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Comments from Big Sir Bob Damico

SIRs, MARK YOU CALENDARS:

Our next meeting
Will be held on the 2ND Tues.-Oct.12th



SIR OPPORTUNITIES are here for the taking. As SIRs, we have the opportunity to partake in the many social activities available to us. Other available opportunities include getting involved and serving on the Branch Executive Committee. Many of you have and are doing just that- for that we are grateful. The success of our Branch can be attributed to our past leaders. And our continued success is in the hands of our future leaders. There are many positions available that may be suited to you. A recent example: Our Newsletter Distributor Frank Tisch had to step-down due to illness, and Bill Konold, a relatively new member, stepped-up to the task -Thank You Bill. Like Bill, many of you have stepped-up and taken on Executive Board positions which have contributed to the successful operation of our Branch. In July, we elected our Executive Board for 2011. Within that Team of elected officers are several positions that need to be filled by volunteers from the membership. One position available for 2011 is our Newsletter Editor: Wayne Berry has done an excellent job at this for eight years and is stepping-down. Another is our Attendance Chairman: Len Fadda is stepping-down after doing an outstanding job for the past five years. If you are interested in these or any other Leadership positions in our Branch, please let us know (myself or Little SIR Vince Vargas). We encourage your involvement and welcome new talents and ideas.

Make a Note! Last day to obtain an Excused absence for the next meeting is 10/8/10 (the Friday before the meeting). Please call Len Fadda 513-0738, or e-mail lenandlinda1@yahoo.com. Also please notify him if you are bringing a Guest(s).

In case you haven't heard...the September "Guess Who SIR" is Wayne Berry-our Newsletter Editor. 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

MESSAGE from Your Little SIR - Vince Vargas

October Presentation: Our guest speaker is *Mr. Harry Hubinger*, an active member of SIRs who is going to describe SIRs activities and the importance of maintaining active social friendships as we enjoy retired life.

We would like to thank Ed McClelland for sharing his volunteer work in supporting the troops. Ed's group address is: Operation Creekside, P. O. Box 1758, Discovery Bay, CA 94505



Luncheon Menu: Turkey meat loaf, gravy, mashed potatoes & vegetables

September Free Lunch Drawing – Mike McCleery & Roger MacLean

SIRs Christmas Luncheon Tickets are on Sale!

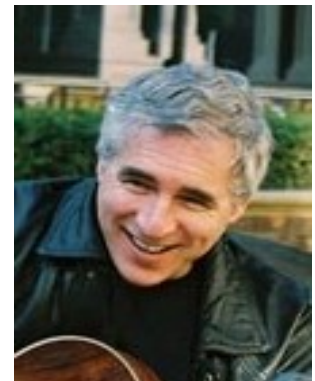
Tuesday, December 14, 2010 -- Put this date on your calendar!

Start the holiday season with a luncheon with our wives. Our entertainment will be Steve Gary who will set the holiday mood by singing a variety Christmas & Seasonal Songs. He dresses as a Dickens Caroler.

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 **or**
Vince Vargas, 4096 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, Ca 94505

GREAT LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

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.

Order tickets by telephone or by Internet Telephone -- 925-757-9500 Internet – www.elcampaniltheatre.com.

To receive a 10% discount use the promo code -- SIRS.

Exciting coming attractions:

- 10/10/10 – Don Neely and the Royal Society Jazz Orchestra
- 10/23/12 – USAF Band of the Golden West (free concert)
- 11/20/10 – A Tribute to the Music of Simon & Garfunkel
- 12/11/10 -- Sing Along Messiah
- 01/09/11 – The Kingston Trio
- 01/21/11 – Best of San Francisco Standup Comedy Competition
- 04/10/11 – Preservation Hall Jazz Band

DON'T FORGET!

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10/8/10 (**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.

