



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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Frank Smith, Big Sir

Opening statement

October is here and summer is over. Now, the bad news; The September luncheon was not well attended but, worse, several people who did not attend did not call in. That resulted in the Branch having to pay for six meals (\$102.00).



As you should know, we are required to give the DBCC a "count" on Friday morning of how many we expect to serve. They use this number to plan on tables, servers and food purchases. They actually order the food on Sunday so we can modify the count then. The Sunday count is considered "final"; However, we can still modify it early Monday morning, but this modification has to be very limited.

When we are "short" of the count, the DBCC charges us for the meals prepared but not served. Maybe this explanation will encourage you to call by Friday morning if you are not going to make the luncheon. Emergencies can be called in over the weekend, preferably by Sunday morning. If you do not call in you will most likely be "billed" for the lunch, as our budget is limited and we cannot "eat" the costs. The next paragraph reiterates the requirement to call in, but I felt it necessary to explain the process.

Next Regular luncheon meeting

Our next regular Luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013. If you know you will not attend this luncheon, make sure that you contact our Attendance Chairman, Bill Konold at 634-2738 or

bkonold@comcast.net.

If you miss the meeting and do not let us know in advance you may be charged for the meal, since we have to guarantee seating to the Country Club.

Attendance

Our luncheons average around 75%, which is not bad for the summer months. However, attendance at the September Luncheon was only 60%. Hopefully this was not a trend and was due to the meeting being held on the third Tuesday.

Try and make sure to keep luncheon dates open when making future plans. If you will not be available to attend for an extended time due to travel, illness or being a care giver, you can request to be placed on inactive status for six months by the Branch Board. Just let us know.

Membership

Our Branch membership has shrunk from a high of 175 to 162. Recruiting is still very important to

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175 to 162. Recruiting is still very important to keeping us strong, so please continue to remind friends and neighbors to come visit us and possibly join up. Finding new members is like finding money; You get a free meal for bringing in a new member.

Activities

SIR is not just about attending monthly luncheons, but includes a multitude of activities. Details on these activities are in this newsletter. Read about them and consider joining. If we do not provide or activity YOU are interesting in, let me know and maybe we can start it up.

Big Picture

Check out www.sirinc.org to see what is “happening” statewide. While browsing the Internet, visit our own Branch 161 website for more Branch information and pictures.

Newsletter

Continue to share the Branch 161 Newsletter with your wife, significant other, relative or friend. Share the newsletter with others; it is a great ice breaker to invite guests to our luncheons.

October Birthday Boys

The following Branch 161 members celebrate their birthday in October:

Firoz Bharwani, Joey Brignolio, Tom Capelli, Michael Cline, Larry Mensch, Tony Pacheco, Marty Price, Gary Tucker, and Ron Wilson.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Boys!!!!.

If your name is missing or not correct let Big Sir, Frank Smith at 513-2885, know so our records are corrected.

Remember - Get out there and participate in our Branch activities or create a new one for others to join you in doing. Just get out there and do **SOME-THING**.

Frank

Floyd McBeth, Little Sir

September 2013 Recap

We were served Chicken Parmesan with pasta Alfredo and vegetables, coffee, tea and cookies for lunch. The meal was very good and the pasta Alfredo was outstanding.



Free Lunch Winners

Bill Konold and Edward Carr were the lucky winners for a free lunch in the future. Two out of two names called is outstanding. Our low lunch attendance of around 110 members makes this even more impressive.

September Speaker

Our own SIR Frank Headley was our guest speaker at the September meeting. He showed slides and discussed the difference between astrology and astronomy; He gave a very informational talk about our stars and our universe. Frank talked about the billions of stars that are billions of miles away. It is hard to imagine that much distance and yet we can still see them.



Frank brought along his own telescope for members to see, and related an interesting story of how he became interested in astronomy while on leave from his job assignment in Europe.

Thank you Frank for a great job!

October Speaker

Mr. Mark Simon will be our speaker in October. Mark is on the Board of the Discovery Bay CSD

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(Community Service District). He and three other three other directors work with Rick Howard the General Manager of Discovery Bay. Mark will tell us what is happening now and in the future for our town.

October Luncheon Meal

The October meal will be Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes & gravy & seasonal vegetables.

Please note: Any special dietary needs should be pre-arranged several days before the meeting; Contact Bill Konold.

Other

As you may remember, our July speaker was Mrs. Marla Luckhardt and she spoke about senior issues. She has put together a free website, with no popups, that covers a multitude of senior referrals we may need now or sometime in the future. She is constantly updating the site and, although she is not a professional web designer, she has done an outstanding job. She has recommended plumbers to health care to government information listed; Just point and click. Put her web address somewhere so when you need it you can find it. It is www.marlasreferrals.com

Little Sir Floyd McBeth



Branch 161 on the web

www.sir161.org

For more Branch 161 news & photos, and links to state SIR information, visit our web site. The latest issue of SIR Happenings can be downloaded via a link on our web site.

20-Year Award



Lex Overzet joined Branch 161 on September 14, 1993. On September 17, 2013 HLM Bob Damico presented Lex with a Certificate of Appreciation (and a free lunch) in recognition of his active and loyal membership for the past 20 years.

Do you think Lex looks a little like Colonel Sanders?? Ask him about that sometime.

Mike White “Hits it out of the Park”

The August Dinner with the Ladies was an absolute success. Eighty Six Six & Ladies (the second highest number ever) attended the dinner at Shirasoni Steakhouse, Teppanyaki & Sushi Bar in Brentwood. The food was excellent and the show put on by the cooks was outstanding. Hats off and **Thank You** to Mike and Nadine for the great job they do coordinating and hosting these monthly dinners.

Have a story about one of our Sirs?

If you have an interesting story to share about one of our Branch 161 members, or want to make an honorable mention, send it along to our newsletter Editor, Tom Jones.

Membership, Tom Kirtley

Sponsor a new member

Branch members wishing to sponsor a new member should invite the prospect to a regular luncheon meeting as a guest.



If the guest wishes to become a SIR member, the sponsor should obtain an application form from Membership Chairman Tom Kirtley. Have the guest complete the form, and return it to Tom. The prospective member and their sponsor should attend the next regular luncheon meeting.

The Executive Board will vote on the membership, and the new member will be inducted immediately prior to the luncheon.

No new members were inducted at our September meeting.

SIR Membership Requirements

Membership in **Sons In Retirement** is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion.

See the last page of this newsletter for more information.

Dinner With The Ladies, Micheal White

When: 22 October 2013.

Where: CAP's Oak Street Bar & Grill – 144 Oak St., Brentwood.

Time: Arrive 5:00pm, Dinner served at 6:00pm.

Menu choices: Broiled Salmon, with rice pilaf; Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast, with lemon butter sauce, served with rice pilaf; Tri Tip with herbed fettuccini; Lamb Shank with garlic mashed potatoes.

All entrees include: Salad, dessert, non-alcoholic drink (ice tea/ coffee and water).

Cost: \$25.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Deadline: Need your RSVP no later than 21 October 2013. There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on 8 October 2013. If you will please send your checks to me prior it would be helpful. Make your checks out to M. E. White and mail to 2146 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Phone: 634-0415.



THIS IS THE LAST DINNER WITH THE LADIES FOR THIS YEAR. PACK UP YOUR WIFE AND COME AND ENJOY THE EVENING.

----- Tear out and return with your check -----

Name(s):

Phone:

Broiled Salmon _____

Tri Tip _____

Chicken Breast _____

Lamb Shank _____

Dinner With The Ladies, 22 October, 2013 at CAP's Oak Street Bar & Grill – 144 Oak St., Brentwood.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

The results are in from the Reno Tournament and the checks distributed. We had 16 people receive 28 checks. Last year we had 14 people receive 18 checks.

The people in the money this year were;



Jose Arroyo – 11th place singles Div 1.

Curtis Manning – 14th place Div I singles.

Russ Reid – 15th place singles Div 1, 15th place Div 1 All Events, and 6th place Team Div I.

Vicky Reid, 6th place Div 1 Team.

Paul Elmer, 6th place Div I Team.

Rosie Elmer, 6th place Div Team, and 2nd place Div 3 All Events.

Val Heck, Tom Kirtley, Eric Jensen and Art Lopez 8th place Team, Div I.

Larry Mensch, 5th place Div 2 Singles, 4th place Div 2 Doubles, 2nd place All Events, Div 2, and 8th place Team Div 2.

Barbara Mensch, 4th place Div 2 Doubles and 8th place Div 2 Doubles.

Terry Damico, 8th place Div 2 Team.

Bob Damico 8th place Div 2 Doubles.

Marie Wilson, 3rd place Div 3 Singles, 11th place Doubles Div 2, and 5th place All Events Div 3.

Ron Wilson, 11th place Doubles, Div 2.

Mary Pitta-Fry, 8th place Div 3 Singles.

Julie Bayer, 11th place, Div 3 Singles.

Connie Ryan, 13th Place All Events, Div 3.

WELL DONE !!

We have completed 3 weeks of the winter session of the SIR Bowling League with Team 13, composed of Frank Cramer, Cam Donald, John Lopp, and Don Rentzel, in first place with ten wins, followed by Team 19 and Team 3 (Misfits) each with 9 wins. 32 weeks remaining; Ladies and Sirs, and 18 other teams are all very anxious to challenge the leaders.

The tenth annual Bob Matteucci Tournament will be held at Harvest Park Bowl on October 15th and 17th. This is a Branch 161 and 108 combined tournament, and has routinely had 130 – 140 entries.

This year a tournament average data base has been established with over 600 bowlers. The highest average of either this data base or the USBC data base (21 games or more) will be used. This should help to even out difficulties arising with handicaps. Come to the bowling center and catch all the action in October.

Paul

SIR Travel Opportunities Reminder

Various bargain-priced trips are available to SIR members through local travel agencies and other SIR branches. Look for the TRAVEL binder located on the entrance table at each monthly meeting. For more information contact Bob Damico at:



634-0465 or deltacruz@comcast.net

2013 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/22/2013	07/9/2013
02/12/2013	08/13/2013
03/12/2013	09/17/2013 (note 1)
04/9/2013	10/8/2013
05/14/2013 (note 2)	11/12/2013
06/11/2013	12/10/2013 (note 2)

Note 1: The September meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday.

Note 2: Mother's Day and Christmas With The Ladies are not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

Phil Paulson is interested in starting a ping pong activity group. Anyone interested please contact Dick Donald (513-2849) or Phil (634-6654).



Following are some ongoing SIR activities, including details on current plans. Feel free to call Dick Donald (513-2849) for more information on these and other activities.

Wine Tasting, Dick Donald – 513-2849

Lynn and Harriet Pierce will be hosting the October SIR wine tasting on Thursday, October 24. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Poker, Dick Donald – 513-2849

The SIR poker game has started again with games the last few months. The next game is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15 (note the different day of the week). Dick Donald will be hosting. If you are interested in a quarter limit dealer choice game (fun poker, not serious money), please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDoald@Yahoo.com

Bocce Ball, Dick Donald – 513-2849

Bocce Ball is continuing with spotty attendance the last few weeks. It is expected that play will pick up in the Fall as the weather cools a bit. If you are interested in playing, let me know (513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com) to put you on the bocce ball email list.

Pickleball, Bob Lyman – 628-7906

Come try pickleball on our new courts in Discovery Bay at Cornell Park on Willow Lake Road. Drop-in play schedule is now Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:00 am and Wednesday at 4:00 pm. So come join in the fun for a little exercise, competition and socializing. Just bring yourself; we have everything else needed.

Golf News, Dale Welin



The results are in for our Sept. tournament at Lone Tree;; We had 28 players in 7 foursomes (no blind draws) and it turned out to be rather windy. Some good scores by several golfers and a very good winning team score of 125. The results are below:

1st place - 125 - Carr, Konieczny, Smith, Fanucchi

2nd place - 133 - Konold, Zierau, Anderson, Macbride

3rd place - 138 - Onstad, Kile, Pachucki, Kirtley, Disney, Pacheco, Ramos, Cadigan

Closest to the pin winners were Riordan and Quier.

The following players netted in the 60's: Anderson - 65, Pacheco - 67, Smith, Fanucchi - 68.

Very nice games. Congratulations.

Hats off to 5 players who have participated in all seven events to date in 2013: Disney, Fanucchi, Konold, Onstad and Ramos. Thanks.

It is time for the Club Championship for our SIR Branch. The entry info for the tournament is below:

When: Thursday, October 17

Where: Poppy Ridge Golf Course, Livermore

Time: 8:00 am from the first tee

Cost: \$45.00 for golf, cart, prize money and cost of trophy

Format: Individual net (real golf)

Please get your name on the player list - contact Dale Welin. Then send or get a check payable to Dale Welin ASAP, by sending to 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, Ca 94505.

Most of you who are playing regularly with us have qualified by playing in at least 2 events this year (2013). You all will participate for the championship trophy. If you have a question of your qualification, please call me. For all of you who have not qualified (in our NCGA SIR golf club), you are MOST welcome to play in the tournament for the prize money. Don't miss out on the season ending tournament!! If you have any questions, please call Dale at 516-9463.

Membership Requirements & Principles

Membership is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. There are no dues, fees or assessments. Member volunteers and staff administer and govern all branch activities. Voluntary member contributions provide for these activities. SIR supports no outside cause or interest. We prohibit discussions of politics and religion or the selling of anything to any member. The only requirements to join SIR are that a man be retired, or semi-retired, and sponsored by an active member.

Attendance Policy *(Revised July, 2012)*

Luncheon meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. (There are exceptions to when we need to hold our meetings on a different Tuesday, so please check the Meetings Calendar elsewhere in this issue).

Social hour is at 11.00am and lunch is at noon. All members are expected to attend Luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness, absence from the Branch locale, or acting as a caregiver to a spouse or companion. If you cannot attend, you are required to notify the Attendance Chairman by the Friday prior to the luncheon meeting or you may be charged for the luncheon.

Regular members missing three consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, or missing more than five (5) meetings within the last 12 months for any reason, shall be notified by letter or email of the Branch Executive Committee's pending action to terminate their membership.

Certification of attendance at another branch will be considered a credit to attendance.

Responsibility Clause

All tours, trips and other activities for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants, or in any matters pertaining to tours, trips, or other activities.

Reminders

Voluntary contributions defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have not "donated" their contribution, be sure to bring \$20.00 cash or a check (made out to SIR Branch 161) to our next meeting. You can also mail it to our Treasurer, Tony Pacheco.

Dress code for our meetings is "Country Club Casual", which means no jeans or denim, cutoffs or exercise shorts, shirts must have a collar, no tank tops or T-shirts, no flip-flops or thong type sandals. Please ensure that your guests are aware of this policy. Simple etiquette requires that hats be removed while in the dining room.

If you're unable to attend a meeting

Our Branch is obligated to pay for lunches not served. Please contact Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

Bill Konold, 634-2738 or email: bkonold@comcast.net

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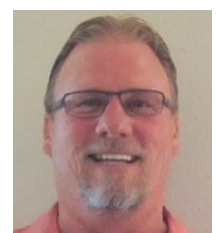
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