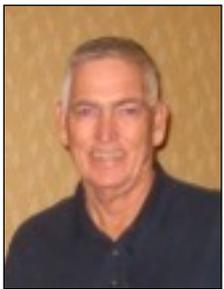


A Non Profit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement.



ROOSTER TALES

Next Meeting - Thursday - October 2nd - 2014 - Oakhurst Country Club



Tom Lathrop

October Message from the Big Sir

It is October already, and we are moving into the Holiday season. I think the picnic was a great success in September with about 70 members, wives and friends attending. The Holiday luncheon will be on December 4, 2014 and we will be taking signups shortly.

As mentioned at our last luncheon, **Bill Stephenson** will complete his 100th copy of the *Rooster Tales* in December, and has decided that it is time to resign and someone else's chance to take over the job of editor. We can do this with an individual or a group of people. Please step forward and let either Bill or I know if you would be willing to help out.

We are developing our web page. The calendar of all events and activities, and pictures of most of the members are on the site. We plan to eventually move the *Rooster Tales* solely to the web page. If you have not visited our site, please do. Just google "Sir branch 19". There is lots of information about the branch as well as easy ways to go to the State and other Sir branch sites. If you have any suggestions or would like to help, please contact our web master, Mike Mills

Tom Lathrop

The Program for October

This months' program will feature a speaker on Exercise for the Senior

Note: Courtesy Alert

Several members approached me after the September 9th meeting and expressed their displeasure with the rude behavior exhibited by several tables during the speaker's presentation. Speakers do not agree to attend our luncheons to be grilled with "gotcha" questions; nor do they expect audiences to treat them with disrespect by talking during their presentations. If you are not interested in the speaker's topic or feel that your conversations with table friends are more important, please have the courtesy to go out into the lobby --- just as I would hope you'd do during a movie or concert. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Larry Kolano, Little Sir

Pledge of Allegiance



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

The October Menu

Starter
Soup

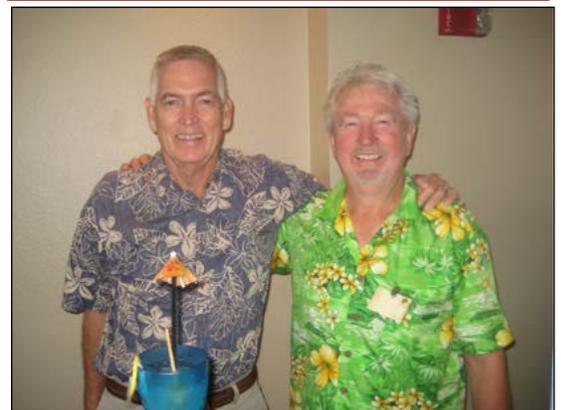
Plated Entree
California Chicken
Sun Dried Tomatoes and Basil
or

Basa White Fish
Terragon Beurre Blanc Sauce

Dessert

Chocolate Cake
Coffee and Water on Tables

Best Hawaiian Shirt Winner



Bill Boyer (R) wins the Polynesian Splendor Award at the September best Hawaiian Shirt contest.

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 October Birthdays



*Ron Cashion
Milton DeGroot
Dennis Ghiggeri
Jack Jagoda*

Steve McMurdo

Rich Peterson Doug Schuster Bill Stephenson

Jay Verlindin Herb Weimar James Wyllie

September Winner

Frank Singer

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 **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
<branch19newsletter@gmail.com>

98 and Counting ...

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics
September Attendance
Members and Guests - 101

August , 2014

Account Balances

Petty Cash \$250.00

General Account

Unencumbered \$3,670.48
Holiday Fund 625.40
Picnic Fund 360.00
Total General Account \$5,275.88

Custodial Accounts

Bowling 608.17
Golf \$1,529.02
Total Custodial \$2,137.19
Total Funds \$7,663.07

Treasurer Report

Ken Kuhn, Branch 19 Treasurer

Our Goal

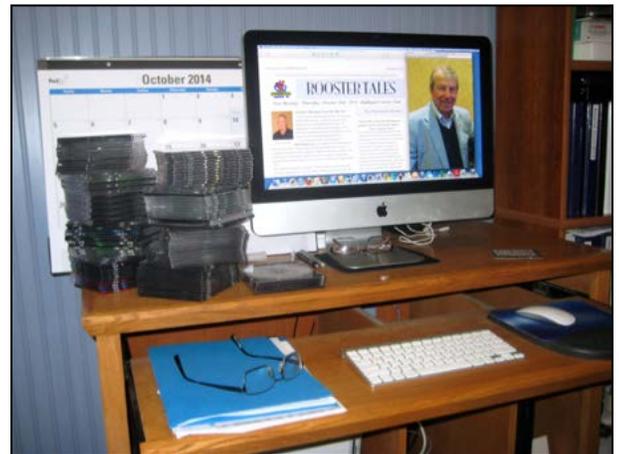
Our most important concern is you.

