



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 25th year! *March, 2016*

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

## Micheal White, Big Sir

This year our SIR branch is celebrating our **Silver Anniversary**; 25 years of great conversations, interactions with peers and good food. SIR will not and could not maintain itself without the support and help from each and every Sir. We on the board of SIR Branch 161 thank you and ask you to keep it up.



You all know that the branch must pay the Country Club for each meal prepared for our lunches. The number of meals is set by the number the board tells the Country Club based on the input from you, the members. This is accomplished by the total number of Sirs, subtracting the phone calls and emails that let Sir Bill Konold know that a Sir will not be able to attend. If you do not call or email Bill, then his count is incorrect, and our branch must pay the difference between what we collect and what we indicated the count would be. It is therefore important you let Bill know by the Friday prior to the meeting. **Thank you.**

**Help** - We are asking for help and ideas to bring new members to SIR. If you would like to become a part of this effort please contact Sir Tom Kirtley.

January's lunch meal did not meet the standards that we expect nor the standards the Country Club expects. I met with the General Manager and his staff to discuss this matter and they were truly upset that the food served was of such poor quality. They took the necessary steps to ensure that this will not hap-

pen again. For that commitment I thank them.

## Annual Dues

There are a few Sirs who have not yet paid their annual Dues. This year the "Voluntary" was changed to "Required". Please pay as soon as possible.

## Free wine

When any Sir brings a guest to our meeting, the Sir will receive a bottle of wine. This will happen whether the guest decides to become a member or not. This will happen each and every time.

I have been to other SIR Branches and had the lunch at their meetings. I have also talked to other Big Sirs and have been told that what we have here is much better than what they have. Most other SIR branches are served a buffet. They are normally in a large open room. They also pay as much or more than we do for lunch. Our SIR branch is provided with a well-appointed facility to hold our meeting in, at no cost. Our lunch is served to us as well as coffee, tea and dessert. If you were to order the same meal in a restaurant you would pay extra for the coffee, tea and dessert and still have to tip the servers. Again this is all included in our price.

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## Len Fadda, Little Sir

### February free lunch winners

Gino Pagano

Bob Rix

### February Speaker

Our February speaker was Jeff Conway, General Manager, Reclamation District #800, Discovery Bay. Mr.

Conway provided an excellent report on the District efforts in the Delta and status of the various levees.



### March Speaker

Our March Speaker will be Hal Bray, representing the East Bay County Voters for Equal Protection. Mr. Bray, a Fire Fighter, will be speaking on Reallocating Property Taxes to save lives and property in East County.

### March luncheon menu

Corned Beef & Cabbage, steamed Cauliflower, Carrots and boiled Potatoes.

**Please note:** If you have any special dietary needs, please email or call Bill Konold. [bkonold@comcast.net](mailto:bkonold@comcast.net) tel. 634-2738.

### March birthdays

Steve Bordi, John Davis, Jake Fair, Dave Goodwin, Steve Greenfield, Alan Jarvie, Keith Jones, Gary Leonis, Gary Lewis, Floyd McBeth, Dennis Pachucki, Terry Silva, Vince Vargas, Dave Vicencio.

### Mothers Day Luncheon Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the mothers Day luncheon with the ladies are on sale. The cost for this special event is \$24 each and includes lunch, entertainment, flower and picture. Williams Florian will present his show "Those were the Days". Mr. Florian is formerly the lead singer for the New Christy Minstrels.

**Menu for Mothers Day Lunch:** Crepes Ala Reline, Wild Rice, Vegetable Medley, Bread & Butter, coffee, Ice Tea and a special dessert.

Len Fadda

### Golf News, Dale Welin

We are about 2 weeks away from our 1st 2016 SIR 161 golf tournament. The entry info is below:

When: Tuesday, March 15

Where: Elkhorn GC, Stockton

Time: 8:00 am shotgun start

Cost: \$40.00 for golf, cart, and prize money

Format: To be announced



If there are any SIR Branch 161 members interested in joining our golf group, please contact Dale Welin at 516-9463. We would be happy to have you participate each month.

We are returning to Elkhorn because of the pro shop cooperation to work with us, and the course should be in good shape in March. You can sign up by advising Dale Welin of your interest by email or phone call to get your name on the player list. I will be at the March luncheon to receive your check. If you have any questions, please give me a call. Dale Welin.

## 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](mailto:DickDonald@Yahoo.com).



### Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849

Al and Dana Box will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday, March 24th. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by March 11 at 513-2849, or email [DickDonald@Yahoo.com](mailto:DickDonald@Yahoo.com)

### Beer Tasting, Eric Jensen, 240-0543

Based on the audience response at last month's SIR meeting, there is strong interest in a *Beer Tasting* activity (similar to the popular wine tasting events). Those of you who have an interest in attending such an event should contact Eric Jensen at 240-0543, or email [ericlindaj@juno.com](mailto:ericlindaj@juno.com)

### Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

*"If you are looking for more fun – come try pickleball"*

Come join us and have loads of fun playing pickleball. Pickleball is a cross between tennis and ping pong, played with paddles on a court very similar to a tennis court. We have drop in play at Cornell Park on the Discovery Bay public pickleball courts at 505 Discovery Bay Blvd. Play is on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m., and on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Beginners are always welcome; and an experienced player is designated on Saturdays to work with the new players. Just show up and we'll teach you the game on any of our play days.

### Photography

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 Tom Jones at 634-7026. No special knowledge or equipment needed.

## 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.

One new member was inducted at our February luncheon. See picture and bio on page 4.

### 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 Member

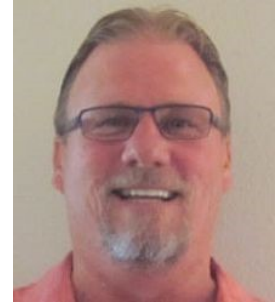


Robert Sanocki has lived in Discovery Bay for 10 years. He retired in 2005 from a career as an electrical engineer at Hewlett Packard.

Robert and his wife Catherine have one daughter and two grandsons. Hobbies include RC flying, painting & drawing, and fishing.

### SIR Travel Opportunities, Mitch Wisinski

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.



### Bowling News, Paul Elmer

We start off the March Bowling news on a very sad note. Warren Young, who has been in the SIR Bowling League since the 2000 - 2001 season, passed away on February 22nd. Another very sad loss to all of us who knew Warren for many, many years. He, too, will be greatly missed.



As far as the league goes as of the 23rd week of 35 weeks Team#2 (Jerry Dittman, Will G. Myers, Don Patterson, Eric Jensen) is in first place by only 1 game over Splitsville (Barb Slifer, LaVan Bock, Al Fleisher, Gino F. Pagano). With 12 weeks left in the second half there are three other teams within 4 games of 1st place. As always, anything can and will happen.

For the current season high scores for the men: Bob Damico has high scratch series with 727 (including a 299 game) only one pin short of perfection, a sticky 8 pin; scratch game; Dale Davidson with 278, handicap series; Glen MacBride with a whopping 840; handicap game; Don Patterson with an equally whopping 334. For the Women: Rosie Elmer has scratch series with 585, scratch game goes to May Hershberger with 2742; handicap series has Pam Jarvie with 798, and handicap game is owned by Doris Cole with 294.

As for tournaments, your friendly bowling coordina-

tor John Fry had a great day in Stockton in January where he finished 2nd in Scratch All-Events, 3rd in "A" doubles with Mitch Wisinski, 6th in All - Events, and 4th in "A" singles. Art Lopez finished 5th "A" singles and 5th in "A" All Events with Mitch Wisinski finishing 9th. You guys had a great day - well done! Bill Bayer was the only person to place in the Livermore tournament where he finished 2nd in "B" singles.

The Concord tournament comes up in March on the 21st, and Carson City, one of the highlights of the tournament season, comes up on April 11 - 14.



A great highlight for the SIR Bowling League occurred this week (Feb. 23rd) when Ed Stewart gave us the opportunity to celebrate the 99th anniversary of his first birthday (99 years old). He started bowling in this area at Delta Bowl in 2009 when

he was only 92 years old and averaged 160. What a gift and encouragement he is for all of us.

The answer to the question of who was the only woman to win a PBA tour title and who did she defeat to do it? That woman is Kelly Kulick on Jan 24th, 2010, when she defeated Chris Barnes in the Tournament of Champions.

Paul

## Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

**When:** March 22, 2016.

**Where:** Texas Roadhouse, 2422 Naglee Rd, Tracy.

**Time:** Arrival & Cocktails starting at 5:00 pm.

**Dinner served at:** 6:00 pm.

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

- Sirloin Steak (8 ounce)
- Oven Roasted Half Chicken
- BBQ Ribs (Half Slab)
- Grilled Salmon
- Grilled Shrimp (2 skewers).



**Side Dishes** (Choose one per person):

- Baked Potato
- Sweet Potato (baked)
- Fresh Vegetable Mix
- Seasoned Rice

**Cost:** \$22.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than March 17; There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on March 8. Please send your checks to me in advance. Please make your checks out to Alan Jarvie, and mail to 4121 Windward Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. My cell phone number is 408-219-8240.

**The Texas Roadhouse is located at 2422 Naglee Road, Tracy CA:**

Take Hwy 4 west out of Discovery Bay, turn left at the traffic light for Byron Highway; continue south into Tracy (approximately 13 miles), and turn left at the traffic light for Grant Line Road. At the third traffic light (about 1 mile), turn left onto Naglee Road - you'll see the Texas Roadhouse on your right. Turn right at the next traffic light (~150 yards), then bear right into the Texas Roadhouse parking lot – the entrance faces Naglee Road.

----- Please detach and mail with your check -----

Your Name(s):

Phone:

**Your Menu choice(s):**

**Entrees**

Sirloin steak \_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ BBQ Ribs \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Shrimp \_\_\_\_\_

**Side Dishes**

Baked Potato \_\_\_\_\_ Sweet Potato \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable Mix \_\_\_\_\_ Seasoned Rice \_\_\_\_\_

## 25-year award



Big Sir Micheal White presents the 25-year Member-ship Certificate to Stan Krotz at our February Meeting. Stan is a charter member of our Branch.

He originally joined Branch 161 in November 1990, before formal approval by the SIR State organization; which happened in January 1991 (25 years ago!!)

## Bir Sir badge presentation



Big Sir Micheal White presents the Big Sir badge to Jim Davis, our 2015 Big Sir.

### Errata

Due to a page formatting issue, three names did not appear in the February list of Birthday Boys. Omitted were: Dane McCoy, Ed Stewart and Jim Venhaus.

Sincere apologies to all three Sirs.

## In Memoriam



There will be a Celebration of Life for Warren Young on Thursday, March 3 at 2:00 pm at the Delta Community Presbyterian Church (1900 Willow Lake Rd. Discovery Bay), followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Visitation/Viewing will be from

12:00 Noon to 2:00 pm. Graveside services will be held on Monday, March 7 at 1:00 pm at the New Auburn Cemetery in Auburn, CA.

## 2016 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| 01/12/201   | 07/12/2016          |
| 02/9/2016   | 08/9/2016           |
| 03/8/2016   | 09/13/2016          |
| 04/12/2016  | 10/11/2016          |
| 05/10/2016 (note 1)                                     | 11/8/2016           |
| 06/14/2016  | 12/13/2016 (note 1) |
| <b>Note 1:</b> Not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings. |                     |

## Wine tasting winners



Wines from the February wine tasting at Dick Donald's home, arranged in order of their scores.



## 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. Nominal annual dues 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

**Annual contributions** Annual dues defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have yet to pay their dues, be sure to bring \$20 cash or check (made out to SIR Branch 161) to the next meeting. Or you can mail it to our Treasurer, Bill Momaney.

**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 email Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

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