

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



ROOSTER TALES

Next Meeting - Thursday April 3rd, 2014 - Oakhurst Country Club



Tom Lathrop

April Message from the Big Sir

I think our first luncheon at Oakhurst was a great success. The food was good, the bar was busy and the service was terrific. We will have an upstairs bar this month and we will try to rearrange the room a little to make it work better. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Our nominating committee of **Jack Barnaba** and **Ken Peterson** are looking for members to volunteer and help lead our branch. The committee gives us their nominations in May. If you are interested in serving on the board, becoming an officer or helping on any of the activities, please let Ken, Jack or myself know.

Activities are the mainstay of a healthy SIRs branch. If you are interested in golf, our Monday 9 hole golf group is a great place to pick up the game and learn how to play. We will be starting up the hiking group shortly, let me know if you are interested. We are always trying to start new activities. Some of the more popular ones in the other branches, are cards - bridge, pinochle, cribbage, etc., - billiards or perhaps a cooking group. Some of the branches have groups that meet each month and cook a meal. If you have any interests, please let **Jack Barnaba** know and we will try to start up a group. We are also invited to participate with other branches in their activities. (see page 4 article)

Tom Lathrop

The Oakhurst Country Club, Clayton



Our New Meeting Locale

The Program for April

Jim Carley

A Certified Senior Advisor and Reverse Mortgage Consultant, will be speaking on

'How to Make Retirement Funds Last a Lifetime'

Mr. Carley has helped clients with practical tips to increase cash flow and improve financial independence

Questions and Answers to follow

Larry Kolano, Little Sir

Pledge of Allegiance



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

The April Menu

Starter

Green Salad

Plated Entree

Chicken Marsala

Light Red Wine Sauce/Mushrooms

or

Basa White Fish

with dill creme sauce

Dessert

Chef Surprise

Coffee and Water on Tables

2013 Sir of the Year Award



Jack Barnaba

has been selected by the Branch Executive Committee as the 2013 Sir of the Year. Over the years Jack has been involved with the golf group, wine tasting, the annual picnic, December Holiday event and was instrumental in the successful move to Oakhurst C.C. He is presently a Director on the BEC, member of the Nomination Committee and the Branch 19 Activities

Chairman. *Well Done Jack* ... a much deserved award!

Celebration of April Birthdays



John Babjar Bill Boyer
Ronald Cook Eldon Harwood
John Hresko George Kapus
Jeffrey Lezer Bill Maguire
Gordon Monroe
Roy Priest John Rubiales

March Winner
Dean Lucas

In Memoriam

Remembering the Branch 19 members that have passed away in recent months.



Allan Anderson
Charles Cameron
Bruce Hembroff
Charles Hull
Al Verdusco

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

March Attendance

Members and Guests - 104
Financial Report - Form 28

February 2014

Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,633.79
General Accounts	
Contributions	\$331.40
Interest	.21
Subtotal General Receipts	\$331.61
Disbursements Net General	
Postage	\$13.80
Printing, Supplies, etc	\$68.28
Telephone Hotline	\$30.42
Guest Expense	.00
State Pro Rata Assessment	.00
Subtotal General Disbursements	\$112.50
NET GENERAL gain/(loss)	\$219.11
Custodial Accounts	
Monthly Luncheon Receipts	\$1,928.60
...Newsletter	\$40.00
Bowling	.00
...Golf.....	\$435.00
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$2,403.60
Disbursements	
Monthly Luncheon	\$1,888.60
Special Activities	\$88.13
Bowling	\$.00
Golf	.00
Subtotal Custodial Disbursement	\$1,976.73
Net Custodial	\$426.87
Ending Cash Balance	\$6,279.77
Checking Account \$5,779.77 Other \$500	
Total Cash \$6,279.77	

Ken Kuhn, Branch 19 Treasurer

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)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Wednesday April 23rd 8:00am
The Legends - Diablo Creek G.C.
4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.



Our guest speaker will be **Greg Vogel** of GKV Capital Management Inc. Greg's topic will be "Utilizing ETFs for Portfolio Management." Greg will discuss the pros and cons of using ETFs in a portfolio to increase portfolio diversification and liquidity, evaluate the emerging actively managed ETF funds, and look closely at the perceived benefits of using ETFs for more illiquid assets including fixed income and certain commodities. Greg has been working on Wall Street for more than 20 years, with experience at both large investment banks and boutique investment firms. He has been a regular guest on financial television including CNBC and CNN and has been mentioned frequently in the business press, including The Wall Street Journal, Business Week and Forbes. In 2000, Greg was ranked in The Wall Street Journal's "Best on the Street" analyst survey for his coverage of the software industry. The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 a.m., so come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

Plan to attend this meeting and bring a prospective SIR.

Co-Chairmen: **Gary Moore** (Br. 174) 925 254-8742
Dave Sutton (Br. 8) 925-686-0158 **Leary Wong** (Br-8) 925-457-0807

Area 2 Fishing Group

Meets Thursday, April 24th h 8:30am
The Legends Diablo Creek G.C.-
4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.



Sturgeon and trout are our winter prey. Salmon season starts in mid April, should be a good year.

We will be very busy this spring with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes.

"Let's Go Fishing"

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

The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group



Next Regular Meeting - Thursday,
April 17th at 9:30am.
Walnut Creek Elks Club,
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek

Our April presentation will be about
"Serious Security & Identity

Threats". The presenter will be Evan Corstorphine who owns and operates Portable CIO, an IT consultancy and managed service provider (MSP) based out of Alamo, CA. He is an expert in several IT disciplines including Wireless Networking, Security, and the implementation of HIPAA, the medical privacy law. He will primarily be talking about the current and serious threats out there that folks need to know about, preparing individuals to make good decisions, and protecting against predators that are after your money and identity. He will discuss items such as:

- "Hi, I'm from "Windows" and our systems noticed that your computer has viruses. Let me help you..."

(continued)

- "Crypto-locker". What is it, what does it mean, and why you should care.
- Prevention. How do you build the wall?
- "Why does my computer always get infected?"
- Security myths, busted.

Time permitting; he will also address some computer related issues such as typical computer problems encountered and how to get them fixed.

Following the presentation, also time permitting, there will be an informal "Sharing Tips & Tricks" segment where individuals will be asked to share some of their computer, smartphone, tablet, etc. tips with the group. **Bring your own Tips & Tricks to share with the group.**

Phil Goff and Derek Southern
Co-chairs

Branch 19 and SIR Area 2 Travel Activities

Day Trips

Rosie the Riveter *WWII Home Front*



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Ford Assembly Building)

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Tour of Jelly Belly Factory in Fairfield



A mid week date To Be Determined in
April.

Co-ed - Optional lunch after tour

Step into our factory and smell the aroma of
chocolate, peach, cinnamon, pineapple, or
whatever is being cooked up that day. A

visit to our candy making factory in Fairfield, California,
located about 45 minutes from Concord/Walnut Creek. During
the 40-minute walking tour, Jelly Belly tour guides will show
you a real working factory where we cook up over 150
different sweet treats. Learn the secrets to how we create the
legendary Jelly Belly jelly bean, and discover why it takes
more than a week to make a single bean.

Interested in a Particular Activity?

The SIR organization offers numerous activities that
are easily available to the members. If you are interested
in joining a group that is not offered in your Branch
activity list maybe you might consider starting and
sharing the activity JM136 with other interested members.
The various Branches of Area 2 have approximately 70
active groups participating in the wide variety of
activities. If you need information regarding *any* activity
of interest, contact **Jack Barnaba** at 672-0947 for a
followup or information concerning the activity.

