



# ROOSTER TALES

**Next meeting - Thursday July 2th – 2015 – Oakhurst Country Club**



**BIG SIR Message**  
**NOVUS ORDO**  
**SECLORUM: A New**  
**Age Now Begins.**  
 Over the years we have had different means of keeping our members informed. First, it was through the Rooster Tales

being mailed to each member. Then, the Rooster Tales was emailed to each of us. Now, we are entering a new stage. The Rooster Tales is now on our Branch website ([www.sir19.org](http://www.sir19.org)) and you will be directed to it from a link emailed to you each month. Don't just stop after perusing the monthly issue of the Rooster Tales. Check out the website's other features: Board minutes, pictures, schedules, member information, and a whole lot more.

Now, for a brief quiz.

1. What document begins with the words "When in the course of human events . . .?"
2. Who is the person credited with writing the document?
3. In what year was the document written and approved?
4. Who was the first person to sign the document?
5. Which two signers of the document died within hours of each other? (EXTRA CREDIT: On what date did they die?)

## The Program for July



**Eric Thomas**  
**Co-Ancor, ABC7 Morning News**

Eric Thomas is the co-anchor of the ABC7 Morning News. See him weekdays at 4:30 A.M. He also reports on aviation and the military. Eric will speak about his career and his accomplishments during his career. He started in high school radio, moved onto college and after college to radio and TV right up to the present.

*July Menu*

Caesar Salad  
 Grilled Tri Tip  
 Blackened Catfish with Dijon Cream Sauce  
 Chef's choice Vegetarian plate  
 Cheesecake

*July Birthdays*



**Financial Statement**

**Branch 19 Statistics**

May Attendance  
 Members and Guests – 103

**Treasurer Report**

May 31, 2015

**Account Balances**

Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,135.51
Holiday fund	119.80
Picnic Fund	<u>240.12</u>
Total General Account	<u>\$4,495.43</u>
Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$621.79
Golf	<u>3,416.81</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$4,038.60</u>
 Total Funds	 <u>\$8,784.03</u>

Ken Kuhn  
 Branch 19 Treasurer

*Jerry Fitzmaurice, Dave Holland  
 Larry Kolano, Joseph Milani, John Moriana*

**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.  
 branch19newsletter@gmail.com

*New Members to Branch 19 June 2015*



Ken Rich Bob Jack Bernie George Ron John David  
 From left: Ken Person, Rich Peterson, **Bob Campos**, Jack Barnaba, **Bernie Theobald**, **George Darrow**, Ron Gagliardi, John Millar, **David Welch**. Welcome to SIR, Bob, Bernie, George, and David.

*Branch 19 Activities*

*Dining Out and Wine Tasting*

**Dining Out Group**  
 Meets on the third Thursday of every month.

- July 16 - Bambino's – 1895 Farm Bureau Rd, Concord
- Aug 20 - La Veranda – Clayton
- Sep 17 – SIR Picnic – Concord Community Park

**Hosted by Bruce and Patsy Persons**  
**Ken Peterson (925) 439-5448**  
[Kenneth637@comcast.net](mailto:Kenneth637@comcast.net)

*SIR Branch 19 Bowling News*

League is over for this season. Everyone had a great time this year. We're all looking forward to September when the league starts up again. If you are interested in bowling with some great guys, please get in touch. We bowl on Wednesdays at Clayton Valley Bowl.

Thank you everyone

SIR Mike Kropf

**Mike Kropf 689-1453 mdkropf@astound.net**  
**John Carl 827-2444 johncarl45@msn.com**

*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 one and share 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 info regarding an activity, how to find one, or how to start one, contact Jack Barnaba.

**Jack Barnaba Activity Chairman 672-0947**  
**j.barnaba@yahoo.com**

*The Bocce Report*

The weather has been warmer and bocce ball has been a bit more pleasant of an activity to participate in without playing in winter apparel. The weather has also made it easier to consume adult beverages which in turn hydrates our elite bocce athletes. All of our teams are holding their own in the standings and enjoying themselves immensely. Pictures will soon be posted to our website displaying our teams in action.

**John Fernando, Bocce Capo, Branch 19**  
**798-9978 jaferna2003@yahoo.com**



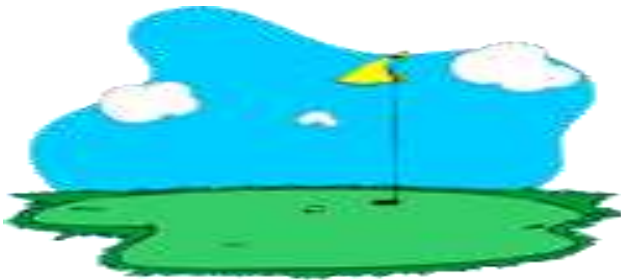
### Hiking Group

The hiking group, Tom Lathrop, George Vogt, and Rich Peterson, make it to Feather Falls above Lake Oroville, recently. Beautiful, tiring, 8 mile trek, but wonderful scenery. If anyone wants to hike or take a walk, contact either George or Tom.

**Tom Lathrop 689-8981 lathrop689@aol.com**  
**George Vogt 672-3703 cvogtgo@att.net**



### Branch 19 Golf Information



#### Match Play Results

##### On June 9th. at Lone Tree

Jack Duncan 1 up over George Vogt, 23 holes  
Jim Garcia 5 & 4 over Ron Cashion Final Match  
John Fernando 1 up over Roy Priest, 19 holes.

##### On June 23rd. at Lone Tree

Gary Kaufmann 3&2 over John Moriana  
Jack Duncan 6&5 over John VanDeVeer

##### Matches yet to be played to get to the final 4:

Gregg Moore vs. John Fernando  
Ben Olison vs. Gary Kaufmann

Jim Garcia has won the Boundary Oaks Bracket.  
Jack Duncan has won the Oakhurst Bracket.

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

Contact: **Steve McMurdo**  
[smcmurdo@att.net](mailto:smcmurdo@att.net)  
Phone 687-6271

**The 18 Hole Golf Group**  
**July Schedule**

Weather Permitting we will be playing:

- July 7 – Lone Tree 9:30
- July 14 – Franklin Canyon 9:30
- July 21 – Lone Tree 9:30
- July 28 – Deer Ridge 9:30

**Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman**  
[ajgolf81@yahoo.com](mailto:ajgolf81@yahoo.com)

Let's all get out and play while the grass is still green because it won't be for long. It was nice being able to play all winter but we better start Praying for Rain.

Jerry Burton



**Wine Tasting Group**

I recently discovered a place in downtown Walnut Creek called Buon Vino that provides wines for tasting in a private room. The cost is \$25 per person for tasting up to 10 wines for 2 hours. We can bring food in to share, and there is extra wine for the 2 hours. The room is very inviting, and you can purchase the wines you taste. For info, see the website looking at the tab “Private Events: <http://buonvinoinc.com/> Thus, we can have a great time tasting in a non-home place. So I propose that we have a July meeting as follows: We hope to get 8 to 14 people

*Friday July 17*

Location: **Buon Vino** 1545 Locust St, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 (Near Lescher Center)

Bring: Food to share. There is a microwave to reheat things

Cost: **\$25 per person**

*Please reply ASAP if you would attend this event. If the 17<sup>th</sup> is not good, suggest some other date”*

**Don Weimann 925-672-7711**

[weimanns@astound.net](mailto:weimanns@astound.net)

*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.

**Lucky Badge number is somewhere in this issue. Look for JM followed by your badge number. Call the hotline before the luncheon if you find your number and your lunch will be free.**

**The Calendar  
Computers & Technology**

Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

**Sums in Retirement**  
Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Area 2 Fishing Group**  
Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Bowling**  
League starts in September  
Clayton Valley Bowl

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

**Dining Out**  
Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

**Wine Tasting –**  
July 10 (See announcement)

## Area 2 Activities for July



### The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

July 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club  
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek  
**Apple Products discussion**

Trying something completely different, we have invited Ms Sharon Beck from a group called ‘Help with Apple Devices’ to tell us about Apple products. She says she likes to have a lot of questions from the audience so all you PC folks, as well as our Apple JM37 users, please think up some questions that will lead to a fruitful discussion. If time permits we plan to have an informal discussion about some of the great features available on Smartphones, (Android, iOS, and others).

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.

### Investments / Wealth Management



#### The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Wednesday, July 22, 2015.  
Legends – Diablo Creek G.C.  
4050 Port Chicago Highway

Breakfast available at 7am.

- Want to learn more about investing?
- Want to meet experts in the field?
- Want answers to your financial questions?
- Come join the **\$ums in Retirement.**

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month (**no meeting in November, next meeting is December 3**) at the Legends Grill at Diablo Creek Golf Course. Meetings begin at 8:00am and last about 1½ hours. Come earlier to buy breakfast. Meetings are open to all Area 2 SIR members and their guests. We have an interesting speaker from the investment community for each meeting. Meetings are free and enjoyable. Come join us and learn to be a better investor.

Co-Chairmen:

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Gary Moore (BR 174) | 925 254-8742 |
| David Sutton (BR 8) | 925 686-0158 |
| Leary Wong (BR 8)   | 925 457-0807 |

[www.a2sums.sirinc.org](http://www.a2sums.sirinc.org)

### Area 2 Fishing Group



**The Legends**  
Diablo Creek G.C.  
Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs  
**Thursday July 23**

**8:30 am**

4050 Port Chicago Highway in  
Concord.

We will be very busy this summer with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, striped bass, crappie, bluegill, and sturgeon; trout and catfish in mountain and local lakes, salmon and rockfish on the ocean. We live in a fishermen’s paradise

**Dick Thomson, Big Fish 925-944-1760**

**Carl Moyer 925-685-5243**

**Romano Gnusti, 925-376-3313**

[www.branch116.org/fishing](http://www.branch116.org/fishing)

## *SIR Area 2 Travel Opportunities 2015 / 3*

**July 22-28, 2015: Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.** Trip will include baseball games in New York and Boston. The Highlight will be the Baseball Hall of Fame and induction ceremonies at Cooperstown. Travelers will enjoy home pick-up, airport transfers, professional tour host, RT airfare, 6 night accommodations, all taxes and gratuities. Cost \$2,975.00. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br. 146, 698-6217.

**Aug 21-Sep 12, 2015: Treasures of France a River Journey from Normandy to Provence.** A 22 day river cruise aboard a deluxe river boat. The highlights include visits to D-day Beaches of Normandy, Beaujolais, Burgundy Regions, Lyon, and other river towns. Prices range from \$6499 to \$8299 which includes airfare, 22 nights accommodations, 59 meals, 17 sightseeing tours with audio headsets, all transfers, luggage handling, and beer or wine at dinner. Pre and Post trips are available. Contact **Ken Richter** Br. 149, 698-6217.

**Aug 21- Sep 1, 2015: Paris & Highlights of Normandy a Seine River Cruise.** 12 day cruise aboard deluxe river boat with visits to Paris, D-day Beaches of Normandy, Vernon, Honfleur, and Rouen. Prices range from \$3699 to \$6199 including 10 night accommodations, 29 meals, 9 sightseeing tours with audio headsets and beer or wine at dinner. Two for one airfare is available plus Pre or Post trips. Contact **Ken Richter** Br.146, 689-6217.

**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

**Oct 10, 2015: Fleet Week on the San Francisco Belle.** The Belle is a San Francisco Landmark That evokes the City's charm. There will be no better vantage point to see the Fleet Week Air Show than directly under the planes. Cost \$128.00 includes RT deluxe motor coach transportation, cruise on board the SF Belle, reserved seats on board ship, hosted buffet luncheon, music entertainment, special viewing of the Blue Angels and gratuity. Contact Ken Richter, Br 146, 689-6217

**Dec 7, 2015: The Holidays are blooming in the Valley.** Your first stop will be at Hilmar Cheese Factory, where your guide will step onto your motor coach for a tour through their facility, followed by a delicious hosted buffet lunch. After lunch you will have time to shop in their large country store. Next stop will be Duarte Nursery to view their amazing Holiday Poinsettias. Their greenhouses hold one of the largest selections of Poinsettias available. You will tour the facility with time to shop before departing for home. Cost \$54.00 pp including RT motor coach, hosted lunch, tours and driver gratuity. Contact Ken Richter, Br. 146, 689-6217.

**Mar 25-Apr 10, 2016: big Band Voyage across The Atlantic Ocean.** 16 day all inclusive cruise on the Crystal Symphony. Relish the blissful luxury of days at sea, highlighted by visits to Bermuda, the Azores, Barcelona, Bandol and Monte Carlo. Cruise cost from \$3665. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br 146, 925-689-6217.