

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



ROOSTER TALES

**Next meeting - Thursday October 5th – 2017 – Oakhurst Country Club
If you can't attend, call the hotline 925-338-1996**



Big SIR Message

Hi Branch 19 members. We had a terrific Picnic in the Park last week. Kinder's catered some great tasting food for us. SIR Jack Duncan came up with many raffle prizes for our participants. Special thanks go to Mike McKay for his efforts in arranging the caterer and to our picnic committee who

worked to make this such a success - Jack, and his wife, Gayle Duncan, Bill Stephenson, Ron Cashion, John Fernando, Ken Kuhn and Bruce Persons. It was a beautiful day at the park. I apologize if I missed anyone.

We have a couple of nice events coming up in the next months. Bingo night is scheduled at Oakhurst on Wednesday, October 25. It is a great co-ed event that Jack Duncan has arranged for us again this year. If you have not gotten your reservations in please do so at our lunch next week. Come on out and enjoy a fun evening.

As the end of the year approaches, remember to make plans for our annual Christmas luncheon. We are scheduled for Thursday, December 7. It is always a great way to end the year. This is not a mandatory meeting but a nice time with spouses and friends. You must make reservations to attend prior to the luncheon. Sign up forms will be available soon on our website.

MEMBERSHIP! I want to remind all to bring potential members to our luncheons and other activities. We have a fun branch and good times. Reach out to your friends to join us in enjoying our retirements.

Finally, congratulations to Sir Milt Momita for his recognition as an Honorary Lifetime Member. Milt, thank you for all you have done for our branch.

We'll see everyone at lunch,

Jack Barnaba
Big Sir

The Program for October



**Frank Allocco, Sr.
Coach, Camp Director, Athlete, Writer,
Motivational Speaker**

Frank Allocco was born and raised in New Providence, New Jersey, attended New Providence H.S. where he was an All State Athlete in three sports and the Scholar Athlete for the class of 1971. He earned a football scholarship to Notre Dame where he was a three year letterman as quarterback. Frank moved to California in 1976. He became involved in youth athletics as a coach in the Saint Agnes CYO program. He served as Athletic Director for over ten years and is currently the Vice President of the East Diablo CYO program.

In 1981, he founded the popular Excel in Basketball summer camp which serves as a teaching camp for basketball skills and provides a motivational base for the thousands of youngsters in California and in New Jersey that attend the camp each year.

Mr. Allocco became the Head Basketball Coach at Northgate High School in 1991. In his six year tenure, the Broncos compiled a 167-28 won-lost record and were the California State Champions in 1995 Runner-up in 1996. He was named East Bay Coach of the Year in 1995 and 1996.

In May of 1997 he became the Head Basketball Coach at De La Salle. In eighteen years his teams won 17 league championships, 9 Section Championships, 4 Regional Championships, and 2 State Championships.

Coach Allocco was the 27th Coach in State History to win 600 games and did it faster than any coach in the history of California interscholastic athletics. He ended his 24 year high school career second All-Time in winning percentage and is the only coach in California State History to win a State Championship at 2 different schools

October Menu

Mixed Green Salad
Chicken Marsala-Light Red Wine Sauce w/ Sliced
Mushrooms
Basa White Fish with Tarragon Beurre Blanc Sauce
Chef's choice Vegetarian plate
Carrot Cake

October Birthdays



Ron Cashion, Dennis Ghiggeri, Jack Jagoda
 Steve McMurdo, Chuck Morones, Rich Peterson
 Doug Schuster, Bill Stephenson, Jay Verlinden
 Herb Weimar, Jim Wyllie

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
 August 31, 2017

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,188.84
Excursion Fund	117.31
Holiday fund	29.62
Picnic Fund	00.00
Total General Account	<u>\$4,335.77</u>

Custodial Accounts

Bowling	\$ 675.04
Golf	<u>2,527.16</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$3,202.20</u>

Total Funds \$7,787.97

Darryl Diamond
 Branch 19 Treasurer

The Bocce Report

Well another action packed, fun filled, and agonizing playoff bocce season has come to an end. First of all, a huge expression of gratitude to Sir John Hayes and Sir Tom Lathrop for their contribution of time and effort of leading their teams for the 2017 bocce season. Fun was had by all while the competitive spirit was in full swing. Our only team to reach the playoffs, Sirfire, led by Capo John Fernando, were eliminated in the playoffs and didn't quite reach the finals. Better luck to all next season.

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: Dave Requa
 Treasurer: Darryl Diamond
 Asst. Treasurers: Barry Silberman, Ken Kuhn
 Activities Chair: Ted Dobbs (Director)
 Bocce Capo: John Fernando (Director)
 Golf Chairman: Jerry Burton (Director)
 Sunshine Chair: George Vogt
 Attendance Chair: John Fair
 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

Interested in a Particular Activity?

SIR offers numerous activities that are easily available to the members. If you are interested in joining a JM73group 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 Ted Dobbs.

Ted Dobbs Activity Chairman
324-5047 ted_dobbs@hotmail.com

Wine Tasting

SIRS Branch 19 Wine Tasting
October 2017

There is no Wine Tasting scheduled for October.

**SIRS Branch 19 Dine Around
Friday, October 21st, 2017**



Luna Ristorante
2118 Willow Pass Rd
Concord, CA 94520
(925) 691-4080

Overview

Note: We are back to our usual 3rd Thursday of the month.

Luna is a family run Italian restaurant with a wide menu at moderate prices. It is across from Todos Santos Park in downtown Concord.

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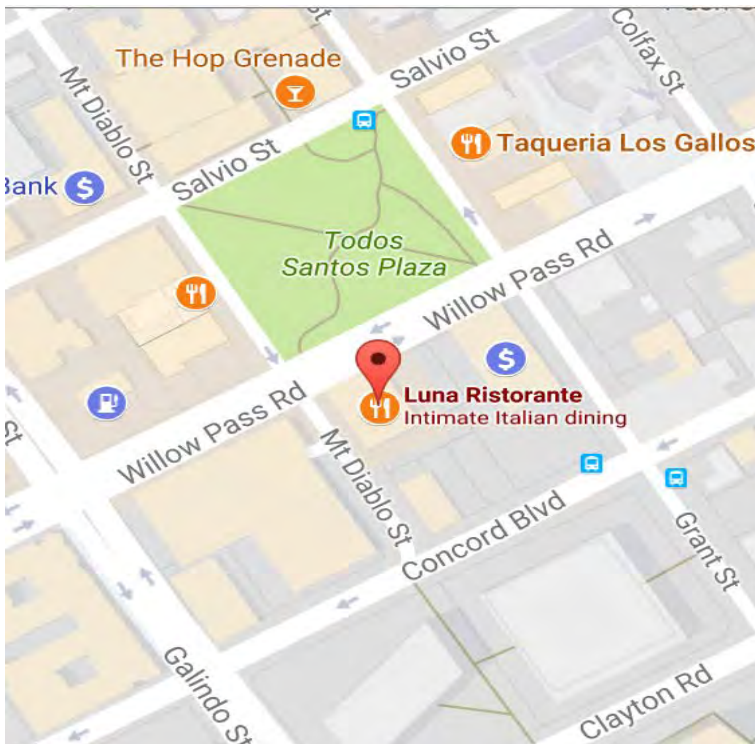
Friday, October 21st Happy Hour 5:00-6:00 Dinner 6:00 pm

Website

<http://lunaristorante.us>

Menu

<http://lunaristorante.us/cms/upload/menucategory/files/luna-ristorante-dinner-2017.pdf>



Free parking at two parking garages.

Contact for Sign-Up

Don Weimann
(925) 672-7711 weimanns@astound.net



SIR Dinner and Bingo

October 25, Oakhurst Country Club

5:00 – 6:00 cash bar. Bar will stay open until 9:00

6:00 – 6:45 Dinner - Fried Chicken, Corn on the cob, Mashed Potatoes, Apple pie

6:45 – 9:00 or until the prizes and prize money runs out

\$32 per person includes one card; extra card \$5.

Payment in advance

Open to all Branch 19 and their guests

Regular bingo, criss cross, 4 corners, black out

Prizes: Cash, Wine, 2 Oakhurst golf passes, and more



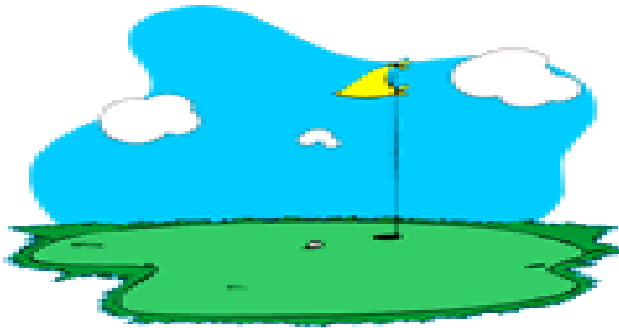
Contact: Jack Duncan jckduncan99@gmail.com
 Ken Kuhn kakuhn01@gmail.com

Make your check payable to SIR Branch 19 and send to:
 Darryl Diamond 437 La Corso Circle Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Name _____	\$ _____
Guest _____	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____



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
October Schedule

October 3 rd – Lone Tree	9:30 Shotgun start	Meeting w/ Lone Tree GM after Golf
October 10 th - Lone Tree	9:30 First Tee time	
October 17 th – Lone Tree	9:30 First Tee time	
October 24 th – Hiddenbrooke	9:30 First Tee time	
October 31 st – Blue Rock Springs	9:30 First Tee time	

The Club Championship starts on Oct. 3 Lace up your big boy cleats.

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman
ajgolf24@gmail.com

Outings

(There are no outings scheduled in October)

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

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, October 19th

\$ums in Retirement
Wednesday, October 18th

Area 2 Fishing Group
Thursday, October 26th

Golf
Mondays (Nine Hole)
18 Hole See above

Dining Out
Thursday, October 21st

D.A.T.E.
Discussing Ancient Technology & Engineering
Wed, October 11th

DATE - Discussing Ancient Technology & Engineering



For our October DATE meeting, we are going to RERUN *Shiva the Destroyer* – from my Ancient Aliens Video Collection at our next meeting - on Wednesday, **October 11, 2017** at Clayton Valley Bowl, Conference Room, at 1:00 P.M. - Of the millions of Hindu gods, none is more important than Shiva - the Great Destroyer.

