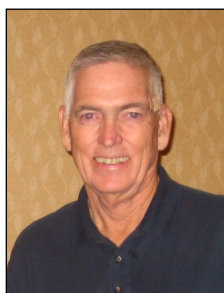


A Non Profit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement.



ROOSTER TALES

Next Meeting - Thursday February 6th, 2014- Crown Plaza Hotel/Concord- Walnut Room



Tom Lathrop

Big Sir Message

As we announced at the January SIR luncheon, the Crowne Plaza increased our luncheon price for 2014 by 40%. This would require us to increase your price from \$20 to \$28. Because of the increase, your SIR Board appointed a committee to look at alternative sites. After reviewing price, location, commitment to our group and quality of the various locations, the committee unanimously recommended moving our monthly meetings to

the Oakhurst Country Club. The Board has agreed with the recommendation.

We know some of you liked the more central location of the Crowne Plaza, and we included location in our review. Besides price, the Crown Plaza had other drawbacks, including a commitment to the main meeting room and offsite parking when other events were also scheduled. We believe that Oakhurst C.C. provides better amenities and there is a commitment to the SIR Branch 19 organization. We hope any additional drive time for some members will not be a significant drawback.

Attached is a more detailed article regarding the committee's findings and recommendation.

Beginning with our March 6, 2013, meeting, we will meet at **Oakhurst Country Club, 1000 Peacock Creek, Clayton, CA**, with a lunch price to be determined by Branch Executive Committee, (\$23 -\$25 range)

(The official price will be announced at the February meeting.)

Tom Lathrop

Special Announcement

Please read the additional attachment regarding the March 6th move of SIR Branch 19 to the Oakhurst Country Club

Birthdays for February



**Robert Clouser
Frank Cooper
Edward DiBetta**

George Fulmore Ron Gagliardi

**Steve Gee Kal Horvath Ronald Ingersol
Roger Mills James Randall**

Gordon Ralls Jr. Fredric Sorrenti

William Stiles Marvin Terrell

Anthony Tonti James Willey

Pledge of Allegiance



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

February Menu

Starter

Field Greens

With Red Wine Vinaigrette

Plated Entree

Pork Loin Saltimbocca

or

Pan Seared Salmon,

Lemon Beurre Blanc

Creamy Mashed Potatoes,
steamed broccolini

Dessert

Macerated Berries with Shortcake
**Starbucks Coffee, Tea and Water
on Tables**

December Winner

Jack Barnaba

January Winner

Dennis Barbieri

SIR Area 2 Travel Activities

March 21, 2014 SIR Day at the Races

The horses are running at Golden Gate Field and the race track dedicates March 21st to the Sons in Retirement. It's a very popular day trip as well as a good value. The cost of \$29.00 pp includes admission, reserve parking, daily race program, great buffet lunch, tax and tips. Put your group together and join your fellow SIR for a fun day at the races. You might even win some money. Contact **Bob Spellman** Br 146, 934-9428.

Dining Out

Dining Out Signups February 20th. will be available at the February 6th meeting. For the next venue information

Contact **Ken Peterson**
<kenneth637@comcast.net>
(925) 439-5448 or **Al Brunner** 687-0594



Bill Stephenson, Editor
Home Phone: 680-0234 (leave message) or
e-mail: <branch19newsletter@yahoo.com>

Welcome



Goal: Bring a Guest and Sponsor a new Member

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.**

Wine Tasting

You are cordially invited to the February meeting of the SIR Branch 19 Wine tasting Group on Friday, February 7th. The details are below. RSVP by email. We can comfortably accommodate up to eight couples. (The date was moved ahead one week from the original Feb. 14th in order not to conflict with Valentines Day.)

Friday, February 7th -7:00 pm

Hosts: **John & Carol Wolfe**

5650 Lewis Way, Concord, CA

For information - Phone 672-1303

<candjwolfe@aol.com>

Theme: Desert Wine (a very diverse category)

Bring: Port, Sherry, late harvest or other
(1/2 bottles are OK)

Note:

Also bring: An appetizer to share. The sweet wine theme does not mean just deserts. some of us make a meal of the appetizers so the kind of variety we always have is appreciated. We will provide coffee, (regular and de-caf), tea and water to drink.

E-mail Contact: **Don Weimann**

<weimanns@astound.net>

Area 2 and Branch 19 Activities for February

The Area 2 Sums Investment Group

Wednesday February 26th 8:00am

The Legends - Diablo Creek G.C.

4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.

Our guest speaker will be **Elisabeth Andreason**, a Senior Vice President of the Andreason Group at Morgan Stanley in Walnut Creek. Elisabeth is a Certified Financial Planner and Certified Wealth Strategist. It is said that Elisabeth speaks in a soft voice with the clarity of a former English teacher and the precision of a mathematician. Her topic "An Introduction to Covered Call Writing – The Potential to Generate Income on your Equity Portfolio". Her 10 point presentation will discuss: What is a Covered Write? Why Consider a Covered Call Strategy? Risks and Considerations and who should Consider Covered Call Strategy as part of the presentation. You are sure to enjoy this presentation.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 AM so plan to have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting. Plan to attend this 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

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group

Next Regular Meeting - Thursday, February 20th at 9:30am.

