



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 26th year! Sept., 2017

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

## Len Fadda, Big Sir

Great Job Little Sir Larry with a solid attendance for the August Meeting and new members installed. PBS Will expressed concern on being "shorted out of a "free Lunch"!!

Everyone, keep up the great effort on inviting prospective members to our monthly meetings. The results have been fantastic.

Please plan on coming outside after the September meeting to the 6th Annual Eric Jensen Memorial Car Show!! A wonderful "Celebration of Life" for a caring and giving beautiful human being.

Big Sir Len Fadda



## Little Sir, Larry Mensch August recap

Our August speaker was Michael Davies, General Manager of the Town of Discovery Bay. See photo on page 2.



Will Myers was presented with the award for 20 years membership. Photo on page 2.

## September speaker

Gary Prost, Senior Field Representative from Congressman Jerry MCHerney's office, is the speaker for our September 12, 2017 luncheon meeting. We look forward to his presentation.

## September luncheon menu

Beef Lasagna, Broccoli and cheese, 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.

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## September birthdays

Ed Fitzpatrick, John Fry, Tony Guarascio  
John Jewell, Tom Kenny, Ed Konieczny  
Rene McClain, Dick Macdonald, Don Roth  
Tom State, Brad Vinson.

**Next luncheon meeting:** September 12, 2017

Little SIR Larry Mensch presents Will Myers with the 20-year membership award.

*Photo by Bob Damico.*



### 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 memoriam

It was with deep sadness that we heard of the passing of Eric Jensen on August 3rd. Eric joined SIR Branch 161 in September of 2000. He served as our Attendance Chairman for several years, was Little Sir in 2008, and Big Sir in 2009.

He remained active on the Executive Board, was the Founder of the Annual Summer Car Show, and most recently started the monthly 'beer tasting' activity.

Little Sir Larry Mensch presents Mike Davies, our August speaker, with a certificate of appreciation.

*Photo by Bob Damico.*



### 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

We had 24 wine tasters at Alan and Pamela Jarvie's home on Thursday Jul 27, 2017. What a good time. *Photo by Richard Wisdom.*



The September wine tasting will be on Thursday, September 28th, and will be hosted by Richard and Kay Wisdom. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by

Friday, September 15th at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

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

There was no beer tasting at the August meeting, but it is scheduled again following the September meeting.

If you are interested in participating in the September 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. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Beginners are always welcome, and an experienced player will always take time to teach you the game. Just show, introduce yourself and we'll get a paddle in your hands. 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.

Two new members were inducted at our July luncheon. See page 4 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 August luncheon

Michael Prullege retired in April 2017 from Royal Glass. He has lived in the Brentwood area for 18 years.

Michael and his wife Olivia have 6 children and 11 grandchildren.

Hobbies include golf and cycling.



Roland Valtierra retired from Kelly Network. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 2 years.

Roland his wife Angelika have 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

Hobbies include golf.



## August Dinner With The Ladies at Shirasoni



## 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

## Bowling News, Paul Elmer

The summer session of the Monday SIR Bowling league is now complete with Team 5 (Marie Wilson, Bert Bertolero, Tom State Sr, Al Fleisher) defeating Alley Cat's (Jan Finch, Shirley Madsen, Jack Bree, Jerry Marshall) in the playoff for 1st place 3 games to 1. The only item left is the sweepstakes round where competition is rewarded by cash awards by team and individual awards.

The season high scores are: for the men: scratch series; Art Lopez 672, scratch game; John Fry 268, handicap series Bob Damico 802, handicap game; Paul Elmer 296. For the women; scratch series; Rosie Elmer 608, scratch game; Marie Wilson 225, handi-



cap series; Diane Leonis 829, handicap game Mary Pita-Fry 300. Well done, people!!

The winter season will start on September 11th with 20 teams, some of which could use a few more bowlers. If you would like to join the league please contact John Fry or Paul Elmer.

The Reno tournament was held on August 14th - 16th with some very mixed results but we had some bowlers that represented us well. They are; Ron Wilson 5th in Div 1 singles, Marie Wilson 15th in All Events Div 3, Ron and Marie Wilson 9th in Div 1 doubles, Julie Bayer 1st in Div 3 singles (very well done!!) and 5TH in Div 3 all-events, Natalie Paris and Keith Jones 14th Div 1 doubles, Keith Jones 17th Div 1 all events, Mary Branscum and Jerry Marshall 17th in Div 1 doubles. With about 200 bowlers in competition we were represented very well.

## Golf News, Dale Welin



We played Boundary Oak on Tuesday, 8-22 with the largest field of the year, 24 players. It was a slow pace and the greens were tough to read and putt. The format was Cha, Cha, Cha. We have winners shown below:

1st place - 125 - Konold, Kirtley, Konieczny, Pachucki

2nd place - 127 - Onstad, Fanucchi, Wiebe, Rentzel

3rd place - Lutz, Disney, Fry, Wilson

CTP winners were Welin and Wilson

For September, we are scheduled to play a golf course that was suggested by 2-3 of you in October, 2017. Diablo Grand GC is near Patterson, west of I-5. The commute time will be about 50-60 minutes with no problem with too much traffic.

The entry information is below;

**When:** Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017

**Where:** Diablo Grande/Ranch course

**Time:** 9:00 am modified shotgun

**Cost:** \$43.00 includes green fee, cart, prize money, range balls

**Format:** To be announced

Most of you have met the minimum qualification (2 play days prior to Oct.) for the Club Championship tournament in October. If you have a question about the qualifying, please advise Dale Welin.

Please e-mail or call Dale to get your name on the player list. Our golf date is 2 weeks after the September monthly luncheon. Then send your check to Dale asap.

This year we have had more credit dollars to carry from month to month than in the past. After the August tournament, my records show that Art Comeau is the only player with a credit. If this is different than your records, please advise. Dale Welin

## Please confirm your reservation for Dinner With The Ladies has been received

We've had some cases where reservations for our monthly Dinner With The Ladies have not been received. To close the loop, we've added a page on our web site where you can verify that we've received your reservation. To view the page:

Visit our web site at <http://www.sir161.org>

Look in the list of **Branch 161 links** on the right of the Home page.

Click the link labeled **Reservations for (month) DWL**.

If your reservation isn't listed or is incorrect, please call Alan Jarvie at (408) 219-8240.

## Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

**When:** Tuesday, September 26, 2017

**Where:** Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 3140 Naglee Rd, Tracy, CA 95304

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



**Menu Choices** (Garlic breadsticks, soup or salad, non-alcoholic beverage, and vanilla ice cream dessert are included):

- Tour of Italy (Lasagna, chicken parmigiana, & fettuccine alfredo)
- Chicken Parmigiana with spaghetti
- Chicken Alfredo with fettuccine
- Shrimp Alfredo with fettuccine
- Spaghetti & Meatballs

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

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, September 21; There will also be envelopes at our General Meeting on September 12. 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

### The Olive Garden is located at 3140 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. Approx. 0.4 miles on Naglee, you'll see the Olive Garden on your right, and then take the next right (Robertson Drive), and then right again. You will now be travelling South, parallel to Naglee Road, and you'll see the Olive Garden on your right. Turn right into the parking lot, the entrance faces SW on the Naglee side of the building.

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

**Your Name(s):**

**Phone number:**

**Your menu choices:**

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Chicken Parmigiana

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Chicken Alfredo

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Spaghetti & meatballs

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Shrimp Alfredo

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Tour of Italy (Lasagna, chicken parmigiana & fettuccine alfredo)

**Please confirm your reservation has been received:** see page 5.

## 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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