



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 25th year! June, 2016

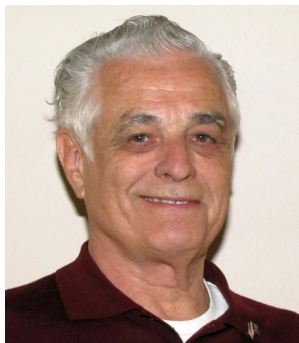
A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

## Micheal White, Big Sir

### Mother's Day Luncheon

Little Sir Len Fadda did one outstanding job with respect to the luncheon with our beautiful wives. The entertainment was outstanding as was the food and service.

I have had several inputs indicating their great pleasure with the luncheon. Len put in long hours to bring this off. He had to cajole the entertainer to reduce his price to one Sirs could and did afford.



### Growth of our Branch

Due to the efforts of our Sirs we have had a good growth in membership. However, we have also lost a large number of Sirs due to illness, death and drops. I thank those Sirs that have brought a guest and to those that have become new members.

Please keep up the great effort that you are doing. We need new members to sustain the branch and to input new ideas and directions. Again, **thank you.**

### Annual Branch Elections

Election for the 2017 Officers will take place at the August 2016 meeting. At that time anyone who wishes to become an officer can be nominated from the floor. The nominee MUST be present to signify his agreement to accept and serve in the office. The nominating committee will publish their selections in the July Newsletter and they'll be announced at the July luncheon. The newly elected officers will be installed in November and will assume their duties in January.

### Respect of those who are speaking

Thank you Sirs for showing respect to our speakers and entertainer. Please keep it up.  
Micheal

### Len Fadda, Little Sir

Our May Mothers Day Lunch and entertainment were outstanding!! Entertainment by William Florian brought joy and tears to those in the audience. We had 125 Sirs and ladies attend. Wonderful to have a beautiful table of ladies of Sirs who are no longer with us. God Bless us all!



Our June Speaker will be our own Sir Al Sauvadon. Sir Al has written a book "My American Dream". An immigrant from France, Al recounts the migration of his family into the United States with the story of his father, a member of the French Underground, and his

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heroic efforts to get WWII American soldiers out of Southern France when it was Nazi occupied. A promise from a US Soldier to reunite the French family with the US was fulfilled and the "Dream" began.



*William Florian performs at our May luncheon*

### **June luncheon menu**

Meat Loaf, Yukon gold mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli with cheese.

**Please note:** If you have any special dietary needs, please email or call Bill Konold bkonold@comcast.net or tel. 634-2738 by Friday before the meeting to arrange this.

### **June birthdays**

Ed Coats Jack Disney, Jim Jenkins, Richard Meyer, Doug Pagano, Ray Qualls, Walter Shiplov, George Smith, Tom Snyder, Lowell Thomas, Dale Welin, Micheal White.

### **Golf News, Dale Welin**

We had 20 players enjoy a very good public course at Manteca GC on May 24, 2016. They all enjoyed a new course to all the players. We had winners as follows:



1st Place team score was 80 - Mensch, Avila, Fanucchi, Vargas.  
2nd Place team score was 84 - Konold, Shipilov, Quier, Rentzel.  
Only 1 CTP - Konieczny on hole #17.



Congrats to the winners!

Our June tournament is scheduled for June 21, 2016 at Poppy Ridge GC. We try to get there each year and June is the month for 2016. The entry information follows below:

When: Tuesday, June 21, 2016  
Time: 9:00 am from the 1st tee for each foursome  
Where: Poppy Ridge GC in Livermore.  
Cost: \$50.00 for golf, cart, and prize money.  
Format: To be announced

The cutoff for your entry is Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at the monthly luncheon. This is one of the courses that you highly suggested last October and we hope you will sign up to play. email or call me to get your name on the player list and then follow that up with your check to Dale. If there are any questions, please call Dale at 516-9463.

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.



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

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

Dennis Pachucki and Karen Capra will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday, June 23rd. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by June 10th at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

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

The first Beer tasting will be held right after the next SIR Branch 161 meeting, June 14th. Participants will

be called starting next week.

### 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 8:00 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 is currently on hiatus.

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.

No new members were inducted at our May 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.

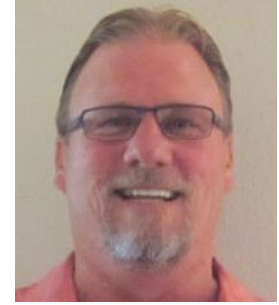


## 2016 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

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.	

## 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

Since last month's newsletter we lost another of our incredible bowlers, that being Ed Stewart. Up until the first part of May, at age 99, he was still bowling, although in some pain from knees and such. He then suffered from two falls, one of which fractured his hip and left him mostly immobile. This wonderful man, born in Missouri in 1917 in a log cabin with no running water or inside facilities, eventually came to Brentwood about 7 years ago and became a good friend and inspiration. Ed will be greatly missed.



The summer season of Monday SIR bowling started two weeks ago and will go for 12 more weeks for completion. We have 14 teams with only 1 game separating 1st place from seventh place. As usual,

anything can and will happen to change the standings. Early results show scratch series held by Jerry Marshall (588) and John Fry with 247 for scratch game. For the women, Mary Branscum has scratch series with 541, and Marie Wilson has scratch game with 186.

The SIR State Tournament was held in Fremont at Cloverleaf Bowl on May 1st and 3rd. The turnout was small but none the less we had some of our Sirs place. Bill Bayer, Curtis Manning, Jerry Marshall, and Eric Jensen came in 2nd In the "A" division Team event and Jerry Marshall placed ninth in the "A" division All Events. There are two tournaments in June, on the 1st and 2nd at Pinole, and June 21st and 22nd at Tall Pines. Don't forget the Reno tournament in August, it is the biggest one of the year.

Paul



## Hole In One

*Larry Mensch achieves a 'hole in one' on hole #2 (130 yards, 8 iron) at the Discovery Bay GC on May 18th.*

## Hot August SIR Classics

Following the annual tradition, Branch 161 members will be displaying their classic cars at the August luncheon. For more details, watch for the announcement in the July issue of this newsletter.

## Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

**When:** June 28, 2016.

**Where:** Tao San Jin Restaurant, 5867-A Lone Tree Way, Antioch CA.

**Time:** Arrival & Cocktails starting at 5:00 pm, **Dinner served at:** 6:00 pm.

**Menu:** Non-alcoholic beverage included.

- Flaming Po Po Platter
- Chicken Corn Soup
- Crispy Chicken with Two Sauces
- Kung Pao Chicken
- Broccoli Beef
- Honey Walnut Prawns
- Chicken Chow Mein
- Steamed Rice



Tao San Jin has worked with us to provide low-sodium (low soy sauce) menu choices; of course, soy sauce is available at each table to allow seasoning to individual taste.

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

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than June 23; There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on June 14. 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.

### **Tao San Jin is located in the Empire Shopping Center:**

From Discovery Bay, take Hwy 4 to Marsh Creek, turn left and continue on Marsh Creek to the Bypass and turn right (north). Exit the Bypass at Lone Tree Way; go east (right) on Lone Tree Way and move into the left lane. Turn left at the SECOND stop light (Shady Willow Lane). Take the first right, go straight to the first Stop Sign and turn left, Tao San Jin will be on your left..

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

Your Name(s):

Phone:

## The 23rd Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon - July 21, 2016, Bob Damico

In 1993, 23 years ago, AL DiGiusto conceived the idea to plan a SIR event that would introduce some of the non-boating members and their wives to the world of boating in the Delta. The SIRs with boats invited members and their wives to ride with them on a cruise to one of many Delta waterfront restaurants for lunch. Al coordinated this successful event till his passing in 2005. The event continues in his honor.



This year's boat cruise and luncheon will be held Thursday July 21, 2016, and starts at the Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay. There will be sign up sheets at the June and July meetings.

### Menu Choices:

Chicken wrap served with a side of fresh fruit, Chicken Caesar salad (comes with garlic bread), Tri-tip Sandwich served with French Fries, or Fish and Chips.

Non-alcoholic beverage, dessert, tax and tip included for \$15.00 per person. Also house wine discounted to \$4.50 glass, and draft beer \$1.00 off (\$2.25 domestic, \$3.75 premium 16 oz. size).

### Agenda:

Meet at the Boardwalk Grill by 11:30 a.m. (by car or boat). Lunch will be served at noon. After Lunch we'll load-up and cruise the bays. Or for those interested, talk to your Boat Captain, and go out on the river for a faster ride. Sign-up and meet your Boat Captain at his house and cruise to the Boardwalk. Or, walk or drive your car to the Boardwalk; we'll have boats / Boat Captains there to give you a ride after lunch. **Sign-up deadline is July 14, 2016.**

-----Detach & return this stub with payment-----

Your Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Menu choices:

Chicken Wrap \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Caesar Salad \_\_\_\_\_

Tri Tip Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Fish & Chips \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check out to / Mail to: R.C. Damico, 1621 Gamay Ln. Brentwood, CA 94513**

### CHECK ONE

\_\_\_\_ Need a Boat Ride      \_\_\_\_ Have a Boat Ride-Riding with: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Have Boat and need passengers (have room for \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_ Lunch only, not interested in Boat ride

## Annual Discovery Bay SIR Golfing Tournament, Will Myers

The sign-up for our 9th Annual Discovery Bay Sir Golfing Tournament for members and their mates at the Greenhorn Creek Resort at nearby Angels Camp, scheduled this year for



Wednesday, September 28 and Thursday, September 29, 2016, has now begun. Please note that this is the only Sir golfing event which involves your wife or significant other, regardless if they play golf or not.

The golfing package consists of two days of golf on the beautiful Greenhorn Creek golf course and housing at the adjacent WorldMark time share villas.

These first-class housing villas are four person (two bedrooms, two baths) units providing access to the facilities spas and pools, tennis courts, pool tables, exercise rooms and other amenities. Sir members have the option of staying at the villas for one night or two nights. The villas have a full kitchen, where members can prepare their own meals, if they so choose. What has been done in the past years is for most everyone to meet and have dinner at the excellent Greenhorn Creek Resort restaurant on both evenings.

The nearby towns of Angels Camp and Murphy provide plenty of entertainment, restaurants, and shopping for the non-golfers to spend time while golfers play. Each day after golfing, hors d'oeuvres will be provided to all by the Greenhorn Creek restaurant staff.

The total cost per golfer (which includes of golf, two-days of hors d'oeuvres, housing, and golf prize money) is \$192.50 for those staying one night in the villa, while it is \$245.00 for those staying two nights. The total cost per person for the non-golfers (which includes two-days of hors d'oeuvres, and housing) is \$70.50 for those staying one night, while it is \$123.00

for those staying two nights.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Discovery Bay CC lobby at our monthly Sir meetings thru September. If you would like to share a villa with another couple, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet. Those couples choosing to stay one night will have to share a villa with another couple staying one night. Sign up now and come join us for two days of fun at this beautiful, local resort. If you have any questions, see or call event coordinator, Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

Will

### In Memoriam

Aaron Edward Stewart (known as Ed) passed away on May 15, 2016. Ed joined SIR Branch 161 in June 2012, and was an avid Bowler for over 60 years.

Ed was our oldest-ever Sir; celebrating his 99th birthday on February 23, 2016, at Harvest Park Bowl, with the "Monday Sirs and Ladies" Bowling League.

Ed was a fine gentleman, and was an inspiration to us all. Please keep Ed and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Kurt Luke passed away on April 21, 2016, after a long courageous battle with lung cancer. Kurt joined SIR Branch 161 in February 2014, and went inactive in March 2016. Please keep Kurt, his wife Carol and their family in your thoughts and prayers



## 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 dues** 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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