



Rooster Tales

A non profit organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement.

Next Meeting - January 3rd

*SIR Branch 19 will meet noon in the Crowne Plaza Contra Costa Room,
Social Hour at 11am in the Vineyards Restaurant*

Happy New Year !



The scheduled Ladies Day Luncheon was very successful with 113 in attendance. The Ygnacio Valley High School choir performed Holiday songs. A game of Reindeer Trivia was introduced ! Bottles of wine were distributed among the winning ticket holders. We hope all had a good time.

Birthday Drawing December & January

There will be two separate birthday drawings

December

**Jack Barnaba - Casey Campbell -
Mike Hooper - Jacky Luke - Gregg
Moore Charles Rogers - Patrick Rotell**

January

**Myron Allen - Dennis Barbieri - Al
Berg - Homer Colvin - Jeff Davis
George Garcia - Carleton Gooderham
John Hayes - Bob Hillaker
Nelson Luke - Ken Peterson
John Roebuck - Walter Stephen
John VanDeVeer - Donald Weimann**

The Menu for January

Starter

Minestrone Soup

Plated Entree

*Beef Lasagna
or
Vegetable Lasagna*

*French Beans, Parsley New Potatoes
Zinfandel & Green Peppercorn Jus*

Dessert

Tiramisu

*Starbucks Coffee, Decaf and Tea on
the Tables*



The Pledge of Allegiance will be led

by

George Fulmore.

*George served
in the
United States Coast
Guard
from 1965 - 1969*

Big Sir Message for January



*Bill Stephenson
Big Sir 2013*

*Ask not what the Branch
can do for you Ask what
you can do for the Branch.*

As your incoming Big Sir for 2013, I look forward to the opportunity to continue participating and hopefully contributing to the continuing success and membership growth of Branch 19. Also, the past few years have shown a new vitality to the activities provided by the organization. The 18 hole Golf Group is growing with an average of 32 to 44 participating each week. Bocce, Dining Out and Wine Tasting groups have been a success and are planning for 2013. The Area 2 activities which are mentioned in the newsletter each month are thriving and are continually looking for more members to attend. Before joining SIR, I also had memberships in the Kiwanis and Lions clubs. These service organizations are valuable to the communities and certainly serve a definite purpose. However, the SIR organization was created to provide retired men a place where they could share activities of common interest. There are no membership dues, no fund raising activities, etc. the only requirement is a reasonable percentage of attendance to the monthly luncheons. Other than that,

just have fun and participate in the activities that you enjoy or you may also volunteer to assist on the various assignments that are available. If you are interested in helping out in some way, contact me at <branch19newsletter> or phone the Hotline 969-7753 and leave a short message.

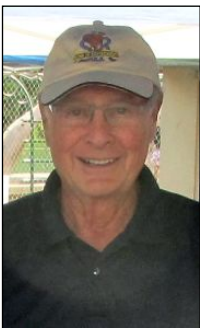
My attitude towards the position of Big Sir is a definitely one of the position being a "learning experience". In every previous position which I've held in Branch 19, it has been the same. If you take on a certain position thinking that you know it well you may fail or at best, be mediocre. The challenge is always to leave what ever you are doing in a "better form" than when you took over.

To sum up, our goal as a Branch for 2013 should be "80/20" ... 80% average attendance and a 20% increase in membership.

With your help ...we can do it!

*Bill Stephenson
Big SIR 2013*

Branch 19 Opens 2013 with Momentum and Expectations



Ron Smith

Branch 19 Receives Governor's Review from Ron Smith.

To: George Garcia, Big Sir
Branch 19

Thank you for your timely submission of the Form 27 for November. This represents the last report for 2012 and I would like to congratulate you, Little Sir **Bill Stephenson**, the BEC and the entire membership of Branch 19 for an outstanding year.

To be honest, after the numbers the branch put up in 2011, I thought you might drop off a little this year, but you guys kept it going.

Twenty-two new members which is an increase of 17.5% over January. One of the best in the state, if not the best, but we won't know until all of the numbers are in. An average luncheon attendance over 78% which I am sure is best in Area 2, and a guest count of 25 which doubles your goal. More importantly, almost all of the guests became new members.

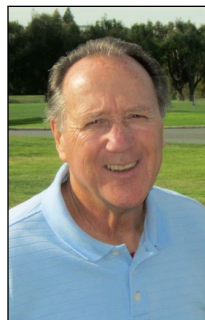
You all should feel good about what you have contributed to the success of Branch 19 and I am sure it will carry over into 2013.

*Ron Smith
Governor, Area 2*

Thanks and congratulations to all those members that contributed to our Branch success in 2012. Let's continue with the effort in 2013 to make Branch 19 one of the best in the state. In fact, why not The Best!

George Garcia and Bill Stephenson

Know Your Fellow Sir - *George Vogt & Don Weimann*



George Vogt

I was born and raised in Maryland and eventually made my way to the west coast in 1965. Prior to moving to California, I served three years in the U.S. Navy with two tours in Vietnam. In 1968 I met my beautiful wife Barbara and have been

married for forty four years. I had a successful career in the public utility and industrial services industries. During my career I worked my way from a technician to a corporate leader. Some of my most memorable successes in my career include creating a National Environmental Program that redefined how

chemicals are distributed in refineries. This program contributed to making a lasting impression on creating cleaner air within our environment. My biggest success in life is being married to a loving and supporting wife for forty four years and raising two daughters who make me proud everyday. Currently in my retirement years I enjoy fellowship with my Sons in Retirement Brothers and trying to get better at golf. I also enjoy reading and fishing with SIR fishing group.

George Vogt

Note: George is also co-chaplain for Branch 19 along with Jamie Maddox.



Don Weimann

I was born and grew up in St. Joseph, Michigan--in the southwestern corner of the Lower Peninsula and on Lake Michigan across from Chicago. I am the youngest of six children. My father worked in an auto parts factory as a

carpenter/millwright.

I have a B. S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan and a M. S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania. In college, I was exposed to computer programming. My entire career was with Chevron Corporation (originally Standard Oil of California). I retired in 2002.

I worked as an engineer doing refinery design, as a designer/ programmer of technical computer applications, and as a long-range refinery planner/ economic analyst. Computer and information technology were my fascination, so in 1974 I decided

to make my career in computing. I then moved into general computer applications using databases.

For 18 years, I was an internal, enterprise-wide consultant for Chevron. I consulted on hundreds of business computing applications, frequently finding how to deploy emerging technology for practical business usage. I worked on big old mainframes, PCs, and Internet. I went to many technical meetings to stay abreast of rapidly evolving technology. I saw, from the inside, the tremendous growth of computing power that is now omnipresent in our lives. It was fun!

I have two sons from my first marriage, and am now remarried to Ruth. We travel extensively, sightseeing or golfing. For each of the past five years, we have spent 100+ nights away from home.

I have always enjoyed wine and have visited many wineries. Also, upon retirement, I took four wine classes just for fun. I started and have enjoyed our SIR Branch 19 wine tasting group.

Don Weimann

Area 2 and Branch 19 Activities for January

Computer & Technology

**Next Meeting - Thursday, January 17th - 9am
Walnut Creek Elks Lodge
1475 Creekside Drive.**

Phil Goff will present his Emergency Records Organizer that outlines information you will need in an emergency situation. This was originally presented in January 2008, so Phil will explain how, and why, he has updated it. Also, JM82 Phil will show how to use password organizer programs, e.g. Last Pass, Password Keeper, Roboform, etc

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 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

Area 2 Sums Investment Group

**Next Meeting - Wednesday - January 23rd
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. Bring along a prospective member or two to hear this very timely talk. Also plan to support the restaurant and it's excellent staff.

Our guest speaker **Tom Kopas, Principal Portfolio Manager, Pring Turner Capital Group** will present **"How much Life is Left in the Current Cyclical Bull Market"**. Tom will update Pring Turner Capital Group's outlook for stocks, bonds and commodities. His past popular presentation "Are you Prepared for Another Lost Decade" details the reasons investors should be prepared for challenging markets. The program will cover a wide array of timely topics including: What's ahead for the economy and the financial markets? Are we approaching an important long- term turning point for interest rates? How will investors and retirees with bond funds cope with higher inflation? What are the current and long-term themes for profitable opportunities? Valuable insights, original research, and extensive industry experience are all part of this important presentation. In addition, Tom will discuss what asset allocation decisions will bring investors profitably through this cycle and where the risks and opportunities are for investors now and in the coming months and years.

**Co-Chairmen: Allen Espenmiller
(925-376-3977 George Schulze 925-429-1756
Leary Wong 925-457-080 Ken Nakashima
Coordinator 925-376-0421**



Striper caught by Joe Karg near the Benicia Bridge

"Lets Go Fishing"

Next Meeting

Thursday January 24th

Legends Sports Bar - Diablo Creek G.C. Meeting starts at 8:30am

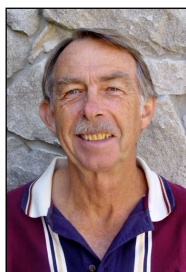
We will start the new year with fishing trips for trout and sturgeon, and a group outing to the Sportsmen's EXPO in Sacramento on the 10th. We stop for dinner on our way home, and this is a popular annual event. We will

continue our successful trips for trout and sturgeon. For additional information talk with **George Vogt**, Branch 19, who fishes regularly with the fishing group.

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 Golf Club Champions for 2012



Duane Deonigi
"A" Flight



Mike Kraweski
"B" Flight



Ozzie McKenzie
"C" Flight



Jim Willey
"D" Flight

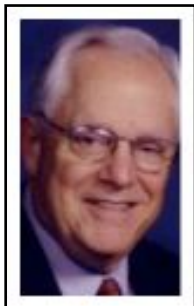
**Branch 19 Golf Schedule
for January and February**

For the months of **January** and **February**, due to the winter weather, the only scheduled golf dates are at Lone Tree G.C., Antioch.

9:30am will be the first starting time, however, a Shotgun start could occur on certain dates and will be announced in advance. **Alternate** Tuesdays are open for individual groups to arrange tee times at various courses of their choice. Following are the Lone Tree dates.

**January 8th - January 22nd -
February 12th - February 26th**

Travel Opportunities for Members of SIR



**Harry Reiter,
Branch 19
Travel
Chairman
925 709-2820**

<hr5000@comcast.net>

March 2, 2013

Turmoils at Professor Ming's Mansion. Join fellow SIR at Buddha's Universal Church in San Francisco, doors open at 1:30pm. Prior to the performance there will be a tour of the Terracotta Warriors exhibit at the Asian Art Museum. Price of \$85.00 pp also includes hosted lunch in Chinatown and bus transportation. Contact **Dick Schally** Br.8, 260-5534 for more information

June 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 JM47 depending on accommodations. Contact **Bob Spellman**, 934-8428

Tulip Time Cruise
April 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** Branch 8 for more information.
925 551-3329

August 28-September 7, 2013
Alaska Golden Age Cruise
SIR 55th Anniversary

SIR will be celebrating our 55th anniversary with a 10 day round trip cruise from San Francisco to Alaska on Princess Cruise Line. Cost, \$1579 to \$3300 depending on accommodations. This should be a great opportunity to spend time with fellow members while enjoying the wonderful scenery that Alaska offers. The cost includes: Gratuities on the ship, Ship Board Credit, Cocktail Party, Hospitality Suite, Transportation to and from the Pier, wine and Gifts, and a Alaska Salmon Bake Excursion. If you need flyers or more information contact Sonoma Travel @ 707-763-1545.
Save the Date
Bob Spellman - 934-8428.



Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

**Ladies Day Attendance
Members and Guests - 113**

Financial Report

November 2012

Beginning Cash Balance	\$3,367.03
Contributions	240.73
Interest	.66
Subtotal General Receipts	241.39
Disbursements	
Printing,	37.07
Postage	.00
Telephone Hotline	21.40
Guest Expense	25.00
State Pro Rata Assessment	.00
Subtotal General Disbursements	83.47
Net General Accounts	157.92
Custodial Accounts	
Monthly Luncheon Receipts	1,569.27
Receipts Special Activities	3,220.00
Bowling	4,119.30
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	8,908.57
Disbursements	
Monthly Luncheon	\$1,803.37
Special Activities	.00
Bowling	2,260.00
Subtotal Cust. Disbursements	\$4,063.37
Net Custodial	4,845.20
Ending Cash Balance	\$8,370.15

Ken Kuhn, Treasurer

Branch 19 Installs New Treasurer



Ken Kuhn
Branch 19 Treasurer

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. December Ladies Day is exempted.



Look for 2 Lucky Badge Numbers in this January Newsletter

If you find your Badge Number (preceded by JM) somewhere in this newsletter, you could be a winner of a free lunch. However, you must call the Hotline 969-7753 in advance of the meeting in order to qualify for the free lunch.

January Calendar

Computers & Technology

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Walnut Creek Elks Club

Sums in Retirement

Wednesday January 23rd -
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

Area 2 Fishing Group

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Bowling

10am Every Wednesday at the
Clayton Valley Bowl & Diablo Lanes

Golf

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Dining Out - January 17th

Wine Tasting - January 11th



1645 Beckner Court
Concord, CA 94521

Return Service Requested



Next Meeting - January 3rd, 2013- Noon - Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord