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Comments from Big SIR Bob Damico
SIRS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
 Our next meeting
 will be held on the 2ND Tues. - **Sept. 14**



Well, here it is September already... Summer is winding down and fall and winter are coming soon. Things are still happening in SIR Branch 161. See Little SIR Vince Vargas's message about the Christmas Ladies Lunch and mark your calendars. Tickets will be limited and go on sale in October. Tom Kirtley has 27 Teams set for the Winter Bowling League starting September 13th - contact him if you are interested in bowling. Dale Welin has the golf activity going strong. Lex Overzet is keeping Bridge alive. Dick Donald is working on Wine Tasting events. LaVan Bock and Ray Serafin have an RV outing coming up in October. And Mike White has two more Ladies' Dinners scheduled for the year (Sept and Oct); there are no dinners in November and December. In January 2011, Jim Heck will resume the Ladies Dinners. So, there is a lot to do in Branch 161.

Make a Note! Last day to obtain an Excused absence for the next meeting is 9/10/10. Call Len Fadda 513-0738, or e-mail lenandlinda1@yahoo.com. Also be sure to notify him if you are bringing a Guest.

Reminder: WE ARE STILL HAVING PROBLEMS WITH MEMBERS NOT CALLING AND/OR CALLING IN TOO LATE FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM OUR MONTHLY LUNCH MEETING. IF YOU WON'T BE ATTENDING THE LUNCH, PLEASE CALL / E-MAIL LEN FADDA NO LATER THAN THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE MEETING .

In case you haven't heard...the August "Guess Who SIR" is Ralph Pfirman. Yes, he was our Big SIR in 2004 and 2005. See if you know this Month's "Guess Who SIR".

Be Safe, Healthy, and Enjoy Your Retirement. Remember, We're NOT old, we just have Seniority... Thank you for your continued support,

Big SIR Bob Damico

New Member-inducted at August meeting Dennis Pachucki

My name is Dennis Pachucki I've been a weekender in Discovery Bay for 14 years and now in process of moving in full time.

My current residence is still San Jose. I retired from Cisco Systems last year. I managed an environmental/reliability test lab and also set up failure analysis test sites around the US and overseas. I have my real estate license and also do property management. I have a wife, a daughter, and two grand children. I belong to Delta Bass Club and fish tournaments. I enjoy fishing, hunting, running, bowling, volley ball, biking, and hiking, traveling, boating, handy man work and home improvement activities.

I look forward to meeting all the members in SIR Branch 161 and participating in the many SIR events.



New Member Inducted at the August Meeting Dick Realph

Hi my name is Dick Realph and I would start by thanking everyone for the warm welcome at the last meeting. I have lived in Discovery Bay for 25 years, the last 6 on the Golf Course. I have been married to my wife Bernadette (Bernie) for 26 years and have a daughter and 2 grandsons, ages 4 and 9.

I am a past commodore of the Discovery Bay Yacht Club and active with the Discovery Bay Corvette Club, which I helped form. I am looking forward to the activities of the SIRs and getting to know the membership.



MESSAGE from Your Little SIR - Vince Vargas

September Presentation: *Mr. Ed McClelland* is a citizen who puts into action what is in his heart. He supports our troops who are serving our Country by gathering goods and sending the goods overseas to the troops. He also greets troops when they return from foreign duty.



August Presenter: *Mr. Tim Hourigan*, Corporate Senior Pilot for the Spanos Family was not able to join us because of Spanos Family business commitments. Tim will be re-scheduled.

Anthony Fontenot, Discovery Bay's Sheriff Crime Specialist, came to my rescue as our guest speaker on very short notice. He gave an excellent presentation on identity theft. Special thanks to Tony for an excellent relevant presentation

September Lunch Menu – Chicken Parmesan, pasta Alfredo & vegetables

Make a Note!

The last day to obtain an Excused absence for the next Lunch Meeting is
9/10/10 **(The Friday before the meeting)**

Call Len Fadda 925-513-0738 or e-mail lenandlinda1@yahoo.com

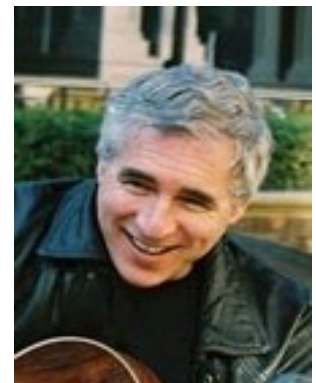
And be sure to notify him if you are
Bringing a
Guest.

August Free Lunch Drawing – Cal Hampton & Don Rice

BELIEVE IT OR NOT...BELIEVE IT!

Christmas Luncheon with the Wives on Tuesday, December 14, 2010.

Put this date on your calendar. The entertainment will be Steve Gary who dresses as a Dickens Caroler. He plays the guitar and sings a variety of Holiday Songs. Our luncheon will be roast turkey breast, mashed potatoes & gravy, Cranberry, vegetables & dessert. Tickets are \$22.00 per person. Tickets will be available at the luncheon registration table. If you prefer mailing in the money, for tickets use the stub below
Tickets Limited to 150



SIR BRANCH 161 Christmas Luncheon - December 14, 2010

Your name _____
No. Of tickets _____ Amount enclosed _____

****Make check payable to SIR Branch 161 and mail to: ****
Tony Pacheco, 2111 St. Andrews Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505

GREAT LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

El Campanil presents:

Sunday September 19th 2:00 pm

Wednesday September 22nd 2:00 pm

Vagabond Players-"A Bench in the Sun" (Something we can all soon relate to.)

A simple story of **two old fogies in a retirement home bickering about the mundane life they lead**. One is a rusty old accountant who prefers to stay in his pajamas all day, the other a suave, debonair fellow who loves to dance. They find a new topic of bickering-an aging "glitzy" movie star who "moves" in - which will provide many hearty laughs and leave you with joy in your heart. (Ron Clark is a successful and hilarious writer who has written for nearly every comedian from Jackie Gleason to Mel Brooks).

GENERAL SEATING

Tickets: Adults: \$ 15, Seniors (62 and Older): \$ 12, Youth (17 & Under): \$10

El Campanil Theatre-- Located in Antioch, provides quality entertainment for our community. Members are encouraged to check the Theatre's web site or call the box office to receive show announcements. Telephone or Internet may order tickets. To receive a 10% discount use the promo *code*. Exciting coming attractions:

- 09/18/10 – Beach Blanket Babylon (Benefit for Delta Memorial Hospital Foundation)
- 10/10/10 – Don Neely and the Royal Society Jazz Orchestra
- 01/09/11 – The Kingston Trio

Internet – www.elcampaniltheatre.com **Promo code:** SIRS Telephone -- 925-757-9500

Little Sir Vince Vargas

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Seen on a car in Discovery Bay..Obviously a proud member showing his support for and promoting the organization he believes in. If you'd like to help promote SIR in Discovery Bay, just ask your Big or Little SIR for your free decal and put it on your car, truck, boat, RV, golf cart, golf bag, bowling bag, bike, etc.

The August edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website.

Check it out: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/index.htm>

SIR Activities.

Following are some of the SIR Activities, including details on current plans. Feel free to call Dick Donald (513-2849) for more information on these and other activities.



Walking – Bob Damico – 634-0465

SIR Walking Group meets at the Marina parking lot (near The Boardwalk) 7:30 AM every Tuesday. Come join us for a scenic and refreshing walk on the levy (takes about an hour).

Poker - Dick Donald – 513-2849

The next SIR poker game will be Thursday, September 16; at 7 PM. Don Rentzel will be the host. This is a quarter limit dealer choice games. Contact Dick if interested in playing.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

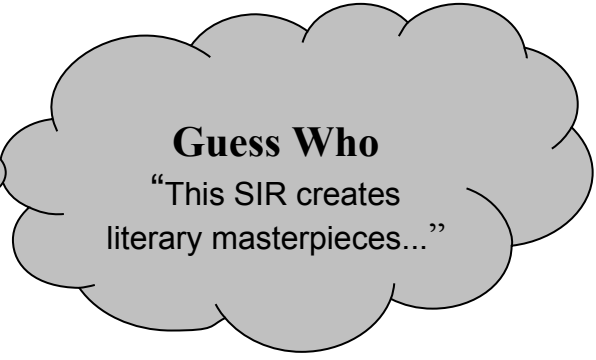
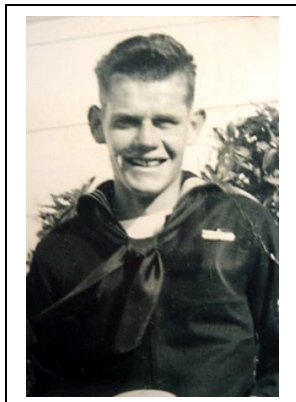
Drop-in play is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am. We play at the Discovery Bay public tennis courts on Willow Lake Rd. Beginner play is always welcome with both men and women playing and we have all the equipment for you to try it out. If you have any interests come out and watch and we'll show you what it is all about. Current SIRS who have played include Vince Vargas, Pete Dean, George Hurlbert, Don Rice, Gary Hess, Phil Talley, Frank Tisch, Bob Lyman and some SIRS wives. For more info about Pickleball go to <http://www.usapa.org/> and the web site also notes our Discovery Bay play time under places to play.

Wine Tasting – Dick Donald – 513-2849

This month we are going to have a wine tasting at the home of SIR Will Myers, on Thursday, September 23rd at 4 PM. We will each bring a bottle of wine wrapped so that no one can see the label. We will then taste and score the different varieties of wine. Will the most expensive wine get the highest score? Come by and find out. Contact Dick if interested in attending.

SIR RV Group – LaVan Bock 513-1070 or Ray Serafin 516-8321

The SIR RV group is planning an outing at the Casa de Fruta RV resort at 10031 Pacheco Pass Highway, Hollister Ca. on October 13th to October 17th. If interested contact LaVan or Ray at the above phone numbers.



Dinner with the Ladies

When: 28 September 2010

Where: Carpraccio Ristorante Italiano. 2741 Lone Tree Way, Antioch, CA

Time: Dinner Served at 6.00 p.m.

Menu Choices: Include Salad, Dessert, non alcoholic drink (ice tea/ coffee and water).

Salmon Piccata (Fresh salmon, grilled and topped with lemon vinaigrette. Served with complement of day and mixed vegetables.

Veal Marsala. Veal scallops sautéed with mushrooms and Marsala wine. Served with complement of day and mixed vegetables.

Capellini Al’Pomodoro. Angel hair pasta with fresh tomatoes and basil. And **Pollo Marsala.** Sautéed chicken breast sautéed then topped with mozzarella

cheese and light tomato sauce. Served with pasta.

(Indicate your choice below)

Cost: \$21.00 per person (includes tax and tip)



DEADLINE: Need your RSVP no later the 21st September 2010 (There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on 14 September 2010. If you will please send your checks and menu choices to me prior it would be helpful.

Make your checks out to **M. E. White** and mail to 2146 Sand Point Rd., Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Phone: 634-0415

**-----Detach and return this stub with your menu choices-----
You’re Name(s)**

_____ **Phone #** _____

You’re Menu Choice(s)

Salmon Piccata _____ Veal Marsala _____

Capellini Al’Pomodoro _____ Pollo Marsala _____

Hwy 4 to “A” St and” Lone Tree Way” exit. Turn left onto “A” St.
At the third (3) traffic light turn left into shopping center.
Restaurant is straight ahead in the shopping center.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS		
RAY ANSICK	WAYNE BERRY	AL CIARAMELLAED
FITZPATRICK	JOHN FRY	TONY GUARASCIO
JOHN HOMAN	JOHN JEWELL	TOM KENNY
DON ROTH	TOM STATE	BRUCE WATKINS



THE BRIDGE TABLE

Again we had to cancel our Bridge game, the reason, not enough players but the good news is that the Brentwood Bridge seems to have the same problem. I talked to the Bridge Game person in charge to combine the 2 clubs together. I will keep you informed, and what the out come will be.

Our next game will be on September 21st at 1:00 O'clock at our Country Club. I hope you will be able to make it. As Always stay healthy

Lex Overzet 925 634-4614



SEPTEMBER BOWLING NEWS

Our Summer League ended August 30th and the Winter League starts September 13th. So far we have 28 teams but we have two teams with vacant spots. So if you want to start your week with a little exercise and lots of fun call Tom Kirtley at 240-8071 and join us at Harvest Park Bowl on Monday mornings at 9:00am. You don't have to be an experienced bowler to join us. This is a 100% handicap league.

There was a tournament recently at Black Oak Lanes in Tuolumne and we had a couple winners. Jack and Alice Disney finished 3rd in B Division Doubles and Jack Disney finished in fourth place in Division B All Events.

On August 22nd there was a No Tap Bowling Tournament held at Harvest Park Bowl. This tournament paired a Junior bowler with a Senior bowler and the tournament was called Bridging the Gap. Many of our SIRS and their spouses took part in this tournament and A GREAT TIME was had by all. Our own Bob Damico had a really great day by bowling 2 No Tap 300 games and an 836 series.

UP COMING TOURNAMENTS

September 20th on Monday in Dublin @ Earl Anthony's Bowl

October 4th or 6th on Mon. or Wed. in Citrus Heights @ Fireside Lanes

October 19th or 21st on Tue. Or Thur. in Brentwood @ Harvest Park Bowl



SIRS BRANCHES 108/161 GOLF NEWS –

Brookside CC in Stockton

the results are in for a long, hot day in Stockton. Brookside CC was a lot of golf course for all of us and they may need to buy another lawn mower to work in the rough. Our format was one net best ball on the odd holes and two net best balls on the even holes.



- 1st place score of 91 - Carr, Kile, Momaney, Maddox
- 2nd place score of 93 (won card off) - Onstad, Hinkle, Macbride, Neubauer
- 3rd place score of 93 - Riordan, Sevim, Woods, Kenny
- 4th place score of 95 - Brunetto, Bradshaw, Kirtley, Konold

Closest to the pin winners were Bob Burke and Saul Gold.

Nine players netted under par, which is 72: Bradshaw - 66, Kile - 67, Maddox - 69, Heck - 70, Sevim - 70, Disney - 71, Onstad - 71, Realph - 71, Mahlberg - 71. Nice playing on a challenging golf course.

See you next month on the green!

Dale Welin

The September golf tournament

Planned for Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Swensen Park GC, Stockton.

The details are below:

- When: Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010
- Time: 8:00 am reverse shotgun start
- Where: Swensen Park GC, Stockton
- Cost: \$34.00 for green fee, cart
- Format: To be announced

Please notify Dale Welin of your interest by e-mail or phone. Then send a check

for \$34.00 to Dale Welin, 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. the cutoff will be on Tuesday, Sept. 21, one week prior to the tournament. This is the last tournament that you can qualify for the annual club championship.

See you on the green.

Dale Welin



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Discovery Bay
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WWW.SIR161.ORG

BRING A GUEST TO LUNCH

Why not share the SIR experience with your retired friends and neighbors. We encourage you to invite friends to our Monthly Luncheons. As potential new members they will see what SIR is all about, while enjoying a good lunch/guest speaker. Remember: the only requirements are that they be retired from full time gainful employment, willing to attend our monthly lunch meetings, want to make new friends, and want to be active in their retirement. If you bring a potential new member to lunch, their lunch is half price. And if they join, as their sponsor, you get a free lunch! **BUT, Please REMEMBER** to notify Len Fadda (our Membership Chairman) **a week before the meeting** - that you are bringing a guest, so he can get an accurate lunch reservation count to the Country Club. (Phone 925-513-0738)

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The Sunshine Chairman needs your help. He is dependant on inputs from the membership to be effective. If/when you know of the passing of a SIR, a SIR Spouse; or a SIR that is seriously ill, please notify Bob Damico so an appropriate greeting card can be sent out from SIR Branch 161.

SIR MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND PRINCIPLES

Membership is open to men retired from full-time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. There are no dues, fees or assessments. Member volunteer's staffs administer and govern all Branch activities. Voluntary member contributions 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

Luncheon Meetings are on the Second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. Social Hour is at 11:00 AM and Lunch at Noon. All Members are expected to attend. You are required to notify the attendance Chairman if you cannot attend. Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Chairman or attending less than seven (7) meetings within the last year shall be notified by form letter no. 4 of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another branch will be considered a credit to the attendance.

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