

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



ROOSTER TALES

Next meeting - Thursday January 7th – 2015 – Oakhurst Country Club



Big SIR Message

Happy New Year to all, hope everyone had wonderful Holidays. Welcome to 2016. I want to give Larry Kolano a heartfelt Thank You for his service as Big Sir. We also give a heartfelt

Thank You to Duane Deonigi for his many years of service as Secretary. In 2016 John Carl will be our Little SIR and Richard Peterson will be our Secretary. Thanks to all the volunteers of 2015 for their time and efforts to make our activities successful in 2015.

Thanks to the following for a very successful Holiday Luncheon: Jack Barnaba, for organizing agenda, buying the wine, securing the event entertainment; Jack Duncan, for the table centerpieces, the extremely difficult pop quiz; Bill Stephenson, wine raffle; Darryl Diamond, reservations; Ken Kuhn and Jack Duncan, for handling the check in process.

I am your BIG SIR for 2016. I joined SIR 19 in 2011 hoping to stay in the shadows and just play golf. I began attending the BEC meetings just to observe and learn. As I recognized the need for volunteer's, I found ways to help out. I learned it takes time and effort to lead any organization and we can't do it without volunteers. Contact a Chairman, a Director, or an Officer to volunteer your time to the activities you're interested in. Our Goal for 2016 is to increase volunteerism and to grow our membership by one at year end. So bring a guest to a luncheon and convert him to membership. With your help this can be our best year yet for new members and new activities.

The Program for January



**Michael J. Barrington
MA, MEd, Ph.D.**

Founder and President, MJB Consultants

Dr. Michael Barrington, was born in Manchester in the UK. but has lived in the bay area for 30 years. As the president of MJB Consulting, he travels all over the world providing Monitoring and Evaluation Services to humanitarian organizations such as USAID, UNICEF, Oxfam, and Save the Children and has worked in more than forty countries. He is a former Catholic Missionary priest and ministered in Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Mexico, and Brazil. He speaks six languages and academically considers himself to be "over engineered" having three Masters Degrees and a Ph.D. He spent a year living as a hermit. His book *"The Bishop Wears No Drawers"* is a memoir of his experiences in Nigeria where he lived for ten years, both during and after the civil war. He now lives in Concord with his French wife and a crazy American Eskimo dog and spends his free time in playing golf and writing.

January Menu

Roast Beef
 Basa White Fish with Lemon Beurre Blanc Sauce
 Chef's choice Vegetarian plate
 Chef's choice Salad and Dessert

January Birthdays



*Myron Allen, Dennis Barbieri, Homer Colvin
 George Garcia, Carleton Gooderham, John Hayes
 John Linster, Nelson Luke, Robert Lyman
 Walter Norris, Ken Peterson, William Stricker
 John Van DeVeere, Don Weimann*

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics
 November Attendance
 Members and Guests –106

Treasurer Report

November 30, 2016

Account Balances

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Petty Cash | \$ 250.00 |
| General Account | |
| Unencumbered | \$5,032.23 |
| Holiday fund | 119.80 |
| Picnic Fund | <u>155.59</u> |

Total General Account \$5,307.62

Custodial Accounts

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Bowling | \$691.99 |
| Golf | <u>1,801.89</u> |
| Total Custodial | <u>\$2,493.88</u> |

Total Funds \$8,051.50

Ken Kuhn

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

We hope to restart the hiking group, weather permitting, in January. A good day for many of us is Thursday.. Please let us know if you are interested, and the type of hike you would like.

Tom Lathrop 689-8981 lathrop689@aol.com

George Vogt 672-3703 cvogtgo@att.net

Branch 19 Activities

Dine Around

Dine Around Group
Meets on the third Thursday of every month.
When: Thursday , Jan 21. Social Time at 5:00 pm,
Dinner at 6:00 pm
Where: Buttercup Grill & Bar – 4301 Clayton Rd,
Concord, CA 94521
Payment: By Individual Checks
Sign-up: Sheet at January 7th SIR Luncheon
Contact Al Brunner 925.687.0594
abloryb@astound.net

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News

Clayton Valley SIRS bowls on Wednesday mornings at Clayton Valley Bowl. If you are interest in bowling with a great bunch of folks, contact Mike or John.

SIR Mike Kropf
Mr Have A Nice Day 😊

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

Looking forward to the 2016 bocce season and mixing it up with all Br 19 teams and players.

John Fernando

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

Wine Tasting



SIRS Branch 19 Wine Tasting Group Meeting

Friday, January 15, 2016

Meeting Details

When: Friday, January 15th at 7:00 pm

Theme: **Bring Your Favorite Wine**

We will do something different: Bring a wine you like and perhaps drink regularly to share with others. We will taste each wine together. Then you tell us why you like it, what foods go with it, price, and where purchased. Everyone else can add comments.

Bring:

- Your bottle
- An appetizer to share. Hopefully, this should complement your wine.

Where:

Location not certain. Details will follow.

Please let Don Weimann know if you are attending

(925) 672-7711

weimanns@astound.net

Branch 19 Tours the Haight



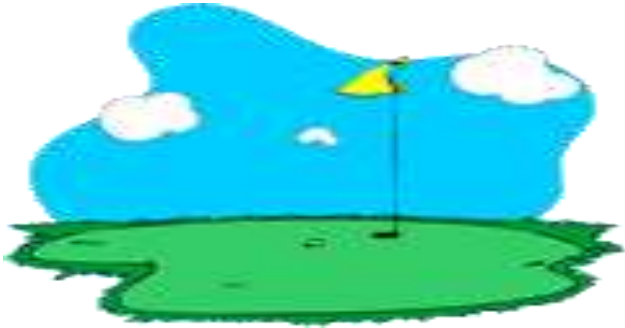
On Wednesday, November 4, our SIR Branch #19 spent an enjoyable day in San Francisco's eclectic Haight Ashbury neighborhood to recall and commemorate the 1967 Summer of Love. Seventeen folks---including husbands and wives---commuted into the city for a unique and interesting flashback walking tour of the Haight. The focus was on the cultural impact and music coming out of San Francisco's Haight Ashbury community during that late 1960's era. The two hour walking tour included stops at the former residences of Janis Joplin, the Grateful Dead, the Jefferson Airplane, the Diggers community firehouse, and the Panhandle. Our SIR participants and their wives also JM92 had the opportunity to see and learn about the colorful history of the "painted ladies". These are some of the beautiful Victorian homes that have become an integral part of the neighborhood. The seminal Haight Ashbury community is an interesting example of the many different neighborhoods that make up the unique fabric of the urban Bay Area.



Attached picture in front of the Grateful Dead house:

Branch 19 Golf Information

From left to right are: Gayle Duncan, Elaine Stephenson, Jack Duncan, Jim Garcia, Bobbi Silberman, Barry Silberman, Lorraine Ruppert, John Fernando, tour guide Kurt Weitzmann, Tom Ruppert, Mike Krawesky, Connie Krawesky, Michelle Barnaba, Jack Barnaba, Hilda Luke, Nelson Luke, Bernie



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 5 – **Delta View** 9:30
- Jan 12 – **Lone Tree** 9:30
- Jan 19 – **Diablo Creek** 9:30
- Jan 26 – **Lone Tree** 9:30
- Feb 2 – **Deer Ridge** 9:30

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman
ajgolf81@yahoo.com

NCGA Fees

Please pay your NCGA dues

The fee is \$36.00

Make the check out to Branch 19 Golf.
Mail the check to

Tom Lathrop
4504 Shellflower Ct.
Concord, CA 94518

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, January 21st

Sums in Retirement
Wednesday, January, 27th

Area 2 Fishing Group
Thursday, January 28th

Bowling
Wednesday mornings
Clayton Valley Bowl

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

Dining Out
Thursday, January 21

Area 2 Activities for January



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

*January 21 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek*

All Things Google

Neil Schmidt will introduce you to many of the numerous Google applications beyond the "standards" like Google Chrome, Gmail and Google Search. Almost all Google applications are available for the PC as well as Android and iOS mobile devices. Neil will demonstrate a number of these (mostly FREE) creative tools and show you why you may want to start using them.

Some members arrive at 9:00 AM to enjoy coffee and chat before the presentation

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 January 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 January 28

8:30 am
 4050 Port Chicago Highway in
 Concord.



The Area 2 Sir Fishing Club is made up of a hardy and energetic group of men who meet once a month to plan fishing trips and to discuss the successes and failures of recent fishing trips. We have guest speakers from all aspects of sport fishing to inform and teach us the various methods of fishing and sportsmen like behavior.

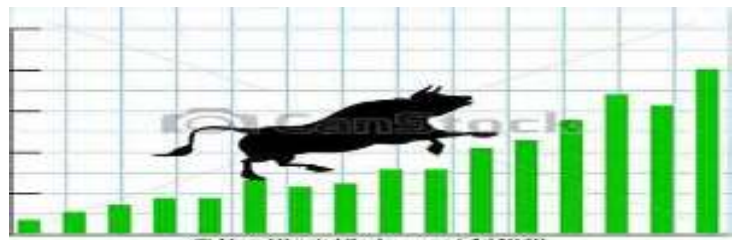
About half of our members have boats so there is always pairing up of non-boat owners with boat owners to go on trips where boats are required. We fish the ocean, bay, delta, local lakes and the high sierra. From ice fishing to five day trips to Baja we look for great fishing. From Alaska Salmon fishing to five day, live on board, fishing trips out of San Diego; a wide range of events seem to be on the fishing calendar. All SIR members and guests are welcome

Karl Droese, Big Fish, (376-0468),
Harry Sherinian Branch 116 Coordinator (846-7067)
Dick Thomson, Treasurer/Secretary, (944-1760.)
www.branch116.org/fishing

Area 2 Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Wednesday, January 27, 2015.
 Legends – Diablo Creek G.C.
 4050 Port Chicago Highway
 Breakfast available at 7am.



Our guest speaker again this January will be **Tom Kopas** of the Pring Turner Capital Group. Tom’s topic will be **Financial Outlook—2016**, and will address many of today’s topical questions. 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”.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 a.m., so come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting. Plan to attend this meeting and bring a prospective SIR.

Co-Chairmen:
 Tom Henry (Br-174) 925-284-5724
 David Sutton (Br-8) 925-686-0158

V. www.a2sums.sirinc.org

SIR Area 2 Travel Opportunities 2016

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