



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 28th year! *Jan, 2019*

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

## Alan Jarvie, Big Sir

I hope you have all had a joyous holiday season !!

I want to thank you all for continuing to keep our Branch healthy and successful. Membership has increased in each of the past two years, and our ongoing financial situation is strong. We've added new activities over the last twelve months, and we'll be adding more in 2019 – so if you have an idea for a new one, let us know. Implementing the new 2019 rule modifications will be smooth – the Branch has great latitude in how we accommodate these changes, which will simplify some record-keeping activities, and will also encourage bringing “new blood” and fresh thinking to the Executive Committee

Recruiting new members is the lifeblood of our organization, and continues to be our most important task for the coming year. So if you have a friend, or make a new acquaintance, who you think might enjoy what we have to offer, invite him to lunch and give him the opportunity see if SIR is for him.

I greatly appreciate the commitment and energy that former Big Sir Larry Mensch, our Executive Committee, and most importantly our entire membership has invested in our Branch. Here's wishing us all a Very Happy New Year !!

Alan Jarvie



## Little Sir, Roy Bristow

### January luncheon menu

Chicken Kiev, with wild rice pilaf & broccoli with cheese, Cookies/Brownies, Breadsticks & Butter, Coffee and Tea.

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

Telephone 925-634-2738 or email  
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### January birthdays

Albert Delgado, Paul Elmer, Tom Elmer,  
Len Fadda, David Harrison, John Lopp,  
Art McDonald, Jerry Nielsen, Russ Reid,  
Donald Shegich, Frank Smith,  
Jack Thomas, Jerry Wiebe.

**Next Luncheon Meeting:** January 15, 2019.

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## Membership, Will Myers

Last year we recruited 20 new members, but unfortunately we lost 21 members; so it is apparent that we must continue to sponsor friends, neighbors or other acquaintances to assure the survival of our SIR branch. A larger membership likewise assures the continuance of such activities as golf and bowling, as well as the start of new ones. More activities attract more men to join and participate.

To show our appreciation, members who bring in a guest and as well as those who sponsor a new member will be recognized in this section of the Newsletter. A member who brings in a guest will also 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. For your information, a monthly report on our membership status, new members as well as the members lost will also be provided in this Newsletter section.



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 (BEC) 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 December meeting.

### SIR Membership Requirements

Membership in Sons In Retirement is open to men regardless of age, race, color or religion. See the last page of this newsletter for more information.



Holiday Luncheon entertainment provided by the Four-te Quartet from the Devil Mountain Chorus.

*Photo by Bob Damico.*

## Bowling News, Paul Elmer



There are only 2 weeks of bowling left in the first half of the Monday morning SIR Bowling League. January 7th will be the last week of regularly scheduled bowling, with January 14th being the position round and the determination of the first half winner. The winner of the first half will face the winner of the second half for the overall league champion unless the same team wins both halves. Bowling Buddies (Lorraine Burt, Tony Tell, Suzanne Berry, Fred Critchfield) are currently in first place by 5 games over Strike Force (Videlle Marshall, Doris Cole, Linda Jensen, Greg Mattus) with M&M&M&J (Mary Pita-Fry, Jack Bree, Mary Branscum, Marie Wilson) 1/2 game behind them. Interestingly enough M&M&M&J plays Bowling Buddies on Jan. 7th, so this could be a

very tense couple of weeks.

Season high scores are:

For the women- Scratch Series; Vicky Reid 614, Scratch Game; Rosie Elmer 214, Handicap Game; Jen Scurlock; 276.

For the men: Scratch Series; John Fry 714, Scratch Game; Mitch Wisinski 279, Handicap Series; Curtis Manning 756, Handicap Game; Greg Mattus; 289.

The SIR December Tournament was held at Danville on the 5th and 6th but as of this writing no results were yet posted. Tournaments for 2019 start on January 8th in Stockton at Pacific Bowl, Napa on the 22nd and 23rd, and Livermore on Feb 12th, 13th. As always, see John Fry or Paul for entries, or go online to [www.sirinc.3.org](http://www.sirinc.3.org)

Paul

## 2019 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

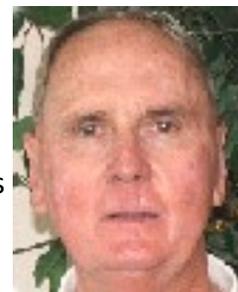
01/15/2019 (Note 1)	07/9/2019
02/12/2019	08/13/2019
03/12/2019	09/10/2019
04/9/2019	10/8/2019
05/14/2019 (Note 2)	11/12/2019
06/4/2019 (Note 3)	12/10/2019 (Note 2)

**Note 1:** Third Tuesday in January.

**Note 2:** Lunch with the ladies.

**Note 3:** First Tuesday in June.

## Golf News, Dale Welin



The 2019 SIR 161 golf club membership deadline has come and gone. We have 37 paid members for 2019. Thank you for signing up.

The venue schedule for next year is about to be completed. Should be an interesting year for us!

We wish the golfers and other Branch 161 members a Healthy New Year.

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 table in the DB Country Club lobby at our monthly luncheons. Some of the available 2019 trips are listed below. For more information contact Dennis Pachucki.



Jan 27 – Feb 11, 2019: Princess Hawaiian Cruise: 15 –Days round trip from San Francisco .

Jan 30 –Feb 15, 2019: Princess Panama Canal Cruise: Ft. Lauderdale to San Francisco.

Feb. 2-7, 2019: Yellowstone in the Winter: Destination Salt Lake City, Yellowstone National Park, Jackson Hole, WY.

Feb 15-Mar 2, 2019: Cruise from San Francisco to Ft Lauderdale. 15 day cruise aboard the Coral Princess with port stops at Cabo San Lucas, San Juan Del Sur, Puntarenas, Fuerte Amador, cruising through the Panama Canal, Cartagena, and Ft Lauderdale.

March 11 – 15, 2019: Spring Training – Scottsdale, AZ.

April 6-21, 2019: Princess Hawaii Cruise R/T San Francisco.

April 24-28, 2019: San Antonio Spring Fiesta: 5 day tour includes, Fiesta Flambeau Parade, City Tour, Tower of Americas, River Walk, Alamo.

May 8-12, 2019: Golden Spike 150th Anniversary. Destination Salt Lake City .

May 10-16, 2019: Music Cities Tour . 3 nights in Nashville and 3 nights in Memphis.

May 19-26, 2019: America’s Music Cities. Eight day escorted tour featuring New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville.

May 21 – June 1, 2019: Princess Alaska Cruise Tour: 7 day Land – 8 day cruise.

May 24 – June17, 2019: Machu Picchu and Galapagos, add onto Peru Amazon Jungle.

June 3-18, 2019: Great Rivers of Europe: 18 day Grand Circle Cruise – Vienna to Amsterdam Transverse the Rhine-Mine-Danube Canal.

June 25-29, 2019: Ashland, Oregon & The Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

July 25 – Aug 3, 2019: Alpine Swiss Villages: Unpack twice, an In-Depth Look at the World Famous Bernese Oberland, Plus Swiss Confederation (National) Day Celebration.

August 8-16, 2019: U.S. and Canadian National Parks.

Aug 23-Sept 3, 2019: Crystal Alaska Cruise and Land.

Aug 23 – Sept 9, 2019: Princess Cruise Iceland and Norway on the Pacific Princess.

Sept 3-13, 2019: Princess Cruise Alaska – Grand Princess: R/T San Francisco.

Sept 7-22 2019: Taste of Bordeaux.

## 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.

### Christmas Lights Boat Ride – Dick Donald – 513-2849

We just completed the third annual SIR Christmas Lights boat ride. We chartered the Captain Morgan boat "Rosemarie" for the evening of December 13th for a two hour ride through Discovery Bay to view the Christmas lights on many of the homes. Twenty seven riders enjoyed an evening of cruising the bays of Discovery Bay, enjoying some fine appetizers catered by the Boardwalk restaurant, and drinking from the bar on board. We are already looking forward to doing this again next year.

### Wine Tasting – Dick Donald – 513-2849

Wine tasting will resume for the new year with an event on Thursday, January 24th, hosted by Vince and Bobbi Vargas. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com.

## Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 628-7906

This message is for all you newer SIR members who may not have heard of pickleball. If you have ever played a racquet sport of any kind and have the energy to use those skills again, come check out pickleball. It is a great game for both men and women, with lots of good social interaction and it is the fastest growing sport in the country. We have the best courts in Contra Costa County right here in Discovery Bay, at the Cornel Park pickleball courts. Current drop-in play times are Tues, Thur & Sat at 9 am. Best time for learning is Saturday morning. With the weather changing and the time change, our start times change to 9am and 3pm, and we also play at 1pm on Sunday. Have any questions, check with SIR players Dennis Pachucki, Phil Talley, Greg Moran, Terry Silva, Randy Zierau or Bob Lyman.

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

The SIR Cyclers ride weekly on Thursday mornings at 9:00 A.M. and include spouses and friends. The Cyclers most commonly meet at Jerry's home in Discovery Bay for a moderate ride into Brentwood and back on the much improved Balfour Road that now includes the added safety of bicycle lanes in both directions all the way into Brentwood and beyond. Mid way they usually include a stop to enjoy a cup of coffee and perhaps a snack and good conversation. Some weeks they travel to other nearby towns' bike trails that provide a new experience. A message is emailed weekly to inform interested participants of the riding plan for that week. If anyone would like to join in, contact Jerry Wiebe by phone or email to be added to the weekly email distribution. We look forward to and encourage new members joining us on our rides.

## Dinner with the ladies, Dennis Pachucki



**When:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019

**Where:** Black Angus Steakhouse, 2565 Sand Creek Road, Brentwood CA  
(at the Streets of Brentwood)

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

**Menu Choices:** Dinner includes, non-alcoholic beverage (iced tea, lemonade, soda, coffee) and raffle 2 dinner gift cards worth \$25 each.

- Top Sirloin with baked potato and green beans.
- Grilled Salmon with wild rice and broccoli.
- Grilled Chicken with mashed potatoes and broccoli.
- Pork Chops and vegetables.
- Grilled Vegetable Cobb Salad.

**Cost:** \$31.00 per person (includes tax, and gratuities).

**IMPORTANT: We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, January 16 –**

please don't wait to pick up a form at our January 15 lunch, and then mail it, we won't get it in time.

Please send your checks to me in advance, made out to Dennis Pachucki, and mail to 2125 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. My cell phone is 408-309-5206.

**Black Angus is located in the Streets of Brentwood, just to the right of the main driveway entry.**

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

**Your Name(s):**

**Phone:**

**Your Menu choice(s) :**

Top Sirloin   
  Rare   
  Med Rare   
  Med   
  Med Well   
  well

Grilled Salmon   
  Grilled Chicken   
  Pork chops   
  Grilled Vegetable Cobb Salad

## Membership Requirements & Principles

Membership is open to any man regardless of age, color, or religion that can reasonably participate in SIR activities, events, & luncheon meetings, and is also willing to volunteer and bring guests for the purpose of perpetuating the organization. The only requirement to join SIR is that a man be sponsored by an active member. 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.

## 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 newsletter).

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 or call Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

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