



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 26th year! July, 2017

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

## Len Fadda, Big Sir

It was great to have a nice group for our June meeting. A special thank you to Little Sir Larry Mensch for the outstanding speaker at our June Luncheon. Dr. Richard Pierce, a local Chiropractor, provided an excellent presentation that was interesting and received several questions from the audience



Congratulations and thank You! At this time, 96% of our membership have paid their 2017 dues. Our dues became mandatory in January 2016, and without these annual membership dues it would be impossible to run this organization. If you have yet to pay your dues, you may send your \$20.00 dues to our Treasurer Bill Momaney, or bring it to our July meeting. For clarity and consistency, the purpose(s) for our dues and payment due dates are now documented in our new Branch Regulation 17-001. The SIR Inc. Rules and Bylaws govern our general operation; see [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org). Our Branch Regulations are more detailed and are tailored to our specific Branch operations. The Branch Regulations are now posted on our website. For anyone interested, visit our website [www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org); go to the "Branch 161 Links" on the top right of the home page, and click on "Branch 161 Regulations".

Thank you to Sirs Paul Elmer and John Fry for running a fun time Beer Tasting. After the Beer Tasting I'm always ready to go home and take a "Nap."

I could not end this message without a sincere thank

you to Sir Bob Damico. Sir Bob has been so helpful with his advice and wisdom. He is the "Motor" that keeps our organization running!! Big Sir Len

## Travel, 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.

## In Memory of Lou Kirkpatrick

A "Celebration of Life" for Lou will be held 1:00pm July 15, 2017 at: Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 657 McClaren Rd., Brentwood, CA.

Lou passed away on April 26, 2017. He was a SIR Branch 161 member since 1994, served as our Big Sir in 1999, and was a SIR Honorary Life Member.

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## Little Sir, Larry Mensch

### July speaker

The speaker is Robert Leete, CSD director for our area.



### July birthdays

Harlan Averitt, Bob Bradley, Murray Cole, Jerry Dittman, David Holmes, Dick Jamison, Tom Jones, Tom Kirtley, Mar Knittel, Lowell Onstad, Gino Pagano, Dan Riordan, Al Ruiz.

### July luncheon menu

Meatloaf with Yukon Mashed Potatoes with gravy, Green Beans Almandine,

Breadsticks, Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea, 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.



Little Sir Larry Mensch presents Dr. Rick Pierce, our June speaker, with a certificate of appreciation.

## Bowling News, Paul Elmer



We have completed 5 of 15 weeks of summer league bowling and the competition for first place is definitely heating up. Team 10 (Art Lopez, Mitch Wisinski, Ron Wilson, John Fry) won only one game against Alley Cats (Jan Finch, Shirley Madsen, Jack Bree, Jerry Marshall) and is only 1/2 game ahead of them with 14 wins. 2 other teams are within 3 games of first place. At this point of the season the old saying certainly applies; anything can and will happen!

Season high scores are; for the men - Scratch Series; Art Lopez 672, Scratch Game; John Fry 268, Handicap Series; Glenn MacBride 767 Handicap Game; Dale Davidson 275. For the women; Scratch Series; Rosie Elmer 549, Scratch Game; Mary Pita-Fry 198, Handicap Series; Linda Jensen 764, Handicap Game; Doris Cole 274.

There are two tournaments up-coming in July. One in Yuba City on July 10th and 11th, and Pollock Pines on the 22nd - 25th. If you wish to enter one or both of them see Paul Elmer or John Fry for entries. Also, please keep in mind the Reno tournament on August 14th - 16th. It is not too early to get your team, double partner and single event scheduled. See Paul Elmer or John Fry for entries.

One final note - Harvest Park Bowl will be installing new lanes during the month of July. This may take most of the month to accomplish so lane assignments may have to be creative to maintain our 15 week schedule. Brand new lanes will prove to be a challenge for most of our bowlers as there will be a "breakin" period to establish where the new shot will be. Good luck!

## 2017 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

07/11/2017	08/8/2017	09/12/2017
10/10/2017	11/14/2017	12/12/2017

## The 24th Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon - July 20, 2017

In 1993, 24 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 until his passing in 2005. The event continues in his honor.

This year's boat cruise and luncheon will be held Thursday July 20, 2017, 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 13, 2017.

-----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



## 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 July wine tasting will be on Thursday, July 27th, and will be hosted by Alan & Pam Jarvie. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, July 14th at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

### Beer Tasting, Paul Elmer, 240-0543

The June Beer Tasting category was IPA or Pale Ale. Six beers were submitted for competition. They were: Alaska Amber, Red Hook IPA, Sierra Nevada Sidecar IPA, Stone IPA, DeShutes Squeezed IPA, and Sharkinator. With all beers being relatively close in brewing likeness the results were also relatively close. Alaska Amber won by 7 points over DeShutes IPA, with Sierra Nevada Sidecar third, Sharkinator 4th, Red Hook 5th, and Stone IPA 6th. The difference

between first and second place was only 7 points out of 232.

The July category will be Pale Lager/Pilsner. Contact Paul or John Fry (783-5614) if you are interested in participating.

### 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 small tennis-like 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.

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 June 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.

## Golf News, Dale Welin

Our golf tournament was rescheduled from 6-20 to 6-27 due to the expected 105 degrees on 6-27 and in cooperation with the Poppy Ridge Tournament Director, as he was able to accommodate us one week later. The temperature when we started on 6-27 was 45 degrees less vs 6-20. At least that worked to our benefit. We had only 17 players for the rescheduled SIR June tournament at Poppy Ridge, as we lost 7 players due to scheduling conflicts. There were 2 foursomes and 3 threesomes. The winners were:



1st place -82 - Zierau, Jenkins, Emerson

2nd place - 83 Konold, Macdonald, Carmichael, Comeau

CTP winners were Zierau and Macdonald.

The details for our July 18 tournament are below with the entry information:

**When:** Tuesday, July 18

**Time:** 9:30 am from the first tee

**Where:** Lone Tree GC, Antioch

**Entry fee:** \$44.00 for golf, cart and prize money

**Format:** To be announced

**Entry cutoff:** July 11 at the monthly luncheon

Please advise Dale by e-mail or phone call to get your name on the player list. Then follow that up with a check payable to Dale Welin and mail it or see me for the handoff. If there are any questions, please advise Dale Welin.

Dale Welin

## Golf outing with the ladies, Mike Quier

September 20 and 21 golf at Castle Oaks golf club in Lone. 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.

## Luncheon Speaker Questionnaire, Alan Jarvie

We'd like your input on our luncheon subjects & speakers - who you would like to see, and the subjects you would like addressed. The list below is only a starting point, please add any individuals and/or subjects of interest to you, or that you think are relevant to the membership. We'd also appreciate any additional suggestions or comments. Please bring your inputs to the next lunch meeting - Thanks for your help.

Speaker representing	Subject	Interest?
DMV Senior Ombudsman	The Ombudsman program provides assistance on senior issues	Yes No
Stop the Tunnels	Issues, current status and future action	Yes No
AARP	Tax return assistance, fraud-fighting network, additional programs & areas of assistance	Yes No
Contra Costa County Sheriff	Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch	Yes No
U.S. Postal Service	Detecting and avoiding mail fraud, and preventing mail theft	Yes No
DB Chamber of Commerce	Mission and activities	Yes No
Senior Medicare Patrol Project	Avoidance, detection and reporting of health care fraud	Yes No
Veterans Administration	Areas of available assistance	Yes No
???	Computer security, identity theft and credit card protection	Yes No
From scientific/medical field	Recent advances in astronomy, physics, medical research, etc.	Yes No
Local elected officials	Current status of new or pending bills & programs	Yes No

### Suggested speakers and/or subjects:

Speaker or organization	Subject

### Additional Comments & Suggestions:

Your name:

## 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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