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Comments from Big Sir Eric Jensen
Our March Meeting will be held on the
Second Tuesday, March 10th



Good news on the activity front. Little SIR Bob Damico has recruited Past Big SIR Dick Donald to be the Activity Chairman. More good news, all of the activities now have Coordinators-----thanks to all that stepped forward to coordinate one of their favorite activities. See more information concerning all the activities that you may be interested in, In this Newsletter.

I am working with Chuck Niessen on the Movie Discounts. So far, it looks as though we will be getting a SIR Tuesday "2 for \$10" discount at the new Rave theaters.

At the last meeting Elwood Davis received his Senior SIR Certificate (over 90) from Area Governor Ron Saltgraver and Regional Director Jim Stedman. Ron's take on the "Achieving of a Milestone of Life" was very interesting as he related Elwood's 90 plus years to the changes in the World over this time and the stories that Elwood could tell about what he has seen. Michael Witnov is scheduled to receive his Senior SIR Certificate at the March Luncheon.

At the Feb. meeting I announced the addition of a new program to encourage members to recruit their friends and neighbors to join SIR. This program is in addition to the existing "Free lunch for Sponsors". The new program is: bring a potential member to the meeting, and he gets his lunch for half price. Be sure to ask for the discount as you pay for your lunches.

See you at the Meeting March 10th and be sure to check out our web site www.sir161.org

Lunch menu for March is
Roast Pork Loin, gravy, new potatoes and vegetables

Message(s) from your Little SIR:



Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for March is Linda Cicala from Travel Partners. She will preview upcoming trips - at great values, that her company has to offer.

Mothers' Day Luncheon May 7, 2009-Thursday

This year's Mothers' Day Luncheon is scheduled for May 7, 2009 (a Thursday!). And we have some special entertainment planned. Most of you will remember Jerry Lewis' partner, who later made it on his own as a singer, and joined the "Rat Pack".....yep that's him: Dean Martin!! We have arranged for a Professional Impersonator who will entertain us with a "Tribute to Dean Martin". Don't miss it!! Tickets (\$23 per person) will be on sale soon and will be limited to 150. Contact Little SIR Bob Damico for tickets ~ 925-634-0465 or e-mail deltacruz@comcast.net

Travel

Travel Partners, in Brentwood. Continues to offer a variety of travel, from day trips to Cruises to Mexico, Hawaii, or even an African Safari! If you are interested in great trips/ reasonable prices, see their website www.travelpartnersworld.com

General News:

Elwood Davis awarded Senior SIR Presidential Award

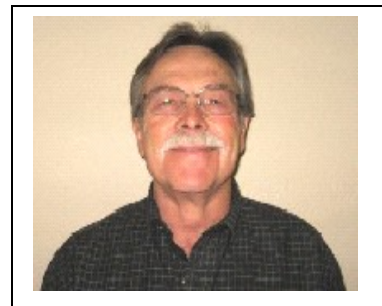
Presidential Award presented to Elwood Davis (92) by Ron Saltgaver (Area 24 Governor) and Jim Stedman (Region 6 Director) on February 10, 2009. SIR active members, upon reaching the age of 90, are entitled to be awarded the Senior SIR Certificate. Elwood has been a SIR since 1990 and is an active SIR Bowler, Bridge player, has an excellent attendance record for all SIR monthly luncheons, and is an inspiration to us all. Congratulations Elwood!!



(PHOTO LEFT TO RIGHT JIM STEDMAN,

John Fry inducted as New SIR at February Meeting

I have lived in Byron, CA for over 20 years. I moved from Oakland, CA in 1987. I retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 2003 after working in the Manufacturing Division (Mechanical Shops) for 38 years. My wife Mary and I have two children, a son and a daughter, and six grand children (4 girls and 2 boys). Our son lives in Tracy and our daughter lives in Paradise, CA. I enjoy golf, bowling, motorcycle trail riding, and wood and metal working. I'm looking forward to playing in the SIR golf events, and my wife and I have already started bowling in the SIR Monday League at Harvest Park. Thank You for accepting me as a member in SIR Branch 161.



JOHN FRY

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Activities Chairman - Dick Donald

Our January member survey resulted in 12 new activities. We have 12 volunteer coordinators who are working on getting these activities started. As Activity Chairman, I will assist the coordinators in getting these activities publicized and organized.

The new activities and their respective coordinators/phone numbers are listed below:

Movie Matinee—Chuck Niessen 925-240-8281

Fishing—Tom Snyder 925-634-5289

Tennis—Frank Tisch 925-516-7389

Bicycling—Phil Paulson 925-634-6654

Ping Pong—Doug Pagano 925-321-0238

Model Railroading—Vince Vargas 925-516-5915

Poker—Dick Donald 925-513-2849

Walking—Al Box 925-634-7973

Movie Buffs (Evening)-Eric Jensen 925-240-0543

Retired Old Men Eating Out (Romeo)-Ray Serafin 925-516-8321

Pickle Ball—Bob Lyman 925-513-1939

RV-ing—LaVan Bock 925-513-1070

If you are interested in joining any of these activities, contact the coordinator.



The following activities are ready to go:

TENNIS

If you would like to enjoy some good tennis, camaraderie, and lots of laughs, joins us at 7:30 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Discovery Bay Athletic Club. The format is drop-in doubles tennis, and we rotate people in team tennis if we have more than four, so that you never sit for more than 2 games. When you show up, you go in. There are no set pairings, as we SPIN for teams. Generally we have between 4 and 10 players. We are usually found between courts 3 and 4. If interested, just drop in or call Frank Tisch (925-516-7389). Note: non-members of the Discovery Bay Athletic Club must pay \$10 per visit (memberships are also available).

PICKLE BALL

Currently there are two tennis courts marked for Pickle Ball at Ed Cornell Park on Willow Lake Rd. in Discovery Bay (near the intersection of Discovery Bay Blvd. and Willow Lake Rd.) Players meet every Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. No reservation or equipment required-come by and give it a try.. contact Bob Lyman at 925-513-1939 or e-mail rlyman@mac.com

ROMEO

Ray Serafin is ready to go with the Retired Old **Men** Eating Out (ROMEO). Our first (SIR Men only) dinner will be March 19th (a Thursday) at The Boardwalk in Discovery Bay at 6:00 p.m. Let Ray Serafin know if you'd like to attend...

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Ping-Pong

Doug Pagano has a plan for 2 hour sessions weekly or monthly, and has the equipment and a place for fair weather playing. However start-up is delayed due to not having a place to play in the winter months (indoors). Contact Doug for more information or if you have an indoor place to play during these winter months.

The remaining activities are being worked by their respective coordinators – more information forthcoming. If you have any ideas or suggestions for these activities please share them with the coordinators or let me know.

Dick Donald

MARCH BOWLING NEWS 2009

In February's News letter eligibility requirements were stated. I failed to state that Widows of SIRS will be eligible to bowl in our Monday League. I am sorry for the omission and I want to assure everyone that widows of SIRS are welcome in our League.

A full list of requirements and a list of all up coming Tournaments can be found on our branch web site @ www.sir161.org



It took a while to get the results from the Tournament held in Modesto but here are the winners. Jack and Alice Disney took 8Th place in B Division Doubles. Bill Bayer and Curtis Manning placed 8Th in A Division Doubles. Linda Manning Finished in 7Th place in B Division Singles and Jim Bell finished 22nd in All Events.

We have some great tournaments coming up. The tournament in Concord is close and always a fun tournament to bowl. I have been ask about the tournament in Carson City but have not yet received the entry forms yet. The format will be about the same as last year, Singles, Doubles and Team Event. The tournament will once again be held at the bowling center at the Gold Dust West Hotel and Casino. Room reservations are available at the hotel. Pricing will be on the entree forms when received. If you are interested in other hotel accommodations in the area talk to Bill Bayer he has a list of Hotels in the area. Here is a list of upcoming Tournaments.

March 16th, 18th, and 19th @ Diablo Lanes in Concord

April 7th, and 9th @ Kentwig Lanes in Vallejo

April 20th, 21st, and 22nd @ Gold Dust West in Carson City

May 5th, 6th, and 7th @ Knitty Pine Lanes in Pollock Pines

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May 18th, 19th, and 20th @ Tall Pines in Paradise

Anyone interested can contact Tom Kirtley or Bill Bayer for entry forms. If you want to bowl and need a doubles partner let us know and we well do our best to find a partner for you.

GOOD BOWLING TOM KIRTLEY BILL BAYER

March Birthday Boys:

DON BLOTZ----STEVE BORDI----LEFTY BRABEC----JIM DORAN----JIM FURLONG
NELSON FRIESEN-----DAVE GOODWIN----- GARY LEWIS----- DAVID LOPES
COY MADSEN-----GENE MATTHIAS-----FLOYD McBETH-----CRIS PARSONS
JOE PHILLIPS-----GORDON PIEPHO-----LOUIS SALVADOR-----VINCE VARGAS.

GOLF NEWS FOR SIRS BRANCHES 108/161 2009

This is a final reminder of the first golf tournament for 2009. It is scheduled for Las Positas, Livermore, on Tuesday, 3-17 with a 9:30 start from the first tee.

The cost is \$44.00 each, which includes golf, cart and prizes. Frank Smith has planned the format and we are all set. The problem now is that only 18 players have signed up. We need more!!! Please notify me if you are interested by e-mail, check or phone. The entries will close on Tuesday, March 10 at 1:00 pm.



Dale Welin

Dinner with the Ladies

When: 24 March 2009

Where: Sports Bar & Steakhouse, 2477 Discovery Bay Blvd., Discovery Bay, CA

Time: Dinner Served at 6.00 p.m.

Menu Choices: Include Salad, Dessert, non alcoholic drink (ice tea/soft drink (one refill)/coffee and water. Chicken, Prime Rib, Salmon, and a Pasta Dish. (Indicate your choice below)

Cost: \$23.00 per person (includes tax and tip)



DEADLINE: Need your RSVP no later the 21 March 2009 (There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on March 10, 2009. If you will please send your checks and menu choices to me prior it would be helpful.

Make your checks out to M. E. White and mail to 2146 Sand Point Rd., Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Phone: 634-0415

-----Detach and return this stub with your menu choices-----

You're Name(s)

_____ **Phone** _____

You're Menu Choice(s)

Chicken _____ Salmon Fillet _____

Prime Rib _____ Pasta _____



Make a Note!

Last day to obtain an excused absence for next meeting is March 6th
Call Len Fadda 513-0738 or e-mail me at lenandlinda1@yahoo.com
Be sure to notify him if you are bringing a Guest.

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Make checks payable to Sirs Branch #161_

Mail to:

**Tony Pacheco
2111 St.Andrews Court
Discovery Bay Ca. 94505**

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Luncheon Meetings are on the Second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. Social Hour is at 11:00 AM and Lunch at Noon. All Members are expected to attend. You are required to notify the attendance Chairman if you cannot attend. Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Chairman or attending less than seven (7) meetings within the last year shall be notified by form letter no. 4 of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another branch will be considered a credit to the attendance.

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