



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 26th year! August, 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 a nice turnout for our July meeting. We added to our ranks new Sirs as the membership program is doing great. Little Sir Larry Mensch is doing a fine job with our Guest Speakers, with many questions from those in attendance. Kudos to Sir Larry for the wonderful job he is doing in the kitchen preparing our monthly meals.

Thank you to Sir Bob Damico on the Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon. His thoughtfulness for those with physical issues and insuring that no one is alone continues to be commendable.

Please see Sir Bill Konold's information on the Annual Car Show set for September. Sir Bill will be making a report at our August meeting and will be looking forward to participants.

Little Sir Larry will be in charge of the August meeting as I will be in Sacramento for the Annual State SIR Board of Directors meeting.

Big Sir Len Fadda



Little Sir, Larry Mensch August speaker

Michael Davies is our speaker for August. He is the General Manager of the Town of Discovery Bay. He began that position on January 3rd of this year. He served as a Brentwood Police Officer for 26 years. He was Chief of the Brentwood Police Department for 5 years and retired from the Brentwood Police Department in 2006.



August luncheon menu

Chicken Parmesan with Pasta Alfredo, Vegetable Medley, 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.

August birthdays

Al Box, Earl Cole, Hal Crose,
Ken Dickens, Fred Dupont, Rick Harris,
Mike McCleery, Ward Messersmith,
Will Myers, Don Patterson,
Lynn Pierce, Don Ramos, Terry Silva.

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24th Annual AL DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon - a Success, Bob Damico

On July 20, 2017, seventy two Sirs and ladies converged on the Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay. Some came by car, some came by boat. All enjoyed the luncheon, the mild 85-90 degree weather, good food, and fellowship.

Thanks to the hospitality of our boat Captains and their First Mates, many enjoyed cruising the bays as part of their experience. The boat Captains are key to making this event a success each year, and deserve a big Thank You. They were:

- Carlo Delazzar and his First Mate Connie (unfortunately Carlo had surgery the day before and handed the controls over to Dennis Pachucki; Thanks Dennis).
- John Davis and his First Mate Teri.
- Dick Donald and his First Mate Cam.
- Al Sauvadon and his First Mate Paula.
- Bill Helfrick (unfortunately his First Mate Carol was unable to attend, but that didn't stop him and he still provided rides for 3 couples).

Honors for being the first boat to arrive go to John and Teri Davis and their Crew.

Door prize winners (gift certificates for the Boardwalk Grill) were won by Sandy Vinson and Faye Goodwin.

Honors for coming the farthest to join in the fun go to Lori Seaman, Cam Donald's sister, all the way from Kona, Hawaii.

And thanks to the Boardwalk Grill and their staff for, once again, providing a great venue, fine food and service.

And finally, a big thanks to everyone who attended this event honoring Al DiGiusto who started the event in 1993.

Next year will be the 25th anniversary, so don't miss it. Mark your calendars for July 19, 2018





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.



6th Annual Collector Car Show

The September meeting is also the SIR Collector Car Show. So polish that Collector car of yours and bring it to the meeting. Any interesting car, old or new, is welcome.

Got a new Hemi, a cool Corvette, or an old Mercury? Bring it to the September 12 meeting and park with your other SIR car enthusiast members.

Tire kicking is both before and after the meeting, so arrive early and enjoy the machinery.

Please contact Bill Konold 634-2738 if you have any questions.

Here are a couple of pictures from past shows.



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 August wine tasting will be on Thursday, August 24th, and will be hosted by Mike and Pam Quier. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, August 11th at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Beer Tasting, Paul Elmer, 240-0543

The July Beer Tasting category was Pale Lager/Pilsner. Five beers were submitted for taste comparison in this classification. They were; Scrimshaw Pilsner, Anchor California Lager, Sierra Nevada Summerfest Lager, Longboard Lager, and Founders Pilsner. We had eight tasters that judged on a scale of Taste, Smoothness, and Drinkability. The winner was Scrimshaw Pilsner with Longboard Lager coming in sec-

ond. Sierra Nevada Summerfest came in last by a bunch. What's the difference between a Lager and a pilsner? A pilsner is a lager that has been corrected with hops. Both are "cold fermented" with the yeast eating in colder temps at the bottom of the barrel. The result is a lighter, cleaner, flavor.

If you are interested in participating in the August event, contact Paul or John Fry (783-5614).

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.

Four new members were inducted at our July luncheon. See page 5 for photos and bios.

SIR Membership Requirements

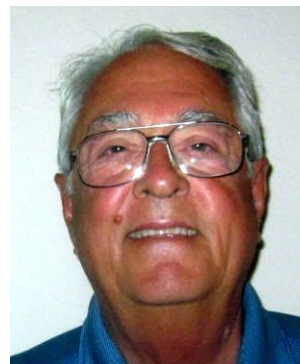
Membership in Sons In Retirement is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. See the last page of this newsletter for more information.

New members inducted at the July luncheon

Mike Carmichael retired in 2010 from the CA Department of Corrections. He has lived in the Brentwood area for 5 years. Hobbies include golf, tennis and bowling. Mike transferred from SIR Branch 108.



Bill Helfrick retired in 2016 from his role as CPA. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 27 years. Bill and his wife Carol have 3 grandchildren. Hobbies include boating and golf.



Jess Rivera retired in 1990 as a teacher in Stockton. He has lived in the Brentwood area for 40 years. Jess and his wife Elizabeth have 2 children. Hobbies include solving puzzles, reading, bowling and writing.



Carl Wilkinson retired in 2015 from Ultra Purity Materials. He has lived in the Discovery Bay/Brentwood area for 45 years. Carl and his wife Pam have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.



Bowling News, Paul Elmer

We are in the 9th week of 15 weeks for the summer session of the SIR Bowling League. Last month I mentioned that there were 4 teams within 3 games of first place and that the competition was intense. Well, as of this week, there are now 5 teams within 3 games of first place with 5 weeks of competition left. Currently in first place is Alley Cats (Jan Finch, Shirley Madsen, Jack Bree, and Jerry Marshall) by 1/2 game over Team 5 (Marie Wilson, Tom State, Al Fleisher). The lead can change drastically from week to week and teams that are 5 or 6 games back still have a very good chance of winning, or at least greatly influencing the eventual outcome. Keep it up folks!!



Season high scores are; For the women; Scratch Series; Rosie Elmer 570, Scratch Game; Eloise Gatson 201, Handicap Series; Diane Davidson 768, handicap game; Mary Pita-Fry 300. For the men- Scratch Series; Art Lopez 672, Scratch game; John Fry 268, Handicap Series Bob Damico 802, Handicap Game; Paul Elmer 296.

We had no entries for the Yuba City tournament in July, but we have approximately 24 people going to Reno in August for the biggest tournament of the year. Feel free to come to Reno August 14th - 16th to watch and encourage us, it would be appreciated, and you just may have a lot of fun yourselves!!!

It is close to the time for organizing teams for the 2017 - 2018 winter bowling season. If you would like to join us please notify Paul Elmer or John Fry as soon as possible.

Golf News, Dale Welin

In July, we played at Lone Tree and had 21 players participate. The temperature dropped down some from the 100's. The format was par point (high number is better) and the results follow:



1st place team - 76 - Mensch, Fry, Macdonald, Jewell

2nd place team - 73 - Ramsdell, Disney, Carmichael, Wilson

2 Closest to the Pin winners were Ramsdell and Wiebe.

We want to mention 2 very good scores, both from the 1st place team. They were Dick Macdonald with a net 61 and John Fry, netting a 65.

We were happy to have 2 new SIRS play with us on the 18th. Bill Helfrick was inducted at the July luncheon and Mike Prullage was a guest and will be inducted in August. Nice to have you play with us and welcome.

Our August golf tournament will be on August 22nd and the entry info is below.

When: Tuesday, August, 22, 2017

Time: 10:57 am from the 1st tee

Where: Boundary Oak Golf Course in Walnut Creek (remember the bad traffic last year with the earlier tee time)

Format: To be announced

Entry Fee : \$49.00 for golf, cart, and prize money

Cut off date: Tuesday, August 15.

As usual, please get your name on the player list by e-mail, in person or phone. Then send a check payable to Dale or get it to me by August 15. If there are any questions, please call me or e-mail me.

Dale Welin

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.

A special Wednesday edition of Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

When: Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Where: Shirasoni Japanese Restaurant, 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood CA

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



Menu Choices (Dinner includes appetizer, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage:

- Chicken Teriyaki grilled with sweet teriyaki sauce
- New York Steak (Hibachi Grilled)
- Filet Mignon (Hibachi Grilled)
- Hibachi Shrimp grilled with lemon & butter
- Hibachi Salmon grilled with a hint of lemon
- Vegetable Delight (Assorted fresh vegetables grilled in a light sauce)

All entrees include Mushroom Soup, Green Salad with Ginger Dressing, Hibachi Vegetables and choice of steamed, fried or garlic fried rice.

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

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, August 17; There will also be envelopes at our General Meeting on August 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 is 408-219-8240

Shirasoni is located at 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood:

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 remain in the right lane. After the SECOND stop light (Shady Willow Lane), take the SECOND driveway into the shopping area; you will see Shirasoni ahead and to the left (next to Mancini's Sleepworld).

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

Your Name(s):

Phone number:

Your menu choices:

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Chicken teriyaki

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Filet mignon

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Hibachi shrimp

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Hibachi salmon

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New York steak

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Vegetarian entree

Your rice selection(s):

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Steamed rice

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Fried rice

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Garlic friend rice

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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