AAII. Michael was a retired Economist for 26 years with the U.S. Government and has been an Independent Registered Investment advisor for the past 15 years. The AAII is a national organization that was founded in 1978 and currently has 150,000 members. Michael will explain the mission of AAII, which is Investor Education and how you can obtain a membership in the organization. Plan to attend and learn about this outstanding source of investment help.

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

Computer & Technology

***Next Meeting - September 20th at 9am
Walnut Creek Elks Lodge
1475 Creekside Drive.***

Thanks to the efforts of Sir Dick Curry our guest speaker will be **Mr. Jeffrey L. Vaillant**, President of the California Genealogical Society and Library. Jeff, himself a Mayflower descendant, will address such interesting and entertaining questions as: Wonder where to get started with your family history? Wonder why you should interest yourself in your family history? Wonder what is available on the internet versus other locations? Wonder what pitfalls to avoid? Wonder why you are at this meeting (he is humorous)? Jeff enjoys responding to his audience' questions so bring a few thousand, and he will get through as many as time permits. However, he tells us in advance, he does not know your cousin twice removed who lived in Chicago in 1933 (but he will address the tools that will permit you to learn more about him/her.

Time permitting, Dick will then 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 donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. See you there.

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

“Let’s Go Fishing”

***Next Meeting Thursday September 27th
Diablo Creek G.C. - Legends Sports Bar & Grill
Meeting starts at 8:30am***

The salmon are there, but only **Carl Moyer** has braved the harsh ocean conditions. The salmon are a good distance from both the Golden Gate and Half Moon Bay making it hard on us.

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. . Our annual summer backyard barbecue, generously hosted by Jack Waddell was enjoyed by our fishermen and their mates.

All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings

For further information JM106, 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.)

Additional Activities Available Within SIR Area 2

- *Bridge- Duplicate 1 & 2*
- *Digital Photography*
- *Walking/Hiking*
- *Poker*
- *Theatre Groups*
- *Table Pool*
- *Stamp Collecting*
- *Genealogy*
- *Sirs in the Kitchen*
- *Sky Diving (Just Kidding)*

If there is a hobby or special interest that you would like to pursue among the activities that are available within Area 2 of SIR, contact

***Jack Barnaba, Activities Chairman,
through the Hotline 969-7753***

Picnic In The Park

Put the Picnic Date on Your Calendar

Fill out and return the form below if you plan to attend in order to provide the caterer an accurate attendance count. Thank you.

----- Cut Here and Return -----

SIR Branch 19 Picnic - September 20th - Concord Community Park (Cowell)

Will Attend (___) Will Not Attend (___)

Name _____ Badge # ___ Spouse/Guest(s) Name _____

\$20 Per Person for Catered Buffet Picnic Lunch

Amount Enclosed _____

Make Checks Payable to **SIR Branch 19**

Mail to: Bill Schoonover, Treasurer
5581 Yosemite Court, Clayton, CA 94517

Please complete and return by September 6th or pay for reservation at the September Meeting

Dining Out Group at the Jade Garden > **Walnut Creek on August 16th**

The Next Dining Out is the
Branch 19 Picnic on September 20th
Restaurant is to be Determined
for the Thursday - **October 18th Dining Out**



Golden Gate Fields

Presents....

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



When: Friday October 19, 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

Includes: Valet parking, admission & reserved seating, daily racing program, Turf Club buffet, tax/tip for the food servers and a race named in honor of our SIR Branch!

Don't Miss Your Chance for a Big Win !!!

For more information please call **Harry Reiter @ (925) 709-2820**



Koi Fish tank at the Jade Garden

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About Monthly 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

Membership 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

SEPTEMBER 2012 CALENDAR

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Computers & Technology Group

September 26th
Sums In Retirement Group
Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

September 27th
Area 2 Fishing Group
Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

BOWLING
Every Wednesday - Beginning in Fall

BOCCE BALL
Baldwin Park - Wednesdays and Thursdays

GOLF
Every Monday & Tuesday - Schedule inside

SEPTEMBER 20TH
Branch 19 Picnic in lieu of Dining Out

SEPTEMBER 14th
Wine Tasting



1645 Beckner Court
Concord, CA 94521-1119

Return Service Requested



Next Regular Meeting - **September 6th**- Noon - Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord
Unable to Attend: Please Call the **Hotline** and leave message
Hotline Number 969-7753 **It's Hawaiian Shirt Day >**