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.

<branch19newsletter@gmail.com>



As of December, I will complete editing the 100th issue of **Rooster Tales**, the Branch 19 newsletter. (8 years, 4 months, if you are counting) Shown above are the 98 CDs of each month and the trusty iMac that does the magic. I hope you have enjoyed the publication over the years.

Bill Stephenson, Ed.

Area 2 and Branch 19 Activities for October



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

October 22nd

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 in October will be J. Wesley Smith, a principal at Buchman Provine Brothers Smith LLP in Walnut Creek. His topic will be "Updates on Revocable Planning and Common Irrevocable Planning to Minimize Estate Tax."

Mr. Smith is an attorney specializing in estate and tax planning, business, real estate and litigation. After graduating from the University of California, Davis (BA, 1990), Mr. Smith attended the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law with a concentration in Business and Estate Planning. He graduated with distinction in 1994 and was awarded the American Jurisprudence Award in Business Planning and Development.

Join us for this timely discussion. The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 a.m., so come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

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 Fishing Group



*The Legends
Diablo Creek G.C.-
Meets Thursday,
October 23rd
8:30am*

*4050 Port Chicago
Highway in Concord.*

We will be very busy this fall with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, bluegill, crappie, striped bass, 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



The Area 2

Computer & Technology Group

Next scheduled meeting October 16th

Walnut Creek Elks Club,

1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek

The subject for discussion in October is Cloudy but Foggy. There are a surfeit of choices for cloud storage - Microsoft Windows and OneCloud;

Google Chrome and Google Drive; Apple Maverick and iCloud. Each is more or less coupled to its own ecosystem. Then there are the established independents like Box, DropBox, Amazon's Cloud Player and AWS. There are also a slew of smaller outfits trying to gain traction, like Cubby, IDrive, MiMedia and Mozy.

Frank May, our October presenter, will be discussing "All Things Cloud," including selecting a cloud storage provider and the features, costs and limitations of each company's offering. Frank, a member of our CAT Group, is an independent retail IT consultant who has worked in the industry for over 40 years. His last engagement was helping Microsoft implement a new POS (Point of Sale) solution in their newly opened retail stores.

If there is time following the presentation, there will be a 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.

Phil Goff and Derek SouthernCo-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 & Wine Tasting

The October venues for Dining Out and Wine Tasting Groups will be finalized and announced at the October meeting

Dining Out: **Ken Peterson** (925) 439-5448
<kenneth637@comcast.net>

Wine Tasting: **Don Weimann**
<weimanns@astound.net> (925) 672-7711



Bocce fans viewing the fast pace of Bocce ball movement

Annual Picnic a Success - Photos on Page 6



Bocce at Baldwin Park

The 2014 bocce season is now completed and Sirs Branch 19 was well represented all the way down to the Final Four out of 45 teams in league play at Baldwin Park. First of all I'd like to recognize **John/MaryAnn Hayes** (capo of the coed team), **Steve/Bev McMurdo**, **Milt/June Momita**, **Carol Campbell**, and **Sharon Beldin** with yet another fun-filled season. Fun was had by all and the team was strengthened by rookies **Milt and June** (THE ASSASSIN) **Momita**. June was given that label by one of their opponents during the regular season. The whole league felt THE ASSASSIN'S wrath playing against her and the Undaunted team. Well Done!

Our other Thursday night team, Sirfire, Capo'd by **John Fernando**, made it to the playoffs, won their game in the 1st round and were then eliminated in the 2nd round. Special recognition to our team member and Sir's brother Sir **George Garcia** whose efforts and inspiration carried us throughout. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

Our Wednesday night team, Sir Bocce Too, Capo'd by **Tom Lathrop**, also had a successful season. They too made the playoffs and won their 1st and 2nd round playoff games, and were then eliminated in the 3rd round. This team got further into the playoffs than they ever had before. A team on their way up. Great job!

Finally, team Bocce Gators, Capo'd by **Ron Gagliardi**, once again made it to the Final Four. They came in 2nd place on their night (Wednesday night), and finished in 4th place overall among 45 teams in the entire league. Quite an accomplishment. Way to go!

Bocce ball is just another one of those activities our Branch 19 provides and enjoys. I'd like to thank all participants and hope to see you all, along with perhaps some new participants next season.

John Fernando, Bocce Capo, Branch 19

Branch 19 Golf Information

The 18 Hole Golf Group October Schedule

Club Championship Schedule

October 7th - Lone Tree - 9:30am

October 14th - Lone Tree - 9:30am

October 21st - Lone Tree - 9:30am

October 28th - Deer Ridge - 9am
Gentlemen

On Oct.7th we will start our 3 week Club Championship rounds. We play for 3 weeks at Lone Tree and use the **best 2 rounds**.

You can participate by only playing 2 rounds. The Entry fee will be \$25.00 Sign up and pay myself or **Bruce Persons** .

So let us know ASAP!

Jerry Burton, Branch 19 Golf Chairman
For additional 18 hole golf information contact

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman

<ajgolf81@yahoo.com>

Activities Review

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News

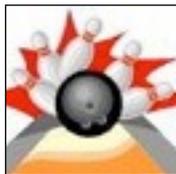
Clayton Valley SIR 2014-2015 Season is in full swing. We have had some really good scores bowled already with **Jim Willey** 258, **John Dorsett** 248, **Gary Kaufmann** 250, **John Ramsey** 663, **Rick Small** 643, **Doug Schuster** 609, **Milton Momita** 638, **Bill Schoonover**, and **Dwight Needham** were 35pins over for one game. We are off and bowling and having Fun!

Our Branch #19 SIR Bowling Tournament is November 18th&19th, we look forward to everyone coming and making this a Great Fun Branch#19 event!

Hope to see everyone there.

SIR Mike Kropf

Have A Nice Day



NEW

Interested in a Hiking Group?



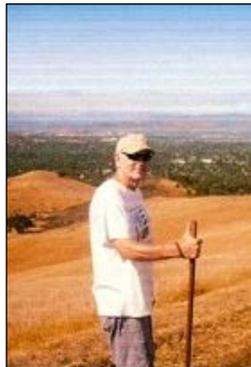
Nine Hole Golf Group

Every Monday at approximately 9am, alternating at the following courses, **Buchanan Fields** and **Diablo**
To Contact: **Steve McMurdo**:

<smcmurdo@att.net> or
687-6271

Area 2 Travel Possibilities

Dec 8, 2014: McHenry Mansion and Duarte Farms. McHenry Mansion is Modesto's treasure. It is the city's only original Victorian home and one of the few remaining reminders of the town's rich heritage. Each year the Mansion is decorated in all of it's Christmas finery, inside and out. At the conclusion of the docent tour you will enjoy a hosted family style lunch at the Concetta restaurant. After lunch you will visit Duarte Farms to view their amazing Holiday Poinsettias. You will tour the facility with time to shop before you depart for Walnut Creek. Cost is \$64.00 including Motorcoach, Docent Tour, Family Style Lunch, Duarte Farms Tour and Gratuities. Contact **Ken Richter**,



The SIR Branch 19 Hiking Group has started Wednesday hikes. This week we hiked about 5 miles in the Lime Ridge Open Space above Boundary Oaks Golf Course. Next Wednesday we plan to hike the Black Diamond Mines Road into the Black Diamond Mine Regional Park. This should be a 7 to 8 mile round trip. Everyone is welcome. I will put out an email to the members who showed interest earlier this year. **Tom Lathrop (top)** and **George Vogt** "Charter Members" of the Branch 19 Hiking Group.

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 Websites" link and select Branch 19 Concord/Clayton.

About Monthly Attendance

Please make sure to cooperate, and call the 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.

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.

October 2014 Calendar

Computers & Technology
Next Meeting - Thurs. October 16th
Walnut Creek Elks Club

\$ums in Retirement
Wednesday, October 22nd
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

Area 2 Fishing Group
Thursday, October 23rd
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

Bowling
Wednesdays - 10am
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.

