



ROOSTER TALES

Next meeting - Thursday August 6th – 2015 – Oakhurst Country Club



BIG SIR Message
What an august body of men we are!
This month you have the opportunity to elect your branch officers and board members for 2016. The nominating committee of John Fernando, Ron Cashion,

and Ken Peterson has done an excellent job in securing a fine slate of nominees.

- Big Sir – Bruce Persons
- Little Sir – John Carl
- Secretary – Rich Peterson
- Asst. Secretary – Dwayne Williams
- Treasurer – Ken Kuhn

Asst. Treasurers – Darryl Diamond, Barry Silberman
Directors – Jack Barnaba, Jack Duncan, Jerry Burton,
John Fernando, John Wolfe, Ron Cashion

Get to know them (if you don't already) and give them the support they will need.

Membership . . . membership . . membership.
In one of my earliest missives I set a goal of 135 members by the end of my term as your Big Sir. This was 5 more than the state organization's PLUS 1 goal of 130. Neither is close to being reached. The good news is that, for 2015, we have thus far inducted 11 new members; the bad news is that we have lost 18. Deficits may be good for government accounting (if you are a Keynesian economist), but for Branch 19 they are not acceptable. We need to redouble our efforts to bring in new members by the end of the year if we are to remain viable. We all hold the key to reaching our membership goal. Reach out to retired or semi-retired friends, relatives, and acquaintances --- or talk to their wives who might want them out of the house and off the couch. Invite them to a luncheon. Bring them to one of our many activities. Help them see the advantages of becoming a SIR.

Extra Extra Credit: Sir John Millar has a question for you: How old is the United States? If you think you know the answer, see John at the August meeting.

The Program for August



Vincent Martinez
Emergency Planner – Contra Costa County
Community warning system, Sherriff's Office

His presentation about the Community Warning System (CWS) will describe what it is, how it works, the various types of alerts and what we need to do before, during, and after the alerts.
Mr. Martinez began working in Emergency Management in a Washington State fire district. He then worked in South Africa with a wildlife conservation group assisting with wildlife research and incident action planning with a particular focus on brush fires in the reserve. He returned to work with the American Red Cross in Portland, Oregon, as the Community Engagement Project Manager for Disaster Services. He has worked for the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office for the past 2 years and is the Emergency Planner for the Community Warning System.

August Menu

Mixed Green Salad
 Chicken Cordon Bleu
 Fish & Chips
 Chef's choice Vegetarian plate
 Ice Cream Sundae

August Birthdays



John Carl, Mike Ilg, Mike Krawesky

John Millar, Mike Mills, Milt Momita, Jerry Waitrovich

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

July Attendance
 Members and Guests -92

Treasurer Report

June 30, 2015

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,141.71
Holiday fund	119.80
Picnic Fund	<u>0.00</u>
Total General Account	<u>\$4,261.51</u>
Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$621.81
Golf	<u>1,739.92</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$2,361.73</u>
 Total Funds	 <u>\$6,873.24</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.
 branch19newsletter@gmail.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 Activities

Dining Out and Wine Tasting

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

- Aug 20 - La Veranda – Clayton
- Sep 17 – SIR Picnic – Concord Community Park
- Oct 15 – Golden Willow Chinese - Concord

Hosted by Bruce and Patsy Persons
Ken Peterson (925) 439-5448
Kenneth637@comcast.net

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News

League starts again in September. Please get in touch with John Carl or Mike Kropf if you are interested in a great time bowling with a terrific group. Everyone had a great time last year and we're all looking forward to the league starting 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

More than half of the bocce season has been completed and the level of competition is at full throttle. All of our teams are still in good position for the coveted playoff spots for the Concord Bocce league and we are digging deep to get those competitive juices flowing. Good luck to all of our teams down the stretch and continue to enjoy your bocce experience. It's a lot of fun!

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

SIR Picnic Update

Sign up for the SIR Picnic. Remember to sign up for the SIR Picnic. The Picnic is coming up soon.

If anyone has items they would like to donate as attendance prizes for the SIR picnic, contact SIR Jack Duncan. 925.825.9152 jckduncan99@gmail.com



Wine Tasting will meet again in September

Don Weimann 925-672-7711

weimanns@astound.net

Join us for a visit to the USS Hornet Museum on October 15

Sign up sheet on the table at the August Luncheon

Contact: George Vogt 672-3703 cvogtgo@att.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, August 20th

Sums in Retirement
Wednesday, August 26th

Area 2 Fishing Group
Thursday, August 27rd

Bowling
League starts in September
Clayton Valley Bowl

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

Dining Out
Thursday, August 20th

SIR Branch 19 Presents



Join Us for a Picnic in the Concord Community Park
Thursday, September 17th, 2015 1PM-5PM

Menu by "Yum on the Run" Catering

- Fresh Cut Fruit Display
- BBQ Brisket
- BBQ Chicken
- Baked Beans
- Assortment of Salads
- Garlic Bread Sticks, Rolls, and Fresh Baked Breads
- Beverage Station with Ice Tea and Ice Water •

Bring Your Own Beer, Wine or Soft Drinks

Call the Hotline (925) 338-1996
(Leave Message) for additional information

What: SIR Branch 19 Picnic (Members & Guests)

When: Thursday, September 17th, 2015

Where: Concord Community Park
(on Cowell Road)

Site #1 (Between Pool and Playground)

Time: 1pm to 5pm or come early, site available all day. **Price: \$23 per person**

Other: For your comfort bring folding chair(s), or a spread to sit on in the shade. The complete catered menu is shown on the left.

Permanent picnic tables are provided at the site. See attached reservation form. Food to be served at approximately 2pm.

Return with Payment

SIR Branch 19 Picnic -Thursday, September 17th - Concord Community Park

Will Attend () Will Not Attend ()

Name _____ Badge # _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____

\$23 Per Person for Catered Buffet Picnic Lunch Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to SIR Branch 19

Mail to: Ken Kuhn
535 Mt. Davidson Court
Clayton, CA 94517

Area 2 Activities for August



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

August 20th 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club
 1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek
How to fix a slow computer

In August, our subject for discussion is "How to fix a slow computer," presented by Dean Steichen. If you're finding that your computer seems to be running slower than it did in the past, come learn some of the ways to correct the problem and return you PC's operation to "like new."

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, August 20, 2015. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies -- but some months are free, so come and see if our August meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

Area 2 Fishing Group

The Legends
 Diablo Creek G.C.
 Meets on the 4th Thurs
Thursday August 27
8:30 am
 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.

Rich Ball hosted a trip to Oregon for black cod, and salmon. Joining Rich were Ed Djikman, Karl Droese, and Gary Yancey. They fished for 5 days, limiting each day, for a total of 56 cod, and 48 salmon on a calm ocean. That was an awesome outing. Closer to home, Carl Moyer and Ken Konzak got 2 salmon out the gate. Paul Dubow continued his far away fishing. After fishing in Florida and Wisconsin, Paul went to ICELAND! There he and his children caught cod in the ocean, and char in the lakes. Could Antarctica be next? Meanwhile, Tom Tipton continued to harass the black bass in the Delta. Pedro Contreras took an 8 day boat from San Diego into Mexican Waters, returning with a heavy cooler filled with yellowtail and yahoo. Carl Moyer and Rich Fiscina caught rock fish and ling cod on the ocean, but were turned back from a salmon attempt by nasty waves out the gate. It was Gene Schulting day at San Pablo Reservoir. Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, Barry Rauchle, Carl Moyer and Gene caught 7 catfish. Gene caught 5 of them, including an 11 pound monster. Good for you, Gene.

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

Area 2 Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Wednesday, August 22, 2015.
 Legends – Diablo Creek G.C.
 4050 Port Chicago Highway
 Breakfast available at 7am.



Planning for the Designated Beneficiary and Overview of Trust Administration

Jenifer Leece and Ryan Lockhart
Buchman Provine Brothers Smith LLP

Primer on New Tax Act

Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts

What are they, how do they work, and how can we fix a broken one?

Non-Trust Assets

Planning for retirement plans and when joint ownership is appropriate

Trust Administration After Death of First Spouse

Trust Administration After Death of Surviving Spouse (or Single Person)

Jenifer is a partner at Buchman Provine Brothers Smith, where her practice focuses on estate planning, trust and estate administration and estate related litigation. Ms. Leece has extensive litigation and mediation experience of trust and probate related matters representing trustees, executors, beneficiaries and conservators. Ryan is an associate attorney at the firm and focuses his practice on estate planning, wealth transfer planning, estate and gift tax planning, tax controversy, trust administration and probate. Please feel free to bring your wife or other family member to this timely presentation on estate planning.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month 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:

Gary Moore (BR 174) 925 254-8742

David Sutton (BR 8) 925 686-0158

Leary Wong (BR 8) 925 457-0807

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SIR Area 2 Travel Opportunities 2015 / 3

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

Oct 23, 2015: SIR Day at the Races. Join fellow Sir's for a fun day at Golden Gate Fields watching and may be betting on the ponies. The cost of \$33.00 includes valet parking, daily racing program, great buffet lunch and tax/tips. Doors open at 11:00 am. 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.

Feb 3, 2016: Jersey Boys. This is a true story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons who became one of the biggest American pop music sensations of all time. The musical features such Four Season hits as "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Sherry", "Walk Like A Man", and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You. Cost is \$116.00 which includes RT motorcoach, reserved center Orchestra seats at the Orpheum Theatre 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. Join SIR 146 on May 14th, 2015 at 1:30 pm for a special cruise presentation and extra savings opportunities. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br 146, 925-689-6217.

May 3-5, 2016: Vatican Splendors exhibit at the Reagan Presidential Library. The Vatican exhibit only travels every other year so don't miss the opportunity to experience 2,000 years of Vatican art and history. You will also visit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Cost \$591.00 including RT motorcoach, 2 night stay at the Pepper Tree in Santa Barbara, baggage handling, 6 meals, guided tours of the Library, and Santa Barbara Mission, with a visit to Solvang, and drivers gratuity. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br. 146, 925-689-6217