

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



ROOSTER TALES

**Next meeting - Thursday February 2nd – 2017 – Oakhurst Country Club
If you can't attend, call the hotline 925-338-1996**



Big SIR Message

Hi fellow SIR, it's February and we've just completed a well needed wet January. Hopefully the drought is now behind us. This month we celebrate the birthdays of two of our greatest president, and a

ladies favorite event - Valentine's Day. From a membership standpoint, we are off to a good start having added three new members last month. Let's continue the great effort to bring guests to lunch. Our group does a terrific job of turning guests into members. We have one of the highest conversion rates in the area. It is not too early to think about volunteering to become a BEC member for next year. Our nominating committee will be actively recruiting candidates over the next few months. I especially encourage our newer members to volunteer. It is a great way to get to know more of our fellow members. Please seriously consider how you can best contribute to build on the success of our branch. It can be as an officer, director, activity leader, etc. Feel free to contact myself, other BEC members or one of our nominating committee. A reminder, keep watching our branch activity schedule. It's posted on our website and highlights are mentioned in Rooster Tales. We continue to add new activities with many that include wives and partners.

I look forward to seeing you at lunch on February 2nd.

Jack Barnaba
Big Sir

The Program for February



Justin Alumbaugh
Instructor, Head Football Coach
De La Salle High School

Mr. Alumbaugh is a 1998 graduate of De La Salle High School. He played as a tight end and linebacker during the middle of the famed 151 game win streak. He went on to graduate from UCLA with a degree in History and subsequently earned a Master's degree in History from San Francisco State University. Justin coached line backers and the offensive line part-time on the Varsity football staff at De La Salle following his graduation. He began teaching and coaching full-time at De La Salle in 2003, where he currently teaches in the Mathematics, Social Studies, and English department. He took over as Head Coach from Bob Ladouceur in 2013. In four years as Head Coach, he has compiled a 52-4 record and won two Open Division California State Championships.

February Menu

Mixed Green Salad
Roasted Pork Loin with Mushroom Sauce
Sole White Fish with Tarragon Beurre Blanc Sauce
Chef's choice Vegetarian plate
Lemon cake

Menus for all 2017 Luncheons can be found on the SIR19.org site on the "Home" page

February Birthdays



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George Darrow, Tim Delony, Art Fabsits
George Fulmore, Ron Gagliardi, Stephen Gee
Kal Horvath, Ron Ingersol, Roger Mills
Kevin Mullaney, Tom Tuppert, Fred Sorrenti, James Willey

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

January Attendance
 Members and Guests - 108

Treasurer Report

December 31, 2016

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,600.98
Excursion Fund	67.31
Holiday fund	29.62
Picnic Fund	<u>165.49</u>
Total General Account	<u>\$4,863.40</u>
 Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$ 676.88
Golf	<u>2,613.40</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$3,290.28</u>
 Total Funds	<u>\$8,403.68</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: Jack Barnaba
 Little Sir: John Carl Sr.
 Secretary: Richard Peterson
 Asst. Secretary: Dwayne Williams
 Treasurer: Darryl Diamond
 Asst. Treasurers: Barry Silberman, Ken Kuhn
 Activities Chair: Bernie Theobald (Director)
 Bocce Capo: John Fernando (Director)
 Golf Chairman: Jerry Burton (Director)
 Sunshine Chair: George Vogt
 Attendance Chair: Ron Cashion (Director)
 Speaker committee: John Wolfe (Director)
 Bowling: John Dorsett, Mike Kropf
 Chaplin: George Vogt
 Hiking: Tom Lathrop, George Vogt
 Day Trips: Ted Dobbs
 Nomination Committee: Ken Peterson, John Fernando, Ron Cashion
 Newsletter Editor: Ken Kuhn
 Membership Chair: Ken Peterson
 Public Relations: Bernie Theobald
 Roster Chairman: Ken Peterson (Director)
 Recruitment Chair: Art Owens
 RAMP Chairman: John Carl Sr.
 Wine Tasting: Don Weimann
 Webmaster: Mike Mills

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Our Wednesday SIR's League is now 10 teams strong.

Let us know if you want to bowl. We are always looking for subs.

