



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 32nd year! Sept 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

At the August luncheon meeting our members elected next year's Officers/Directors who will serve as members of our Branch Executive Committee in 2024. I want to congratulate these individuals and thank them for volunteering their time and talents to help our Branch succeed in the future.



through the 2023 SIR year. I thought this might be a good time to review some significant happenings occurring with SIR Branch 161 so far this year. First worth mentioning is the fact that 2023 will mark the first full year in which we returned to the post-COVID "new normal" of SIR operations which includes a full year of mask-less in-person monthly lunches, higher levels of luncheon attendance (100 or more), and a broader participation across major activities including golf, bowling, Dinner with the Ladies, pickleball, wine tasting, and many other popular activities and events.

In addition, because of your cooperation, there has been an improvement in the number of our members calling to indicate their non-attendance at monthly luncheons when appropriate, which is resulting in substantial savings in Branch 161 luncheon expenditures. We have also developed an enhanced working

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BRANCH OFFICERS & DIRECTORS Effective January 1, 2024

• Big Sir	Jim Wangeman
• Little Sir	Steve Bordi
• Secretary	Bruce Bohnsack
• Assistant Secretary	Saul Gold
• Treasurer	Jerry Wiebe
• Assistant Treasurer	Norm Peterson
• Membership	Luis Figueroa
• Attendance	Phil Newlin
• Audit & Nomination	Dave Ciruli
• Bowling	Paul Elmer
• Golf	Johnny Welton
• Sunshine	Bob Damico
• Dinner with Ladies	Dennis Pachucki

I also want to thank Chairman Vince Vargas, and the other members of the Nominating Committee, including Bill Konold and Will Myers, for their persistence and diligence in the development of this slate.

It is difficult to believe, but with the Labor Day holiday upon us, we are now three-quarters of the way

Next meeting

Tuesday, September 12

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relationship with the DB Country Club as indicated by the management's reaction to our initial member survey which revealed a SIR membership desire for a broadened set of menu items at our meetings. Menu changes are already being offered, so look forward to some new meals starting with chicken/beef tacos at the September meeting.

Also worthy of a mention is the Branch's recognition by our Area Representative as the leading area branch in percentage of total membership attending monthly lunch meetings (reaching 66% in August). Our members have also earned an impressive number of SIR recognition awards this year including Distinguished Service Awards (Denis Pachucki, Tom Jones), State Senior 90-Year-Old SIR Awards (Ken Marsh, Don Rentzel), Branch Membership Longevity—30 years (Gary Hess), 25 years (Jerry Dittman), and 20 years (Lowell Onstad, Jim Wangeman) and there are

several more awards to be presented before year end.

Our next luncheon meeting is scheduled for September 12th. In conjunction with that meeting will be our annual SIR Eric Jensen Memorial Collector Car Show. Any interesting car you would like to enter, old or new, is welcome. Bring it to the coming meeting and park it with your other SIR car enthusiast members. Viewing will be held both before and after the meeting, so arrive early and enjoy the show. Please contact Bill Konold (925) 634-2738 if you have any questions regarding the car show.

Remember our next lunch meeting is September 12. I look forward to seeing you there.

If you will be unable to make it, please contact Phil Newlin (408-505-5359) to let him know on or before Friday September 8th.

Little Sir, Jim Wangeman



Thank you to our August speakers, Lynda Longorio and Lori Avon, for speaking to our group about Bank Fraud and what to do about it.

Also thank you to Matt and his staff, at the Country Club, for a nice lunch and improved salads.



Our September speaker will be Abdul Jamil Hassan. Jamil was born in 1986 in Zurmat District of Afghanistan's southeastern Paktia province. Following his admission to Kabul University's Faculty of Law and Political Science, Jamil lived, studied and worked in the Capital until he and his family escaped Afghanistan during the chaotic evacuation of August 2021.

Following his escape from Kabul, Jamil and his family stayed in Qatar, Germany, Virginia, Wisconsin and finally settled in Northern California in November 2021. "Promises Betrayed" is the first book Jamil has ever written, but it is the most important achievement of his entire life so far.

September Luncheon Menu

Chicken and Beef Fajitas with corn tortillas, rice and beans!

September Birthdays

Richard Barber, Patrick Dolan, Ed Fitzpatrick, Tony Guarascio, John Jewell, Mike Kaufman, Tim Pollock, Michael Stoiber, Brad Vinson.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

The summer session of SIR Bowling was completed on August 28th. The winter session will begin on Sept. 11th at 10 AM at Harvest Park Bowlero in Brentwood.

We currently have 9 to 10 four person teams signed to play. If you are interested in joining the league contact Paul Elmer or Ron Wilson. Any prior spouse of a Sir (past Sirs included) are eligible to join. Bowling experience in all stages from beginners to higher average bowlers are encouraged to join; We would like to see 15 - 20 four person teams.



Annual Eric Jensen Memorial Collector Car Show

The September meeting is also the SIR Eric Jensen Memorial Car Show. So polish that Collector car of yours and bring it to the meeting. Any interesting car, old or new, is welcome.

Got a new Hemi, a cool Corvette, or an old Mercury? Bring it to the September 12 meeting and park with your other SIR car enthusiast members.

Tire kicking is both before and after the meeting, so arrive early and enjoy the machinery.

Please contact Bill Konold 925-634-2738 if you have any questions.

Here are a couple of pictures from past shows.



Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the August luncheon we inducted one member, Mike Kaufman (Jim Wangeman is the sponsor)



A photo of Mike and his sponsor Jim is shown below.



