



# ROOSTER TALES

**Next Meeting - Thursday November 7th - Crown Plaza Hotel/Concord- Walnut Room**



**Big Sir Message:**

Included in this newsletter on Page 5 is the Reservation Form for the December 5th Ladies Day Holiday event at the Crowne Plaza Atrium.

We encourage an early reservation signup, either by using the form or at the November meeting. The December luncheon is not a required attendance event. However, all members are

encouraged to join in on an entertaining luncheon, with or without a guest. *(Message continued on page 2)*

## November Program

**Annual Veterans Day Celebration**

*To All Branch 19 Veterans: Please remember to wear and display your Service Memorabilia*

***Veterans ...This is Your Day!***



**Presenting Dick Callahan**

the highly respected public address announcer and civic leader. Over the years, he has been the voice of the Warriors, St. Mary's College and Cal Bears. Recognized for his meticulous preparation and wide ranging expertise covering athletic competitions, he presently announces for the AL West champions, the Oakland Athletics.



**Pledge of Allegiance**

Will be led by  
All the Veterans

**November Menu**

**Starter**

Spinach Salad

**Plated Entree**

Grilled Chicken Breast

or

Baked Salmon

**Dessert**

Chocolate Cake

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

**November Birthdays**

**Gary Addison**

**John Fernando**

**Ken Kuhn**

**Bruce Persons**

**Alex Poulos**

**Richard Small**

**Lloyd West**

**October Winner**

**Jim Wyllie**

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

## Know Your Fellow Sir

**Bill Boyer**, 69, is semi-retired from the bar and nightclub business in the Central CCC area. His businesses have included Fubar's Comedy Club, WPLJ's Dance Club, Farrington's Sports Bar and Cue & Brew Billiards.

He was previously in the newspaper and public relations fields, having worked for the Contra Costa Times, Berkeley Gazette and Harrah's Tahoe.

Bill has been married for 34 years and has two grown sons, one a US Forest Service firefighter and another a PhD biological researcher at UC Santa Cruz.

Both he and wife, Wendy, are East Bay natives. Wendy works with Graham-Hitch Cremation and Memorial Center in Danville. She is a licensed funeral director and has over 35 years of experience in helping families.

Bill's hobbies include golf, hiking, biking, skiing and traveling.



Have a desire to express your creativity? We are looking for someone or a few members to assist on the newsletter. Adequate computer skills are a requisite. Also,

knowledge of programs such as Microsoft Word would be necessary. You are rewarded by sharpening your reporting talents and creating an interesting newsletter for the membership and selected SIR Area 2 contacts. For further information please contact:

**Bill Stephenson**, Editor

Home Phone: 680-0234 (leave message) or

e-mail: <[branch19newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:branch19newsletter@yahoo.com)>

## The October Program Review



### Julie Seelen

Advancement Director for Save Mount Diablo, presented us and shared some of the information regarding the

mountain's beauty, ways for you to explore it and what threatens to destroy it. Julie has been with SMD since 2005. Her responsibilities include the fund development program and communications and marketing plan.

## Dining Out

Dining Out Signups for **November 21st.** will be available at the November 7th meeting. For the next venue information

Contact **Ken Peterson** <[kenneth637@comcast.net](mailto:kenneth637@comcast.net)> 439-5448

## Wine Tasting

Friday, November 15th - 7:00 pm

Hosts: **Don & Ruth Weiman**

5738 Roanwood Way, Concord

For information - Phone (925) 672-7711

Theme: **Non USA Sparkling Wine**

Note: No meeting scheduled for December

E-mail Contact: **Don Weimann**

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

## Big Sir Message (Continued from page 1)

As my "tour of duty" comes to an end as Big Sir of Branch 19, I would like to give my sincere appreciation to all who have contributed to the success of Branch 19. Next month I will review the year 2013 and what we would like to accomplish going into the next year. It should be every member's goal to bring into our Branch at least one new member. Next year's Officers and Directors have the support of those in past leadership

positions. To Tom Lathrop as he takes over the Big Sir position, we wish him the best. I believe that what we have asked in the past, still is key to our success as an organization ... **"Ask not what the Branch can do for you ... Ask what you can do for the Branch!"**

With the beginning of the 2013 Holiday Season around the corner ....all my good wishes to the membership and their families. **Bill Stephenson, Big Sir 2013**

## Area 2 and Branch 19 Activities for November

### *The Area 2 Sums*

*Wednesday November 20th*  
8:00 AM

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

**Note: We usually have our meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month but this year that date would fall on the day before Thanksgiving, so to avoid the holiday we are meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. No meeting in December.**

We will not feature a speaker for this meeting. Instead your chairmen will host a members only review and future planning seminar for all to discuss what types of subjects you would like to have for the 2014 year. **So put your thinking caps on and bring forth your ideas for our future meetings.** If any of you have a particular good investment

story about how well your investments may have done in 2013, please let us know if you would like to share this news with your colleagues.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 AM so plan to have a leisurely breakfast along with your fellow members. I am going to try to bring my wife's famous Aunt Mary's coffee cake to have with your coffee afterwards. Let's have a large turnout so we get many suggestions that can further enhance the quality of subjects covered.

Look forward to seeing you all soon,

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 Regular Meeting - Thursday, November 21st at 9:30am.*  
*Walnut Creek Elks Club*

**Phil Goff** will give an overview of Windows 8 and show the enhancements offered by Windows 8.1. Everyone knows that Windows 8 had a bumpy start. Now, Microsoft is releasing a major upgrade named Windows 8.1 and it promises to address many of the issues that were causing the complaints.

Although the user interface is different than earlier Operating Systems, Windows 8 is a good system and the 8.1 upgrade just makes it better. If you plan to purchase a new PC anytime soon, then Windows 8.1 will be your operating system. Also, if you are running an older system like Windows XP, you might as well plan on upgrading since support for that system is quickly diminishing. Making the transition from Windows XP or 7 isn't all that difficult so come see how Windows 8.1 works.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. 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, but some months are free, so come and see if November is one of those!

**Phil Goff and Derek Southern**  
Co-chairs

### *Financial Statement*

#### **Branch 19 Statistics**

**October Attendance**  
**Members and Guests - 101**  
**Financial Report - Form 28**

#### **September 2013**

Beginning Cash Balance	\$6,965.30
Contributions	\$233.28
Interest	.33
Subtotal General Receipts	\$42.61
Disbursements Net General	\$191.00
Postage	\$9.20
Printing, Supplies, etc	8.88
Telephone Hotline	\$24.53
Guest Expense	40.00
State Pro Rata Assessment	.00
Subtotal General Disbursements	\$42.61
NET GENERAL gain/(loss)	\$191.00
Custodial Accounts	
Monthly Luncheon Receipts	\$1,646.72
...Special Activities	600.00
Golf	560.00
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$2,806.72
Disbursements	
Monthly Luncheon	\$1,646.72
Special Activities	\$994.00
Bowling	
Golf	\$1,658.00
Subtotal Custodial Disbursement	\$4,298.72
Net Custodial	- \$1,492.00
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,664.30

**Ken Kuhn**

**Branch 19 Treasurer**

**Treasurer Report**

Checking Account \$5,414.30

### *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. or Email us:

[branch19newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:branch19newsletter@yahoo.com)

Hotline - 969-7753 (leave message)

## Branch 19 Golf Information

*The 18 Hole Golf Group  
November 5th  
Diablo Creek G.C.*

*November 12th - Lone Tree 9:30am*

*November 19th - Diablo Creek*

*November 26th - Lone Tree*

*December 3rd Boundary Oak G.C.\**

*\*Tee Time - 7:45am*

Contact - Jerry Burton, Chairman

Contact Jerry Burton <AJ

### Golf Club Championship

*Overall Winners determined by 2 Best Rounds  
out of Three Played.*



"A" Flight

1st Ron Ingersol

2nd Duane Deonigi

3rd Roy Priest

"B" Flight

1st John Hayes,

2nd George Garcia,

3rd John Fernando

"C" Flight 1st

Mike Clancy and

Rich Peterson (tie),

3rd Leonard Nicholas

*All 2013 Golf Awards will be presented at the  
January luncheon*

## SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Well we are seven weeks into the new season and we have a tie for first, Silver Foxes and The "8" Balls. The Guzzlers are holding up the rear!

Our Branch #19

Tournament is here at Clayton Valley Bowl November 12th&13th, the Branch has donated \$300 to the prize fund this year instead of buying hand towels or bowling bowls, this should make for a very nice prize fund this year. Looking forward to seeing everyone and having a great Tournament!

Sir Mike Kropf

## Branch 19 & Area 2 Activities

### 2013 Bocce Report

Another successful Branch 19 bocce season has come to a close. Our mens Wednesday night and Thursday night teams both not only made it to the playoffs, but won and advanced to the second round in the playoffs. Both teams lost in the second round, but went further into the playoffs than they both did last year. It's only getting better!

Our coed team didn't make it to the playoffs, but fun was had by all. The spouses pretty much carried our coed team and had a wonderful time doing it. It was a great bocce season for our Branch 19 members and their wives! Hope to see all of you who participated and those of you who would like to participate next year. **John Fernando, Capo**

### 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](mailto:smcmurdo@comcast.net)

### Let's Go Fishing

*Next Meeting at Diablo Creek Golf Club -*

*Thursday - November 21st*

*Legends Restaurant - 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 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.

For further information, please contact

**Big Fish Pete Gates** (925-937-2035) **Carl Moyer**, Branch 8

Coordinator, (925-685-5243) or **Tom Boltz**, Treasurer/

Secretary, (925-825-5695.).

### Humor Corner ..... aaah the Irish

*"Your glass is empty O'Flaherty, will you be having another?"*

*"And why would I be wanting two empty glasses?" replied O'Flaherty.*

*Finally,*

*O'Flaherty arrived home late from the pub, well oiled and ready for trouble. "Is that you O'Flaherty?" called his wife.*

*"Byjasis! It damned well better be!"*

# SIR Branch 19 December Ladies Day Reservation Form

## Reservation Form

SIR Branch 19 Ladies' Day Holiday Luncheon  
Noon - Thursday - **December 5th, 2013**  
Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord - Atrium Area  
Program Features Holiday Music plus Raffle Prizes



Remember to purchase your reservation tickets in advance - **\$30 per person**. Make advance reservation at the November 7th meeting or by mail (*form below*)

Make Check Payable to SIR Branch 19

Send To:

***Ken Kuhn 535 Mt. Davidson Court, Clayton, CA 94517***

*Cut Here > - - - - - Please Return this Reservation Form with your payment - - - - -*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ JM Badge # \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Entree Selection

Roasted Young Turkey Breast \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Tombo Tuna

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **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.

### **No Lucky Badge Number in this Month's Newsletter**

If you find your Badge Number  
(preceded by JM) somewhere in  
future newsletters, 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.

## **November 2013 Calendar**

### **Computers & Technology**

Next Regular Meeting  
November 21st  
Walnut Creek Elks Club

### **Sums in Retirement**

Wednesday November 20th  
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

### **Area 2 Fishing Group**

Thursday  
The Legends Diablo Creek G.C.

### **Bowling**

Clayton Valley Bowl & Diablo Lanes

### **Golf**

Every Monday (Nine Hole) and  
Tuesday (18 Hole)- (See page 4)

**Dining Out** - 3rd Thursday

**Wine Tasting** - 2nd Friday



1645 Beckner Court  
Concord, CA 94521

**Return Service Requested**



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