Ancient Astronaut theorists suggest this powerful being that possessed flying machines, incredible weapons, and had supernatural abilities and powers, may in fact, have been the leader of an extraterrestrial faction that came to Earth wielding super advanced technology. In order to rebuild, they say, Shiva had to destroy what was already there; structures and people alike.

There are a number of elaborate temple complexes at Ellora, Ajanta and several other places in India. These were excavated out of the solid, vertical basalt cliff in the Charanandri hills using technology we haven't yet figured out. Just take a look at the intricate details of these structures and tell me they were done by hand, using hammers and chisels... Come and join us on October the 11th, at 1:00 P.M. and add your two-cent's worth to our discussion of *Shiva the Destroyer*. You'll be glad you did.



Area 2 Activities for October



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group [Formerly A2CAT]

*Next Meeting on Thursday October 19, 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek
<http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>*

The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group [formerly A2CAT] announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, October 19, 2017 starting at 9:30 am, but come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

The October topic will be *"YouTube - How can it help you?"* by Tom Howard. Tom will examine different types of YouTube content, how to find what you are looking for as well as how you can post your own YouTube stuff.

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, Thursday, October 19, 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 our October meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

Neil Schmidt, Chairman

Area 2 Fishing Group



The Legends
Diablo Creek G.C.
Meets on the 4th Thurs
Next Meeting on Thursday October 26, 8:30 am
4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.



The best ocean salmon season in years is winding down as the silvery rascals head upstream. Still some action for bigguns north of the gate, and smaller ones out of Half Moon Bay. Enjoying this salmon bonanza were: Bob Stein, Stan Wong, Brion Beetz, Steve Paulick, Ben Lasala Pedro Contreras, and Carl Moyer. Rockfish and ling cod from the ocean cooperated for Tom Anders, Dick Thomson, Gordon Linebaugh, Carl Moyer, Rich Fiscina, Paul Dubow, Phil Scimonelli, Gordon Linebaugh, and Stan Wong. Stan also fished Eagle and Almanor Lakes for some slow trout fishing, but he fared much better on the upper Stanislaus River playing catch and release with lots of them. Don Mittlesteadt caught and released a huge 31 inch rainbow trout, HUGE! He also travelled to Christmas Island and had a great time with bonefish on a fly rod. Brion Beetz caught some leopard sharks from SF Bay. **Tom Kostik** tried the Klamath River for salmon with no luck, but continued his efforts for black bass in the delta. Karl Droese and **Ken Konzak** caught some big salmon upriver on the Sacramento. Ernie Wong fly fished Mammoth and Crowley lakes with limited success. Romano Gnusti and Karl Droese caught some yahoo and dorado from the Sea Of Cortez. Paul Dubow had a great outing at Lake Tahoe with a guide jigging for lake trout. And **Ken Konzak** attended a class on fly casting with spey gear, very different.

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

Area 2 Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Next Meeting on Wed, October 18

Legends – Diablo Creek G.C.

4050 Port Chicago Highway

Breakfast available at 7am.



Our next meeting is Wed October 18 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 a representative of the Law Office of Robert W. Ash in Grass Valley. The discussion will be about estate preservation if a spouse requires nursing care.

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

\$UMS Chairman Tom Henry - tomhenry925@gmail.com

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

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

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 bobjo@astound.net by the 25th of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed

Please take a look at the following. It was recently released by the State Committee in an effort to bring more clarity to what it means to be a SIR.



What is SIR?

SIR (Sons in Retirement) is a non-profit, public benefit corporation formed for men. Our Mission is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making Friends for Life!

We are almost 60 years old, and our 120 plus branches include over 14,500 members. Our branches cover Northern California from Bakersfield to the Oregon border and Lake Tahoe to the Pacific Ocean.

Our member expectations are few. Have the free time, be a friendly, sociable guy, participate in our luncheons and activities and introduce others to SIR so they can join in the fun.

Membership is open to men regardless of age, race, color or religion. We are an all-volunteer organization, so our members need to help out when called upon. SIR supports no outside causes or interests. We prohibit discussions of politics and religion, soliciting or selling anything to any member.

Each Branch has monthly luncheon meetings where Sirs renew old friendships and establish new ones. Speakers are invited to speak on topical subjects of general interest. Most Branches have summer and winter luncheons and a BBQ where wives, partners and guests are invited.

Of special interest are Branch activities like golf, bowling, travel, bocce, bridge, poker, walking, hiking, computers, dining out, wine tasting and investing. Our list of activities and events is almost endless and many are coed. If there is an activity you are passionate about and your selected branch doesn't have it, we will help you start it and involve others. Come join us and be part of the fun – and, better yet, Make Friends for Life!

06/18/17, G&M Committee