



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 27th year! June, 2018

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

## Larry Mensch, Big Sir

Quite a few people mentioned to me that the Mother's Day luncheon entertainment was great. Thanks go to Alan Jarvie for putting that together.

Our next Luncheon is June 5<sup>th</sup> which is the **first** Tuesday in June. I hope you remember the change and, if you cannot make it please notify Bill Konold.

Summer is just around the corner, so you might want to tune up your bicycle and join Jerry Wiebe on his bike rides. This is a new addition to our activities. Our goal was to add two new activities this year and bicycling was the first, and we need one more

Thanks to all who brought a guest to our Luncheons. Our membership has increased this year. Our membership chairman, Will Myers has put together a good "new member" packet. Bringing guests, and having activities they can participate in, seems to be the best way for our branch to increase our membership.

Larry



## Little Sir, Alan Jarvie

### June speaker

The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Canine Unit will join us for our June luncheon.



### June luncheon menu

Chicken Cordon Bleu, steamed red potatoes, & broccoli with cheese; Breadsticks & Butter, Coffee and Tea, and a special dessert

**Please note:** If you have any special dietary needs, please contact Bill Konold by the Friday before the meeting.

Telephone 925-634-2738 or email  
bkonold@comcast.net

### June birthdays

Ed Coats, Jack Disney, Jim Jenkins,  
Richard Lutz, Richard Meyer, Karl Mygrant,  
Philip Newlin, Doug Pagano, Todd Ramsdell,  
Bob Rix, Walter Shipilov, Tom Snyder,  
Lowell Thomas, Dale Welin,  
Michael White, Duane Wilson

**Next luncheon meeting:** June 5, 2018

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## The Swinging Blue Stars entertained attendees at the Mothers Day luncheon



## Promoting SIR at a local event

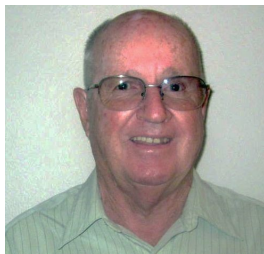




## Membership, Will Myers

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.

No new members were inducted at our May 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

After 35 weeks of bowling and two different half-season winners 1st half; In the Hunt (Karen Capra, Dennis Pachucki, Mike Quier, Bill Konold) and 2nd half winners We B Trying (Mary Pita-Fry, Jack Bree, Mary Branscum) bowled 3 head to head games during our sweepstakes final week to determine the season winner. In the Hunt won in commanding fashion for the honor of being their names placed on the Elwood Davis - Jim Heck Memorial Trophy on display at Harvest Park Bowl.

Season high scores (which included a cash award) were as follows: For the men; Scratch Series; Bob Damico; 716, Scratch Game; Mitch Wisinski; 288, Handicap Series; Dick Donald; 838, Handicap Game; LaVan Bock; 329. The women had equally high scores with Scratch Series going to Mary Branscum; 699,



Scratch Game; Rosie Elmer; 264, Handicap Series; Julie Bayer; 840, and Handicap Game; Wanda Lewis; 305. Well done people!!

The tournament held at Sutter Creek on April 30th saw only four of our bowlers competing. Unfortunately no one placed for prize payouts. The next tournament was the SIR State Tournament held at Citrus Heights on May 15 - 16. No results are posted as of May 23rd.

The June tournament is in Pacheco on the 6th and 7th.

The summer session of the SIR Monday Bowling League will begin on June 4th. If you would like to bowl in this league please contact Paul Elmer or John Fry, we could certainly use more bowlers and would enjoy seeing new people participate. Lots of fun!!

Paul

## 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](mailto:DickDonald@Yahoo.com).



Following are some ongoing SIR activities, including details on current plans.

### **Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849**

The June wine tasting is scheduled for Thursday, June 28th. Our hosts will be Dennis Pachucki and Karen Capra. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, June 15th at the number above, or email : [DickDonald@Yahoo.com](mailto: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, Thu, Sat at 8am. - Sun at 1pm. Best time for learning is Saturday. Have any questions, check with SIRs players Terry Silva, Randy Zierau or Bob Lyman.

### **SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe, 916-206-9221**

The SIR Cyclers continue to relish the warm Spring temperatures and have had a strong showing in May. The coup de grâce was a ride in Livermore for special views and new challenges as our group was proud they rode to the top of the Lake Del Valle dam for beautiful views of the reservoir and surrounding area, as well as scenic rides through Livermore's vineyards. It was a fun and rewarding ride. Other outings included a very serene ride out to the Holland Riverside Marina. Spring flowers, newly grown crops, and quiet waters of the Delta gave that ride many fulfilling moments. As the summer months are upon us, we hope to see more SIRs join us on Thursdays for these enjoyable and healthy experiences.

## In Memoriam

We were sad to hear of the loss of another Sir. Al Ruiz passed away on May 14, 2018.

Al joined SIR Branch 161 in June 2011.

Please keep Al, his wife Carol, and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Friends and Family are invited to attend his Celebration of Life on Wednesday May 30, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., at:

St. Anne's Church, 2800 Camino Diablo, Byron, CA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice of East Bay.

### Golf News, Dale Welin

We had 23 players at Poppy Ridge GC on May 15. It was windy (when is it not windy in Livermore) on a tough golf course. The format was 1 best ball on the odd numbered holes and 2 net balls on the even numbered holes. The results are:



1st place - 75 - Mensch, Carmichael, Disney and Jenkins

Tie for 2nd place - 82 - Tie breaker went to the team of Ramos, Shea, Fry

3rd place - 82 - Welin, Zierau, Johnson, Quier

No closest to the pin winners, golf course messed up with no signs.

As it turned out, one third of the players netted in the 60's, congratulations to you.

Our June tournament will be at Diablo Creek, Port Chicago. We moved the tee times back some to help us with the traffic, with our first tee time at 9:36 am. They do not allow shotguns starts unless you have 72 players. The entry info is below:

**Date:** Tuesday, June 19, 2018

**Where:** Diablo Creek, Port Chicago off Hwy 4.

**Time:** 9:36 am off the first tee

**Format:** To be determined, any suggestions?

**Entry fee:** \$48.00 for golf, cart and prize money

**Cutoff date:** Tuesday, June 12.

Please notify Dale of your interest to get your name onto the player list as early as possible. Then send or get your check to Dale asap. If there any questions, please call or email.

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.



### 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 (Note 1)	11/13/2018
06/5/2018	12/11/2018 (Note 1)

**Note 1:** These two events are lunches with the ladies, replacing the normal monthly luncheons. They are ticketed events.

## Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki



**When:** June 26, 2018

**Where:** Tao San Jin Restaurant, 5867-A Lone Tree Way, Antioch CA

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

**Menu:**

- Flaming Po Po Platter
- Chicken Corn Soup
- Crispy Chicken with Two Sauces
- Kung Pao Chicken
- Broccoli Beef
- Honey Walnut Prawns
- Chicken Chow Mein
- Steamed Rice
- Non-alcoholic beverage included

Tao San Jin has worked with us to provide low-sodium (low soy sauce) menu choices; Of course, soy sauce is available at each table to allow seasoning to individual taste.

**Cost:** \$29.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

**Deadline:** Need your RSVP no later than June 22 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on June 5, 2018.

If you will please send your checks to me in advance, that will be helpful.

Please make your checks out to Dennis Pachucki 2125 Sand Point Road Discovery Bay CA 94505  
phone 408-309-5206.

Tao San Jin is located in the Empire Shopping Center:

From Discovery Bay, take Hwy 4 to Marsh Creek, turn left and continue on Marsh Creek to the Hwy 4 Bypass and turn right (north). Exit the Bypass at Lone Tree Way; go east (right) on Lone Tree Way and move into the left lane. Turn left at the SECOND stop light (Shady Willow Lane). Take the first right, go straight to the first Stop Sign and turn left, Tao San Jin will be on your left.

----- Detach and mail with your check -----

Your Name(s)

## The 25th Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon - July 19, 2018

In 1993, 25 years ago, Al DiGiusto conceived the idea to plan a SIR event that would introduce some of the non-boating members and their wives to the world of boating in the Delta. The Slirs with boats invited members and their wives to ride with them on a cruise to one of many Delta waterfront restaurants for lunch. Al coordinated this successful event till his passing in 2005. The event continues in his honor.

This year's boat cruise and luncheon will be held Thursday July 19, 2018, and starts at the Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay. There will be sign-up sheets at the June and July meetings.

### Menu Choices:

Chicken wrap served with a side of fresh fruit, Chicken Caesar salad (comes with garlic bread), Tri-tip Sandwich served with French Fries, or Fish and Chips.

Non Alcoholic Beverage, dessert, tax and tip included for \$15.00 per person. Also house wine discounted to \$4.50 glass, and draft beer \$1.00 off (\$2.25 domestic, \$3.75 premium 16 oz. size).

### Agenda:

Meet at the Boardwalk Grill by 11:30 a.m. (by car or boat). Lunch will be served at noon. After Lunch we'll load-up and cruise the Bays. Or for those interested, talk to your Boat Captain, and go out on the river for a faster ride. Sign-up and meet your Boat Captain at his house and cruise to the Boardwalk. Or, walk or drive your car to the Boardwalk; we'll have boats / Boat Captains there to give you a ride after lunch. Sign - up deadline is July 12, 2018.

-----Detach & return this stub with payment-----

Your Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Your Menu choices:

Chicken Wrap \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Caesar Salad \_\_\_\_\_

Tri Tip Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Fish & Chips \_\_\_\_\_

Make check out to / Mail to: R.C. Damico 1621 Gamay Ln. Brentwood, CA 94513

CHECK ONE

\_\_\_\_ Need a Boat Ride    \_\_\_\_ Have a Boat Ride-Riding with: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Have Boat and need passengers (have room for \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_ Lunch only, not interested in Boat ride

## 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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