



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 26th year! *January, 2017*

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

Len Fadda, Big Sir

We now start the great adventure!!

I am looking forward with great enthusiasm as your Big Sir for 2017. A major effort is being made to improve our membership efforts through publicity and information sparked by our individual membership recruitment. This will require a commitment from each SIR member as that is where growth will come.

We plan to improve on our activities and include additional travel programs and more opportunities for spouse involvement. That includes adding permanently the Boat Tour and Wine Night on the Bays along with a Day at the Races, a Baseball Game and others.

You will have a dedicated Board of Directors that is well organized and committed to membership and the expansion of programs.

A Special Thank You to outgoing Big Sir Michael White. Michael's enthusiasm, organization and leadership will be helpful for me in 2017.



Little Sir, Larry Mensch

January speaker

The speaker for January will be Debbie Francis from the Hannah Nicole Winery. She will talk about the development of the local wine industry.



January luncheon menu

Chicken Kiev with wild rice pilaf and broccoli with cheese. Included will be bread sticks or rolls, iced tea, coffee, cookies and brownies.

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.

Next Regular Luncheon

January 17, 2017. (Note that this is the **third** Tuesday of January).

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January birthdays

Andy Anderson, LaVan Bock, Louis Bruton,
Alberto Delgado, Paul Elmer,
Thomas Elmer, Len Fadda, David Harrison,
John Lopp, Jerry Nelsen,
Russ Reid, Frank Smith,
Jack Thomas, Jerry Wiebe.

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.

Christmas Lights boat ride, Dick Donald – 513-2849

We just completed the first annual SIR Christmas Lights boat ride. We chartered the Captain Morgan boat "Rosemarie" for the evening of December 14th for a two-hour ride through Discovery Bay to view the Christmas lights on many of the homes. We are already looking forward to doing this again next year .

Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849

The January wine tasting will be on Thursday, January 29th, and will be hosted by Vince and Bobbi Vargas. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, January 9th at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Beer Tasting, Eric Jensen, 240-0543

Beer Tasting 2017 starts after the January meeting (3rd Tuesday) with the familiar "King of the Hill" scoring. During this first meeting we will be discussing if we want to create 6 Kings that will end in competition next November for the Championship. Other suggestions are to taste test in beer types (Porter, Lager, Lite, etc). 2016 was a great start for beer tasting with a fine Champion, Victoria beer, as the winner; 2017 looks to be just as enjoyable.

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.**

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. If you (or maybe you and your wife) would like a private introduction to the game, call me and I'll see that it happens.

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 December 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.

First annual Christmas Lights Boat Cruise – a Success, Bob Damico & Dick Donald

The evening of December 14 was perfect weather for our first annual SIR Christmas Lights Boat Cruise. Dick Donald, our Activities Chairman, came up with the idea for this event and chartered the Captain Morgan boat "Rosemarie" for a two-hour ride to view the Christmas lights on the waterfront homes. The full boat capacity of 35 riders enjoyed an evening of cruising the bays of Discovery Bay, enjoying some fine appetizers catered by the Boardwalk restaurant, and drinking from the bar on board. This was certainly a great way to get into the Holiday spirit while enjoying this unique experience on the water. Hats off to Dick and his first mate Cam for putting this event together for us. This event was so successful that, within minutes after leaving the dock, they decided on making this an annual event. Again, thank You Dick and Cam, well done!!



Bowling News, Paul Elmer

As of mid-December, 14 of 35 weeks of bowling, Bowling Buddies (Mary Branscum, Lorraine Burt, Fred Critchfield, Art Solomon) are in first place by 3 1/2 games over DGAS (Tracy Moran, Pete Prather, Bill Momaney, Jack Bree). There are only 2 weeks left in the first half so the competition is stiff and the will is strong. But anything can and will happen, so the finish should be fun-filled!



Season high scores are; for the men - Scratch Series has Bob Damico with 731, Scratch Game; Bill Konold with 268, Handicap Series; John Lopp with 855, and Handicap Game goes to Larry Mensch with 339. For the ladies - Scratch Series goes to Rosie Elmer with 638, Scratch Game; Vicky Reid 257, Handicap Series has Diane Davidson with 816, and Handicap Game goes to Beverly Denn with 307.

OK, let's recap 2016 highs and lows. For one of the highs Let's Roll (Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie, Doris Cole, Greg Mattus) won the 2015 - 2016 season playoff in May during the sweepstakes week, and had their names placed on the Elwood Davis-Jim Heck Trophy, located at Harvest Park Bowl and placed on the Senior awards board. For the low point we lost four dear bowlers starting last December with Jose Arroyo, then Warren Young passed, followed by Ed Stewart and then Jim George. Not a happy time but they will be remembered and missed.

In Modesto during November Marie Wilson placed 2nd in B Singles, and 8th in B All Events, Jerry Mar-

shall and Bill Bayer were 3rd in A Doubles, and John Fry and Mitch Wisinski placed 4th in A Doubles. Nicely Done!!

For the final high point of the season we had 26 people cash in the various tournaments over this last season. Here they are with the number of cashes; Bill Bayer (8), Mitch Wisinski (6), Marie Wilson (6), Julie Bayer (5). Curtis Manning (5), Eric Jensen (4), Don Patterson (3), Dottie Harris (3), John Fry (3), Jerry Marshall (3), Russ Reid (2), Vicky Reid (1), Keith Jones (1), Natalie Paris (1), Rosie Elmer (1), Paul Elmer (1), Videle Marshall (1), Mary Patterson (1), Val Heck (1), Greg Mattus (1), Shirley Madson (1), Fred Critchfield (1), Jack Bree (1), Mary Branscum (1), and Lorraine Burt (1). WELL DONE FOLKS!!! Hopefully there will be even more this year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Paul

2017 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/17/2017	07/11/2017
02/14/2017	08/8/2017
03/14/2017	09/12/2017
04/11/2017	10/10/2017
05/9/2017	11/14/2017
06/6/2017	12/12/2017

Golf News, Dale Welin

Happy holidays to the golfers.

We have 30 players for 2017 who have renewed for our NCGA golf club. We are working on the venues for 2017 and have a few spots to fill.



See you next year.

Dale Welin

SIR Travel Opportunities, Dennis Pachucki

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 Dennis Pachucki at: (408) 309 5206.



Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

When: Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Where: Black Angus Steakhouse, 2565 Sand Creek Road, Brentwood CA
(at the Streets of Brentwood)

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

Menu Choices: Dinner includes salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage
(iced tea, lemonade, soda, coffee).



- Top Sirloin with baked potato and green beans
- Grilled Salmon with wild rice and broccoli
- Grilled Chicken with mashed potatoes and broccoli
- Grilled Prawns with wild rice and broccoli
- Grilled Vegetable Cobb Salad

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

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, January 19 – please don't wait to pick up a form at our January 17 lunch, and then mail it, we won't get it in time.

Please send your checks to me in advance, made out to Alan Jarvie, and mail to 4121 Windward Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. My cell phone is 408-219-8240.

Directions:

Black Angus is located in the Streets of Brentwood, just to the right of the main driveway entry.

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

Your Name(s)

Phone:

Your menu choices:

**Top
Sirloin**

Rare

**Med
Rare**

Med

**Med
Well**

Well

**Grilled
Salmon**

**Grilled
Chicken**

**Grilled
Prawns**

**Grilled Vegetable
Cobb Salad**

Dinner with the Ladies: 2016 Restaurants Survey

Alan Jarvie

We'd like your thoughts on the eight restaurants we dined at in 2016. For each DWTL that you attended, on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent), please indicate your opinion of the quality of the meal, the service, and value for the price, and also whether or not you think we should have future dinners at this restaurant. We'd also appreciate any additional comments you have, and your suggestions on locations for future dinners..

Please sign, so that we can get back to you with any questions, and either

a) mail to me at 4121 Windward Court, b) give it to Pam Jarvie at Monday bowling, or c) bring it to the January lunch meeting.

Thanks for your help

Restaurant	Date	Price	Meal Quality	Service	Value	Future DWTL?
Carpaccio	Jan 26	\$ 25	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Sports Bar & Grill	Feb 23	\$ 27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Texas Roadhouse	Mar 22	\$ 22	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Sweeney's	Apr 26	\$ 25	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Tao San Jin	Jun 28	\$ 27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Lone Tree Golf Club	Aug 23	\$ 28	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Shirasoni	Sep 27	\$ 27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Cap's	Oct 25	\$ 28	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No

Comments & Suggestions:

Membership Requirements & Principles

Membership is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. 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 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 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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