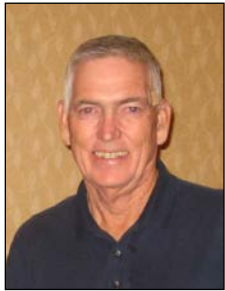




ROOSTER TALES

Next Meeting - Thursday January 2nd, 2014- Crown Plaza Hotel/Concord- Walnut Room



Tom Lathrop

2014 Big Sir Message

I hope you all had a good holiday season. I will be the Big Sir for 2014, which I hope will be as successful as this past year. I would like to thank Bill Stephenson for his years on the Branch 19 Board and this past year as our Big Sir. I would also like to thank our outgoing board members, Jim Thelen, Marvin Terrell, Gregg Moore and Ed Dibetta for their work on the Board of

Directors.

Our primary objectives for 2014 are to continue to provide enjoyable luncheons with good speakers, and to continue to increase your participation in the various activities and add some new ones.

To maintain our branch we need to continue to bring guests and add new members. Also, since this is a “volunteer” organization, we need more volunteers. There are lots of ways to help, from setting up the AV equipment for the meetings, or storing it at your house between meetings, to identifying interesting speakers or working on the newsletter. If we all help out, it makes it so much easier for the rest of us. Let me know if you would like to volunteer in any way. *Tom Lathrop*

January Program

The speaker will be **Ronald Wetter** from Kaiser Permanente and he will be speaking on The Changing Face of Health Care.



Parting Thought ...

“Ask not what the Branch can do for you ...Ask what you can do for the Branch!”

Bill Stephenson, Big Sir 2013

Birthdays for December and January

Two Separate Drawings to win a Complimentary Lunch

December

- Jack Barnaba*
- Casey Campbell*
- Michael Hooper*
- Joseph Lettiere*
- Jacky Luke*
- Gregg Moore*
- John Ramsey*
- Charles Rogers*
- Patrick Rotell*

January

- Dennis Barbieri*
- Al Berg*
- Homer Colvin*
- George Garcia*
- Carleton Gooderham*
- John Hayes*
- Nelson Luke*
- Kenneth Peterson*
- John Roebuck*
- Walter Stephen*
- John Van DeVeer*
- Don Weimann*



November Winner
John Fernando

Pledge of Allegiance



Will be led by
The first Veteran
that volunteers at the
Check-In table

January Menu

Starter

Iceberg Lettuce with tomato, pickled red onion, Buttermilk Dressing

Plated Entree

Petite Syrah Beef Bolognese,

or

Shrimp Carbonara

with sweet peas & caramelized onion

Dessert

French Pear Tarte, Chantilly Cream

Starbucks Coffee, Tea and Water on Tables

The New Year's Resolution



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>

Attendance



**Branch 19
Members that
Achieved
100% Attendance
for 2013**

*Myron Allen, Jack Barnaba, Jerry Burton,
John Carl, Ron Cashion, Donald Colvin,
George Crouse, Ron Gagliardi, George Kapus,
George Lorentzen, Steve McMurdo,
Joseph Milani, John Roebuck, Frank Singer,
Bill Stephenson, Jim Willey.*

Dining Out

Dining Out Signups for January 16th.
will be available at the
January 2nd meeting. For the next venue information
Contact **Ken Peterson** <kenneth637@comcast.net>
(925) 439-5448

Wine Tasting

Friday, January 17th- 7:00 pm
Hosts: **Jack & Michelle Barnaba**
5570 Merrit Court, Concord
For information - Phone (925) 672-0947
*Theme: White Wine Please bring an appieizer to
share that should compliment our sparkling wines.*

Note:

E-mail Contact: **Don Weimann**

Welcome to our 5 New Members in January



Dave Holland - JM110 Sponsor Jack Jagoda

Thomas Kostik - JM104 Sponsor George Vogt

Bob Lyman - Transfer Sponsor Bill Stephenson

James Martin - JM125 Sponsor Rich Peterson

Michael Mills - JM113 Sponsor Ron Cashion



Area 2 and Branch 19 Activities for January

The Area 2 \$ums

*Wednesday January 22nd
8:00 AM*

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

Our guest speaker will be Tom Kopas from Pring Turner Capital Group. He will update the firm's secular and cyclical outlook for stocks, bonds and commodities. Packed with fresh new material based on their unique, internationally recognized research, this program will answer many of today's topical questions, including: What's ahead for the Economy in 2104? Where are we in the Current Business Cycle and how can this information Help Investors? Which is the bigger risk, Inflation or Deflation? Are Bonds still safe?

Mr. Kopas 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.

Tom is one of most popular guest speakers having been invited to the \$ums Investment Group each year since 2002. He is the principal and portfolio manager at Pring Turner Capital Group in Walnut Creek, CA. Tom co-manages the Pring Turner Business Cycle ETF (NYSE symbol DBIZ), an actively managed ETF based on Pring Turner's "Six-Stage business cycle investment strategy. In addition Mr. Kopas co-authored a book published by McGraw Hill entitled Investing in the Second Lost Decade.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 AM so plan to have a leisurely breakfast prior to the meeting along with your fellow members. Plan to attend this informative meeting and bring a prospective SIR.

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

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

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

October 2013

Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,664.30
Contributions	\$123.78
Interest	.25
Subtotal General Receipts	\$124.03
Disbursements Net General	191.00
Postage	\$9.20
Printing, Supplies, etc	36.73
Telephone Hotline	\$24.46
Guest Expense	20.00
State Pro Rata Assessment	162.50
Subtotal General Disbursements	243.69
NET GENERAL gain/(loss)	-\$119.66
Custodial Accounts	
Monthly Luncheon Receipts	\$1,736.22
...Special Activities	200.00
Golf	1,553.00
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$4,372.22
Disbursements	
Monthly Luncheon	\$1,736.22
Special Activities	00
Bowling	.00
Golf	776.00
Subtotal Custodial Disbursement	\$2,512.22
Net Custodial	- \$1,860.00
Ending Cash Balance	\$7,404.64

Ken Kuhn

Branch 19 Treasurer

Treasurer Report

Checking Account \$7,154.64

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group

*Next Regular Meeting - Thursday, January 16th at 9:30am.
Walnut Creek Elks Club*

Barry Brown and Derek Southern will demonstrate FREE video 'phone' calls using laptops, tablets smart phones etc and will discuss the necessary and inexpensive equipment you will need.

They will discuss video messaging 1:1 (rather than video conferencing with tens or hundreds of participants). They will demonstrate three free programs which support 1:1 easily (more people if you pay for a subscription), and may show one which permits multiple attendees (up to 25 for free). To make the presentation more interactive they are planning to include some audience members, with laptops, tablets, or smart phones to demonstrate how different platforms can communicate. The programs to be featured are Skype, Google Hangout, Faceview and Teamviewer.

Time permitting there will be an opportunity to ask questions of the Group gurus.

Phil Goff and Derek Southern
Co-chairs

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

Hotline - 969-7753 (leave message)

Branch 19 Golf Information

The 18 Hole Golf Group

January/February Schedule

- *January 7th- Lone Tree 9:30am
- January 14th - Diablo Creek
- *January 21st - Lone Tree
- January 28th - Diablo Creek
- February 4th - Diablo Creek
- *February 11th - Lone Tree
- February 18th - Diablo Creek
- *February 25th - Lone Tree

* For the months of January and February, due to the winter weather, the only scheduled Branch 19 golf dates are at Lone Tree, G.C., Antioch.

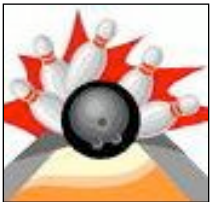
For Diablo Creek G.C., **10am first tee**, there are 4 foursomes (16 players) reserved on a first come first served basis. Additional players (over the 16) must let Jerry know in advance if you want to play. If a group wants to play elsewhere on the non Lone Tree G.C. date, you must make your own tee time arrangements. Call or e-mail Jerry Burton 10 days in advance if you wish to reserve a tee time to play Diablo Creek on the January or February dates.

Contact - Jerry Burton, Chairman
AJgolf@astound.net

Golf Club Championship

All 2013 Golf Awards will be presented at the February luncheon

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Sir Mike Kropf
(Aka Mr Have A Nice Day)

..... informs us that the SIR Bowling League is in full swing and will continue competition on Wednesday

January 8th., 10am. Clayton Valley Bowl.

John Carl 827-2444
Mike Kropf 689-1453

Branch 19 & Area 2 Activities

2014 Bocce Report

Tentative Branch 19 teams are forming, including a co-ed team(s) The matches are held at the beautiful Baldwin Park, at 2750 Parkside Circle, Concord.

The Matches begin at 6:30pm on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. For information concerning entry fees, team lineups and approximate starting date, contact.

John Fernando, Capo
798-9978

jaferna2003@yahoo.com

Nine Hole Golf

Every Monday at approximately 9am alternating at the following courses, **Buchanan Fields, Diablo Hills**

Contact: **Steve McMurdo**: smcmurdo@comcast.net

Let's Go Fishing

Next Meeting at Diablo Creek Golf Club -

Thursday - January 23rd
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.



Well, the year went out with a cold thud. We will be very busy this winter with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes. Only the brave went out in the chill. Although the year was a bust for us for salmon because they all went north, it was, nonetheless, a banner year for rock fish, large and delicious. For further details please contact

Dick Thomson, Big Fish (925-944-1760) **Carl Moyer**, Branch 8 Coordinator, (925-685-5243) or **Romano Gnusti**, Treasurer/

Some New Year Quotes ..

I'm a little bit older, a little bit wiser, a little bit rounder, but still none the wiser. Robert Paul

New Year's Eve: Where auld acquaintance be forgot...Unless, of course, those tests come back positive. Jay Leno

New Year's Day: Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual. Mark Twain

SIR Branch 19 December Ladies Day

SIR Branch 19 Ladies' Day Holiday Luncheon Thursday - December 5th, 2013

those attending the holiday event were: audus barbier barnababoyer brunner burton carlcashion cooper degroodtdibettaduncangagliardigarcia hammondilgingersol kapuskatsulereskaufmankepperkostikkropfkuhn lathroplezerlezerlukelunghimcmu rdomillermills momitamonroemulligan personspetersonrandallrogersrotellschoonov erssorrentistephenonstiles thelentollivorovogtwebbwilleywolffhope everyone had a merry christmas and wishing a happy and prosperous new year from sir branch nineteen.



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
January 16th
Walnut Creek Elks Club

\$ums in Retirement

January 22nd
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

Area 2 Fishing Group

Thursday - January 23rd
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



Next Meeting - Thursday - January 2nd, 2014 - Noon - Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord