

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



ROOSTER TALES

Next Meeting - Noon - Thursday - September 4th 2014 - Oakhurst Country Club



Tom Lathrop

September Message from the Big Sir

Don't forget, we will have our Hawaiian Shirt contest at this month's luncheon. Please wear your "flashiest" Hawaiian shirt. You might win something...

Also, don't forget that our picnic is set for September 18, 2014. If you have not already signed up, you can pay at the check in table. We will have lots of games and prizes along with the good food. I would like to congratulate our new officers and directors for next year.

Big Sir, **Larry Kolano**

Little Sir, **Bruce Persons**

Treasurer, **Ken Kuhn**

Assistant Treasurers, **Darryl Diamond & Barry Silberman**

Secretary, **Duane Deonigi**

Assistant Secretary, **Dwayne Williams**

Directors, **Jerry Burton, John Wolfe, Jack Duncan, Ron Cashion, John Fernando and Jack Barnaba.**

When you see the new officers and directors, please thank them for stepping up and volunteering to help run our organization.

Tom Lathrop

The September Program

Jared Slemboski,
Divisional District Manager of
Vivint Solar

Going from the initial assessment to the installation of a completely customized solar energy system to the moment the system begins producing clean, renewable energy and beyond.

September Is Hawaiian Shirt Day



**Come to the meeting in
your finest and wildest
Hawaiian Shirt!**

Pledge of Allegiance



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

The September Menu

Starter
Mixed Green Salad

Plated Entree
Roasted Pork Loin
or
Basa White Fish

Dessert
Carrot 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 C.C.luncheons.

Celebration of September Birthdays



The Birthday Boys for this Month

*Frank Carini Duane Deonigi
Steve Hansen Thomas Hickey
Don L. Lezer (HLM) Gregg Manning
Leonard Nicholas Barry Silberman
Frank Singer James Thelen
Rick Velasquez Richard Walker
Dennis Wood*

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**

**The latest state quarterly summer edition of
SIR Happenings has been posted on the SIR website:**

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

The website features State wide Branch news of activities and also offers exciting travel information on the SIR Travel page.

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

August Attendance

Members and Guests - 92

July 31, 2014

Account Balances

Petty Cash \$250.00

General Accounts

Unencumbered \$3,448.89

Holiday Fund \$625.40

Picnic Fund \$360.00

Total General Account \$4,434.29

Custodial Accounts

Bowling \$608.15

Golf \$538.99

Total Custodial \$1,147.14

Total Funds \$5,831.43

Treasurer Report

Ken Kuhn, Branch 19 Treasurer

Area 2 Fishing Group



Meets Thursday,

September 25th 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. However, **Al Brunner** landed a salmon up on the Sacramento river weighing 32 pounds. We will be very busy this fall with: Delta fishing for bass, catfish, bluegill, crappie, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes; salmon from the ocean and rivers; and rockfish and crab from the ocean. 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

Area 2 and Branch 19 Activities for August



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

*Wednesday September 24th- 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 **John Hutchinson**, First Vice President/Investments at Stifel in Walnut Creek. John will discuss strategies for fixed income investments as part of a well diversified portfolio.

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
September 18th, at 9:30am.*

Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive

Dean Steichen continues the theme of upgrading your computer from XP (or buying a new one) by considering the software you need to install. He will quickly review alternatives to MS Office and will discuss a number of other free programs that users need but don't come

with Win 8.1.

Following the presentation there will be our Q&A with the gurus, and possibly an informal "Sharing Tips & Tricks" segment where individuals will be asked to share some of their computer, smartphone, tablet, etc. tips with the group.

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.

Phil Goff and Derek Southern Co-chairs



Branch 19 and SIR Area 2 Activities

The Annual Picnic - September 18th

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

Thursday, Noon to 5pm

September 18th

Flyer with Signup Reservations has been distributed by E-mail. See page 6 for Reservation Form. Also, reservations and payments will be taken at the September meeting.

\$20 per person.



SIR Branch 19 Wine Tasting Group

SIR Branch 19 Wine Tasting Group Meeting

Friday, September 12th, 6:30pm 2014

Theme: Argentina, Chile, & Australia White Wines

Most of us have probably had tried red wines from Argentina, Chile, and Australia. We probably have not had much white wine. It's time to try White Wines from these three Southern Hemisphere countries. Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc are generally available from all. Torrontes from Argentina is an excellent alternative to Chardonnay. Reislings, Pinot Gris, and Geurtstraminer can also be good, especially from Australia.

Bring: Bring such a bottle of white wine and experiment!!! Find something you may like in the future. Go for \$10 or more.

An appetizer to share. This should complement our white wines.

Where: Don & Ruth Weimann

5738 Roanwood Way Concord (925) 672-7711

weimanns@astound.net

SIR Bowling League News

On Wednesday **August 27th**, the Clayton Valley Bowl,



SIR bowlers met to go over and review the rule changes for the 33 week season. Changes were made and accepted by vote. The

Bowling League will be initially composed of 8 teams. However we hope to add an additional team when the season begins.

Specific information will be available at the first week of bowling on September 3rd, 10am, at the Clayton Valley Bowl. Individual payments are due at that time.

Have A Nice Day
Sir **Mike Kropf**

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.

Note to the SF Giants: "Baseball is 90% mental the other half is physical" *Yogi Berra*

Activities Review

Branch 19 Golf Information

The 18 Hole Golf Group September Schedule

September 2nd - Eagle Vines (Napa) - 9:00

September 9th - Lone Tree - 9:30am

September 16th- Boundary Oak - **7:30am**

September 23rd - Lone Tree- 9:30am

September 30th - Deer Ridge - 9:00am

“PICK YOUR PARTNER” Tournament

Thursday September 25th.

This tournament is open to other SIR Branches and will be a SHOTGUN start at Lone Tree G.C. Cost is \$50 per player. A special Lone Tree Hamburger will be available at the end of the round for an additional \$10.

A's Ticket Special for NCGA Members

Have you seen baseball's best team this season? Catch one of two Oakland A's home games at Field Level for just \$25 on **Sept. 7** (Astros) or **Sept. 16** (Rangers).

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

For 18 hole golf information contact
Jerry Burton, ajgolf@astound.net



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 >

Have You Heard?...

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

It's getting down to the nitty gritty! The regular season is drawing to a close and playoffs are on the horizon. On Wednesday nights team *Bocce Gators* including Sirs **Ron Gagliardi and George Kapus**, has a strong hold of 2nd place and team *Sir Bocce Too* is hanging on to 4th place, the final playoff spot. On Thursday night team *Sirfire* is presently tied for 3rd place and the top 4 teams in the standings are tightening up, with the 5th place team on everyones heels close behind for that final playoff spot.

It's going to be a race down to the final week. *Team JM48 Undaunted* is gaining more experience and are starting to gain wins every week.

Good luck to all and finish strong!

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 on availability contact:

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



AERIAL VIEW OF THE STADIUM

About Monthly Attendance

Please make sure to cooperate,
and call the new
Hotline Number



(925) 338-1996

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.

Find the 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 **338-1996 in advance** of the meeting in order to qualify for the free lunch.

September 2014 Calendar

Computers & Technology

Thursday, September 18th
Walnut Creek Elks Club

Sums in Retirement

Wednesday, September 17th
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

Area 2 Fishing Group

Thursday, September 26th
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 - No September Dinner

Wine Tasting - Friday Sept. 12th

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
New Hotline **(925) 338-1996** (leave message)

To return by mail - Use Picnic Reservation Form Below

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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