

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



ROOSTER TALES

**Next meeting - Thursday November 3rd – 2016 – Oakhurst Country Club
If you can't attend, call the hotline 925-338-1996**



Big SIR Message

I want to wish everyone good health and wellbeing and thank all of our volunteer branch officers and activity chairmen that have helped to make my tenure as Big Sir the success we all share as

a team dedicated to the improvement and growth of our branch. I want to congratulate the incoming new officers and wish them well in their efforts to keep our Branch growing and prospering. It was a pleasure for me and an honor to represent our branch as Big Sir this year. I pray we will all support and help our new Big Sir, Jack Barnaba, in continuing the growth of our branch.

Our next Big event is the Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 1 at Oakhurst. This is not a mandatory luncheon, but is an excellent opportunity to impress your spouse, girlfriend, or significant other with our ability to pull off another great event. We will take signups for the event at the November luncheon. Details to follow.

The health of a Branch is only as good as the members who keep it growing. Each of us needs to commit to bringing in one new guest every year. With one new guest from each of you, we could double our branch membership in one year. But to be realistic, if we grow by 20%, our Branch will maintain its healthy membership. We have an incentive program that gives a free lunch to the guest on his first visit, and when he becomes a member, the sponsor is awarded a free lunch. Thank you for all you do for the good of the Branch.

Bruce Persons

Big Sir

The Program for November



Guy A. Swanger

Chief of Police, City of Concord, CA

Chief Guy Swanger took the helm of the Concord Police Department on January 3, 2011. He had previously served over 26 years with the San Diego Police Department, obtaining the rank of captain. He has led investigative units, involving over 165 detectives and 25 civilian support staff, has commanded the Mid City Division, San Diego's largest, and was Executive Director of the San Diego Family Justice Center under the Office of the Mayor. Chief Swanger co-authored "Managing Innovation in Policing: The Untapped Potential of the Middle Manager," which has been used by university and command colleges. He currently serves on the California Strategic Highway Safety plan (SHSP) Steering Committee on behalf of the California Chiefs of Police Association.

Chief Swanger holds a B.A. in History from the University of San Diego and an M.P.A. from San Diego State University. He graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2008. He and his wife, Lora, live in Concord and have three children in college.

November Menu

Caesar Salad
 Turkey
 Blackened Catfish with Dijon Cream Sauce
 Chef's choice Vegetarian plate
 Cheesecake

November December Birthdays



November Birthdays

*Richard Balovich, John Fernando, Joe Gillis, Ken Kuhn
 Art Owens, Bruce Persons, Alexander Poulos
 Ralph Sackman, Richard Small*

December Birthdays

*Jack Barnaba, Casey Campbell, Andrew Cataline
 Robert Crabaugh, Mike Hooper, Ken Konzak, Joe Lettieri
 Jacky Luke, Gregg Moore, Charlie Rogers, Patrick Rotell*

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

October Attendance
 Members and Guests - 104

Treasurer Report

September 30, 2016

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,600.57
Excursion Fund	(179.69)
Holiday fund	194.09
Picnic Fund	<u>(34.51)</u>
Total General Account	\$4,580.46
 Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$692.20
Golf	<u>2,147.46</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$2,839.66</u>
 Total Funds	<u><u>\$7,670.12</u></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

For future exotic hiking adventures, contact

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

Branch 19 Activities

Branch 19 Leadership

Big Sir Bruce Persons
 Little Sir John Carl Sr.
 Secretary: Richard Peterson
 Asst. Secretary: Dwayne Williams
 Treasurer: Ken Kuhn
 Asst. Treasurers: Darryl Diamond, Barry Silberman
 Activities Chair: Jack Barnaba (Director)
 Bocce Capo: John Fernando (Director)
 Golf Chairman: Jerry Burton (Director)
 Sunshine Chair: Jack Duncan (Director)
 Attendance Chair: Ron Cashion (Director)
 Speaker committee: John Wolfe (Director)
 Bowling: John Dorsett, Mike Kropf
 Chaplin: George Vogt
 Hiking: Tom Lathrop
 Day Trips: Bernie Theobald
 Nomination Committee: Ken Peterson, John Fernando, Ron Cashion
 Newsletter Editor: Ken Kuhn
 Membership Chair: Ken Peterson
 Public Relations: Bernie Theobald
 Roster Chairman: Ken Peterson
 RAMP Chairman: John Carl Sr.
 Webmaster: Mike Mills

Interested in a Particular Activity?

SIR 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 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

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Well here we are 7 weeks into the schedule. The 300 Wannabees are leading the league, with bowlers, Mike Hooper, Tom Barnidge, Rosemary Maguire, and Dan Weller leading the pack. High average belongs to Gary Kaufmann, with a 225 average, John Dorsett with a 696 series, and Milton Momita with a high 279 game. The league is rolling along with 9 full teams, looking forward to picking up one more team.

