



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

Jim Davis, Big Sir

February Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be on February 10th, the second Tuesday in February. We expect to be able to introduce some new members; our SIR Area Governor, Ron Saltgaver, is planning to join us; there may be a special award presented, and our Little Sir has another interesting speaker lined up for us. Maybe your name will be drawn for a free lunch. And if your birthday is in February, let us celebrate it with you. Bring a friend along to join you in the fun.



Annual Donation

I would like to thank each of you who have made your 2015 annual donation of \$20 to help keep both our Branch and the State SIR organization going. SIR is a non-profit organization, which does have some expenses that are paid by our voluntary donations each year. If you were not prepared to make your donation in January, we would be very grateful if you could bring it with you on February 10th. You can make your donation in cash or with a \$20 check payable to SIR Branch 161.

2015 Meetings

During 2015, we will be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday each month, except April and September, when we will meet on the 1st Tuesday (i.e. April 7th & September 1st). Please note the list of meeting dates in this newsletter.

If you have ideas for topics or specific speakers, contact our Little Sir, Micheal White. He is already plan-

ning our future luncheons, so get your ideas to him soon.

Luncheon Attendance

At the January Branch Executive Committee meeting, the BEC voted to lower the amount you pay for your lunches to \$18.00, as you discovered when you checked in for the January luncheon. Members who do not attend a regular luncheon and who do not call the attendance Chairman (excluding May & December), could be asked to pay the full \$18.50 that DBCC charges for each lunch.

At the January luncheon, 115 of our 157 members attended, which is lower than usual. Twenty-seven of our members had notified our attendance Chairman, Sir Bill Konold, that they would not be able to attend. Based on these advance notifications, we told the Country Club to plan for 130 meals. However, 15 additional members neglected to let Sir Konold know that they would not be attending the January luncheon. As a result, our Branch had to pay an extra \$255.50 for those 15 unused lunches, and our Membership Chairman had to draft and mail a letter

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to each of those absent members, asking that each of them reimburse the Branch for their meals.

If you will not be able to make it to a luncheon, please call our Attendance Chairman as soon as you know that you will not be there. If you already know that you will be away any month in the future (maybe a family trip in late August or something), please let Sir Bill Konold know now. He will make a note of your future planned absence, and you will not have to worry about notifying him later.

Branch Activities

Check out our Branch's 13 approved activities. You may find something you would enjoy that you didn't know was going on (some activities may be 1-time, periodic, or regularly ongoing): (1) Al DiGiusto Luncheon & Boat Outing; (2) Antique Cars; (3) Bocce Ball; (4) Bowling; (5) Bridge; (6) Dinner with the Ladies; (7) Golf; (8) Greenhorn Creek Golf; (9) Ladies Luncheons in May & December; (10) Photography; (11) Pickle Ball; (12) Poker; (13) Wine Tasting.

If you have an idea for a new activity (including activities that can involve couples), please contact our Activities Director, Sir Dick Donald, about your idea. If you have a travel idea, contact our Travel Coordinator, Sir Mitch Wisinski.

Invite / Recruit / Serve

Watch for men who you can sponsor to join our Branch: First, bring him as guest; Second, have him fill out a SIR Member Application, which you can get either from our Membership Chairman, Len Fadda, or from the SIR web site at www.sirinc.org; Third, give his application to Len Fadda, who will set the date for him to be inducted and introduced to our Branch members. When he is inducted as a new member, you, as his sponsor, will get a ticket for a free lunch.

Regarding recruiting new members, our Branch has two basic goals: The first goal is to introduce retired men to the SIR organization, where they can join us in enjoying our retirement years. The second goal is to increase our Branch Membership to 159 members by the end of 2015. In order to meet this goal, we will want to have invited a total of 27 guests (a

little under 3 per month) by the end of the year.

Recognizing our Branch's historic attrition rate, this should result in the 16 new active members needed to meet this 159 member year-end goal.

If you are interested in serving our Branch in any capacity, please feel free to contact a member of our Branch Board or a member of our Nominating Committee. Our Branch organization and contact information is published on the back of your red "2015 Handbook Roster and Calendar".

I'm looking forward to seeing you on February 10th.

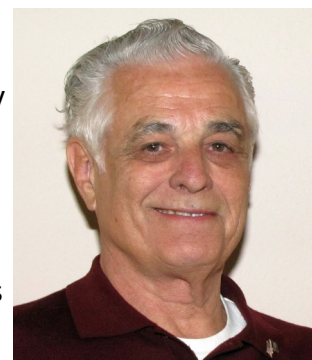
Jim Davis

Micheal White, Little Sir

January Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker in January was Sergeant Robert Roberts of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. His presentation was received with great enjoyment; It was to the point and entertaining. Sergeant Roberts covered a great range of topics concerning police interface with the public and perceptions about the force.

Sergeant Robert Roberts' email address: rrobe@so.cccounty.us



Free lunch winners

Winners of the drawing for a free lunch were Richard Meyer & Edward Carr.

February luncheon menu

Lasagna & 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.

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February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Fred Baca, Mike Cullen, Bob Damico, Stan Hodge,
Stan Krotz, Myron Lencioni, Glen MacBride,
Dane McCoy, Ed Stewart, Jim Venhaus.



Larry Mensch sworn in as Secretary

Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

When: February 24, 2015.

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

Time: Arrival and cocktails starting at 5:00pm, Dinner served at 6:00pm.

Menu choices: (Salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage included):

- Traditional slow-roasted Prime Rib
- Atlantic Salmon
- Grilled Chicken Breast
- Braised Boneless Short ribs (1/2 order)
- Summer Pasta (Vegetarian)

All entrees except Summer Pasta include mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Cost: \$27.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Deadline: Need your RSVP no later than February 17th, 2015. There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on February 10th, 2015.

If you will please send your checks to me in advance, that will be helpful.

Please make your checks out to Alan Jarvie and mail to:

4121 Windward Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

Cell phone 408-219-8240.

Directions: The Sports Bar & Steakhouse is located at the intersection of Discovery Bay Blvd and Hwy 4.



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

Name(s):

Phone:

Short Ribs _____

Grilled Salmon _____

Grilled Chicken _____

Summer Pasta (Vegetarian) _____

Prime Rib: Rare ____ Medium Rare ____ Medium ____ Medium Well ____ Well ____

Dinner With The Ladies, February 24, 2015 at The Sports Bar & Steakhouse, 2477 Discovery Bay Blvd, Discovery Bay 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 January luncheon.

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.

New Members

Bill Hardeman



Bill retired as a firefighter at Moffet Field in 1994. He lives with his wife Cindy in Discovery Bay.

Interests include baseball, bowling, football and boating.

Bill's sponsor was Jerry Nielsen.

Bob Lange



Bob retired as a truck driver at Safeway in 2013. He lives with his wife Laurie in Brentwood.

Interests include baseball, biking, theater, travel and motorcycling.

Bob's sponsor was Frank Headley.

Peter Prather



Peter retired as a Health, Environmental and safety manager at Chevron in 2010.

Interests include baseball, bowling, brewing, cooking, fishing, golf, travel, walking and woodworking.

He lives with his wife Tracy in Discovery Bay.

Peter's sponsor was Alan Jarvie.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

We are in the fourth week of 16 for the second half of the winter bowling season. Team Three + One is in first place by one game over Team 2 and Keep on Rollin. Five other teams are within three games of first place.



Do you recall that, in previous articles, it was mentioned that standings are guaranteed to change? Well it is happening! Five of the top eight teams have not been in contention before, but are definitely making their presence known. Team Three + One (in first place) led by Jim Padilla, Mary Hershberger, Dave Goplen and Woody Oehlert are an example of this. Teams Keep on Rollin and Team 2 also want to make their presence known and, as of this writing, are only one game back.

Season high scores to date are:

For the men, Greg Mattus - scratch series with 744, Curtis Manning - scratch game of 279, Vic Vasquez - handicap series of 756, and Jim George has handicap game of 315.

For the women, Marie Wilson has a scratch series of 6127, Rosie Elmer has high scratch game of 226, Mary Hershberger has handicap series of 770, and Roberta Bodine has the handicap game of 297.

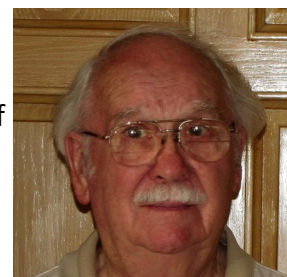
Upcoming tournaments are in Livermore on February 10th and 11th, in Concord on March 16th and 18th, and the much looked forward to in Carson City on April 14th - 18th. Applications for each of these are available online (www.sirinc.org) or from John Fry.

Paul

Bridge report, Harry Ohlson

Next session on February 17th at noon in the Discovery Bay Country Club. If you wish to join us, please call me for seating

(925) 513-3048.



SIR Travel Opportunities

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.



2015 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/13/2015	07/14/2015
02/10/2015	08/11/2015
03/10/2015	09/1/2015
04/7/2015	10/13/2015
05/12/2015 (note 1)	11/10/2015
06/9/2015	12/8/2015 (note 1)
Note 1: Not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.	

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

We're always looking for new activities among Sirs. If you have a suggestion for an activity not currently supported, let us know and we'll see if we can get a group going. You can contact me at 513-2849 or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com



Following are some ongoing SIR activities, including details on current plans.

Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849

Ed and Michelle Carr will be hosting the February wine tasting on Thursday, February 26th. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com by Friday, February 5th.

Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

Pickleball play in Discovery Bay continues to increase and you can participate by just coming to the drop-in

times. Drop-in play times are 9:00 am Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and 3:00 pm Wednesday. Beginners are welcome for free instruction at 10:00 am every Saturday (with good weather!!!) Just bring yourself; we have everything else needed. The game is easy for beginners to learn but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

Poker, Colin Brodie, 634-8564

Colin Brodie is looking for poker players interested in a game each month. If you would like to play in a fun, low-stakes game with fellow Sirs, please contact Colin or Dick Donald (513-2849).

Photography, Frank Headley, 240-6511

The photography group meets periodically to share photographic knowledge and tips, ranging from scene composition to image storage and cataloging, to post-processing using software tools.

We also hold occasional field trips to photograph interesting scenes, activities, or objects.

To join our group, call Frank Headley at 240-6511.

Golf News, Dale Welin

Note to Branch 161 members.

For 2015, we have 35 paid players who have joined our NCGA golf club. If you are new to the Branch or would like to try one of our tournaments, please call Dale Welin at 516-9463 and we



will provide whatever information you want to know or need. Our 2015 venues/calendar has been sent to our NCGA players and is shown in the new year-books with the dates, beginning in March through October. We would like to hear from you. Thank you.

Dale Welin

Your luncheon responsibility

If you will not be able to attend the January luncheon, it is important that you call Bill Konold at 634-2738 as soon as you know that you will not be at the luncheon. We assume that you will be there, and we order a lunch for you, unless we hear from you that you will not be there.



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.

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 (not counting May and December), will have their membership reviewed by the Branch Executive Committee (BEC), and may receive a notice from the BEC of their decision to consider terminating the absent Sir's 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, Glenn MacBride.

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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