



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 32nd year! April 2023

The Mission of SIR is to enrich the Lives of Our Members Through Fun Activities and Events—While Making Friends For Life

## Ken Landoline, Big Sir

Despite the continuing and much-needed rain we have officially entered springtime as we are beginning the second quarter of the SIR 2023 calendar year. It will be great to see more sunshine as we progress with our luncheon meetings and event calendars. I am enjoying my tenure as Big Sir but fully aware that the year is zipping by. As mentioned at the March luncheon, we will soon be creating the Branch 161 officers slate for 2024 and I would like to encourage each of you to consider getting more involved in the management and operations of our branch by volunteering for any of the positions that need to be filled. Your active engagement and participation in our branch are the only way to ensure our branch will thrive into the future.



Following are a few items of importance that I want to mention this month to keep you current on State SIR and Branch 161 happenings:

1) While the COVID situation has improved, COVID concerns remain with us. To protect our members State SIR has issued a recommended protocol for branches to follow should a member test positive for COVID after attending a SIR event. The recommended procedure asks that the affected individual notifies the SIR group running the event immediately and that the SIR group notify all those who attended the event that they may have been exposed to COVID and they should follow CDC and state guidelines regarding COVID. The SIR branch must also notify the State SIR VP immediately of the situation. So please advise me or a member of our Branch Executive Committee (BEC) immediately if you test positive for COVID after

attending one of our events.

2) The branch annual dues for 2023 are due by March 31st. We have several members who have not yet paid their \$25 dues. Please make sure your dues are paid for 2023 as soon as possible by contacting our treasurer Jerry Wiebe at (916) 206-9221 or be ready to pay at our upcoming luncheon when you check in.

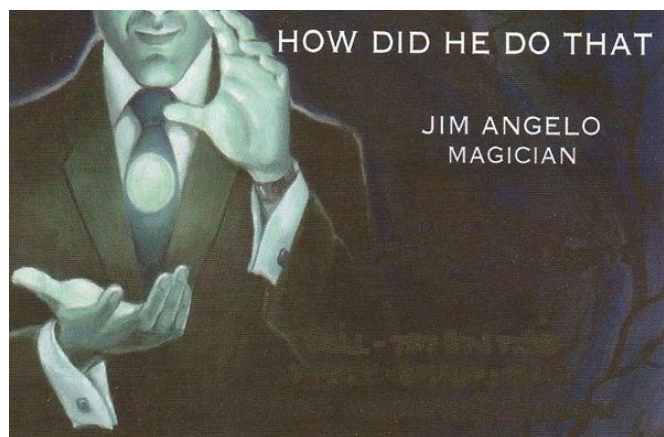
3) The process of members notifying our attendance director Phil Newlin at (408) 505-5359 by the Friday before our monthly meetings to indicate that they will not be attending a luncheon is not being adequately followed by all members. If you do not inform us that you will not be attending a luncheon a meal is ordered and paid for on your behalf. If you do not attend, we must still pay the Club for your meal. Our BEC has passed a motion to send a letter to each member not following this procedure, asking them to pay for their missed meal prior to the next meeting. If the missed lunch is not paid for before the next lunch meeting his membership will be revoked and he will not be allowed to attend the following meeting.

Please remember our annual Mothers' Day luncheon will be held on May 9th and tickets are being sold now and will be available at our April meeting - **see Jerry Wiebe's announcement on page 2.** I hope to see everyone at our next luncheon on April 11th.

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## Mothers Day Luncheon, Jerry Wiebe



We have a whole new performance for you this Mothers Day Luncheon. A local magician, Jim Angelo, will bring us his bag of tricks and spectacular magic to wow the audience!

The lunch is chicken & mushroom crepes with fresh vegetables and strawberry mousse for dessert. Coffee and iced tea are included along with a no-host bar.

Tickets have already gone on sale for \$35 each. There are a few ways to purchase them before the May 5th deadline, we may be sold out before then, so make sure you get yours. You can purchase tickets at the next SIR luncheon meeting on April 11th, or mail Jerry Wiebe a check that covers your payment made out to SIR Branch 161. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope to return your tickets. Jerry's mailing address is 2071 Windward Point, Discovery Bay, 94505. You may also pick up your tickets by contacting Jerry at (916) 206-9221.

The door will open at 11:00 a.m. and sit-down for lunch is 12:00 p.m.

### Little Sir, Jim Wangeman

I would to thank Alan Cantando for a very interesting talk at our March meeting, discussing what is going on in Discovery Bay.



Our April speaker is Brandon Gruber; His story has been featured on TV and in several articles including "Prince of the Prom" and American Heroes PEOPLE magazine editions. Brandon was also a Princess Diana recipient in London where he met Prince Harry. He has never let Down Syndrome define him and he says "I'll do it myself!"



*Little Sir Jim Wangeman presents a certificate of appreciation to Alan Cantando. from . Also present was Big Sir Ken Landoline*

### April Birthdays

Chris Diaz, John Douglas, Saul Gold, Bill Konold, Ken Landoline, Don Rentzel, Paul Van Emmerik, Hal Whitlow, Randy Zierau

### April Luncheon Menu

Penne Pasta Alfredo with Julienne Chicken Breast with Steamed Broccoli.

### SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

March and Spring go together like two peas in a pod of Day-light Savings Time; excellent times for bicycle riding. Our rides begin at 9:00 a.m. and we make as many as three rides weekly. Our favorite morning trek is on Friday, leaving from Jerry's driveway to Brentwood to enjoy a cup of coffee and a lot of gab at a local coffee shop.



We are always on the lookout for new members to join us on this fun event that has a lot of plusses. All levels of bicycling experience are welcome, and electric bike riders are encouraged to join us. We are also here to help others brush up on their riding skills if they have not ridden for a while. It only takes a few weeks to wake up those muscles and build some endurance. Just start at a mile a day...then add another, then another. In no time you'll be surprised at how soon you are feeling stronger. The best part is feeling good...ALL OVER!

Cyclers leave in the morning from Jerry's driveway at 2071 Windward Point in Discovery Bay. Give Jerry a call for questions. Then get that bicycle down you have hanging on the wall of your garage, dust it off, and put some air in the tires. We are waiting for you!



## SIR Branch 161: Discovery Bay Friendship Tournament 2023

Photography by  
John Fry



First Place: (-11) with Blind Draw

Walter Joyce Br 35: Palo Alto  
Russ Prophet Br 69: Pony Express/Sac  
Clay Nesbitt Br 76: Spirit of 76/Santa Rosa  
Phil Reed Br 128: San Ramon Valley



Second Place: (-10)

Jim Stephenson Br 102: Carmichael  
Peter Leimpeter Br 161: Discovery Bay  
Herb Petersen Br 35: Palo Alto  
Gene Plevyak Br 125: Westgate/San Jose



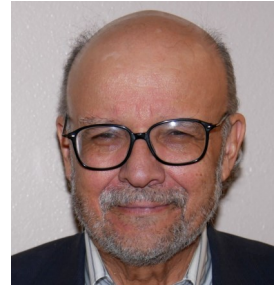
Third Place: (-9)

Ralph Moses Br 106: Fairfield  
Rod Mooney Br 76: Santa Rosa  
Kenneth Hill Br 93: Sacramento  
John Jewell Br 161: Discovery Bay



## Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the March luncheon we had 2 guests. Dan Lippstreu hosted Tony Rubino and Bob Vetter hosted Tim Pollock.



All members are reminded when a guest attends a luncheon the sponsor will receive a free bottle of wine. If the guest later decides to become a member, the sponsor will also be awarded a free lunch certificate. If a guest wants to become a member please have the guest contact me at 949-400-4715 via voice or texting and I can quickly outline the procedure.

Thanks to all members for your continued recruitment efforts and bringing guests to our luncheons! A recent article describing our branch was published in the Press to help in recruiting efforts. We are grateful to its editor, Greg Robinson, for helping the branch increase its visibility.

The branch headcount is currently 146.

Luis

## March meeting attendance, Phil Newlin

Date	MAR 14	Fellow SIR members, here is a summary of attendance numbers from our February 14th meeting.
Members	146	
NO CALL - NO SHOW	11	NO CALL - NO SHOW This is the number of members subject to lunch charge for not calling and not showing up
Notified	50	Notified This is the number of members that notified the attendance chairman of their non-attendance
Guests	2	
New Members	0	
Actual Count Total	87	Actual Count Total This is the total members - No Call/No Show - Notified + Guests + New Members

## Bowling news, John Fry

The next SIR Bowling Tournament is Carson City, Monday April 17 to Thursday April 20 at Gold Dust West Casino in Carson City NV.



The Monday Sirs and Ladies Winter Bowling league just finished week 28 of a 37 week season. The Winter season is divided into 2 parts.

The current standing for the second half are as follows:

First place, Team 2, (Whatever II) Maddie Brickwedel, Skip Zehnder, Harold Sagert, John Fry (29.5 wins-10.5 losses).

Second place, Team 1, (1- Ball at a time!) Ron Wilson, Fred Critchfield, Gail Smith, Keith Jones (24 wins-16 losses).

Third place, Team 3, Natalie Paris, Mike Sadler Sr, Marie Wilson, Tony Guarasico (24 wins-16 losses).

Season High Game Scratch (Male), Keith Jones 278, John Fry 266, Mitch Wisinski 256.

Season High Game Scratch (Female), Rosie Elmer 257, Gail Smith 242, Vicky Reid 238.

Season High Series Scratch (Male), Keith Jones 720, Bob Damico 712, Mitch Wisinski 640.

Season High Series Scratch (Females), Gail Smith 657, Rosie Elmer 619, Vicky Reid 594.

Season High Handicap Game (Male), John Fry 302, Ken Fanucchi 297, Keith Jones 294.

Season High Handicap Game (Female), Rosie Elmer 296, Vicky Reid 284, Gail Smith 280.

Season High Handicap Series (Male), Bob Damico 793, Mike Carmichael, 792, Tom Kirtley 770.

Season High Handicap Series (Female), Gail Smith 771, Terry Damico 766, Mary Patterson 751.

High Average (Male), Keith Jones 202, Bob Damico 197, Mitch Wisinski 196.

High Average (Female), Gail Smith 181, Vicky Reid 179, Rosie Elmer 174.

Most improved Average (Male) Skip Zehnder +13, Russ Reid +12, Don Patterson +6.

Most improved average (Female), Diane Leonis+9, Mary Ann Reichenbach +8, Shirley Jennings +6.

Application forms for all the SIR Bowling Tournaments are available on the State SIR Bowling website ( <http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html> )

If you have questions about SIR Bowling please call or email John Fry (925 783 5614) ([jcfry43@yahoo.com](mailto:jcfry43@yahoo.com))



## Wine Tasting, Terry Silva

Held at John and Connie Douglas' house in Discovery Bay.

Attendees:

Terry and Sue Silva, Larry and Barbara Mensch, John and Connie Douglas, Vince and Bobbie Vargas, Jerry and Sue Wiebe, Bruce and Kathy Bohnsack, Dennis Pachucki and Karen Capra, Dick and Carolyn Jamison.



Great time. Hosted very well by John and Connie. Good appetizers and wine.

Next month at Vince and Bobbie Vargas's house.

Terry Silva.

## Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

**When:** Tuesday, April 25, 2023

**Where:** Smith's Landing, 1 Marina Plaza, Antioch, CA 94509 (at the Antioch marina).

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

**Menu Choices:** Dinner includes salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (iced tea, water, coffee)



### Entrees:

- Simply Grilled Salmon, mashed Potatoes, seasonal vegetables
- Chicken Saltimbocca Breast, Cream Sauce, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables
- Point Reyes Petit Filet, Blue Cheese Sauce, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables
- Baby Back Pork Beer Ribs, BBQ sauce, French fries, creamed corn.

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than Friday, April 21 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on April 11.

Please send your checks to me in advance.

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

Smith's Landing is located at 1 Marina Plaza, Antioch, CA 94509

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

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Menu choice(s):

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Grilled salmon

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Chicken Saltimbocca Breast

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Point Reyes Petit Filet

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Baby Back Pork Beer Ribs

## Membership Requirements & Principles

*(revised 2019)*

Membership is open to men, regardless of age, race, color, or religion. Member volunteers and staff administer and govern all branch activities. Nominal membership dues help 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. Prospective members must be 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 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 mail a check for \$25 (made out to SIR Branch 161) 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. It is suggested that hats be removed while reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance.

**If you're unable to attend a meeting**, our Branch is obligated to pay for lunches not served. Please email or call Phil Newlin by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

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