

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



ROOSTER TALES

**Next meeting - Thursday June 1st – 2017 – Oakhurst Country Club
If you can't attend, call the hotline 925-338-1996**



Big SIR Message

Happy June, SIR Branch 19. As we head into the summer months many of us go on vacations. It is important that you remember to call our hotline to let us know if you are going to miss our monthly luncheon. We

are obligated to pay for all of the lunches that are ordered. If you don't call it becomes your responsibility to cover the cost. Our volunteers who manage our order spend significant time making the arrangements. Please help them out.

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered this year to help our Branch be successful. Let the BEC know how you can pitch in to help our Branch. Sir Art Owens is looking for volunteers for 2018. It is how Sons In Retirement works.

Remember to bring your friends to a meeting to learn about our Branch. New members are critical to the health of SIR. Whether they are JM120 someone who participates in lots of our activities or simply someone who enjoys the fellowship we have at our monthly meetings, there is something for everyone.

We'll see you on June 1 at Oakhurst.

Jack Barnaba
Big Sir

The Program for June



**Crystal Luikart, RN
Hospice Nurse Educator**

Ms. Luikart has been a registered nurse for 35 years. She worked for San Bernardino Medical Center as a Surgical Intensive Care nurse for 2 years. Moving to Napa, she worked as a Cardiac Intensive Care nurse at St. Helena Hospital for 21 years specializing in the post-operative recovery of cardiac surgery patients. She taught Advanced Cardiac Life Support classes for St. Helena Hospital for 15 years serving as lead instructor for the last 2 years. She was a patient care case manager for Napa Valley Hospice for 3 years and is a Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN). She was the Hospice Nurse Educator for Napa Valley Hospice and taught groups of caregivers how to give care to dying patients and gave talks to public organizations such as SIR on the services of Hospice. For the last 8 years, she has been a Professor of Nursing at Napa Valley College where she taught classes on end-of-life care as the resident subject-matter expert. She has recently retired but still gives lectures each semester on hospice and end-of-life care.

June Menu

Mixed Green
Roasted Pork Loin with Mango Chutney
Basa 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

June Birthdays



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Ron Carriveau, Jack Duncan, Tom Kostik
Bob Lunghi, James Martin, Brian Mulligan
Bill Schoonover, David Welch

Hiking Group



For future exotic hiking adventures, contact

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

Financial Statement
Branch 19 Statistics

Treasurer Report
 April 30, 2017

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$3,924.59
Excursion Fund	92.31
Holiday fund	29.62
Picnic Fund	165.49
Total General Account	<u>\$4,212.01</u>

Custodial Accounts

Bowling	\$ 674.96
Golf	4,100.60
Total Custodial	<u>\$4,775.56</u>

Total Funds \$9,237.57

Darryl Diamond
 Branch 19 Treasurer

The Bocce Report

The 2017 bocce season has just recently started and we're all glad to be back on the courts. Sirs Branch 19 has teams on Wednesday and Thursday nights at Baldwin Park in Concord. Our Wednesday night team, led by Capo Tom Lathrop has started off a bit slow due to injuries and players on vacation. They are starting to regain their winning ways again with a 2 game win night last Wednesday and are regaining that playoff form. Also, they are welcoming Sir Mike Kropf as their latest addition to the team. On Thursday nights, our coed team led by Capo John Hayes, are off to their best start ever, winning all 3 games last week and are doing well in the standings. Our other Thursday night team, led by Capo John Fernando are also doing well and are among the leaders in their division. All branch members are welcome to come down and watch all the action on Wednesday and Thursday nights, with games beginning at 6:30 p.m.

John Fernando
 Bocce Chairman
jaferna@pacbell.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: Art Owens, John Fernando, Ron Cashion
 Newsletter Editor: Ken Kuhn
 Membership Chair: Ken Kuhn
 Public Relations: Bernie Theobald
 Roster Chairman: Ken Kuhn
 Recruitment Chair: Art Owens
 RAMP Chairman: John Carl Sr.
 Wine Tasting: Don Weimann
 Webmaster: Mike Mills

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Well bowlers, as all of you know our great league ended last month with the Silver Foxes taking the top spot. On another note there are 2 tournaments this month. One on June 7 and 8 at Pinole Lanes, the other at Tall Pine Lanes in Paradise June 20 and 21. That's all folks. Have a great summer.

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

Wine Tasting / Dine Around

**SIRS Branch 19 Dine Around
 June 2017**

**There is no Dine Around or Wine Tasting
 scheduled for June.**

The Pickleball Report



SIR PICKLEBALL!!!!

SIR#19 PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY continues every Thursday morning from 10am to Noon at Concord's new Willow Pass Pickleball Courts. This winter's weather has been challenging at times but if it's not raining the courts are always open.

Come on out and enjoy the fun and friendship of this exciting new paddle sport! It's "easier on the bones" than tennis. The court surface is smaller than a tennis court using a wiffle ball like pickleball.

Learning pickleball is a natural transition for former or current tennis players. Ping pong players can also adapt quickly to the game. Court time is FREE. Rackets are available to borrow if you need one -- also at no charge.

Even though most of us are still beginners, the more experienced players on the courts are always welcoming, inclusive, friendly, and gladly offer up some patient helpful coaching pointers for us Newbees.

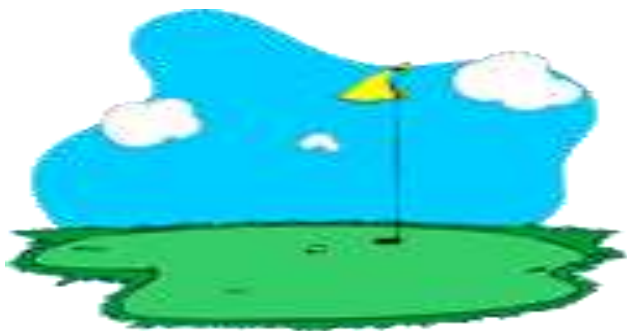
Why don't you plan to join us if you can! Bring your wife or significant other as pickleball is a great couples sport.

You can also register for FREE on the Meet Up smart phone app and let everyone know you're coming!

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

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
June Schedule
 Weather permitting we will be playing:

- June 6 – Lone Tree 9:30
- June 13 – Deer Ridge 9:30 \$35.00
- June 20 – Lone Tree 9:30
- June 27 – Napa Kennedy 9:30 \$35.00
- July 4 – No Play on the 4th of July

Match Play Results

Oakhurst Brackets
 Rob Crabaugh over John Hayes 4&2
 George Vogt over Dennis Barbieri 6&4

Lone Tree Bracket
 Steve Hanson over Leonard Nicholas 2&1
 Duane Deonigi over Steve Hanson Steve had to withdraw because of injury
 Art Owens over Bruce Persons 1up
 Larry Kolano over John Millar 1up
 Larry Kolano over Art Owens 1up

Boundary Oaks Bracket
 Jim Martin over Tom Lathrop 1up
 Rich Peterson over John Dorsett 1up

