



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 26th year! Nov., 2017

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

Len Fadda, Big Sir

Our SIR Branch #161 is doing great with members bringing in numerous quests and getting many to join as new members. We have met and exceeded our goals in Membership.



Many guests and speakers are really enjoying the humor and laughter during our meetings.

The Celebration of Life for Eric Jensen was very moving and heart warming. Those who came to speak showed us the rich, full life Eric lived. He will be sadly missed. Great Slide show with the music of Linda & Eric's era touched all of our hearts. Special Thank You to Ron & Marie Wilson for handling the organization and heart of the event.

This is your last chance to receive tickets for the Ladies Holiday Luncheon. Tickets are on sale for \$25 and include Special Entertainment. Don't miss the "Fun" for the holidays.
Big Sir Len Fadda

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Little Sir, Larry Mensch

November speaker

The November 14th speaker is Bill Scanlin. Bill will talk about his Livermore Lab experiences and it promises to be very interesting.



In December we have the Holiday Lunch with the Ladies. Performing their holiday program will be the "Bell Ringers." The cost is \$25 per person and you can buy your tickets at the November Luncheon or from Bill Momaney.

Larry

November luncheon menu

Roast Sirloin with sauce Béarnaise, steamed red potatoes, 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.

November birthdays

Jack Bree, Rick Crago, Frank Cramer,
Charles Helfrick, Chuck Niessen,
Mike Prullage, Andy Zwemer

Next luncheon meeting: November 14, 2017

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 November wine tasting will be on Thursday, November 16th, and will be hosted by Dale and Sonja Welin. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, November 10th, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Beer Tasting, Paul Elmer, 240-0543

There was no beer tasting in October, but the event will resume after the November SIR meeting. Scheduled is the comparison of stout and porter and the differences between them.

If you are interested in participating in the November 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 & pingpong, 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 will work with new players. Just show up and we'll teach you the game on any of our days of play.

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.



July 27 wine tasting at Alan & Pam Jarvie's home.



Sept 17 Wine tasting at Dick & Cam Donald's home.

Photos by Richard Wisdom.

Membership, Will Myers

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 Will Myers. Have the guest complete the form, and return it to Will. The prospective member and their sponsor should attend the next regular luncheon meeting.

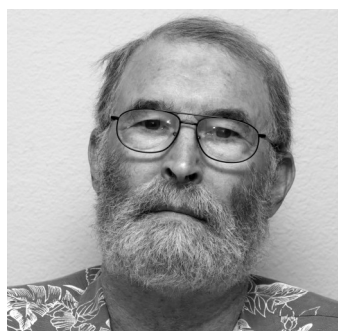
Will Myers

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 October 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.



Karl Mygrant

Karl retired in June, 2017 from Mygrant Glass Co. He lives in Discovery Bay. Karl and his wife Katrina have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

Hobbies include golf and music.

Karl's sponsor was Dick MacDonald.



Robert Jacobsen

Robert retired in 1992 from Chevron Chemical. He has lived in the Brentwood area for 22 years. Robert and his wife Nona have 4 children, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

Hobbies include golf, car trips and boating.

Robert's sponsor was Colin Brodie.

John Reichenbach

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John retired from Lockheed Martin in 2013. He has lived in the Brentwood area for 4 years. John and his wife Maryann have 5 children and 11 grandchildren.

Hobbies include boating, motorcycles, bowling and golf.

John transferred from Branch 108, and was sponsored by Bob Damico.

Editor's note: Due to a camera hiccup, John Reichenbach's photo was not available for publishing. Also, apologies that the other 2 photos are monochrome.



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

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

As of October 16th Team 15 (Karen Capra, Dennis Pachucki, Mike Quier, Bill Konold) is in 1st place by 4 games over 3 other teams. While this may seem like a big lead, you must keep in mind that there are 10 weeks left in the first half of this season and, yes, anything can and will happen. There is a lot of competition left in the remaining 19 teams, so nothing is guaranteed. Team 15, we are watching you carefully!!

Season high scores for the women are: Scratch Series - Vicky Reid, Scratch Game; Jean Scurlock, Eloise Gatson, Lorraine Burt, all with 211, Handicap Series; Marie Wilson 793, Handicap Game; Barbara Mensch 267. For the men; Scratch Series; Bob Damico 716,



Scratch Game; Mitch Wisinski 279, Handicap Series; LaVan Bock 769, Handicap Game; Al Fleisher 274.

The Bob Matteucci Memorial Tournament sponsored by branches 161 and 108 was held on October 17th with 65 bowlers from 17 branches in attendance. Branch 161 did quite well with 5 people being able to cash. They were; Paul Elmer, 1st in A Singles, 4th in Div A All Events, and 3rd with Rosie Elmer in A Division Doubles. Rosie Elmer also placed 7th in B Division All Events with Natalie Paris placing 2nd in the same event. John Fry placed 3rd in A Division Singles and Mitch Wisinski placed 5th. John and Mitch also placed 1st in A Division Doubles. Mitch also placed 1st A Division All Events and John Fry placed 3rd. There are only two tournaments left in this year. One in Modesto on November 2nd and 3rd, and Concord at Clayton Bowl on the 14th and 15th.

Paul

Golf News, Dale Welin

Our SIR Branch 161 golf season is now completed for 2017. We had 36 branch members join our NCGA golf club for this year, a slight increase from 2016.

The results for the Tuesday, 10-24 Club Championship are below. Randy Zierau was the low net winner and is Club Champion. Only 20 players participated for this event.



1st place - 65 net - Randy Zierau

2nd place - 66 net - Jack Disney (again! in the mix!)

3rd place - 71 net - Dale Welin (won tie breaker)

4th place - 71 - Ken Fanucchi (won tie breaker)

5th place - 71 - John Fry (won tie breaker)

6th place - 71 - Don Rentzel

7th place - 72 - Larry Mensch (won tie breaker)

8th place - 72 - Bill Konold

Two closest to the pin winners for hole #12 were Mensch and Ramos.



Dale presents 2017 Champion Randy Zierau with the 2017 championship trophy.

You will receive a memo from Dale with the NCGA 2018 dues information. The NCGA has increased their dues to \$39.00 for 2018. You can forward your check made payable to Dale Welin for the \$39.00 and the cutoff date is Saturday, Dec. 30. If there are any questions, please notify Dale.

Happy Holidays and see you all in 2018.

Dale Welin

Dinner with the Ladies: 2017 Restaurants Survey

We'd like your thoughts on the eight restaurants we dined at in 2017. *For each DWTL that you attended*, on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent), please indicate your opinion of the quality of the meal, the service, and value for the price, and also whether or not you think we should have future dinners at this restaurant.

We'd also appreciate any additional comments you have, and your suggestions on locations for future dinners.

Please sign, so that we can get back to you with any questions, and either a) mail to me at 4121 Windward Court, b) give it to Pam Jarvie at Monday bowling, or c) bring it to the next lunch meeting.

Thanks for your help

Restaurant	Date	Price	Meal Quality	Service	Value	Future DWTL?
Black Angus	Jan 24	\$ 25	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Sports Bar & Grill	Feb 28	\$ 28	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Texas Roadhouse	Mar 28	\$ 23	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Sweeney's	Apr 25	\$ 25	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Tao San Jin	Jun 27	\$ 27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Shirasoni	Aug 23	\$ 28	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Olive Garden	Sep 26	\$ 27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Cap's	Oct 24	\$ 28	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No

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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