Walnut Creek Elks Club

The presentation topic for our February meeting will be "Finance Management and the Internet". There are several ways you can now manage, invest and spend your money on the Internet. Four presenters, **Phil Goff, Dick Kaufman, Bob Testa** and **Dennis Lowe**, will cover subtopics such as: 1) Internet Money (Bitcoin), 2) Paying Bills Online, 3) Buying Things on the Internet, and 4) Personal Finance Software & Apps. Copies of their presentations will be posted on the Area 2 computer group website at <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/> before the meeting for you to download.

Time permitting, **Dick Curry** will lead a Q&A discussion to address current computer issues. 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 and Derek Southern
Co-chairs

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

January Attendance
Members and Guests - 98
Financial Report - Form 28
November 2013

Beginning Cash Balance	\$7,404.64
Contributions	\$134.88
Interest	.40
Subtotal General Receipts	\$135.28
Disbursements Net General	191.00
Postage	\$9.20
Printing, Supplies, etc	\$0.00
Telephone Hotline	\$24.43
Guest Expense	20.00
State Pro Rata Assessment	\$0.00
Subtotal General Disbursements	\$44.43
NET GENERAL gain/(loss)	\$90.85
Custodial Accounts	
Monthly Luncheon Receipts	\$1,745.12
...Special Activities	\$2,730.00
Bowling	\$2,432.00
...Golf.....	\$1,299.00
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$8,206.12
Disbursements	
Monthly Luncheon	\$1,754.12
Special Activities	00
Bowling	\$3,727.51
Golf	.00
Subtotal Custodial Disbursement	\$5,481.63
Net Custodial -	\$2,724.49
Ending Cash Balance	\$10,219.98
Checking Account	\$9,969.98
Other	\$250.00
Total Cash	\$10,219.98

Ken Kuhn, Branch 19 Treasurer

Treasurer Report

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

February Schedule

***February 4th- Delta View 9:30am**

February 11th - Lone Tree - 9:30

***February 18th - Delta View - 9:30**

February 25th -Lone Tree - 9:30

* 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.

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 Delta View on the January or February dates.

Note: Previous Diablo Creek winter (pre regular schedule) arrangements have been cancelled and the venue moved from Diablo Creek G.C. to Delta View G.C. in Pittsburg.

Contact - Jerry Burton, Chairman

AJgolf@astound.net

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



SIR Branch 19 Bowling Tournament at Clayton Valley Bowl, November 12th & 13th, 2013, was a wonderful success.

Ninety bowlers participated for a prize fund of \$1995.

24 members from Branch 19 bowled, of which 7 won money, **John Ramsey, Silver DeTorres, Rick Small, Jack Jagoda, John Fernando, Mike Kropf, and George Kapus**, and again this year, one of our ladies **Rosemary Maguire** won also. There were 22 different SIR Branches represented, as far away as Yuba City, Santa Clara, Belmont, San Jose, Sacramento.

Great Fun was had by all, plenty of donuts, coffee and great scores bowling, thanks to **Paul Thompson**, manager Clayton Valley Bowl. Also, our great lunch special, *Spaghetti* each day made by **Kerri Hancock**.

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** and **Diablo Hills**

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

Let's Go Fishing

Next Meeting at Diablo Creek Golf Club -

Thursday - February 27th at the 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.

For further details please contact Our banner year for rockfish on the ocean, and calm seas continued right to the end of the year Over 17 of the fishermen attended the Sportsmen's Expo in Sacramento. Fishing expeditions to Alaska, Bodega Bay, and the upper Sacramento River were booked and are eagerly anticipated Since our December outing, the trout have been arrogant and uppity. They refuse to take our baits even though we have made many delicious and beautiful offerings. We are planning massive retribution. Those trout have no idea how much trouble they are in!

Dick Thomson, Big Fish (925-944-1760) **Carl Moyer**, Branch 8 Coordinator, (925-685-5243) or **Romano Gnusti**, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-376-3313.)



More Bowling News

We are in our 19th week of 33 of the Wednesday SIR Bowling League at Clayton Valley Bowl.

Frank Cooper, Doug Schuster and John Dorsett

are tied with the High Scratch Game of **278**.

Gary Kaufmann has the Scratch Series of **743**

Doug Schuster has High Handicap Game of **311**

Terry Howard has High Handicap Series of **767!**

We get to sleep in until 9am, bowl at 10am, and we are home for lunch by 1pm and then to our nap. NOW that is retirement!

Have a Nice Day! Sir **Mike Kropf**

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.

February 2013 Calendar

Computers & Technology

Next Regular Meeting
February 20th
Walnut Creek Elks Club

Sums in Retirement

February 26th
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

Area 2 Fishing Group

Thursday - February 27th
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 - Friday
February 7th (See Pg.2)



1645 Beckner Court
Concord, CA 94521

Return Service Requested



Next Meeting - Thursday - February 6th, 2014 - Noon - Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord