



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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Floyd McBeth, Big Sir

Opening statement

At our March board meeting we discussed members not calling Bill Konold if they were going to miss our monthly luncheon. Bill orders the number lunches we need each month based on the number of cancellations he receives. I am sure you all know that there is a mandatory call to him by the Friday before the Tuesday lunch if you will not attend. We hope that all members do call in by Friday; however Bill is going to now accept calls until Sunday. Please know that any calls after Sunday could result in our club, and therefore the absent member, being charged \$17.00 per meal.



The assigned seating went well and this might be done again next year.

We had three new members become Sirs in March. We welcome Jerry Nielsen, Dale Davidson and Darrell Baird to our roster. Also, we had four guests and hopefully we will see them join next month. Our campaign to bring in new members is going very nicely, thanks to all of you.

Next Regular luncheon meeting

Our next regular lunch meeting is Tuesday, April 8. Mark it on your calendars. Call Bill Konold at 634-2738 if you cannot attend.

Attendance

We had 111 members and 5 guests for lunch. More

importantly Bill ordered 115 lunches, so he did extremely well in placing our order. Great job Bill!

Membership

Our goal is to bring new members into our group and we have 8 new members so far this year. My goal is to bring in 24, so we are on the way. We have new business cards that explain who we are and what you need to do in order to join us. These cards will be on the table at our next lunch. Pick up a couple for future members you might meet.

Activities

Mitch Wisinski set up a SIR sponsored Giants Baseball game trip for July 3. The results of the turnout may determine future outings. We also have on display other activities that are available. Please check out the book on our entrance table after you buy your lunch ticket.

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The Big Picture

Check out our State website to connect with other Sirs in California. There is so much to see and explore on this site. Go to: www.sirinc.org and sign in. Have you ever visited our own local website? Visit www.sir161.org to see our branch happenings and pictures. It's pretty amazing.

Newsletter

Be sure to share our newsletter with your better half and your friends. The more people that know about our organization, the more potential members we can reach.

April Birthday Boys

Happy Birthday to:

Carlo Delazzar, Saul Gold, Eric Jensen, Bill Konold, Don Rentzel, Norm Spencer, Hal Whitlow, Roger Wood and Randy Zierau.

*If your name is missing or not correct
let Big Sir, Floyd McBeth at 516-9191, know so
our records are corrected.*

Floyd

Jim Davis, Little Sir

March 2014 Recap

This month we enjoyed a Saint Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage lunch.

Free Lunch Winners

Our guest speaker drew names to see who would win a free lunch and (after the names of 2 absent Sirs were drawn - sorry guys) the winners were Brad Vinson and Rick Crago. Every active member who's at the luncheon has a chance to win a free lunch; Not there - No chance!

March Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker, Discovery Bay resident Ed Stew-



art, was warmly received as he shared a unique and interesting story about making his long-time dream



of a lighthouse here at Discovery Bay become a reality. Ed's talk was accompanied by an interesting video of the lighthouse taken from a miniature helicopter. Take a walk out on the levy by the yacht club and check it out — up close and personal.

April Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker in April will be Contra Costa County District Attorney, Mark Peterson.

April luncheon

Chicken Picatta, rice & vegetables.

Please note: If you have any special dietary needs, please call Bill Konold at 634-2738 by Friday before the meeting to arrange this.

If you will not be able to attend the April Luncheon, it is important to call Bill Konold at 634-2738 as soon as you know that you will not be at the luncheon.

Knowing what's up

Our SIR Branch 161 is on the web at www.sir161.org. For more news, photos and links to state SIR information, visit our website. The latest issue of SIR Happenings can be downloaded via a link on our web site.

Have a great month, and we'll see you on April 8th.

Little Sir Jim Davis

Trip to a Giants game, Mitch Wisinski

I'm planning a Branch 161 trip to a Giants game on Thursday July 3, 2014. Game time is 12:45 pm. Ticket prices vary from \$30.00 to \$40.00 per ticket, depending on how soon we can get numbers to purchase, and location on the field.

Also, a Bus for transportation is an option, which can

cost as much as an additional \$45.00 per person to get to and from the game.

If interested in attending please call Sir Mitchell Wisinski at (408) 515-7655 so a list can be generated.

Mitch



Dinner With The Ladies, Micheal White

When: 22 April, 2014.

Where: Island Joe's Café & Bakery, 6210 Bethel Island Rd., Bethel Island, CA.

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

Menu choices: (indicate your choice below):

Jagerschnitzel, homemade breaded German pork outlet with a creamy mushroom gravy.

Sauerbraten, cross-rib roast, marinated for three days in a mixture of vegetables, spices, herbs, red wine, and vinegar then slowly braised until fork tender.

Fisch nach Art Mullerin, Basa lightly flowered and pan fried sautéed with Meuniere, lemon and butter sauce.

Spaetzle Prima Vera, homemade Spaetzle noodles with sautéed fresh vegetables in a light cream sauce with cheese.

All dishes except the Spaetzle Prima Vera will come with a side of spaetzle and sweet and sour red cabbage. Table service will include homemade Alaskan Sourdough Bread and a side salad with Italian dressing. Dessert will be homemade Cobbler with farm fresh seasonal fruit and a scoop of ice cream. Coffee, tea, or water included.

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

Deadline: Need your RSVP no later than 16th April, 2014. There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on 8th April, 2014. 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.

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

Name(s):

Phone:

Jagerschnitzel: _____

Sauerbraten: _____

Fisch nach Art Mullerin: _____

Spaetzle Prima Vera: _____

Dinner With The Ladies, April 22, 2014 at Island Joe's Café & Bakery, 6210 Bethel Island Rd., Bethel Island, CA.

Membership, Len Fadda

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 Len Fadda. Have the guest complete the form, and return it to Len. 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.

Three new members were inducted at our March luncheon (see below).

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.

Welcome New Members



Darrell Baird retired in 1999. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 15 years.

Darrell and his wife Lourdes have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Hobbies include golf.

His sponsor was Hal Crose.



Dale Davison retired in 2010. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 26 years.

Dale and his wife Diane have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

Hobbies include golf and bowling.

His sponsor was Russ Reid.



Jerry Nielsen retired from American Airlines in 2000. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 37 years.

Hobbies include boating, skiing and fishing.

His sponsor was Floyd McBeth.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

April? Already? Seriously? Yes it is!! The bowling winter season has only a little over a month to go, and there are currently 3 teams battling for 1st place and two more just waiting for a crash and burn of the top three.



As of this writing those teams are: The Sharp Shooters, (Jose Arroyo, Margie Arroyo, Anne Wangeman, and Glenn Macbride). Only 1 ½ games back is A Rose and 3 Thorns (Russ Reid, Jim George, Rosie Elmer and Paul Elmer). 2 games behind them are the Misfits (Shirley Madsen, Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie, and Greg Mattus). At this point in the season anything can happen (and usually does).

Season high scores to date are Men; scratch series – John Fry, 760, handicap series – Paul Elmer, 777, scratch game – Curtis Manning, 282. For the women it is scratch series – Rosie Elmer, 628, Handicap series, Anne Wangeman, 794, scratch game, Mary Branscum, 237, and handicap game, Julie Bayer with 305

April 14th to the 17th is quickly approaching and that means Carson City. Always fun and sometimes very challenging. We currently have about 28 people signed to go and could always use more, so if you can get 4 people as a team to enter there is still time. 2 of the 4, at least, MUST be a SIR member so that means that the other two can be guests.

After Carson City comes Pollock Pines, about 2 hours away, on the 26th – 28th of April. 3 weeks after that (May 19th – 22nd) is the State Tournament in Yuba City where it is a SIR only tournament with a team event, doubles, and all events.

Start getting your teams together soon so that we can schedule lane assignments in one group. Come on down to Harvest Park Lanes to watch and encourage us on Monday mornings at 9:30.

Paul

SIR Travel Opportunities Reminder

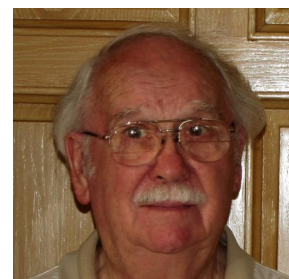
Various bargain-priced trips are available to SIR members through local travel agencies and other SIR branches. Look for the TRAVEL binder located on the entrance table at each monthly meeting. For more information contact Mitch Wisinski at: (408) 515-7655.



Bridge report, Harry Ohlson

Our next game will be held on April 15th at Discovery Bay Country Club. Start time is noon.

Call Harry for seating (925) 513-3048.



2014 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/14/2014	07/8/2014
02/11/2014	08/12/2014
03/11/2014	09/9/2014
04/8/2014	10/14/2014
05/13/2014 (note 1)	11/11/2014
06/10/2014	12/9/2014 (note 1)

Note 1: Mother's Day and Christmas With The Ladies are not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

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

Will and Raquel Myers will be hosting the April wine tasting on Thursday, April 24. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849.

Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

Come join in the fun for a little competition and socializing. It is easy for beginners to learn but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

Pickleball drop-in play times are 9:00 am Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and 5:00 pm Wednesday. Just bring yourself; we have everything else needed.

The Town of Discovery Bay has a beginner's class starting April 3rd. Sign up for the class at the new Community Center or on their web site.

Photography, Frank Headley, 240-6511

Our Branch 161 Photography Club is growing; We now have 9 members, and meet monthly to share knowledge, experience and skills.



6 members attended a field trip to the Bethany Reservoir State Recreation Area. This discerning group of photographers took a variety of photos that were later critiqued at our next meeting.

Anyone wishing to join the Photography Club, please contact Frank Headley at 240-6511. No special knowledge, experience or photographic equipment necessary.

Golf News, Dale Welin

We had 26 players join in the opening tournament for 2104.

It is just 3 weeks before the SIR Branch 161 Invitational at Discovery Bay Country Club. We need a good showing from our Branch, as we will be hosting 100+ golfers. The entry details are below.:



When: Monday, April 14, 2014.

Time: 9:00 am shotgun start.

Where: Discovery Bay Country Club.

Cost: Non members of DBCC - \$54.00 includes golf, cart, range balls, box lunch, prize money and drink.

DBCC members with no cart - \$31.00 is for cart, prize money and lunch with a drink.

DBCC members WITH cart - \$16.00 is for prize money and lunch with a drink.

Box lunch: Choose your choice of sandwich - turkey, ham, tuna. Please notify me of your choice of sandwich when you sign up and get your name on the entry list. Then you can follow that up with your check at your convenience. If you have any questions, please advise.

Dale Welin

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

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