



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 26th year! *Oct., 2017*

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

Len Fadda, Big Sir

We received a very nice attendance at our September meeting and added three new members to our roster. Our Sirs are doing a great job in bringing in new members!!

Our guest speaker did a fine job presenting services and help for our SIR membership. Great questions added insight to our members.

Thank you Sir Bill Konold for the great effort on the 6th Annual Eric Jensen Memorial Collector Car Show. Great show of vehicles for the event.

The Eric Jensen Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 21st from 12-3pm at the Discovery Bay Yacht Club. If you are planning to attend the family would appreciate guests bring an appetizer.

Sir Paul Elmer provided another fine beer tasting and he is working hard to teach us what we are drinking.

Big Sir Len Fadda



Little Sir, Larry Mensch

October speaker

The October 10th Speaker is California Department of Vehicles, Senior Driver Ombudsman, Jerrod Sieberg. The DMV Senior Driver Ombudsmen program has conducted over 500 presentations and should be very informative since the average age of our group is about 75 years old.



Our Holiday Luncheon is December 12th. Please mark it on your calendar. More details will come soon.

October luncheon menu

Fried Chicken, Yukon mashed potatoes with gravy, Green beans/red onion, 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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October birthdays

Firoz Bharwani, Gary Campbell,
Richard Clark, Michael Cline, Larry Mensch,
Al Sauvadon, Jim Spann,
Gary Tucker, Ron Wilson

Next luncheon meeting: October 10, 2017

6th Annual Collector Car Show

The Highlight of the September meeting was our 6th Annual Car Show, now dedicated in memory of its founder Eric Jensen; and from here on to be called the “Branch 161 Annual Eric Jensen Memorial Car Show”. Bill Konold is now the coordinator of this annual event. The surprise rain kept a few from bringing their “rides” to the meeting. But in spite of the weather there were 10-12 who braved the rain and brought their cars in and shared them with us. A crowd favorite, once again, was Jim Venhaus’s rare (only 5 were built) 1980 Corvette four-door (yes-a four door Corvette!)-all original with only 20,000 miles on it. The two oldest were a 1936 Ford pickup and a 1941 Chevy, and the two newest were a 2015 Dodge Charger and a 2015 Mazda Miata. For some reason, old and new cars always seem to be interesting to us “old timers”. Thanks to all who made this year’s event a success, and for honoring Eric Jensen, whose passion for cars lives on. The 7th Annual Branch 161 Annual Eric Jensen Memorial Car Show will be in August / September 2018.



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 October wine tasting will be held on Thursday, October 26th, and will be hosted by Dan and Louise Riordan. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, October 13th, at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Beer Tasting, Paul Elmer, 240-0543

There was a beer tasting at the end of the September meeting. Six beers were scrutinized for taste, smoothness, and drinkability. The classification for tasting was dark lager or brown ale. The beers were in order of tasting; Guinness Blonde, Sierra Nevada Oktoberfest, Newcastle Brown Ale, Boddington Pub Ale, Alaskan Amber Ale, Gordon Biersh Marzon. Guinness Blonde won handily over Alaskan Amber, Gordon Biersch, Newcastle Brown Ale, Sierra Nevada Oktoberfest, and Boddington Pub Ale. We had 9 tasters for the six beers and all seemed pleased with the beer selection and scoring process.

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

Christmas Lights Boat Ride - Dick Donald – 513-2849
Once again we are going to charter the Capt. Morgan boat, "Rosemarie", for an evening ride around the local bays to observe the Christmas lights. The event will be on Wednesday, December 13th, at 5:30 PM. We will have an appetizer tray provided by the Boardwalk restaurant and drinks will be available for purchase aboard. The cost has gone up slightly since last year, so it will be \$55 per person, which includes the boat ride and appetizers. Please let me know if you are interested in attending; I will be collecting checks for the ride starting in November.

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.

Three new members were inducted at our September 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.

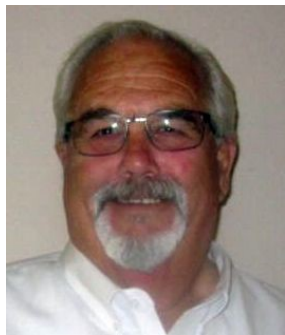


Dick Childress

Dick Childress retired as an executive at TRW/Ford Aerospace. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 32 years. Dick has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Hobbies include boating.

Dick's sponsor was Dick Jamison.



Steve Jones

Steve Jones retired in 2016 from Garden City Sanitation. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 7 years. Steve and his wife Pat have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Hobbies include travel and golf.

Steve's sponsor was Will Myers.



Phil Newlin

Phil Newlin retired from Maxim Integrated Products in 2011. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 11 years. Phil and his wife Nancy have 2 children.

Hobbies include DIY.

Phil's sponsor was Norm Spencer.



Little Sir Larry Mensch presents our September speaker with a certificate of appreciation.

Editor's note

A big thanks to Bob Damico for numerous photographs in this issue of our newsletter.

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.

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 winter season of the SIR Bowling League has started with two weeks completed. Alley Cats (Jean Scurlock, Gary Leonis, Jan Finch, Hoyt Huggins) have seven wins and are in first place by one game over two other teams and two games over 4 other teams. A very good start to this 20 team league.

All but 3 teams have all four bowlers and the other 3 teams have 3 bowlers. Openings are needed but limited if you would like to bowl please contact Paul Elmer or John Fry.



We have bowled only two weeks so there are only scratch scores to announce, and they are: Men's scratch series; Dave Goplen 663; scratch game; Bill Konold 257, For the women; scratch series; Rosie Elmer 593, scratch game Jean Scurlock 211.

There are two tournaments coming up in October. The first one is at Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights on the 3rd and 4th and our own Bob Matteuchi Memorial Tournament at Harvest Park Bowl (which has been completely renewed with new lanes, seating areas, rugs and decorations. Rumor has it that this is now one of the finest bowling centers in the country) on the 17th, one day only. If you would like to bowl these tournaments please see John Fry.

Paul

Golf News, Dale Welin

We had 20 players participate in the golf tournament at Diablo Grande on Sept. 26th. Other than the very bad early morning traffic to get there, it was a fun day at a good, well conditioned and maintained golf course. The summary of the day's event follows:

1st place - 122 - Onstad, Disney, Rentzel, Vargas

2nd place - 123 - Konold, Macdonald, Wiebe, Wilson

CTP winners were Quier and Fanucchi. 4 players had a good day with net scores in the 60's: Onstad - 65, Welin - 66, and 2 players had net 68's - Fry, and Macdonald.

We end the year with our 17th annual SIR 161 Club Championship on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at Swenson Park, Stockton. The entry information is below:

When: Tuesday, Oct 24, 2017

Where: Swenson Park GC, Stockton

Time: 8:00 am with a modified shotgun start

Entry Fee: \$36.00 for golf, cart and prize money

Format: Individual low net, PUTT THEM ALL OUT

Cutoff date: Tuesday, Oct. 17

Please email or call Dale to get your name on the player list. Then send/get a check to Dale prior to Tuesday, October 17.

IMPORTANT: All players in our NCGA golf club are invited to play on the 24th and are eligible for prize money. The low net score player who has qualified will be the 2017 club champion.

If there are any questions, please call or contact Dale at 516-9463.

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, October 24, 2017

Where: Cap's Oak Street Bar & Grill, 144 Oak Street, Brentwood CA

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, water, coffee):

- Broiled Salmon with rice pilaf
- Stuffed Pork Chops with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables
- Petite (10 oz) New York Steak with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables
- Lamb Shanks with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables

Cost: \$28.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, October 20 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on October 10 . 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

Cap's is located at 144 Oak Street (at the corner of 2nd Street) in downtown Brentwood.

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

Your Name(s):

Phone number:

Your menu choices:

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Broiled Salmon with rice pilaf

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Stuffed Pork Chops with garlic mashed
potatoes & fresh vegetables

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Lamb Shanks with garlic mashed
potatoes & fresh vegetables

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Petite New York Steak with garlic mashed
potatoes & fresh vegetables

IMPORTANT: Due to the long supplier delivery time, orders for Lamb Shanks must be received no later than Monday Oct 16.

Please confirm your reservation has been received: see page 6.



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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