



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 27th year! Feb., 2018

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

Larry Mensch, Big Sir

I hope you enjoyed our last month's presentation about the state of our Delta and the tunnel projects. Thank you to Jan and Mike McCleery for that great presentation. See the project web site at:

www.nodeltatunnels.com



February's luncheon is Tuesday, February 13th. Don't forget to notify Bill Konold if you will miss a luncheon.

Also, there are a lot of us who are reserving tables by coming early and putting reserved signs on the tables. It seems to have become more common, however, making it harder for some people to find a place to sit. Perhaps, we could consider not reserving all the seats at a table to allow a fellow Sir to more easily find a welcoming place to have lunch.

Larry

Next luncheon meeting: February 13, 2018

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Little Sir, Alan Jarvie

February speaker

Anthony (Tony) Fontenot, Crime Prevention Specialist for the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department, will be the speaker for our February 13th lunch. Tony will talk on Identity Theft Prevention.



February luncheon menu

Chicken Marsala, with 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.

February birthdays

Roy Bristow, Dave Ciruli, Mike Cullen, Bob Damico, John Emerson, Robert Jacobsen, Stan Krotz, Myron Lencioni, Glenn MacBride, Dane McCoy, Jim Venhaus

Pick up your 2018 Handbook

If you didn't pick it up at the last luncheon meeting, please pick up your 2018 Branch 161 Handbook on the table at the entrance to the club. Look for your name on the front cover.

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 February wine tasting will be on Thursday, February 22nd, hosted by Gary & Linda Tucker. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, February 8th at the number above, or email: DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Beer Tasting, Paul Elmer, 240-0543

The next beer tasting is scheduled after the February

SIR Branch 161 luncheon meeting. If you are interested in participating in this 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 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.

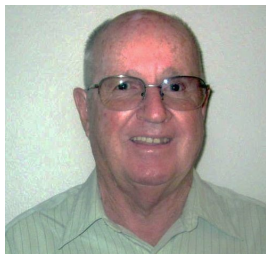


Big Sir and Little Sir say thank you to Mike and Jan McCleery, our January speakers.

Membership, Will Myers

To continue enjoying the activities and camaraderie of our fellow SIR Branch members, it is essential that we continue to bring in new members to counter the loss due to various reasons. Only through aggressive recruiting by members can our membership maintain an acceptable level. Many SIR Branches have ceased to exist due to the lack of a sufficient number of new members to replace those lost. Invite fellow golfing, bowling, fishing, boating or similar activity friends, neighbors, church and other social association members or sport car enthusiasts. A larger membership assures the continued existence of such activities as golf and bowling, as well as the start of new ones. More activities attract more men to join and participate.

A member who brings in a guest will receive a bottle of wine. If the guest decides to become a member, his sponsor will be rewarded with a free lunch certificate. The member who sponsors the most new members for the year will receive an additional free



lunch certificate.

Branch members wishing to sponsor a new member should invite the prospect to a regular luncheon meeting as his guest. The guest will receive a package containing a welcoming letter from our Big Sir, a Membership Application Form and a copy of our Branch Newsletter. If the guest decides to become a SIR member, he should complete the Membership Application and send it to Membership Chairman, Will Myers (see top of Membership Application for mailing address). The prospective member and his sponsor will be asked to attend the next regular luncheon. The Branch Executive Board will vote on the membership and, if approved, the new member will be inducted prior to that luncheon.

One new member was inducted at our January luncheon meeting.

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.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

In The Hunt (Karen Capra, Dennis Pachucki, Mike Quier, Bill Konold) did indeed win the first half of the 2017-2018 SIRS Bowling Season by an amazing 9 games over *Trouble With The Curve* (Tami Fanucchi, Ken Fanucchi, Dora Pagano, Mike Carmichael Jr), well done!

The first week of the second half had four teams winning all four games and three teams winning three games. Can you believe it? In the hunt is actually in second place tied with three other teams one game back. It could be a very good second half.

Season high scores are for the men; Scratch Series; Bob Damico 716, Scratch Game; Mitch Wisinsky;



279, Handicap Series; Russ Reid; 832, Handicap Game; Harris Edwards; 326.

For the women; Scratch Series; Vicky Reid; 672, Scratch Game; Julie Bayer; 237, Handicap Series; Mary Branscum 843, Handicap Game; Wanda Lewis 305.

The Tournament held in Stockton on January 8th had twelve of our Sirs attending with two of them placing. They were; Vicky Reid 5th, Div A Singles, and Keith Jones placing 6th, Div A Singles. Well Done!

There are at least two tournaments every month with the big ones being in April in Carson City (applications are available) on April 9th - 11th and Reno in August on the 13 to 15th. Applications are not yet available for Reno.

Paul

Golf News, Dale Welin

We are happy to report that we have ended up with 40 players from our Branch who have renewed and joined our NCGA golf club. This is an increase of 8 new players for 2018. Our venues for 2018 are printed in the Branch's 2018 yearbook and below, and the schedule is full.



3-20 - Deer Ridge

4-9 - SIR 161 Invitational - DBCC

5-15 - Poppy Ridge

6-19 - Diablo Creek

7-17 - Spanos Park (Reserve)

8-21 - Manteca GC

9-25 - Diablo Grande

10-23 - Elkhorn (Club Championship Tournament)

We look forward to your participation in 2018.

Dale Welin

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.



New Member



Ken Johnson retired from Morgan Stanley in 2015, following a career in financial management. He has lived in Tracy for 7 years.

Ken and his wife Brenda have 6 children and 6 grandchildren.

Hobbies include hunting, fishing and golf.

Ken's sponsor was Colin Brodie.

In Memoriam

We were sad to report the loss of another Sir; Clinton Sparks passed away Sunday 12/24/2017.

Clint was a loyal member of Branch 161 for 15 years and was our Assistant Chaplain for several years. Please keep Clint, his wife Bernadine and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Annual dues

A reminder that annual dues of \$20 were due in January. If you didn't already pay, please bring \$20 (cash or check payable to SIR Branch 161) to the next luncheon meeting and give to Jerry Wiebe, our Treasurer.

2018 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/16/2018	07/10/2018
02/13/2018	08/14/2018
03/13/2018	09/11/2018
04/10/2018	10/9/2018
05/8/2018	11/13/2018
06/5/2018	12/11/2018

The Happenings

We have a link to the SIR Inc publication, *The Happenings*, on our web site at www.sir161.org. Look at **State SIR Links** in the right column of the Home page.

Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

When: February 27, 2018

Where: Sports Bar & Steakhouse, 2477 Discovery Bay Blvd, Discovery Bay .

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



Menu Choices Salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (soft-drink, water, coffee) are included.

- Traditional slow-roasted Prime Rib (8 OZ)
- Orange Bourbon Glazed Salmon (8 oz)
- Braised boneless Short Ribs (1/2 order)
- Mushroom Risotto

All entrees except the Mushroom Risotto include mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables .

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

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Wednesday, February 21; There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on February 13.

Please make your checks out to Dennis Pachucki and mail to:

2125 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. My cell phone is 408-309-5206.

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

Your Name(s):

Phone number:

Your menu choices:

<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib	<input type="checkbox"/> Rare	<input type="checkbox"/> Med Rare	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Med Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Well
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Bourbon Glazed Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Short Ribs	<input type="checkbox"/> Mushroom Risotto			

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, Jerry Wiebe.

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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