Our annual Branch #19 Tournament is just around the corner, November 15th & 16th. Any interested bowlers can get applications from Mike Kropf, or on-line at the SIR web site.

http://sirinc.org/bowling/html/bowlingtournamentapplications_2016.php

Have A Nice Day

SIR Mike Kropf

John Dorsett 925.827.2852 jddorsett@astound.net
 Mike Kropf 925.689.1453 mdkropf@astound.net



Reservation Form

SIR Branch 19 Ladies' Day Holiday Luncheon

Noon - Thursday - December 1st, 2016
Heritage Room - Oakhurst Country Club - Clayton
Program Features Holiday Music plus Raffle Prizes



Remember to purchase your reservation tickets in advance (No tickets sold at door)

\$33 per person.

Make advance reservation at the November 3rd meeting or by mail (Reservation form below)

Make Check Payable to SIR Branch 19

Mail to: **Darryl Diamond - 457 La Corso Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 94598**

Phone: (925) 357-8129

.....Please return the Reservation Form below with your payment.....

Name _____ Badge # _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Entree Selection (If different, select one for each person)

- _____ **Roasted Beef in Gravy**
with Herb Roasted Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
- _____ **Honey Glazed Sliced Ham & Cranberry Chutney**
with Herb Roasted Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
- _____ **Hazelnut Crusted Basa Fish**
Cream Butter Sauce Rice Pilaf Seasonal Vegetables

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

The Bocce Report



Fall Bocce Outing

What a fantastic day at the new Clayton bocce courts! On October 20th, a bunch of Sir's and their significant others took over the bocce courts and the competition couldn't of been more intense. In the doubles portion of competition, the team led by Capo Don Weimann with team members Ken/Kath Kuhn and Chuck/Karen Morones in the first round were trailing by 7-0 deficit but hung on to win and went on to advance to the finals. In the finals team Weimann emerged victorious over the team led by Capo George Garcia and were declared champions of the doubles competition.

In the singles competition, the team led by Capo John Rubiales along with team members Duane Deonigi, Gordon Monroe, Brian Mulligan, Alex Poulos, George Darrow, and Bernie Theobald edged out the team led by Capo Jim Garcia to be declared winners of the singles championship. They were all knotted up 1-1 in the best 2 out of 3 competition, but team Rubiales would not be denied and hung on to win game 3.

Bernie and I were approached by numerous participants who conveyed to us how great the event was and inquired when we were going to do it again. Even the participants who never thrown a bocce ball ever couldn't wait to do it again. As a matter of fact, some inquired about joining one of our Branch 19 teams.

To top off the day, many of us went over to Ed's Mudville restaurant after bocce for a bite to eat and quench our thirsts. It was a wonderful day and fun was had by all. Don't miss out on the next one.

John Fernando, Bocce Capo, Branch 19

798-9978 jaferna2003@yahoo.com

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

November Schedule

Weather permitting we will be playing:

- November 1 – Diablo Creek 10:00
- November 8 – Brentwood 9:30
- November 15 – Deer Ridge 9:30
- November 22 – Lone Tree 9:30
- November 29 – Franklin Canyon 9:30

We have completed our Club Championship rounds and will announce the winners at our Golf Luncheon.

The Golf Luncheon will be held on Thursday Nov. 17th.at Guadalajara Grill at 12:00pm.
The cost is \$20.00 and can be paid to Tom Lathrop in advance.

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman

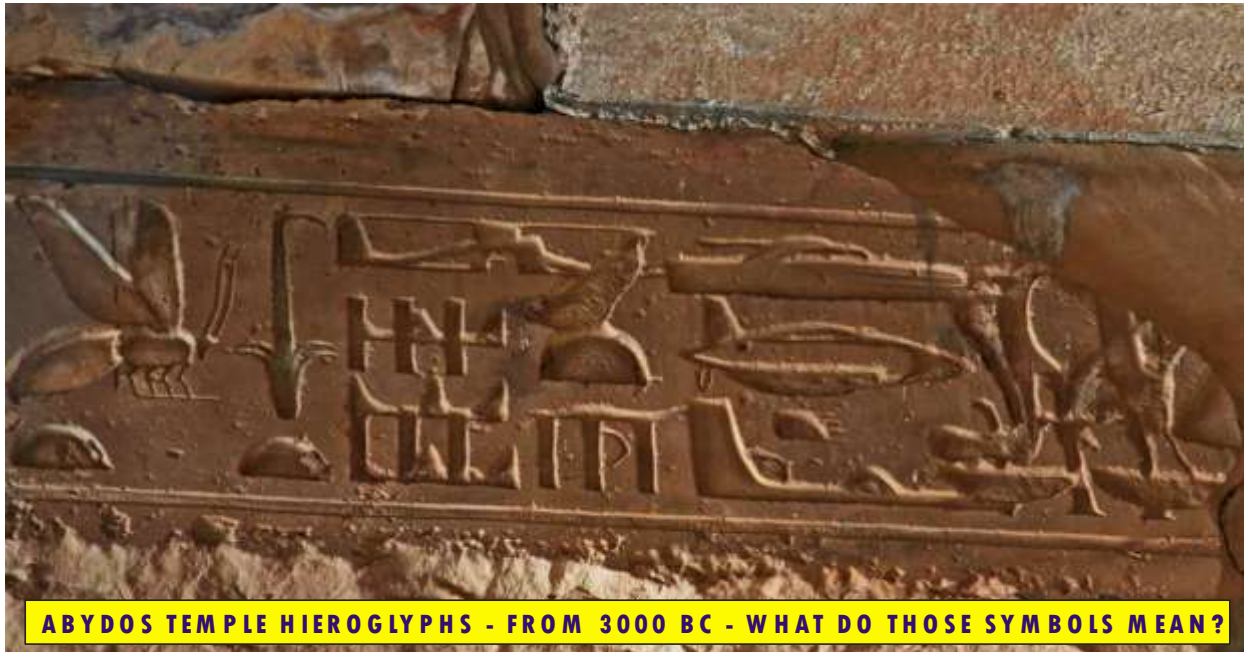
ajgolf24@gmail.com

Wine Tasting and Dine Around

Meets on the third Thursday of every month.

Happy Holidays

When: Next Wine Tasting and Dine Around will be in January 2017. Enjoy the Holiday Season.



Our **THIRD** meeting of **DATE – Discussing Ancient Technology & Engineering** – will be held on Wednesday, **November 9**, 2016 at Clayton valley Bowl conference room, at between 1:00 and 1:30 pm, following the SIRS Bowling League. Please Note: We have switched our meetings from the First Wednesday of the month *to the Second Wednesday* in order to allow us to announce it at the SIRS luncheons. The video for this month is entitled: “**Secrets of the Pyramids**”. Afterwards we’ll discuss the video as well as looking at some OOPART (Out Of Place Artifacts) photos and discuss them as well. I will again moderate without getting in the way, as Little Sir John Carl will compliment me on my moderation. The meeting will be fun and unconventional. As always, wives and girlfriends are encouraged to participate! – George Kapus

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 we still have to pay for your meal and you will be charged.

So, if you can't attend, call. **(925) 338-1996.**

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 November 17th

Sums in Retirement
No meeting sched in Nov/Dec

Area 2 Fishing Group
Thursday, November 27th

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

Dining Out
Jan 2017

Wine Tasting
Jan 2017

Area 2 Activities for November



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

November 17, 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club
 1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek
Home Video Camera Systems
<http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>

At this meeting Bob Testa will be discussing "Home Video Camera Systems". He will be reviewing various camera options, advantages and potential problems. SIR attendees who have video cameras in their home will be encouraged to contribute their installation and use experience. Arrive earlier to chat with friends and enjoy the coffee and cookies, Thursday November 17, 2015, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive.

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 this meeting is another one of those! All Sirs members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

We won't meet in December, so our next session will be on Thursday, January 19, 2017
 Go to the website A2cat.sirinc2.org to download or read current plus archived copies of all presentations. For the latest announcement of the upcoming meeting please read the article in Hotline.

Area 2 Fishing Group

The Legends
 Diablo Creek G.C.
 Meets on the 4th Thurs
Thursday November 17
8:30 am
 4050 Port Chicago Highway in
 Concord.



We have been very busy this fall fishing for: catfish, striped bass, black bass, crappie, bluegill, sturgeon, crawfish, trout, salmon, halibut, ling cod, and rock fish. We live in a fishermen's paradise. Chuck Vanoncini led Chuck Cornell, Joe Miscione, Ray Pixton, Tom Boltz, Pete Gates, and John Wall on a two day trip to Lake Almanor. Everybody got trout to 5 lbs. Dick Thomson, Paul Dubow, and Karl Droese got nice big cutthroat trout from Pyramid Lake in Nevada. Alex Go, Gordon Linebaugh, Lee Clark, Paul Dubow, Dick Thomson, and Carl Moyer went salmon fishing out the gate, but came home with only rock fish. Paul, Pete Gates, and Carl Moyer tried San Pablo Reservoir for catfish, and came home with nothing. Harry Sherinian and **Tom Kostik** caught some nice stripers trolling in the delta. Tom and Mike Corker each got a nice salmon plugging for stripers in the delta; and on earlier adventure caught black bass and small stripers. Striper and sturgeon fishing in the delta is hot this time of year, and our local lakes have started planting trout.

Contacts: Paul Dubow (415-495-6504) Carl Moyer (925-685-5243)

Area 2 Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Next meeting December 3

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**)

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.

<https://www.mosaicft.com/kevin-gahagan>

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Co-Chair: David Sutton (Br-8) 925-686-0158, davesutn@yahoo.com

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SIR Area 2 Travel Opportunities 2016

Nov 4, 2016 Day at the Races. Enjoy a day at Golden Gate Field to watch the ponies run. Cost \$33.00 pp and includes admission, reserved parking, daily race program, buffet lunch, tax and tips. Contact Milt Smith 925-280-0328.