Diablo Creek Bracket
 Ben Olison over Gary Kaufmann 5&4

Tom Kostik had a **hole in one** at Buchanan Fields

On May 25th. we will be playing in the Area 2 Team Qualifier at Hiddenbrooke

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman
ajgolf24@gmail.com

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**
No meeting in June

Sums in Retirement
Wednesday, June 21th

Area 2 Fishing Group
Thursday, June 22th

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

Dining Out/Wine Tasting
No meeting in June

D.A.T.E.
Discussing Ancient Technology & Engineering
No meeting in June

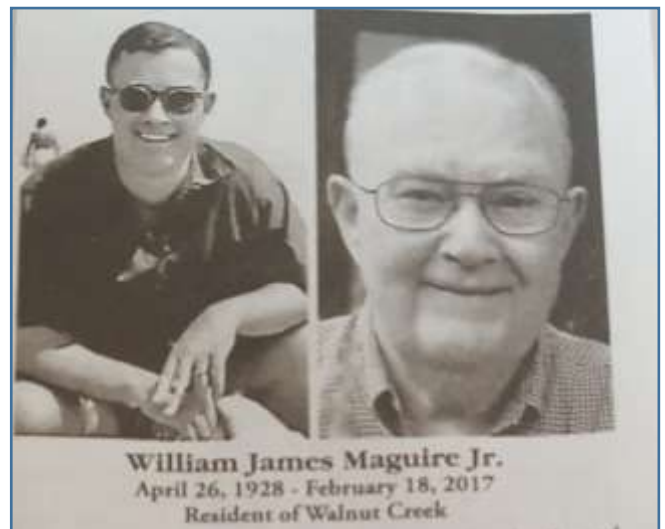
In Memoriam



Milt DeGroodt

Oct 27, 1927 – May 18, 2017

Services will be on Friday, June 2nd at 11.00 AM at the Concord United Methodist Church, 1645 West St., Concord.



William James Maguire Jr.
April 26, 1928 - February 18, 2017
Resident of Walnut Creek

*We mourn the loss of two of our Sons. We take joy in the time they spent in our midst.
Rest in Peace gentlemen. We will miss you.*

Outings

Let's take a walking trip on Mare Island -- the Chapel and the museum.



Walking tour on Mare Island of the Chapel and the Museum

Thursday June 15th at 10:30am.

Cost: \$10 for the tickets.

About one hour and 45 mins. a portion of this is sitting in the Chapel as they talk to us.

Easy parking or we can organize some car pools from a park and ride.

Ted Dobbs Ted_Dobbs@hotmail.com cell# [925-324-5047](tel:925-324-5047)

DATE - Discussing Ancient Technology & Engineering

Our next meeting of **DATE - Discussing Ancient Technology & Engineering** – will be held on Wednesday, **September 13, 2017** at Clayton Valley Bowl, Conference Room, at 1:00 P.M. following the SIR Winter Bowling League. We will **NOT** meet during the months of **JUNE, JULY** and **AUGUST** of 2017 as most folks take trips and have Vacation on their minds and **NOT** what our ancient ancestors were building and doing thousands of years ago. Heck, maybe even the ancients took vacations; like a trip to the mountains or someplace cool, or maybe check out one of the wonders of the ancient world, or simply relax at some fabulous beach. Building all those megalithic structures took a lot out of them... See you all on September 13.

Area 2 Activities for June



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

July 20, 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club
 1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek
NO Meeting Scheduled for June
<http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>

There is no June meeting of the Area 2 Computers & Technology group.

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, Thursday July 20, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive (title to be announced later).

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 June 22
8:30 am
 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.



Trout are our spring target, and Terry Miller, Bob Stein, Paul Dubow, Ken Konzak, Thom Watkins, Carl Moyer, Bob Lively, Ross Abbot, and Lee Clark all enjoyed some nice weather, but had mixed catches from limits to nothing. Ernie Wong and Ken Konzak travelled to Pyramid Lake in Nevada for fly fishing for the big native cutthroat trout there with very productive days fishing from their ladders. Hal Tatro caught nice trout while camping at Collins and Pardee lakes. He, Tom Boltz, Pete Gates, Brad Hatcher, Dick Thomson, and Jack Waddell did very well with stripers from a guided trip to New Hogan Reservoir. The ocean has been dangerous, and unproductive. Stan Wong has been busy at Lake Berryessa assisting with trout planting, and catching bass and bluegill; in the bay catching halibut on a party boat; and in the delta for striped bass. Raliegth Davis went to Alaska for some good rock fish and halibut, but no salmon. Rich Fiscina caught a halibut in the bay. Carl Moyer’s backyard spring fish fry was well attended, everyone got to tell their stories, and eat their fill.

All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings.

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

Area 2 Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 Sums Investment Group

Next meeting June 21

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 June 21 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. <http://www.a2sums.sirinc2.org>

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

Area 2 Activities and Events

www.area2.sirinc2.org

This is the address of the AREA 2 Activities and Events page. It will give you the web address for all of the Area 2 activities as well as the web address for each branch in Area 2 so you can explore the individual branch activities.

SIR Area 2 Travel Opportunities 2017

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.

Sep7-20, 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 RTAir, 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 12day 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 bobnjo@astound.net by the 25th of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed