



ROOSTER TALES

Next meeting - Thursday January 8th – 2015 – Oakhurst Country Club



BIG SIR Message

Happy New Year and welcome to 2015! Thanks to Tom Lathrop’s leadership and the dedication of many of our members, Branch 19’s 2014 was a very good year. Way to go!

Our annual Christmas luncheon was a great success. Please thank Jack Barnaba and his crew (Jack Duncan, Ken Kuhn,

George Garcia, Jim Thelen, and Bill Stephenson) for organizing probably the best Christmas party we’ve ever had.

I want to thank all of the branch members who volunteered to lead our varied activities and who served as Board members this past year. It takes a lot of behind the scenes work to keep our branch rolling along smoothly. Please thank those members for their hard work and dedication.

We are an organization based on volunteerism. We are only as strong as our members; we rely on you for our strength as a SIR branch. If you have ideas for expanding our activities, contact one of your Board members. If you want to serve on the Board of Directors, contact our nomination committee (Ron Cashion, Ken Peterson, John Fernando). If you have ways to improve our organization, please talk to me or one of the other officers.

Currently, we have 129 members, but we can improve on that. Mention Sons in Retirement to your retired friends and neighbors, your wife’s/significant other’s friends (who would like to get their retired spouses off the couch), and your work associates.

Encourage them to check us out online or in person. You are the MIL (Most Important Links) in the growth of Branch 19!

I am looking forward to working with each of you in 2015, and I’m fortunate to have a Board of Directors that has a lot of institutional knowledge and experience.

The Program for January



SIR George Fulmore.

His presentation is based on the book, "The Next America," by Paul Taylor which discusses the various generations and the possibility of generational conflict between Baby Boomers and Millennials.

George was born in Fresno. Attended Long Beach State and San Francisco State. Holds BAs in History and Journalism. Had a career in data processing. Retired in 1996. Taught "The Art of Retirement" in Mt. Diablo Adult Ed for ten years. Did a column by the same name for the Contra Costa Times for six years.



Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance will be led by a volunteer.

January Menu

Starter	Salad
Entrée	Roast Beef or Basa White Fish
Dessert	Cheese Cake
Coffee, Water on tables	

What We Want To Do

Membership and Attendance

Bring a friend to lunch! We have a goal to maintain and increase our membership and we put out the welcome mat for guests and friends of SIR Branch 19 at our Oakhurst C.C. luncheons. A two for one lunch, one time only, is a good way to introduce a guest to the SIR experience and the wide variety of activities in which SIR members participate. We all benefit when new people join SIR. Make it a point to bring a guest.

January Birthdays



Myron Allen, Dennis Barbieri, Al Berg

Homer Colvin, George Garcia, Bud Gooderham

John Hayes, John Linster, Nelson Luke, Robert Lyman

Ken Peterson, Bill Stricker, John Van DeVeere

Don Weimann

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

November Attendance
Members and Guests – 107

Treasurer Report

November 30, 2014

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$6,623.30
Holiday fund	625.40
Picnic Fund	<u>240.12</u>
Total General Account	<u>\$7,488.82</u>
Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$621.65
Golf	<u>2,167.31</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$2,788.96</u>
 Total Funds	 <u>\$10,527.78</u>

Ken Kuhn
Branch 19 Treasurer

Our Focus

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're disappointed, please tell us.

If you are pleased, we would like to hear that too.

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New Members to Branch 19 November 2014



From Left to Right

Jack Jagoda, sponsoring new member John Crawford

Joseph Milani sponsoring new member Andrew Cataline

Kenneth Peterson, Membership Chairman

New member Kevin Mullaney sponsored by Stephen Gee.

Branch 19 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, start and sharing the activity with other interested members. The various Branches of Area 2 have approximately 70 active groups participating in a wide variety of activities. If you need information regarding an activity, how to find one, or how to start one, contact Jack Barnaba.
Jack Barnaba Activity Chairman 672-0947

Dining Out and Wine Tasting

Dining Out Group
 Tentative restaurant locations have been selected for January through May 2015. .

- January – Spaghetti Factory – Concord
- February – La Veranda – Clayton
- March – Tahoe Joe’s – Pleasant Hill
- April – The Elephant Bar – Concord
- May – Lucilles’s BBQ – Sun Valley, Concord

Ken Peterson (925) 439-5448
Kenneth637@comcast.net

Wine Tasting Group
 Friday, January 16th at 7:00 pm

Theme: Italian Red Wines
 Sangiovese (Chianti), barbera, primitivo, dolcetto, nebiola, etc. Come, taste, find something you like. Bring a bottle of red wine (\$10 or more) and an appetizer to complement the wines.

Where:
 Don & Ruth Weimann
 5738 Roanwood Way, Concord
 (925) 672-7711
weimanns@astound.net

Please RSVP if you are attending

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News

Here are some updates on our Wednesday SIRS League at Clayton Valley Bowl. We have just two more weeks left in the first half with Team#3, **Just 2 Weak**, John Carl, John Fernando, Bill Tinsley, Don Weimann, and Jim Willey leading the pack. High Average 216, and high game300, belongs to Gary Kaufmann. High series 752 - Mike Kropf. Handicap series - John Dorsett 766. Handicap game - Jim Erickson 291. Dan Weller is most improved with a 181.48 average currently after a 170 at 21 games. Very good Dan. Glad to see Ken Peterson coming out to bowl as a sub where needed and I don't think he has missed. Not one week.
I hope everyone has a Healthy and Prosperous 2015!
 Have a Great Day
SIR Mike Kropf

The Bocce Report

Sign up for the 2015 Bocce season will begin after the first of the year. Teams will be formed at that time. We’re looking forward to another successful season.
John Fernando, Bocce Capo Branch 19

Hiking Group

The SIR Branch 19 Hiking Group has started Wednesday hikes.
Contact Tom Lathrop or George Vogt

Branch 19 Golf Information



Nine Hole Golf Group

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

Contact: **Steve McMurdo**
smcmurdo@att.net
Phone 687-6271

**The 18 Hole Golf Group
January Schedule**

Weather Permitting we will be playing :

- Jan 6 – Delta View 9:30
- Jan 13 – Lone Tree 9:30
- Jan 20 – Diablo Creek 10:00
- Jan 27 – Lone Tree 9:30

This year, a number of courses are asking for 10 days advance notice on the number of players. So please check your schedule and let Jerry know early.

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

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman
ajgolf81@yahoo.com

Pay Attention to This

About Monthly Attendance

Please call the Hotline Number if you cannot attend.

(925) 338-1996

Call on or before five (5) days in advance of the monthly luncheon if you cannot attend.

That means call by Saturday at the latest.

Lunches are ordered for all members who have not called. If you don't show up the club is obligated to pay for the meal and you will be charged.

If you can't attend, call the Hotline.

(925) 338-1996.

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 newsletter.

**The Calendar
Computers & Technology**

Thursday, January 15th

Sums in Retirement

Wednesday, January 28

Area 2 Fishing Group

Thursday, January 22nd

Bowling

Wednesdays – 10am

Golf

Mondays (Nine Hole) and
Tuesdays (18 Hole) (See above)

Dining Out

TBD

Wine Tasting –

Friday January 15 – 7: 00 pm

Area 2 Activities for January

Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

The \$ums Investment Group will meet on
 Wednesday, January 28, 2015.
 Legends – Diablo Creek G.C.
 4050 Port Chicago Highway
 Breakfast available at 7am.



Our guest speaker again this January is **Tom Kopas** from Pring Turner Capital Group. Tom’s topic will be **Financial Outlook—2015**, and will address many of today’s topical questions, including: What’s Ahead for the Economy in 2015? Tom will discuss what asset allocation decisions will bring investors profitably through this cycle, and where the risks and opportunities are for investors now and in the coming months and years. Timely investment themes for both income and growth will be reviewed.

Tom is one of our most popular guest speakers having been invited to present to the \$ums Investment Group each year since 2002. He is a principal and portfolio manager at Pring Turner Capital Group in Walnut Creek. Tom co-authored a book published by McGraw Hill entitled “*Investing in the Second Lost Decade*”.

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)	925 457-0807

Area 2 Fishing Group



The Legends
 Diablo Creek G.C.
 Meets
Thursday Jan 22nd
8:30 am
 4050 Port Chicago
 Highway in Concord.

It has been bleak fishing period since our last report; really wretched weather. We did have a good day for Carl Moyer’s backyard fish fry. Over 20 of us enjoyed the food and fishing stories. Don Mittlestaedt caught nice steelhead on the Feather River with flies and caught some giant redbfish in Louisiana. Joe Karg caught an 11 lb. striper in San Pablo Bay. Carl Moyer and Gordon Linebaugh made one last try for trout and catfish from San Pablo Reservoir before it closed for the winter. Harry Sherinian and Terry Miller fished honker bay with lures for stripers and caught quite a few, including a 38 incher. We will be very busy this winter with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, bluegill, crappie, striped bass, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes; and rockfish and crab from the ocean. We’re in a fishermen’s paradise. For further information contact:
Dick Thomson, Big Fish 925-944-1760
Carl Moyer 925-685-5243
Romano Gnusti, 925-376-3313



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

*January 15th – Walnut Creek Elks Club
 1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek*

Tips and tricks you can use with your browser software

Internet Explorer and Google Chrome have a lot of hidden features which can make your access to the internet much faster and more fun. In January Phil Goff will demonstrate features such as bookmark bars, tabbed browsing, application extensions, browsing incognito, and more. Since passwords have become such an issue, Phil will show some of the more popular password manager programs, the most common design approaches, and demonstrate two of the most popular products, LastPass and Dashlane. Both are robust products and if used properly, can greatly improve your security and reduce the pain of remembering and using strong passwords.

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.

Branch 19 SIR's In Action