Mike Kaufman (right) and sponsor Jim Wangeman

Mike has lived in Brentwood for the last 24 years. He worked for the Jack in the Box corporation for 21 years. He and wife Terry have three daughters, and two grandkids. He enjoys playing golf, bowling, and outdoor activities. He is looking forward to engaging and getting involved in branch activities.

At the August luncheon we had four guests, the largest total for the year. Keep up the recruiting!

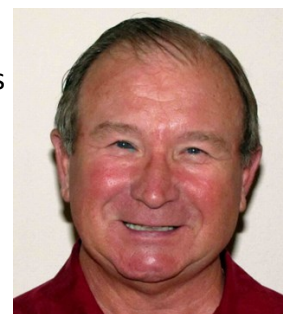
- Ron Reagan (Al Spahn, sponsor);
- Bob Brockham (John Sutton, sponsor);
- Isao Nishijima (Bill Konold, sponsor);
- Joe Stanley (Tom Leeper, sponsor)

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.

The branch headcount is currently 140.

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

The summertime weather has been beautiful this year and provides so many opportunities for a morning or early evening bicycle ride. Riding just a few miles a week helps you to maintain your balance and strengthen your muscles to help keep you in good health.



All levels of bicycling experience are welcome, and electric bike riders are encouraged to join us. We are here to help you brush up on your riding skills if you 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 feel stronger. The best part is feeling good... ALL OVER! Contact your physician and discuss the merits of staying healthy on a bicycle.

The more advanced cyclers leave in the morning from Jerry's driveway at 2071 Windward Point in Discovery Bay. When you feel confident for a longer ride, we have as many as three rides a week. Our favorite morning trek is on Friday, pedaling into 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 at this fun activity that has a lot of pluses.

Now 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!

20-year Membership Award



Big Sir Ken Landoline presented the 20-year membership award to Little Sir Jim Wangeman.

Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

When: Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Where: Shirasoni Japanese Restaurant, 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood CA

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



Menu Choices: Dinner includes appetizer, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage,(iced tea, water, coffee, tax and tip.)

- Chicken Teriyaki grilled with sweet teriyaki sauce
- New York Steak (Hibachi Grilled)
- Filet Mignon (Hibachi Grilled)
- Hibachi Shrimp grilled with lemon & butter
- Hibachi Salmon grilled with a hint of lemon
- Vegetable Delight (Assorted fresh vegetables grilled in a light sauce)

Cost: \$38.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Friday, September 22 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on September 12. Please send your checks to me in advance.

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

Shirasoni is located at 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood (next to Mancini's Sleepworld).

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

Your Name(s):

Phone:

Your Menu choice(s):

Chicken Teriyaki

Filet Mignon

Hibachi Shrimp

Hibachi Salmon

New York Steak

Vegetarian Entree

And your rice selections:

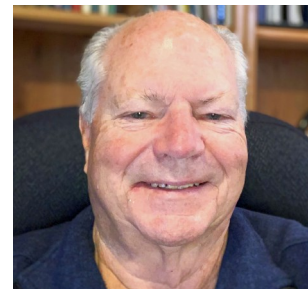
Steamed Rice

Fried Rice

Garlic Fried Rice

Golf, Johnny Welton

Las Positas Golf Course was once again a great host for our August event. It got to 90 degrees just as we left the course. Playing time ranges from 4:20 to 5:15. The average time was 4 hours 46 minutes. The greens were plush and ran true. Everyone enjoyed socializing afterward in the restaurant. Twenty-six players formed seven teams.



First place went to Dave Vincencio, Johnny Welton, Tony Rabin, and John Sutton (125). One stroke behind was Dan Lippstreu, TR Taylor, Mike Carmichael, with a blind draw from Dennis O'Connell (126). Third place included Phil Kepp, Mike Kaufman, Jim Spann, and Vince Vargas.(128). Closest to the Pin on Hole 8 was Carmichael with 7' 11." Second was Joe Raposa at 14' 1." Sutton won Hole 15 with 22'; followed by Chris Diaz with 27.'

The Skins game paid \$15 per skin. All players had one skin. Flight A included: Diaz, Kepp, Mike Quier, Taylor, Vicencio, and Welton. From Flight B Carmichael and Emerson were the winners.

Low Gross Flight A went to Taylor (72) and Vicencio (82) came in second. In Flight B Low Gross went to Kaufman (95) with Al Goodspeed second at 99. In Flight A Low Net went to Lippstreu (70) with second going to Diaz (71). Low Net prizes in Flight B went to Sutton (69) and Carmichael (74).

There are two Events remaining: Franklin Canyon on 9/19 and SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship on 10/24. Both courses should be great. The Individual Championship is a great opportunity. You should consider joining us.

Have a good one!

Johnny



2023 Golf Schedule

Additional details will be in the 2023 Handbook

Tuesday, Sept 19 9:30* Franklin Canyon, Hercules
 Tuesday, October 24 9:30* The Reserve, Stockton

*Event included in SEASON LONG 2 MAN TEAM CONTEST

Wine Tasting, Terry Silva

The August SIR wine tasting event was held at Jerry and Sue Wiebe's house in Discovery Bay.

Attendees:

Cam Donald

Terry and Sue Silva

Dave and Jinni Ciruli

Bruce and Kathy Bohnsack

Michael and Pam Quier

Dick and Carolyn Jamison

Saul and Maureen Gold

Vince and Bobbie Vargas

The hosts did a great job and everyone enjoyed a great evening.

The September event will be at Terry and Sue Silva's house in Discovery Bay.



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Wine Tasting, continued



Membership Requirements & Principles

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 at:

2071 Windward Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

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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