

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



ROOSTER TALES

Next Meeting - Noon - Thursday - August 7th, 2014 - Oakhurst Country Club



Tom Lathrop

August Message from the Big Sir

“You should have received your invitation to the Branch 19 picnic by now. It will be on September 18, 2014 at Cowell Park. It has been a lot of fun the last few years and we encourage everyone and your wives and guests to attend.

The cost is \$20 per person. You can pay at the meeting on August 7, 2014, or mail in your

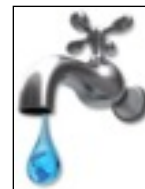
check with the picnic flyer.

We will be introducing the candidates for Branch 19 Officers and Directors at our next luncheon meeting. Our nominating committee contacted many of you to volunteer and participate on the Board, and came up with its recommendations. If you have other candidates, who are willing to do the job, you may nominate them at the luncheon meeting. We will vote on the slate of candidates at the meeting. (see page 2)

One of the ways to get new members is to invite your friends and neighbors to our luncheons. If the speaker sounds interesting to you, invite your friends to attend. We are always looking for new friends to maintain our membership and the vitality of the Branch.”

Tom Lathrop

The August Program



Contra Costa Water District

A power point presentation on the water situation during the ongoing drought. Q and A session should answer questions on the water users responsibility for the duration of the drought.

Branch 19 Annual Picnic

Thursday September 18th

Join Us for the annual Picnic in the Concord Community Park Site #1

Thursday - September 18th

Flyer with Signup Reservations have been distributed by E-mail. Also, reservations will be taken at the August and September meetings. \$20 per person.



Pledge of Allegiance



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

The August Menu

Starter
Caesar Salad

Plated Entree
Chicken Santa Cruz and Mushroom with a White Wine Sauce

or

Fish and Chips
Dessert

Ice Creme Sundae
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 August Birthdays



*Al Brunner John Carl Mike Ilg
Mike Krawesky Mike Mills Milt Momita
Robert Vincent (*100) Jerry Waitrovich*

July Winner - Larry Kolano

Officer & Director Nominations for 2015

The following members have been selected by the Branch 19 Nominating Committee to serve for 2015*

Officers

Big Sir **Larry Kolano**

Little Sir **Bruce Persons**

Secretary **Duane Deonigi**

Asst. Secretary **Dwayne Williams**

Treasurer **Ken Kuhn**

Asst. Treasurers **Darryl Diamond and Barry Silberman**

Directors: Jack Barnaba, John Fernando, Ron Cashion

Jerry Burton, Jack Duncan and John Wolfe

* Election of the officers shall be held at the August meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. A nominee from the floor must signify his agreement to accept the office if elected. Voting for Branch Officers shall be by secret ballot. However, for any office for which there is but one nominee, voting may be by voice or by a show of hands (RULE 134)

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

July Attendance

Members and Guests - 80

June 30, 2014

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$250.00
General Accounts	\$3,577.82
Unencumbered	\$3577.82
Holiday Fund	\$625.40
Picnic Fund	-
Total General Account	\$4,203.22

Custodial Accounts

Bowling	\$608.13
Golf	\$538.96
Total Custodial	\$1,147.09
Total Funds	\$5,600.31

Treasurer Report

Ken Kuhn, Branch 19 Treasurer

Area 2 Fishing Group



*Meets Thursday, August
28th 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. The year for salmon continues to be disappointing. Raleigh Davis did get a salmon from Bodega Bay, but he is the only one to eat fresh red meat from the ocean. Six of us chartered a boat from Bodega early on, and caught only rockfish, lots of rockfish and limits of ling cod, but no salmon. **Tom Kostik** continued his success with black bass and stripers in the delta. **George Vogt** and Harry Sherinian joined Carl on the ocean for rock fish and ling cod. 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



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

*Wednesday August 27th - 8:00am
The Legends - Diablo Creek G.C.
4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.*

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

Our guest speaker this month will be **Brent Cunningham**, a Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch. Brent's topic will be "**Sell Side Indicator and What to Do in 2014, Mid Year Update.**" Brent will discuss current market conditions and how to know when it is time to sell.

Brent has been in the financial services industry since 2008 and joined Merrill Lynch in 2011. His focus is on developing strategies and recommendations for high net-worth individuals, their families and their businesses to help them meet their financial goals.

Brent graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder with a BA in Economics and earned an MBA in finance from the University of Nevada, Reno. He holds a series 7 and 66 securities license.

Co-Chairmen: **Gary Moore** (Br. 174) 925 254-8742

David Sutton (Br-8) 925- 686-0158 **Leary Wong** (Br-8) 925 457-0807



Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

*Next scheduled meeting
August 21st., at 9:30am.*

Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive

Derek Southern will discuss "Setting up your (new) Email" and **Phil Goff** will present his "Removing your desktop hard-drive" show & tell. A copy of the presentation should be available the week prior to the meeting on the CAT Web page at: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org>

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. Some months we ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, other months are free. Walnut Creek Elks Club, 1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek

Phil Goff and Derek Southern Co-chairs



Branch 19 and SIR Area 2 Activities

The Dining Out Group for August 21st

Mi Casa

MEXICAN/CENTRAL AMERICAN CUISINE
2195 North Broadway, Walnut Creek, CA
(925) 937-8800



SIR Bowling League Meeting Scheduled



Our meeting for the
Wednesday morning SIR
Bowling League will be on
Wednesday **August 27th**,
at 10am at the Clayton

Valley Bowl. We had a solid 8 teams last year,
each Team has 4 members. We hope to have
10 Teams this year. Hope everyone had a
Great Safe, Healthy Summer and I look
forward to seeing everyone at the Meeting
August 27th, at 10am.