Mr. Have a Nice Day

SIR Mike Kropf

John Dorsett 925.827.2852 jddorsett@astound.net

Mike Kropf 925.689.1453 mdkropf@astound.net

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 Bernie Theobald.

Bernie Theobald Activity Chairman
351-3672 bjt47@comcast.net

The Pickleball Report



SIR PICKLEBALL!!!!

SIR Branch #19 Pickleball Play continues every Thursday morning starting at 10am till Noon (except the first Thursday when we have our monthly SIR luncheon). Come on out and join the fun! Experienced players and Newbees are welcome! No charge to join in and play with free paddle rentals.

Spouses are welcome and encouraged to participate!

Pickleball is an inclusive and friendly environment with coaching gladly offered to new players wanting to learn this fast growing paddle game. Easier on the bones than tennis and just as much fun!

Pickleball Courts Location:
Willow Pass Park
Oliviera and Willow Pass Roads, Concord

Any questions? Cal Bernie Theobald at: [925-351-3672](tel:925-351-3672) or send email to: bjt47@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE!!

Professionally Guided Walk through

NORTH BEACH

SAN FRANCISCO'S BARBARY COAST!

Victorians, Gamblers, Swindlers, Condor Club, & City Lights

THURSDAY, February 9, 2017

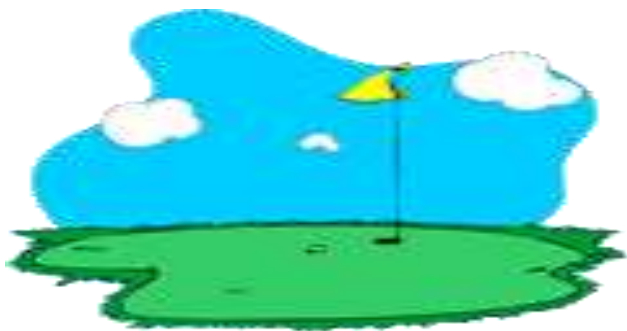
Start at 9:30 am from Washington Square

- 2 hour walk starting at 9:30 am at Washington Square (some stairs)
- \$20 per person
- Lunch on your own

Comments/Ideas for town trips?
Call me or email

Ted Dobbs 925-324-5047 cell
ted_dobbs@hotmail.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

February Schedule

Weather permitting we will be playing:

- February 7 – Lone Tree 9:30
- February 14 – Delta View 9:30
- February 21 – Lone Tree 9:30
- February 28 – Deer Ridge 9:30

If you have not signed up for or have any questions about the Golden Years Championship ask either Bill Hockenson or Jerry Burton. the cost is \$20.00 and can be paid to either Bill or Jerry.

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman

ajgolf24@gmail.com

Dine Around and Wine Tasting

Meets on the third Thursday of every month.

As of now, there will be **NO February Activities**. Coordinator Don Weimann is having minor surgery requiring several weeks recovery.

La Veranda restaurant in Clayton has four course wine dinners most months on the last Monday of the month. There is none scheduled now for February, but JM 106 this may change. If so, emails will be sent out suggesting a combined meal for both Dine Around and Wine Tasting.

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 February 16th**

**Sums in Retirement
Wednesday, February 22nd**

**Area 2 Fishing Group
Thursday, February 23rd**

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

**Dining Out
Nothing scheduled for February**

**Wine Tasting
Nothing scheduled for February**

Area 2 Activities for February



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

*February 16, 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek*
Computing Fundamentals (How does a computer work?)
<http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>

The topic for our February CAT meeting will be "Computing Fundamentals (How does a computer work?)" presented by Dean Steichen. If you think of a computer as a ‘black box’ into which you input some data, and are surprised when it outputs something useful, come and listen to Dean explain what’s goes on in the box! This will help you understand if you need more memory, why an SSD drive is faster than a spinning disk, and which processor meets your needs, and more.

Check the CAT Web page about a week before the next meeting to download a copy of the presentations: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org> .

Arrive early to chat with friends and enjoy the coffee and cookies. 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 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 February 23
8:30 am
4050 Port Chicago Highway in
Concord.



Water, water everywhere, and not a fish will bite. The earlier great trout bite came to a sudden cease. Despite the best efforts of Thom Watkins, Terry Miller, and Carl Moyer, only one trout was caught in 4 outings. Carl and Paul Dubow did better on the last day of ocean rockfish by catching some nice black rockfish and crab, Stan Wong also caught rockfish and crab on a few party boat trips. Pedro Contreras, Rich Fiscina, and Sal Costanza fished in vain for sturgeon. But, **Tom Kostik** did catch a few small stripers on each of 4 attempts. Oh woe is us!

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

Area 2 Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 Sums Investment Group

Next meeting February 22

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 **Sums in Retirement**.

Our next meeting is Wed Feb 22 at 8 AM at the Legends Restaurant in the Diablo Creek Country Club - Port Chicago Highway, 1/4 mile north of Highway 4 in Concord.

Our speaker will be John Hutchinson of Stifel and Co. He will be speaking about tax-free issues from states and localities.

The Legends opens at 7 AM. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

Chair: Tom Henry (Br-174) 925-284-5724 tomhenry925@gmail.com

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

SIR Area 2 Travel Opportunities 2017

Feb 3-18, 2017: Hawaii Grand Princess Cruise. RT from SF on a 16 day cruise to Hawaii stopping at Hilo, Honolulu, Lahaina, Nawiliwili and Ensenada. Cruise includes home pick up, gratuities for drivers, porters, and port taxes, all meals on board and return transfers to your home. Costs range from \$1,695 to \$3,095 depending on Stateroom. Brian Serpa, Br 141, San Jose, 408-227-7658 or Rollo Parsons, 408-268-5245.

Mar 6-12, 2017: Spring Training and Southwest Adventure. Fly to Phoenix and enjoy 2 spring training games and visit the Desert Botanical Gardens and Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West. Day 4: Travel from Scottsdale to Sedona and tour Sedona and the Grand Canyon area. Tour includes home pick up and RT airport transfers, professional guide, 6 nights' accommodations, admission fees, baggage handling for one suitcase and all taxes. Cost \$2495 Brian Serpa, Br.141, 408-227-7658 or Rollo Parsons, 408-268-5245.

May 10-25, 2017: 100th Birthday of JFK on Cape Cod. Tour highlights include JFK Presidential Library, tour of Hyannis, JFK Museum, Hyannis Harbor cruise, Cape Cod Maritime Museum, Whale watching cruise and tour of Nantucket. Cost \$2,395.00 includes RT airfare, deluxe motor coach, 8 meals, tours and 5 night accommodations. John Pletsch Br.32, San Jose, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

June 11-17, 2017: Southern Charm. A 7 day trip to the south visiting Charleston, South Carolina, Savannah, Georgia, Jekyll Island, St. Simons Island, and St Augustine. Cost of \$2,989 includes 9 meals and 3 dinners, Cancellation Waiver insurance, RT airfare, all taxes, fees and hotel transfers. Bill Britton, Br 101/121 925-443-9913

June 17-25, 2017: The Colorado Rockies. 9 day escorted tour including Denver, Rocky Mt. Natl Park, Grand Junction, Arches Natl Park, Canyonlands Natl Park, Colorado Natl Monument, Durango & Silverton Narrow gauge railway, Garden of the Gods, Mesa Verde Natl Park, Pikes Peak Cog Railway. Cost \$3,159. Including air taxes & fees RT air, hotel transfers, and gratuities. Bill Rodman, San Jose, Br.38, 408-274-4521 or Alan Patmore, 408-867-4197.

June 19-25, 2017: Yellowstone Wildlife Safari. 7 day land trip to Yellowstone Park with over sixty species of mammals, untamed landscapes, and geothermal features. You will visit West Yellowstone, Old Faithful, Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, Yellowstone Wildlife Safari, Grand Teton National Park, Salt Lake City, and Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Tour cost is \$2,795 which includes Professional Guide, Hotel Accommodations, Meals, RT air, transportation on the tour, all taxes and gratuities. Tom Duncanson Br 20, 831-662-8605.

