

JULY

ROOSTER TALES

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

Next Meeting - July 11th Noon

Walnut Room - Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord
Social Hour 11am in Atrium Vineyards Restaurant

Big Sir Message for July



As we go into the last half of the year, the Branch appears to be in excellent shape. We could use more new members to keep up with the inevitable attrition. Make it a point to bring a guest as a potential new member in the next few months. Every **Independence Day**, makes us proud to be a part of the greatest nation on the planet. Here's to a star spangled celebration and patriot wishes for a memorable holiday. Have an enjoyable Fourth of July and keep cool!

Bill Stephenson

Happy Birthday America Celebrating 233 years



The Pledge of Allegiance

to be led by **John Wolfe**

**U.S. Air Force - 1965 -1969 Air Defense
Command, Tactical Air Command,
Minnesota, Washington and Vietnam**



July Menu

Starter

Sonoma County Organic Greens
Sesame Vinaigrette, Vine Ripe Tomato and
crispy Won Tons

Plated Entree

Teriyaki Chicken Breast
Bay Shrimp Fried Rice and Baby Bok Choy
or
Teriyaki Tilapia
Bay Shrimp Fried Rice and Baby Bok Choy

Dessert

Lemon Mousse Cake with Raspberry Sauce
Cinnamon simple syrup drizzle

**Starbucks Coffee, Decaf and Tea
on Tables**

July Birthdays

**Ralph Dorsey
Jerry Fitzmaurice
Ron Hammond
Larry Kolano
Mike McKay
Daniel McLaughlin
Jarold Meyer
Joseph Milani
John Moriana**

**June Winner
Edwin Rittburg**

The program for July will feature up to date information on the Caldecott Fourth Bore Project - (Pg. 2)

The July Program

Ivy Morrison
Public Information Officer
Caldecott Fourth Bore Project

Ivy Morrison has served as the Public Information Officer for the Caldecott Fourth Bore Project since March, 2011. Prior to this she worked on several major infrastructure projects in the Bay Area, including the Bay Bridge Seismic Safety Projects, FasTrak, and the new Benicia-Martinez (George Miller) Bridge.

Before focusing on transportation projects, Ivy served managed the Contra Costa County Parks & Open Space campaign and earlier served as a Public Information Specialist for the Contra Costa Water District.

A native New Yorker, Ivy has lived in central Contra Costa County for more than 20 years. She holds a Master's degree from Columbia University in New York.



The Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore

*The
SIR Branch 19
July meeting
has been
scheduled for
Thursday
July 11th.*



The June Program featured ...

Charles W. Bamforth

of Anheuser-Busch and U.C. Davis. The Endowed Professor of Malting and Brewing Sciences informed us about the history and pleasures of enjoying JM126 beer. Equal time for a wine program ?



(Left) In Spring 2012, Caltrans solicited artwork from youngsters grades K-12 in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. Six top art deco designs were selected from among over 300 entries The six winning hexagonal medallions were permanently secured above the new fourth bore on the eastern and western ends

What We Want To Do

Membership and Attendance

Remind all your SIR friends the importance of bringing guests for a visit and possible membership in our SIR organization Branch 19. (a \$10 lunch price, **one time only**) is a good deal to introduce a guest to a great experience and possibly participating in the variety of activities offered. We have a goal to increase membership by at least 10% for 2013. We will put out the welcome mat for the guests.

New Activities: We plan to concentrate on Day trips, etc., around the Bay Area. This month of July we will again set up an activities table for members to see what is available in the area or suggest new activities that we can promote.

Suggestions for day trips or activities are especially welcome.

Our Goal

Our most important concern is you.

*We want to hear from you
Your impressions and feedback will
help us improve your SIR
Experience.*

*If you are disappointed,
please tell us about it.*

*If you are pleased,
we would like to hear that too.*

*At the check-in table, we have
comment forms you may fill out with
your thoughts. Email us:*

branch19newsletter@yahoo.com

*or call and leave message on the
Branch 19 Hotline - 969-7753*

Officer and Director Nominations for 2014

The Nominating Committee has submitted a slate of Branch 19 candidates for 2014. The candidates are: Big Sir, **Tom Lathrop**, Little Sir, **Larry Kolano**, Secretary, **Duane Deonigi**, Asst. Secretary, **Dwayne Williams**, Treasurer, **Ken Kuhn**, Asst. Treasurer, **John Moriana**. Directors: **Jack Barnaba**, **George Garcia**, **Dave Kepper**, **John Fernando**, **Ken Peterson**, **Ron Cashion**.

Committee assignments will be available if you are interested or know someone who would make a good candidate. Please contact the Hotline 969-7753 with your suggestions. or e-mail

branch19newsletter@yahoo.com

Election of the officers shall be held at the August luncheon meeting.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor. A nominee from the floor must signify his agreement to accept the office if elected. Voting for Branch Officers shall be by secret ballot. However, for any office for which there is but one nominee, voting may be by voice or by a show of hands. RULE 134)

Bocce Report

With 18 games already played, our Branch 19 teams are doing very well. The first 4 teams in their division, go to the playoffs. As of now, Wednesday nights team Sir Bocce II, headed by Capo **Tom Lathrop**, are in 4th place. On Thursday nights, team Sirfire, led by Capo **John Fernando**, is tied for 1st place. Our coed team led by Capo **John Hayes**, team Oldies but Goodies are continuing to improve and just recently acquired their first 2

win night, along with rolling a casino in 1 of those games. A casino in bocce, is equivalent to a grand slam in baseball. To my understanding, it was the spouses (the women) who carried the team that night. It's great to see that the spouses are having a great time out on the bocce court. Keep up the good work and continued fun!

John Fernando
Bocce Chairman

To contact John by phone:
(925)798-9978. or email:



Branch 19 Committee Chairmen

- Activities - **Jack Barnaba** - 672-0947
- Golf Chairman - **Jerry Burton** - 682-9797
- Bocce - **John Fernando** - 798-9978
- Bowling - **John Carl** - 827-2444
- Dining Out - **Ken Peterson** - 439-5448
- Wine Tasting - **Don Weimann** 672-7711

Area 2 and Branch 19 Activities for July

The Area 2 Sums

Wednesday July 24th, 2013,
8:00 AM

Legends - Diablo Creek G.C.
4050 Port Chicago Highway in
Concord.

Our speaker will be **Richard O. Vandenberg** - Managing Director whose responsibilities include business development officer and head of Atlantic Trust Private Wealth Management Co., the San Francisco office for Northern California and the Pacific Northwest. Rick will present "Asset Allocation Update: A Third Market Peak or Room to Run?"

Should I stay invested? If so where? In which asset classes?" Rick has more than 31 years of investment management experience whose primary responsibilities include leading the client service teams and business development efforts of ultra-high net worth clients. Plan to attend and hear important timely information concerning your investment strategy.

Co-Chairmen: **Allen Espenmiller**
(Br-174) 925-376-3977
George Schulze (Br-8)
925-429-1756 **Leary Wong** (Br-8)
925-457-0807

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group **Next Meeting - Thursday, July 18th at 9:30am.** **Walnut Creek Elks Club**

Neil Schmidt and **Phil Goff** are arranging a presentation about the important topic of Home Security Systems. We are inviting a speaker from a provider who can describe to us the state-of-the-art in terms of controlling a system from a smart phone or tablet, as well as the more usual demands of a security system. As soon as details are final they will be posted on the A2CAT website, <http://www.a2cat.sirinc2.org>.

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.

Phil Goff 820-3573 and Derek Southern 253-1646
Co-Chairs

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

June Attendance

Members and Guests - 108

Financial Report - Form 28

May 2013

Beginning Cash Balance	\$6,101.18
Contributions	210.09
Interest	.19
Subtotal General Receipts	210.28
Disbursements Net General	210.28
Postage	.00
Officers Expense	.00
Telephone Hotline	.00
Guest Expense	.00
State Pro Rata Assessment	.00
Subtotal General Disbursements	.00
Net General Accounts	\$210.28
Custodial Accounts	
Monthly Luncheon Receipts	\$1,789.91
Golf	
Receipts Special Activities	.00
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$1,789.91
Disbursements	
Monthly Luncheon	1,789.91
Special Activities	
Bowling	
Golf	
Subtotal Custodial Disbursement	\$1,789.91
Net Custodial	-
Ending Cash Balance	\$6,311.46

Ken Kuhn

Branch 19 Treasurer

Treasurer Report

General Account \$3,605.79

Custodial Accounts **Bowling** \$1,020.07

Golf \$1,435.60 **Petty Cash** \$250.00

General Fund Set Aside **Christmas Fund**
326.67 **Picnic Fund** \$90.00

Things to Ponder

- *If your car could travel the speed of light, would your headlights work?*
or
- *OK, what's the speed of dark?*

If you have an interest in reviewing 33 additional **Things to Ponder**, open the second attachment that is with this e-newsletter. These are a work of **Steven Wright**, he's the famous erudite (comic) scientist. His mind sees things a little different!

Wine Tasting

Friday- July 12th

**Details and Signups at the
July 11th Meeting**

Don Weimann - 672-7711 or

[<weimanns@astound.net>](mailto:weimanns@astound.net)

Branch 19 Golf Information

The Schedule for July

July 9th - Lone Tree - 9:30

July 16th - Boundary Oak - 7:45

July 23rd - Lone Tree - 9:30

July 30th - Deer Ridge - 9:00

Area 2 State Team Scramble

Was held at the Boundary Oak G.C. on
June 26th

The Branch 19 team of

**Duane Deonigi, Don Weimann, Ozzie
McKenzie and Rich Peterson** placed 5th

with a 6 under score. Out of the 16 teams
participating in the

Area 2 Team Scramble, the lowest 2 teams
qualified to go to the SIR State Team
Scramble Championship at Stevenson Ranch
on August 12th.

Next SIR State Tournament

September 15th - 19th

Solvang Fall Classic -

Two Days of four man best ball, one day
scramble. For information, contact
golferdfb@sbcglobal.net

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News

Winter League information will be
available at the July 11th meeting.

John Carl 827-2444

Dining Out for July Come Join Us!

Dining Out Signups at the
July 18th meeting - for information
Contact **Ken Peterson 439-5448** or
Al Brunner 687-0594

Golf Match Play Results- (as of 6.25.13)

Van DeVeer over Tollivoro 2/1
Katsuleres over Yuen 4/3
Willey over Ilg 3/1
Moore over Barbieri 3/2
Terrell over Thelen 3/2
Randall over Stephenson 3/2
Priest over Kepper 2/1
Cashion over Williams 4/3
J. Garcia over K. Peterson 2/1
Vogt over R. Peterson 2/1
Barnaba over Nelson 4/2
Rotell over Maddox 2/1
Kuhn over Duncan 6/5

Hayes over Momita 2/1
Persons over Kolano 3/1
Gagliardi over Vogt 5/4
Persons over Randall 2 up
Gagliardi over Rotell 4/3
Burton over Moriana 6/5
Terrell over Krawesky 5/4
J. Garcia over Monroe 4/2
Barnaba over Deonigi 2/1
Priest over Terrell 1 up
Kuhn over VanDeVeer 1 up
Hayes over Fernando 6 & 5

Cashion/Moore, to be played

Nine Hole Golf

Every Monday at approximately 9am alternating at the following
courses, **Buchanan Fields, Diablo Hills and Pine Meadow** Contact
Steve McMurdo: smcmurdo@comcast.net

Let's Go Fishing

Thursday, July 25th - Diablo Creek G.C. - Legends - 8:30am

About 25 fishermen enjoyed the spring fish fry in Carl Moyer's
back yard. Don Mittlesteadt and Ernie Wong led about a dozen
of us on a shad fishing adventure near Sacramento. The shad
were uncooperative, and only a few played with us. Still it was
nice to try this different kind of fishing for a change. The ocean
was generally windy and nasty, and so the salmon catch was
spotty. On the few good days, the party boats did very well. We
are optimistic about salmon when the big water lays down. We
will be very busy this summer with: delta fishing for bass, catfish,
and sturgeon; trout, king and kokanee salmon in mountain lakes
and rivers; salmon, halibut and rock fish from the ocean; as well
as some distant forays to Mexico, Canada, and Alaska.

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, please contact
Pete Gates, **Big Fish Pete Gates** (925-937-2035) **Carl Moyer,**
Branch 8 Coordinator, (925-685-5243) or **Tom Boltz,**
Treasurer/Secretary, (925-825-5695.).

SIR Area 2 Travel Opportunities

Aug. 8th- 2013 Enjoy a day at the ball park. - Celebrate SIR Day at AT&T Park with the World Series Champion San Francisco Giants vs Milwaukee Brewers. Tickets available on an individual basis through the Giant Ticket Office. Note: SIR Group purchases have been sold out. Scattered seats are available

Visit: <www.SFGiants.com> Tickets

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 available, Contact your Travel Chairman or **Bob Spellman** Br. 146, 934-8428 for more information.

Jan 9, 2014: Cuba: Music, Culture & the Roots of Revolution. A people to people program that visits Santiago de Cuba a cultural melting pot of Afro-Cuban traditions as well as Baracoa an unspoiled gem on the coast. The Cuban capital will also be included. The cost of \$5295 includes RT airfare, all accommodations, 28 meals, private motorcoach, and English speaking guide. Contact Russ Aubry, Br. 171, 510-644-2692 for more information.

May, 2014: Hidden Gems of the Dalmation Coast & Greece. A 16 day Cruise aboard a privately owned Grand Circle small ship with a maximum of 50 passengers. Ports of Call will include Zagreb, Split, Hvar, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Montenegro, Butrint, Albania, Corfu, Delphi and Athens. Prices range from approximately \$4595 to \$6170 depending on accommodations and airfare. Trip also includes 37 meals, 12 exclusive tours with personal headsets, home hosted dinner, and resident Grand Circle Program Director. Contact **Ken Richter** Br 146, 689-6217.

To review additional **Travel Opportunities**, visit the SIR Website www.siring.org and go to the **SIR Happenings** travel link.



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 the Lucky Badge Number in this 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.

July 2013 Calendar

Computers & Technology

July 18th
Walnut Creek Elks Club

Sums in Retirement

Wednesday July 24th
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

Area 2 Fishing Group

Thursday July 25th
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

Bowling

Clayton Valley Bowl & Diablo Lanes
League commences in the Fall

Golf

Every Monday (Nine Hole) and
Tuesday (18 Hole)- (See page 5)

Dining Out - 3rd Thursday

Wine Tasting - 2nd Friday

Signups at the July 11th meeting



1645 Beckner Court
Concord, CA 94521

Return Service Requested



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