

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



ROOSTER TALES

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

The July Program



Tom Lathrop

July Message from the Big Sir

Summer is officially here. I know we all take vacations (I will be gone this month). Please be sure to call the hotline and let us know if you will not be attending the monthly luncheon. We have to give Oakhurst an accurate count, or pay for the extra lunches.

We are preparing for the annual picnic which will be on September 18 at Concord Community Park on Cowell Ave. We will have barbequed ribs and chicken. We also are planning on some more games and an auction. Please contact Ken Peterson if you want to help or have any items you would like to contribute. We will be distributing the sign up sheets shortly.

Again, we encourage all of you to bring a friend or neighbor to the luncheon or an activity. We believe this is the best way to maintain our membership and meet new friends.

Have a safe holiday. I will see you at the August meeting.

Tom Lathrop



Jeremiah Pauley will be speaking to us on behalf of Warriors Speak, a program of the Wounded Warrior Project, whose goal is to educate

the American public on the struggles our nation's service members overcome through the extraordinary and inspiring stories shared by warriors and caregivers.

Mr. Pauley joined the US Army in 1996 and subsequently served in the airborne infantry. In 2006, he was deployed to Iraq and four months after deployment he was injured by an IED outside Tal Afar, Iraq. Due to the severity of his injuries, he was medically retired from the Army as a staff sergeant in 2007. His awards include the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge.

Sgt. Pauley's story is one of turning negative events into positive actions that serve others.

Larry Kolano, Little Sir

Pledge of Allegiance



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

The July Menu

Starter
Mixed Green Salad

Plated Entree
Grilled Tri Tip
or
Blackened Catfish
with Dijon Creme Sauce

Dessert
Lemon Cake
Coffee and Water on Tables



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 Branch19. (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 and we will put out the welcome mat for the guests at our Oakhurst luncheons.

Celebration of July Birthdays



Ralph Dorsey Jerry Fitzmaurice

Ron Hammond Dave Holland

Larry Kolano Mike McKay Joseph Milani

Committee Assignments

Activities - Jack Barnaba, **Membership** - Ken Peterson,
Arrangements/Hotline - Ron Cashion, **Golf (18)** - Jerry Burton,
Golf (9) Steve McMurdo, **Bowling** - John Carl & Mike Kropf,
Bocce - John Fernando **Dining Out** - Ken Peterson/Al Brunner,
Wine Tasting - Don Weimann, **Travel** - Al Brunner,
Website - Mike Mills **Newsletter** - Bill Stephenson

We welcome those members who may have an interest in helping out on any of our committees. For information:

Contact Big Sir **Tom Lathrop** at 689-8981 or
e-mail: <branch19newsletter@yahoo.com>



Bill Stephenson, Editor

Home Phone: 680-0234

(leave message) or

E-mail:

<branch19newsletter@yahoo.com>

We continue to seek an individual or group that will assume the Newsletter duties. Please contact Bill Stephenson for the requirements involved.

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

June Attendance

Members and Guests - 80

May 31, 2014

Account Balances

Petty Cash \$250.00

General Account

Unencumbered \$3,593.03

Holiday Fund 625.40

Picnic Fund 261.00

Total General Account \$4,479.43

Custodial Accounts

Bowling 608.11

Golf \$1,244.91

Total Custodial \$1,853.02

Total Funds \$6,582.45

Treasurer Report

Ken Kuhn, Branch 19 Treasurer

SIR PRICING AT THE OAKHURST BAR

The following are the Happy Hour Bar prices for the SIR meetings.

Beer

Domestic Beer Bottles \$ 3

Imported Beer Bottles 4

Wine

William Hill Chardonnay 5

William Hill Cabernet 5

Murphy Goode Sav. Blanc 5

Carmel Road Pinot Noir 5

BV Merlot 5

Liquor

Bloody Mary (well special) 6

Well Drink 5

Premium Call 8

Super Premium 9

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)

Area 2 and Branch 19 Activities for July



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

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

Our guest speaker this month will be **Peter C. Karp** of Karp Capital Management. Peter's topic will be "An Energized Market." Peter will discuss recent global events and how they are affecting the markets. He'll touch on rising energy prices, ways to hedge against inflation, and the anticipation of rising interest rates.

After years of experience managing investments at institutional brokerage firms and banks, Peter C. Karp founded Karp Capital Management to provide asset management and financial planning service for individuals. He has experience in a variety of investment management and financial planning roles. Peter received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Bio-Chemistry from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Breakfast available at 7am. Plan to attend this meeting and bring a prospective SIR.