Wine Tasting Group



When: Friday, April 11th (tentative)
Host and Theme To Be Determined.
Information available at the April 3rd
meeting. If interested or want
additional information, contact.

Don Weimann
weimanns@astound.net

Branch 19 Website

Check It Out ...

Our new Webmaster, Sir **Mike Mills**, has up dated
and upgraded the Branch 19 Website with a new look.
Go to <www.sirinc.org> and click on the "Branch
Website" link and select Branch 19 Concord/Clayton.

The Dining Out Group

Thursday April 18th

Restaurant to be Announced
5pm Social Hour - 6pm Dinner

Dining Out Signups
will be available at the
April 3rd Meeting

Contact either

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

Restaurants to be visited in the coming months.

La Veranda, Clayton

Rocco's, Walnut Creek



Branch 19 Golf Information

The 18 Hole Golf Group

April Schedule

April 1st - Deer Ridge - 9:00am

April 8th - Lone Tree - 9:30am

April 15th - Diablo Creek - 10:00am
(Advance Signup)

April 22nd - Lone Tree - 9:30am

April 29th - Boundary Oak - 7:45am

March Match Play Madness

The Annual Tournament is Underway .

Oakhurst Bracket

Fernando 2/1 over **Krawesky**

Boyer 2/1 over **Persons**

Weimann 1up over **Momita**

Kolano vs **Hayes** (to be played)

Lone Tree Bracket

Nicholas 6/5 over **Burton**

Kuhn 6/5 over **G. Garcia**

J.Garcia vs **Wiley** (to be played)

Maddox vs **Martin** (to be played)

Tilden Bracket

Van DeVeer 2/1 over **Stephenson**

Cashion 1up over **Priest**

Cashion 1 up over **Van DeVeer**

Gagliardi vs **R. Peterson** (to be played)

Lyman 2/1 over **Williams**

Franklin Canyon Bracket

Deonigi 3/2 over **Ilg**

Moore 1 up over **Ingersol**

Hockenson 3/1 over **Valesquez**

Vogt 2/1 over **Harwood**

Vogt 1up over **Ken Peterson**

Contact - **Jerry Burton**, Chairman

AJgolf@astound.net

Jerry Sez: Our *pace of play* has improved (probably due to the change of tees) however, keeping up with the foursome in front of you, along with good cart management also play important roles. Keep it up!

Nine Hole Golf Group

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

Contact: **Steve McMurdo:**

[<smcmurdo@att.net>](mailto:smcmurdo@att.net)

Area 2 Activities

2014 Bocce Report

SIR Branch 19 teams are formed. A Capo meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17th, 6:30pm at Baldwin Park. Branch 19 Capos, **Lathrop**, **Fernando** and **Hayes** should attend. The first matches begin at 6:30pm on Wednesday and Thursday **May 7th** and **May 8th**. For further information concerning Bocce for 2014 contact:

John Fernando, Capo

798-9978

jaferna2003@yahoo.com

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Well, here we are with just a little over a month to go with our SIR League. The **SILVER FOXES** have taken over the top position by one beer over the **GUZZLERS**



Gary Kaufmann - 'Mr. 300'

with the help of the 300 game by **Gary Kaufmann**. It has been a great year. Most of our bowlers competed in the **Diablo Tournament** two weeks ago. Results of the tournament and up to

date league team positions will be announced at the luncheon. Season ending results at the June meeting.

Have a Nice Day

Mike Kropf - 689-1453

DEFINITION

Golf: An ineffectual endeavor to put an insignificant pellet into an obscure hole with inadequate weapons ...



Bill Stephenson, Editor

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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!

Thank you 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.

**Lucky Badge Number in this
Month's 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.

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Bowling

Wednesdays

Clayton Valley Bowl & Diablo Lanes

Golf

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

Dining Out - 3rd Thursday

Wine Tasting - 2nd Friday or as
scheduled in advance.



1645 Beckner Court
Concord, CA 94521

Return Service Requested



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