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OCTOBER

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



Unfortunately, this is not Trick or Treat. See Little Sir message on page 2.

The October Menu

Starter

Asian Green Salad

Plated Entree

*Teriyaki Chicken Breast or
Broiled Teriyaki Tilapia*

Dessert:

*Chocolate Silk Toasted
Coconut and Wafer Cookie*

*Starbucks Premium Coffee,
Tea and Water on the tables*

The October

The Pledge of Allegiance
will be led by veteran

Phil Culcasi

Phil served in the United States Navy from 1950-1954 in personnel at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, during the Korean War

Next Meeting October 4th Thursday in the Contra Costa Room

Social Hour beginning at 11am in the Atrium Vineyards Restaurant

A MESSAGE FROM BIG SIR GEORGE GARCIA

Thanks to all the members attending the August luncheon and voting in the slate of Officers and Directors for 2013.

They are: Big Sir, Bill Stephenson; Little Sir, Tom Lathrop; Treasurer, Ken Kuhn; Assistant Treasurer, John Moriana; Secretary, Duane Deonigi; Assistant Secretary, Larry Kolano.

Directors are; **George Garcia, Ed DiBetta, Ken Peterson, Gregg Moore, Jim Thelen and Marvin Terrell.**

Congratulation to the new Branch 19 board and executive team.

the State level; **Jim Steadman** will remain President, **Dean Steichen** remains as Regional Director of Area 6 and **Gary Pisco** as the New Area 2 Governor, replacing **Ron Smith** who's done a great job and will be missed.

At our last luncheon, I had one complaint of not getting the Newsletter (*Rooster Tales*) via e-mail. You are responsible to get any corrections or changes of your e-mail address to the Newsletter Editor. If you have any concerns, send **Bill Stephenson** an e-mail and just say please confirm with a response.

We had our first Branch 19 picnic. What a day...what a venue... and what a great time. I would like to thank all those who participated "The Committee" too many to name. A special thanks to **Ken Peterson** for making the arrangements for the park and procuring the Caterers (his daughters!)... a job well done. Was there any wine left?? and is the next poker game at **Ken Kuhn's**??

Bocce ended the second week in September and Bowling started the second week in September. Our branch had three teams play Bocce this summer. Two of the teams made it to the playoffs, but unfortunately were eliminated in the first round. Our third team (the couples team) celebrated their final game with margaritas and a lot of hooping and hollering.

We welcome the following New Members:

Jeff DavisUS Navy, Retired.
Gregg ManningFinance

Transferred from Branch 146
Sponsored by **Al Brunner**

Life is Good!

George Garcia, Big Sir



September at Branch 19



Little Sir Program Report for October

Do to conflicting schedules, the October program will have to be changed. It has not been finalized as of distribution time for this newsletter. A separate e-mail will follow.

Bill Stephenson, Little Sir

A special Thanks to Sir Ken and Judy Peterson and their daughter Cindy Peterson who owns and operates "Yum on the Run" catering service, for the great catered picnic lunch for our Branch.

Talking about food: *The government will be requiring new food labels that are more specific. Products will now be labeled: no fat; low fat; reduced fat; and fat, but great personality.*

October Birthdays

Charles Cameron - Ron Cashion

Milt DeGroot - Bruce Hembroff

Jack Jagoda - Steve McMurdo

Ken Roush - Doug Schuster

Bill Stephenson

September Birthday Drawing Winner

Rick Velasquez

Picnic in the Park

Thanks to all the members and guests who attended the first annual Branch 19 "Picnic in the Park". The day featured the best of weather, convenient and attractive park grounds, and the catering provided by "Yum on the Run Catering" service was fantastic. The attendance was 72 and the feed back of those in attendance was very favorable. We definitely look forward to another successful picnic event next year.

Know Your Fellow Sir - Harry Reiter



Harry Reiter graduated with a B.S. degree in Hotel Administration from Penn State University and has, over the past 40 years, participated in numerous growth seminars and courses. His professional career included employment with Mannings, Inc., in Oakland, San Francisco and Marin County, from 1963 until 1967. In the late 60's through the early 80's, he was employed with the Holiday Inn Corporation, at several different locations, including: Los Angeles; Albuquerque; Chicago; Baltimore; Charleston, and Houston. Harry served as Director of Hotel Operations for Jerry J. Moore Investments of Texas, where he was responsible for managing various properties including hotels, a country club, and a conference center. He was CEO and General Manager of the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco for 10 years, retiring in July of 2001.

He is a past President of the Club Managers Association of America for San Francisco and Northern California. **Harry Reiter**

Picnic In The Park

*"Weather is here ... wish you were beautiful"
..... Jimmy Buffett*



Branch 19 Activities

Polynesian Splendor on Display



Charles Hull (center) wins the 2012 Best Hawaiian Shirt contest. Runner Ups Ron Cashion (left) and Gene Rittburg (right). Note: Cashion's hat was considered an unfair advantage in the judging! Each table picked the best shirt to be represented in the finals.



Know Your Fellow Sir - Bruce Persons



I was born in 1948 in Altadena, CA and our family moved to West Pittsburg by the time I was 4 so my dad could run the Bay Point Water District. I attended Shore Acres Elementary, Riverview Intermediate, and Pacifica High Schools. I joined the Army after two semesters at Sacramento State College and served my time stateside at

Fort Meade, Maryland as a Military Policeman, and in peace time South Korea as a Guard dog handler on a mountain top defensive missile site.

After the Army, I met and married my wife, Patsy, in 1973. We have two beautiful, grown up daughters. Each has blessed us with two grandchildren apiece. I was lucky to work for Safeway for 33 years to support my family and retire. I invited myself to play golf with my neighbor, Steve McMurdo, one day on the Monday 9 hole course and I could not get enough, so I joined SIR and have enjoyed every minute. I also play on the Tuesday 18 hole golf. I am also a fast pitch softball umpire for 29 years. I have umpired in Championship games at the youth level, the High School level, and the College level. I am an instructor and observer/evaluator at all levels. I enjoy the fellowship that SIR affords it's members.

Bruce Persons



Nine Finalists (above) proudly displaying their Hawaiian shirts to determine the Best Hawaiian Shirt. The winner was selected by applause from the attending members. Note the expressions of a few of the losers on the right!

Photos compliments of Sir George



Area 2 & Branch 19 Activities

Branch 19 Golf Group Report

Tom Lathrop - 689-8981 or e-mail <lathrop689@aol.com>

October Golf Schedule

October 9th, 16th and 23rd is the SIR Branch 19 Club Championship at Lone Tree G.C. Entree Fee is \$30. Send check to for \$30 to **Jim Randall**, 2271 Arcadia Ct., Martinez, CA 94553 or pay at our next October 2nd round at Delta View (Pittsburg). The best two of three rounds will determine your tournament score. Note: The final October 23rd round will be a shotgun start. Contact **Tom Lathrop** 689.8981 for any additional Club Championship details.

Results of the SIR Area 2 Two Man Better Ball Tournament

A Group: Barnaba & Kuhn 3rd Place, **B Group:** Cashion & Momita, 2nd Place, **Hammond & McKenzie**, 3rd Place

Nine Hole Group

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

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

Bowling

Well the 2012-2013 **Bowling Season** is here at Clayton Valley SIRS on Wednesdays, we have 28 bowlers, 7 teams of 4, hoping to get more.

We have bowled 3 weeks already and enjoying being back at bowling, was a long summer. **Jack Jagoda** has high series of 707& game276, **Gary Kaufman** has high game so far of 258.

We have the Branch 19 SIRS Tournament coming up on November 13&14, 2012. It has been a great success these last two years and hope for another great tournament. This year we will bowl singles and doubles on the same lanes and fresh oil in between. They have been doing this at Nationals and it seems to be very well liked, so hope to see many of you come out for the Branch19 SIRS Bowling Tournament, 11/13&14.

Have a Nice Day! *Sir Mike Kropf*

Bocce Ball Rollout for 2013

The word is getting around of how much fun we had for our first year of Bocce. Don't get left out next season and get in on the fun. Contact **John Fernando** for information on the Bocce signups for next year.

John Fernando, Bocce Chairman
Phone: 798.9978 <jaferna2003@yahoo.com>

Branch 19 Statistics

September Attendance

Members and Guests - 109

107 Members + 2 Guests

Average Age of membership - 73.1

Financial Report

August 2012

Beginning Cash Balance	\$2,992.89
Contributions	276.64
Subtotal General Receipts	277.12
Disbursements	
Printing, Telephone, Guest	\$0.00
Net General Accounts	\$277.12
Custodial Accounts	
Receipts	\$1,723.36
Monthly Luncheon	\$1,803.37
Receipts Special Activities	683.00
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$1,723.36
Subtotal Cust. Disbursements	\$2,486.37
Net Custodial	-\$763.01
Ending Cash Balance	\$2,507.00

Bill Schoonover, Treasurer

Wine Tasting Group

Friday October 12th - 7:00PM

Theme: Red wine - *Southern Hemisphere* Cabernet. Any cabernet wine from any country south of the equator including Australia, New Zealand, Chili, Argentina or South Africa.

Bring: A bottle costing \$8 or more and an appetizer to share.

Where: **Ken & Kathy Kuhn**

535 Mt. Davidson Ct.

Concord, CA

Phone: 673.9072

kakuhn01@gmail.com

For additional information contact

Don Weimann 925-324-0760

E-mail: <weimanns@astound.net>

Travel Opportunities - Harry Reiter, Travel Chairman

**Discover Additional
Travel Opportunities by reviewing the Travel
Section in "SIR Happenings"**
<www.sirinc.org>

**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.



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

Jun 1-9, 2013: Memphis Blues to the New Orleans Jazz on the American Queen. A 7 night cruise on board the American Queen down the Mississippi with a pre-cruise stay in Memphis and a optional 2 day post stay in New Orleans. Cruise features RT motor coach to airport, RT airfare, all meals on board, including wine or beer with dinner, daily lectures, nightly entertainment, shore tours, and port charges, transfers, and baggage handling. Prices start a \$3658 to \$6486 depending on accommodations. Contact **Bob Spellman**, 934-8428.

Aug 28-Sep 7, 2013: SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Golden Age Cruise. Save the Date for a CELEBRATION! We will leave out of San Francisco and visit the ports of Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Ketchikan, Victoria and return to San Francisco on the Grand Princess. The cost of the 10 day Cruise is from \$1579 to \$3300 depending on accommodations and includes: Gratuities on the ship, Ship Board Credit, Cocktail Party, Hospitality Suite, Transportation by Motor Coach to and from the Pier, Wine, Gifts, and a Alaska Salmon Bake excursion. Flyers are now available, in the meantime if you have any questions contact **Bob Spellman** @934-9428.

**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

Dec 5, 2012: Christmas Show Extravaganza. This show features Joni Morris and the After Midnight Band. Joni will de-light you with songs of the season that will put you in the holiday mood. This holiday performance would even make the "Grinch" smile. Come and enjoy a delicious luncheon and a fabulous show. Price is \$ 97.00 and includes round trip transportation, Christmas Show and Hosted Lunch. Contact **Ken Richter**, 689-6217

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 - October 24th 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.

Our returning guest speaker Peter Karp of Karp Capital Management will discuss the capital management techniques his firm uses to insure consistent growth of their client's portfolios. **Especially with the current market problems of slowing Global growth, the European Debt problems, concerns of experiencing inflation or deflation, the fear of a future problem with the U.S. Treasury debt and the problems that the constant drop in "Value of the Dollar" are causing. In addition Peter will discuss the trading range we are now in and how long it will last.** Plan to attend to hear one of our best investment group speakers. Karp Capital is ranked in the top 25 best wealth advisors in the Bay Area.

*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 - October 18th at 9am

***Walnut Creek Elks Lodge
1475 Creekside Drive.***

Derek Southern will review some current digital cameras and show you how to make a good choice based on budget, capabilities (of both the camera and operator!) and typical subject matter. This may help you with finding a Christmas present, and he will also look at some neat things that you can create from your prize photographs – and these definitely make great presents for the family.

Time permitting, Dick Curry 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.

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We usually ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, but some months are free. See you there.

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

"Let's Go Fishing"

Next Meeting Thursday October 25th

Diablo Creek G.C. - Legends Sports Bar & Grill

Meeting starts at 8:30am

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 fall 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.)

Dining Out

On October 18th, the Dining Out Group returns to an old favorite restaurant in Pleasant Hill, **Tahoe Joe's**. Reservation signups will be taken at the October 4th meeting.

John Babjar - 672-0325

Additional Activities Available Within SIR Area 2

- *Bridge- Duplicate 1 & 2*
- *Digital Photography*
- *Walking/Hiking*
- *Poker - Numerous games*
- *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***

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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*

October 2012 Calendar

September 18th

Computers & Technology Group

September 24th

Sums in Retirement

September 27th

Fishing Group

BOWLING

Every Wed. - Clayton Valley Bowl

GOLF - Every Monday and Tuesday,
see Schedule inside

DINING OUT

October 18th - Tahoe Joe's, Pleasant Hill

WINE TASTING

October 12th



1645 Beckner Court
Concord, CA 94521-1119

Return Service Requested



*Next Regular Meeting - **October 4th** Noon - Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord
Unable to Attend: Please Call the **Hotline** and leave message
Hotline Number 969-7753*