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

Area 2 Fishing Group

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



All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings.

Salmon fishing has been slow, but is starting to pick up. The ocean has been turgid, and the wind is angry everywhere. Tough fishing conditions. We have caught trout from the shore at San Pablo and Shadow Cliffs Reservoirs

We will be very busy this summer with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes; salmon and rockfish from the ocean; and halibut in the bay. We live in a fishermen's paradise.

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 scheduled meeting
July 17th, at 9:30am.*

*Walnut Creek Elks Club,
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek*



Our next meeting will be held July 17. **Phil Goff** and **Barry Brown** will talk about "Setting up a New Computer." They'll be covering subjects such as removing "bloatware," transferring data, using free support help and installing new software. A copy of the presentation should be available the week prior to the meeting on the CAT Web page at: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org>. There will also be a Q&A session, time permitting, with The Gurus of A2CAT where the advice is always 'priceless'. Suggestions for future presentations are always welcome. For more information and copies of our prior presentations visit our web site at www.sir-web.org/computer/.

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. Some months we ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, other months are free.

Phil Goff and Derek Southern
Co-chairs

Branch 19 and SIR Area 2 Activities

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 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.

The Dining Out Group



Thursday July 17th
Next Dining Out Dinner
Scheduled at
Rocco's Pizzeria
2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd.

5pm Social Hour
6pm Dinner

Ken Peterson (925) 439-5448
<kenneth637@comcast.net>

Wine Tasting

When: The wine tasting group will schedule a Dinner/Wine tasting event for a Monday date at the **La Veranda Restaurant,** Clayton



Don Weimann
<weimanns@astound.net>

Wine tasting information on this planned dinner/wine event will be available at the July meeting.

Annual Picnic Date



Join Us for the annual Picnic in the Concord Community Park
Thursday - September 18th
Flyer with Signup Reservations will be distributed by
E-mail, also at the August meeting

Bocce at Baldwin Park



Bocce enthusiasts participate in the team competition along with good refreshments!



The Dining Out Group enjoying the evening at the La Veranda Restaurant in Clayton on June 19th.

Branch 19 Golf Information

The 18 Hole Golf Group July Schedule

July 1st - Eagle Vines, Napa - 9:00am

July 8th - Lone Tree - 9:30am

July 15th - Diablo Creek- 10:00am

July 22nd - Lone Tree- 9:30am

July 29th - Chardonnay - 9:00Am

Final Match Play Results Semi Final Matches Kolano over Cashion Deonigi over Willey



Match Play Finalists

Larry Kolano vs Duane Deonigi

Larry Kolano wins 3/1

at Lone Tree on June 24th

**For 18 hole golf information contact
Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman**



Nine Hole Golf Group

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

The nine hole group is enlarging, so letting Steve know in advance of playing ... is important.

To Contact:

Steve McMurdo:

<smcmurdo@att.net> or 687-6271

Activities Review

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



The 2014 Winning Team - *The "8 Balls"*

Left to Right: Jim Wyllie, Jackie Luke, Dan Weller and Mike Hooper



Congratulations!

Sir Mike Kropf <mdkropf@astound.net>

Area 2 Travel Possibilities

Aug 31-Sep 12, 2015: French Waterways: Highlights of Burgundy, Beaujolais & Provence.

12 day river cruise on deluxe river boat with visits to Lyon, Avignon, Vivier and Beaujolais-Burgundy regions. The prices range from \$3999 to \$6649. Trip includes 10 nights accommodations, 29 meals, 8 sightseeing tours with audio headsets, and beer or wine with dinner. Two for one airfare is available plus Pre & Post trips. **Contact Ken Richter Br 146, 689-6217**

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.

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.

**NO Lucky Badge Number in this
Month's Newsletter**

If you find your Badge Number
(preceded by j.m) somewhere in a
future 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 2014 Calendar

Computers & Technology

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Walnut Creek Elks Club

\$ums in Retirement

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Bowling

Wednesdays - Beginning in the Fall
Clayton Valley Bowl & Diablo Lanes

Golf

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

Dining Out - 3rd Thursday(Page 4)

Wine Tasting - TBD
scheduled in advance.



1645 Beckner Court
Concord, CA 94521

Return Service Requested



Next Meeting - Thursday - July 3rd, 2014 - Noon -Oakhurst Country Club, Clayton, CA