July 3-15, 2017: Alaska Yukon Land & Sea. 7 night land tour of upper Alaska and Yukon Territory followed by a 4 night cruise through the Inside Passage on Holland America M/S Nieuw Amsterdam. Tour features include Anchorage, Domed Rail Cars, Tundra Tour to Denali, Fairbanks, Klondike Spirit Paddle –wheeler Cruise, Dawson City Cruise includes Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and Vancouver. Cost range from \$5,150 to \$5,895. Mike Console, Br. 54, San Jose, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.

July 20-Aug 5, 2017: Ring of Kerry Land Tour & Princess Cruise. 4 day land tour of Ireland and 12 days Princess cruise around the British Isles visiting 10 ports, including France. Trip includes beverage package worth \$6,76.20 if you sign up by Aug 20 for a balcony or mini suite. Prices range from \$4,999 to \$6,299 not including airfare. Tom Molinari, Br 147, Petaluma, 707-762-1880. Sold out. Standby only.

Aug 14-22, 2014: US & Canadian National Parks. Explore 7 spectacular including Glacier National Park, Banff National Park, Kootenay National Park, Waterton National Park. You'll also visit Lake Louise, Emerald

Lake, Silverado Silver Mine, and Spokane. Cost of \$3,250 includes RT Air, Tour Transportation, Lodging, Meals, Taxes and Gratuities. Tom Duncanson, Br.20, 831-662-8605.

Aug 14-18, 2017: Ashland, Shakespeare Festival. 5 day tour featuring the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Jacksonville Belle Fiore Winery, Harry & David's Dinner Cabaret Show, Country Village, and Kitchens of Harry and David before returning to Ashland for a visit to the Oregon Cabaret Theatre. Cost of \$1,450 includes Deluxe Motor coach, 4 nights lodging, 9 meals, 3 performances and Tips. Bill Rodman, Br 38, San Jose, 408-274-4521.

Sep 6-19, 2017: Atlantic Isles Cruise. This 13 day luxury cruise aboard the Crystal Symphony begins and ends in Lisbon, Portugal, with several exotic ports of call in the Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands, and Morocco. Crystal distinguishes itself from other cruise lines by offering the very best in service, food, entertainment and cultural programs. All beverages are included. Prices start at \$8,095 and include deluxe stateroom, \$250 shipboard credit, RT Air, all gratuities, port charges and transfers in SF. Larry Martinson, Br. 114, San Jose, 408-238-0746 or Jim Stoner, 408-238-8458.

Sep 7-20, 2017: Prague, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. This itinerary offers sights that will delight your senses. Highlights include: Prague, Rothenburg, Munich, Salzburg, Hitler's Eagles Nest, Oberammergau, Kleine Scheidegg, Black Forest, Rudesheim, and the Rhine River Cruise. The deluxe tour includes RT Air, most meals, accommodations, tour manager, admission to all activities, luggage handling, and all taxes. Cost \$5,495 including air. Lee Suess, Br 96, Jackson, 209-296-2235.

Sep 10-23, 2017: Southern Italy & Sicily. A 14 day trip touring Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento, Valley of the Temples, Giardini, Naxos, Taormina, Catania, Matera, Alberobello, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento and Pompeii. The cost of \$4,849 pp includes Cancellation Insurance, RT airfare, all taxes, fees and surcharges. Bill Britton, Br 101/121, 925-443-9913

Sep 28-Oct 6, 2017: Norman Rockwell New England. Tour the backroads of the Berkshire and Adirondack Mountains as you admire the fall foliage and visit the life memories of Norman Rockwell. The tour includes Boston City Tour then ferry cross Lake Champlain to Burlington VT and into the Green Mountains. Then cross the Connecticut River in New Hampshire into the coastal town of York Beach, Maine. Price is \$3,385, John Pletsch, Br 32, San Jose, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080 or Tom Duncanson Br. 20, 831-662-8605.

Nov 9-20, 2017: Florida's Sunshine Trail. This 12 day trip spotlights Florida's top attractions including Orlando, St Augustine, Cocoa Beach, Kennedy Space Center, West Palm Beach, Key West and Miami. Air Boat experience through the Everglades, Naples, and Fort Myers. Cost \$4,250, Mike Console, Br32, San Jose, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.

Send your brief trip information to Bob Spellman at bojnjo@astound.net by the 25th of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed