



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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Jim Davis, Big Sir

May Luncheon Tickets Available

You won't want to disappoint your "gal" by missing our Branch's Mothers Day luncheon on May 12th.



There will be flowers for the ladies, and entertainment. Check out the details in the article by our Little Sir, Micheal White. Micheal has done a great job getting this luncheon planned and ready for us, including valet parking at no extra charge, flowers for the ladies, and great entertainment.

To purchase your tickets, make your check payable to "SIR Branch 161" at \$22 per ticket. Our Treasurer, Glenn MacBride, has your May luncheon tickets waiting for you. You will need to purchase them before Friday, May 8th. Tickets will not be available at the door.

New Members This Year

It has been very exciting this year to see new members inducted into our Branch each month. So far, nine men have joined our branch as new members, and, as I'm sure you know, each of their sponsors has received a ticket for a free lunch. Be alert for friends you can invite.

Many hands make light work

The average age of members in our Branch is 74. Did you know that. at 64, golfer Weller Noble shot his age (64) on Oakland's Claremont Country Club course; At 74, architect Cass Gilbert designed the U.S. Supreme Court Building; And at 84, Naval Commander Andrea

Doria sailed against the Barbary pirates?

I suspect that many of us are able to step up and help our Branch grow stronger and be more successful. One way is to volunteer to serve on the Board. If you would like to be involved in leading our Branch toward increased growth and success in 2016, and even beyond, contact our Nominating Committee. During May and June, Dick Donald, Bob Damico, and Eric Jensen of our Nominating Committee will be finishing their search for men in our Branch who would be willing to serve on our Branch Board. The Board has 12 positions; It is made up of the Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and 6 Directors. Only the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer need to be able to create, store, and transmit data electronically.

Another way is to get involved with our new "Member Relations Committee". The general goal of this committee is to develop creative ways to recruit and retain members in our Branch. If this gets your juices flowing, and you want to be involved in this new effort, contact Board members, Len Fadda or

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Alan Jarvie.

By the way - at 94, conductor Leopold Stokowski signed a 6-year recording contract.

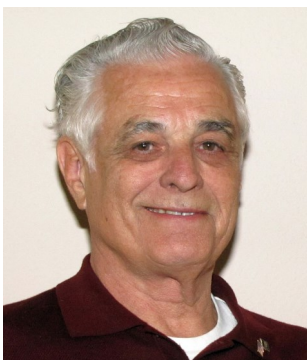
Next Regular Luncheon

Hopefully, many of you will be bringing your "gal" to our May Mothers Day luncheon on May 12th. In any case, our next regular luncheon will be on June 9th.

Your Big Sir - Jim Davis

Micheal White, Little Sir

Mother's Day Luncheon tickets are still on sale. The tickets are available by mail prior to May 8th. Send your request to Glenn MacBride, 1860 Tangier Terrace, Brentwood, CA 94513. Include your check, made out to SIR Branch 161. The cost of the tickets is \$22.00 each.



April Speaker

Our April speaker was Mary Piepho, Contra Costa County Supervisor. She is also Chair of the Delta Protection Committee.



Ms. Piepho covered a number of topics of interest to the local community, including the Twin Tunnels project, invasive aquatic weeds, the future expressway between J4 and Tracy, the Byron airport project, E-BART and other

transportation projects.

Free Lunch Winners

Free lunch winners in April were Bob Harlan and Lowell Thomas.

May Entertainment

Entertainment at our Mothers Day luncheon will be provided by The Songsters, a subset of the Summer-

set Singers.

May luncheon menu

Crepes ala Reine rice & vegetables.

Micheal

Golf News, Dale Welin

The 2015 version of the 4th Annual SIR 161 Invitational was a very large success with 121 golfers from 4 branches. Branch 34 - Pleasanton, Branch 128 - San Ramon, 3 branches from Livermore, and Branch 161 - Discovery Bay all participated on Monday, April 13 at the Discovery Bay Country Club. Our weather was very good and the pace of play was very acceptable. Thank you to the 20 players from Branch 161 who played. All the captains thanked us and were very complimentary about the day. We have already set a date for 2016.



The May tournament for our SIR 161 golfers is at Diablo Creek Golf Course, Port Chicago. The entry info is below for your use.

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Time: 10:00 am from the 1st tee, tee times

Where: Diablo Creek GC, Port Chicago

Format: TBA

Cost: \$45.00 includes golf, cart, prize money and a sleeve of golf balls

Entry deadline: The date for all entries is Monday, April 13. Get your entries in please.

Please call or send an email to get your name on the player list to Dale Welin. Then please send a check for \$45.00 payable to Dale Welin at 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. We look forward to your participation in May. Thank you.

Dale Welin - Tournament Chairman

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.

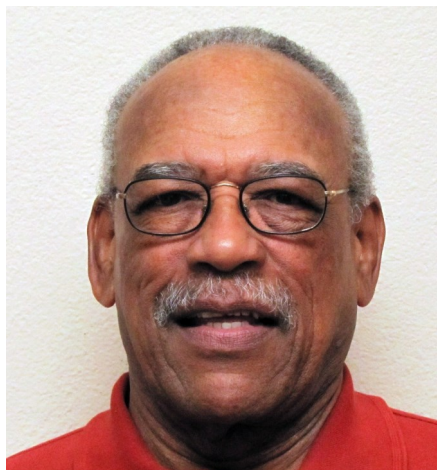
Two new members were inducted at our April luncheon.

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

Richard Clark



Richard has lived in Discovery Bay for 26 years. He retired in 1997 from the contracts administration with the D.O.D. Richard and his wife Lenora have three children and five grandchildren.

Hobbies include boating, fishing and traveling.

Richard's sponsor was Ed Coats.

Jim Avila



Jim has lived in Discovery Bay for 1 year. He retired in 2013 from a career in contract programming. He has three children and two grandchildren.

Hobbies include golf, golf and golf.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

By the time the newsletter is published, the winner for the 2014 - 2015 winter bowling season will have been established. At the time of this writing (April 20th) Team 2 is in first place by 1/2 game over Team 15. Team 2 with Jerry Dittman, Eric Jensen, Don Patterson, and Will Meyers will battle Team 15 led by Tony Guarascio, Gordon Piepho, Don Rentzel, and Jim Davis, on April 27th for the second half championship. This winner will then bowl Brentwood Café (Tami Fanucchi, Ken Fannuchi, Kaaren Capra, and Dennis Pachucki) who won the first half for the overall champion and have their name emblazoned on the Jim Davis - Jim Heck perpetual trophy. This bowl-off will take place on May 4th during sweepstakes day. Not so fast!! There are 4 other teams that have a chance also, depending on the position round competition. They are; Team 15, Split Happens, Team One, and Lusky's Friends. There is excitement already building.



As for as the tournament that was held in March in Concord we only had 8 people go and none cashed. The Carson City tournament was held this last week (April 15th - 17th). Lane conditions were actually very consistent but if ball speed or hitting your target varied results were difficult to say the least. We had about 32 people go to the tournament and some had some good games with some good results. They are: Singles Div 1 Jerry Marshall 13th, Div 2 Ron Wilson 2nd and Warren Young 18th, Div 3 Marie Wilson 11th. Doubles Div 1 Russ and Vicky Reid 9th, Div 2, Ron and Marie Wilson 9th. All Events Div 2 Ron Wilson 2nd and Don Patterson 9th. Div 3 Dottie Harris 5th, Mary Hershberger 6th, and Marie Wilson 10th. WELL DONE!!

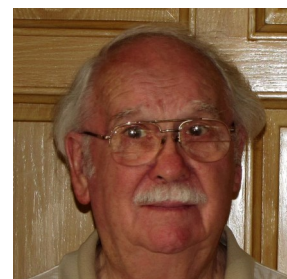
The next tournament will be in Tuolumne on May 4 - 6 at Black Oak Casino Lanes. The summer season at Harvest Park Bowl for the Monday Sirs will start on May 11th, so all who are interested please contact John Fry for sign-ups.

Paul

Bridge report, Harry Ohlson

The next Bridge session will be on May 19th at the Discovery Bay Country Club at 12:00pm. Any level new player is welcome to attend. Please call me first. 513-3048.

Thanks, Harry



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.



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| 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 SIR. 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

Richard and Kay Wisdom will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday, May 28th. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com by Friday, April 10th.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 628-7906

Any of you Sirs who have an interest in doing something slightly more active than a long walk, you should come give pickleball a try. If you have ever played racquetball, tennis, squash or badminton, you will find this game somewhat similar but with less energy required using a large ping pong type paddle and a whiffle ball on a badminton-sized

court. Drop-in play times are 9:00 am Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and 4:00 pm Wednesday at the Discovery Bay public pickleball courts on Willow Lake Road. 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).

Bocce Ball – Dick Donald – 513-2849

There will be a bocce ball game every Wednesday at 4:00 PM on the DBCC bocce courts. If you are interested in playing please contact Dick at 513-2849 or just show up and we'll organize a game.

Senior Ping Pong

If you are interested in ping pong, there is doubles play on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at 4741 Clipper Drive, Discovery Bay. This is a dedicated garage with ball pick up and an automatic practice machine. Come try it out! It's lots of fun without too much sweat. Contact Gary Tucker at 510-717-3637 (cell), 634-0930 (home) or email mytoothdoc@comcast.net.

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. No special knowledge or equipment needed.

May birthdays

Darrell Baird, Carl Carlson, Fritz Dueming, Ken Fanucchi, Bob Harlan, Frank Headley, Bob Lyman, Bill Momaney, Phil Mora, Norm Petersen, Michael Quier, Roger Sweeney, Phil Talley, Jim Wangeman, and Richard Wisdom,



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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