Have A Nice Day
Sir **Mike Kropf**

*"If you don't know where you are going, you
might wind up someplace else"* Yogi Berra

SIR Branch 19 Wine Tasting Group

La Veranda Café

featuring

Rodney Strong Winemaker Dinner
Monday July 28th 2014 at 6:30pm
\$49 per person

Contact **Don Weimann** for the food menu at the
La Veranda July wine dinner. Usually a second email
comes to Don that includes which wines will be
poured with each of the 4 courses. he will forward on
when he receives it.

Note that the price this month is \$49, which is a bit
higher than sometimes. This is because Rodney
Strong wines are a bit better than those from other
months when the price was \$40 or \$45. I attended a
Rodney Strong dinner at La Veranda last year, and the
wines were very enjoyable. I expect the same this
time.

**Please email or call me to indicate you and
spouses/significant other will attend.** Do not
contact the restaurant I will get a block reservation for
our group. I don't know if we have any max number
yet. If you are a single—do not hesitate to come.
These dinners are VERY enjoyable.

Don Weimann

weimanns@astound.net

(925) 672-7711

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.

Activities Review

Branch 19 Golf Information

The 18 Hole Golf Group August Schedule

August 5th - Franklin Canyon - 9:30am
August 12th - Lone Tree - 9:30am
August 19th - Delta View - 9:00am
August 26th - Lone Tree - 9:30am

A's Ticket Special for NCGA Members

Have you seen baseball's best team this season? Catch one of six Oakland A's home games at Field Level for just \$25, including **Aug. 2** (Royals), **Aug. 5** (Rays), **Aug. 20** (Mets), **Sept. 7** (Astros) and **Sept. 16** (Rangers).

Contact Rob Cetan 510 563-2268 or
rcetan@athletics.com

For 18 hole golf information contact
Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman

I don't say my golf game is bad, but if I grew tomatoes they would come up sliced.
.....Anonymous (but most of us can relate)



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@comcast.net >

Check It Out ...

Our new Webmaster, Sir **Mike Mills**, has updated 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**

Bocce Report

The bocce season is about half completed and the competition is getting a bit more intense and the fun of the sport is into full swing. Our coed team (Undaunted), led by capo **John Hayes**, are really having a wonderful time and getting to be more competitive. Newcomers **June and Milt Momita** are welcomed teammates and are contributing significantly with the coed team.

Our Wednesday night team (Sir Bocce Too), led by capo **Tom Lathrop**, at this point of the season are doing well and tied for 3rd place out of 9 teams.

Our other Thursday night team (Sirfire), led by capo **John Fernando**, is also doing well and are tied for 2nd place out of 9 teams. Newcomer Sir **Bob Lyman** and **Casey Campbell** are catching on fast and their contributions are welcomed as well.

At the end of the season, the teams that finish placed 1st thru 4th of the 9 teams in their night and division, go to the playoffs. Therefore, so far so good, and good luck to all teams the rest of the way
John Fernando - Bocce Chairman

Day Trip to Santa Clara

Levi's Stadium Tour

Monday, September 15th, 2014: We will be the first to go behind the scenes of this state-of-the art venue that has created the ultimate quest experience through innovated technology. Following our visit to all areas of the stadium we will go to a local restaurant for a no host lunch. **Cost is \$57.00** including RT motor coach, Admission to the 49ers Museum and Drivers Gratuity. For additional information contact:

Ken Richter, Branch 146, **689-6217**



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.

August 2014 Calendar

Computers & Technology

Thursday, August 21st
Walnut Creek Elks Club

Sums in Retirement

Wednesday, August 20th
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

Area 2 Fishing Group

Thursday, August 22nd
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

Bowling

Wednesday, August 27th—
League Meeting Clayton Valley
Bowl

Golf

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

Dining Out - 3rd Thursday (Page 4)

Wine Tasting - Monday, July 25th

We aim to please ...

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 E-mail us:
branch19newsletter@yahoo.com
Hotline - **969-7753** (leave message

To return by mail - Use Picnic Reservation Form Below

----- Cut Here -----

SIR Branch 19 Picnic - Thursday, September 18th, 2014 - Concord Community Park, Site #1

Will Attend (____) Unable to Attend (____)

Name _____ Badge # _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____

\$20 Per Person for Catered Buffet Picnic Lunch Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to **SIR Branch 19 / Picnic**
Mail to either: **Jack Barnaba** **Bill Stephenson**
5570 Merritt Court or **1645 Beckner Court**
Concord, CA 94521 **Concord, CA 94521**

Please complete and return by September 2nd or pay for reservation at August 7th or September 4th meeting