



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 27th year! *Mar., 2018*

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

Larry Mensch, Big Sir

Thank you to Tony Fontenot, from the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department, for the excellent presentation on Identify Theft Protection and other safety items. Especially for me, about our mailbox security.



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

One of our goals this year was to increase our on-going activities by two. We are half way there. Jerry Wiebe has started a bicycle group. What a wonderful way to get a some exercise that is not difficult to achieve. Thanks to Jerry.

If you a think of an activity that might interest a few Sirs, then give it try.

Larry

Little Sir, Alan Jarvie

March speaker

David O. Livingston, Contra Costa County Sheriff, will be our speaker for the March 13th luncheon.



March luncheon menu

Corned Beef & Cabbage, boiled potatoes, steamed cauliflower & carrots, 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.

Next luncheon meeting: March 13, 2018

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March birthdays

Steve Bordi, John Davis, Jake Fair, Dave Goodwin, Steve Greenfield, Rich Gurney, Alan Jarvie, Keith Jones, Gary Leonis, Gary Lewis, Mike Maita, Floyd McBeth, Dennis Pachucki, Vince Vargas, Dave Vicencio

Pick up your 2018 Handbook

If you didn't already pick it up, 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.

February Awards



Big Sir Larry Mensch presents Gary Hess with the 25-year membership award.



Big Sir Larry Mensch presents a farewell certificate to Lou Bruton who is moving out of the area.



Big Sir Larry Mensch presents Jack Thomas with the Senior Sir (over 90) award.



Little Sir Alan Jarvie presents our February Speaker with a Certificate Of Appreciation.

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.

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

Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

Pickleball in Discovery Bay is growing. Our town leaders have approved increasing the facility to six courts with the caveat that the pickleball community raise the funds, and the effort is underway. If getting a little exercise and having some fun social competition interests you come give pickleball a try. We have all the needed equipment so just show up and let someone know you are interested. The current play times are Mon, Wed, Fri at 5pm; Tues, Thurs, Sat at 8am.; Sun at 1pm. Best time for learning is Saturday. Have any questions, check with SIR players Terry Silva, Randy Zierau or Bob Lyman.

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe, 916-206-9221

In February, the brand new SIR Cyclers organized with several charter members and began short, easy riding on Discovery Bay streets and trails. While still a fledgling group, everyone agreed to having local

weekly excursions. Initially, we plan to ride on familiar streets and neighborhoods in Discovery Bay in order to build confidence in our riding abilities. The run will end at our favorite Discovery Bay coffee shop in the Sandy Cove Shopping Center to enjoy some conversation, direction for the group, and maybe enjoy a coffee and treat. Weekends are generally busier and have more road traffic, so it was decided to make it every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. during the cooler early days of spring.



They've only just begun. L->R in the photo:

Ed Konieczny, Craig Wilson, John Davis,
Mike McCleery, Jerry Wiebe

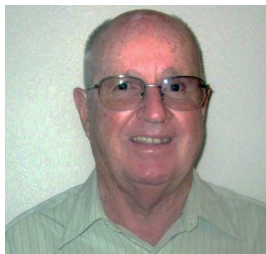
Meet at Jerry Wiebe's home, conveniently located near the intersection of Clipper Drive and Windward Point, at 2071 Windward Point, second house on the right from Clipper. We invite you and your spouse to join the group for the healthy fun of it. Contact Jerry Wiebe by phone, or email him at

papadrone@gmail.com for any information you may need.

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 February luncheon meeting (see page 5).

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

We are in the 22nd week of 35 weeks for the 2017-2018 SIR Monday morning bowling league. We seem to be holding steady at 20 teams with a four member roster. There are 4 or 5 teams that could use one more bowler. Please see Paul Elmer or John Fry if you are interested in participating in our exciting, fun packed, competitive bowling league.

Team 13 (Janine Gordin, Tony Gurascio, Roland Valtierra) is currently in first place by 1/2 game over We B Trying (Mary Pitta-Fry, Jack Bree, Mary Branscum). Three other teams are six games back with 13 weeks left in the second half of the season. As always, anything can and will happen in the league standings. STAY TUNED !!.

For the men, season high scores are the same from



February; Scratch Series; Bob Damico 716, Scratch Game; Mitch Wisinski 279; Handicap Series; Russ Reid 834, Handicap Game; Harris Edwards 326. What was Harris drinking that day?

For the women, season high scores are; Scratch Series; Vicky Reid 672, for scratch game Mary Branscum and Julie Bayer switched places with Mary now with the high scratch game; 240, and Julie with high handicap series of 840. Wanda Lewis has high handicap game of 305.

The Carson City Tournament in April (9th to the 12th) is already filling up. As of this writing there are nearly 200 bowlers scheduled. If you wish to bowl in this tournament please see Paul Elmer as soon as possible. Desired dates and times may not be available. The March tournament in Concord, scheduled for the 21st, is still available.

Paul

Golf News, Dale Welin

We are happy to have 40 players in our 2018 NCGA golf club for the branch. Our first tournament details are below for your action.

When: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Where: Deer Ridge GC, Brentwood

Time: 8:00 am shotgun start

Cost: \$41.00 - includes golf, cart, prize money

Cutoff: Tuesday, March 13 - luncheon date

Format: To be announced

We hope you will participate in the 1st tournament for 2018. With 40 members, our tournament participation should be better than any event in 2017. Please get your check to me (payable to Dale Welin) by mail, in person, or at the March 13 luncheon, which is the cutoff date for the event. I will be there.

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

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



Duane Wilson retired as a commercial driver from Safeway Stores in December, 2017. He has lived in the East County since 1981.

Duane has 2 sons.

Hobbies include bowling and auto restoration.

Duane's sponsor was Paul Elmer.

In Memoriam

We were sad to hear of the loss of another two Sirs:

Hal Crose passed away on January 30, 2018. Hal was a loyal member of Branch 161 for 15 years. Please keep Hal and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Myron Lencioni passed away on February 24, 2018. He celebrated his 93rd birthday on February 16, 2018. Myron joined SIR Branch 161 in February 1994, and was an active golfer and bowler. Myron was a WWII Veteran, surviving the Normandy Invasion (Omaha Beach), and received a Purple Heart. Please keep Myron, his wife Nancy (also in poor health), and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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: March 27 , 2018

Where: Texas Roadhouse, 2422 Naglee Rd, Tracy .

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.

Entrees

- Sirloin steak (8 ounce)
- Oven Roasted Half Chicken
- BBQ Ribs (Half Slab)
- Grilled Salmon
- Grilled Shrimp (2 skewers)

Side dishes

- Baked Potato
- Sweet Potato(baked)
- Fresh Vegetable Mix
- Seasoned Rice

Cost: \$24.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

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

The Texas Roadhouse is located at 2422 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 - you'll see the Texas Roadhouse on your right. Turn right at the next traffic light (~150 yards), then bear right into the Texas Roadhouse parking lot – the entrance faces Naglee Road.

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

Your Name(s):

Phone number:

Your menu choices:

Entrees:

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**Sirloin
Steak**

☐

**Roasted
Chicken**

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BBQ Ribs

☐

**Grilled
Salmon**

☐

**Grilled
Shrimp**

Side Dishes:

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**Baked
Potato**

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**Sweet
Potato**

☐

**Vegetable
Mix**

☐

**Seasoned
Rice**

Mothers Day Luncheon—May 8, 2018



Our entertainment will be the Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet, known for their vocal renditions - in 3-part harmony - of the songs of the WWII era, especially those made famous by The Andrews Sisters and The McGuire Sisters.

The luncheon menu is Crepes a la Reine, wild rice and vegetable medley.

Seating is limited to 160.

Tickets are \$25 per person and will be available at our March & April meetings - or buy them now using the stub below.

..... Please detach and mail with your check

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

of tickets: _____

**Please make your check payable to SIR Branch 161, and mail to
Jerry Wiebe, 2071 Windward Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94505**

SIR Day At The Races

When: Friday, April 20, 2018

Where: Golden Gate Fields

Times: Turf Club opens at 11:00 AM
Buffet Hours 12:00 – 3:30 PM
1st race post-time 12:45 PM

Cost: \$41.00 per person



Deadline: I'll need your RSVP and check no later than Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Golden Gate Fields is offering a special discounted "Turf Club" group rate of \$41 per person for SIR groups on this date. The package includes valet parking, admission and reserved Turf Club seating, the daily racing program, Turf Club buffet, tax & tip.

This is a fantastic opportunity for spending time with family and friends, as well as networking with SIR groups from all over the East Bay, while enjoying a superb luncheon buffet.

In lieu of renting a bus at \$25+ per person, we're going to car pool as we did last year, so please let me know if you can provide transportation, or if you will need a ride.

Please make your checks out to Alan Jarvie and mail to me at
4121 Windward Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.
Cell phone 408-219-8240

..... Please detach and mail with your check

Your Name

Phone

Number of attendees

☐

I Can PROVIDE transportation for _____ people

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I will NEED transportation

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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