



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 26th year! *March, 2017*

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

Len Fadda, Big Sir

To put any fears aside – the SIR Administration and your Board of Directors is running like a “fine tuned” machine!!

Thank you Sirs for bringing in three new members, and we dropped from minus 4 to minus 1 on our Form 27 report to the State SIR organization.

Our statistician Sir Bob Damico reports that our youth movement is underway and our average age has dropped from 75.4 to 75.3-WOW!!

Thank you to Sirs Michael White and Paul Elmer for stepping up to fill Eric Jensen’s positions - White on the Nominating Committee and Elmer on Beer Tasting.

Little Sir Larry Mensch brought us great entertainment with the Delta Strummers; The closing with “God Bless America” was beautiful. Larry has also secured “Elvis” for the Mothers Day Luncheon on May 9th, 2017.

See you at the meeting.



Little Sir, Larry Mensch March speaker

Our March Speaker is Steve Gursky from Gursky Ranch Country Store. He is a member of Brentwood Harvest Time organizations and will talk about Brentwood’s bountiful agricultural region. The web site is www.harvest4you.com



Next Regular Luncheon

March 14, 2017.

March luncheon menu

Corned beef and cabbage, steamed cauliflower and carrots & boiled potatoes, cookies/brownies, breadsticks, butter, coffee and tea.

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.

March birthdays

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

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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

The March wine tasting will be on Thursday, March 23rd, and will be hosted by Dave and Deanna Holmes. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, March 3rd at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Beer Tasting, Eric Jensen, 240-0543

Because of Eric's illness, Paul Elmer will be taking over the beer tasting starting in April. For March, John Fry and Dennis Pachucki will be handling the event. Contact either if you are interested in participating.

John's contact info:

email : jcfry43@yahoo.com

Phone: 925-783-5614

Dennis' contact info:

dpachucki@comcast.net

Phone: 408-309-5206

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.

Three new members were inducted at our February luncheon. See photos & bios on page 3.

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 inducted at the February luncheon meeting.



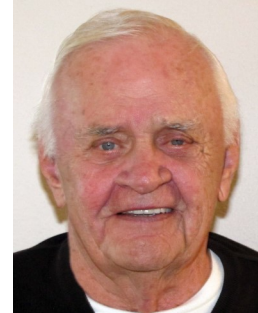
Rick Harris retired from Daimler Trucks in 2015. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 1.5 years. Rick and his wife Jennifer have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

Hobbies include golf and spectator sports.



Bob Bradley retired from Valley Peterbilt in 2016. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 37 years. Rick and his wife Nora have 1 child and 2 grandchildren.

Hobbies include golf, boating and watching the Raiders.



Tom Biggam Retired as CEO of Biggam Enterprises in 1990. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 3.5 years. Tom and his wife Lori have 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

Hobbies include golf.

May 9, 2017 (Tuesday) is our annual Mother's Day luncheon



The entertainment is

James Clark

A "Tribute To Elvis"

(Seating is limited to 160)



Tickets are \$25 per person and will be available at our March and April meetings.

Or buy them now using the stub below.

SIR Mother's Day luncheon, May 9, 2017

Your name:

of tickets:

Amount enclosed:

Make check payable to SIR Branch 161 and mail to Bill Momaney,

690 Central Park Place., Brentwood, CA 94513

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

After 23 weeks of bowling, Let's Roll (Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie, Doris Cole, Greg Mattus) has increased their lead by five games over All Most (Jack Disney, Alice Disney, Val Heck, Dennie Carff) who has now taken over second place. There is still 11 weeks of bowling left in the season so as we all know Anything Can And Will Happen!

The season high scores to date are; for the men: Scratch Series - Bob Damico 731, Scratch Game - Mike Quier 277, Handicap Series - John Lopp 855, Handicap Game - Larry Mensch - 339. Come on guys!!

The rest of us can certainly give them some competition, right?

For the women; Scratch Series - Rosie Elmer 638, Scratch Game - Mary Branscum 243, Handicap Series - Tracy Moran - 746, and Handicap Game - Beverly Denn 307. I have a feeling that the women are every bit as competitive as the men, evidenced by Mary Branscum now with Scratch Game.

The results for the Livermore tournament aren't



available as of this writing but some of our group (Branches 161 and 108) did pretty well at Granada Bowl. Lane conditions varied somewhat as the tournament progressed, but nonetheless there were some good scores.

I would like to ask all to keep Eric Jensen in your prayers and thoughts as he is having a battle with leukemia. Eric has had to drop out of bowling currently but definitely looks forward to a return when this enemy is defeated. I ask once more to pray for this victory.

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

We are 3 weeks from our first golf tournament for 2017. The entry info is below:

When: Tuesday, March 21

Time: 8:00 am shotgun start

Where: Delta View GC, Pittsburgh

Cost: \$39.00 for golf, cart, range balls, and prize money

Format: To be announced

Please sign up with Dale and send your check payable to Dale Welin asap. If there are any questions, please call.



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: March 28, 2017

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: \$23.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, March 23 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on March 14.

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:

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.

Your Name(s)

Phone:

Your menu choices:

Entrees:

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**Sirloin
Steak**

☐

**Roasted
Chicken**

☐

BBQ Ribs

☐

**Grilled
Salmon**

☐

**Grilled
Shrimp**

Side Dishes:

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**Baked
Potato**

☐

**Sweet
Potato**

☐

**Vegetable
Mix**

☐

**Seasoned
Rice**



"Salute to SIR" Day at the Races, Alan Jarvie

When: March 17, 2017 (Saint Patrick's Day)

Where: Golden Gate Fields

Time: Turf Club opens at 11:00 AM

1st race post-time 12:45 PM

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Deadline: I'll need your RSVP and check no later than Wednesday, March 8



Golden Gate Fields is offering a special discounted "Turf Club" group rate of \$35 per person for SIR groups on this date. The package includes valet parking, admission and reserved Turf Club seating, the daily racing program, Turf Club buffet, tax & tip.

This is a fantastic opportunity for spending time with family and friends, as well as networking with SIR groups from all over the East Bay, while enjoying a superb luncheon buffet.

In lieu of renting a bus at \$25 per person, we're going to car pool, so please let me know if you can provide transportation, or if you'll be needing a ride.

Please make your checks out to Alan Jarvie and mail to me at 4121 Windward Court, Discovery Bay, CA, 94505. Cell phone 408-219-8240

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

Your Name:

Phone:

Number of attendees:

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I can **PROVIDE** transportation for _____ people.

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I **NEED** transportation.

Golf outing with the ladies

Mike Quier

September 20 and 21 golf at Castle Oaks golf club in Ione. Golf two days at Castle Oaks and two nights at Jackson Rancheria Casino.

Golf is \$82.00 for both days and payable to Mike Quier by August 1.

You have three choices on your room: Deluxe King is \$99.00 a night; Junior Suite is \$189.00 a night; Executive Suite is \$309.00 a night. You pay directly to the Hotel. Contact Mike Quier by phone at 925 470 0183 or email at michaelquier@att.net. We have 24 openings for golf, 20 King rooms, two Junior rooms, and two Executive rooms reserved. Hope to hear from you soon.

To make reservations at Jackson Rancheria, call 1-800-822-9466.

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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