ATTENTION SIRS-WE HAVE A CHALLENGE

Our October 12 Lunch meeting is the last month we can invite guests (potential new members) to lunch and induct them as new members this year (at the November Meeting). In case you are not aware, the SIR Organization, once 32,000 strong in 1997 has diminished to 19,500 as of June this year. Our Branch has suffered a decline in membership, as well. Branch 161, once at 181 members in 2003, is now at 162. Although we have brought in 16 new members this year – we have lost 21. So this is an opportunity to recruit some new members and increase our membership. It's simple, look around you...invite a retired neighbor, friend, fellow church member / golfer / bowler / fisherman / boater / car buff, etc. Simply invite them to our October Lunch Meeting at the impressive Discovery Bay Country Club. They get lunch at half price, and if they join SIR-You get a free lunch--What a deal !! So lets see how many new members we can bring-in in November. Oh, and PLEASE be sure to notify Len Fadda that you are bringing a guest(s) – you can bring more than one....

Thank you,
Big Sir Bob Damico

THE BRIDGE TABLE

The Sir Bridge is happy to announce that we had a game on September 21st; we had two tables or eight players, Thanks to a lady volunteer, Julia Blotz. The first place winner was Myron Lencioni, with 4,472 points, closely followed by yours truly, with 3,706 points. Congratulation to the winners Our next bridge game will be one week later, on October 26th (the fourth Tuesday of the month), for that day no doctor appointments and stay healthy!

Lex Overzet 925 634-4614



SIR's

As of December 31st 2010 I will be resigning as editor of the Sir Branch # 161 NEWSLETTERS, I have enjoyed working with many dedicated SIR's over the years. Editing the Newsletter for Big Sir and Little Sir Comments, Bowling, Golfing, Bridge Table, Dinner with the Ladies, Sir Activities, Travel News and many more activities has been a tremendous experience.



Special thanks to LaVan Bock who has been a life saver.

I hope The Editors position will give another person a chance to participate and get involved with Branch 161

Thanks to everyone that I have been involved with.

Wayne Berry



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.

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.



Poker - Dick Donald – 513-2849

The next SIR poker game will be Thursday, October 21; at 7 PM. Ben Mahlberg will be the host this month. This is a quarter limit dealer choice game. Contact Dick or Ben (516-4380) if interested in playing.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

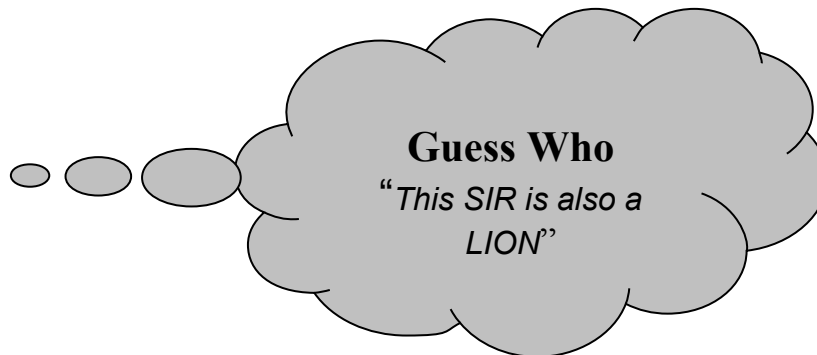
Drop-in play is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am. We play at the Discovery Bay public tennis courts on Willow Lake Rd. Beginner play is always welcome with both men and women playing and we have all the equipment for you to try it out. If you have any interests come out and watch and we'll show you 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/>. The web site also notes our Discovery Bay play time under places to play.

Wine Tasting – Dick Donald – 513-2849

The wine tastings have been very successful the last two months, so this month we are going to have another wine tasting at the home of Ben Mahlberg, on Thursday, October 28th 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 bottles of wine. Will the most expensive wine get the highest score? Come by and find out. Contact Dick if interested in attending. Note that attendance will be limited to eight couples, so reply early if interested.

SIR RV Group – LaVan Bock 514-1070 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.



**SIR'S this is the Last "Dinner With The LADIES" THIS YEAR.
So bring that Pretty Lady and come to dinner!!!!**



Dinner with the Ladies

When: 26 October 2010
Where: CAP's Oak Street Bar & Grill
144 Oak St., Brentwood, CA
Time: Dinner Served at 6.00 p.m.

Menu Choices:

Include Salad, Dessert, non alcoholic drink (ice tea/ coffee and water) Chicken Chardonnay, Tri Tip, Salmon, & Eggplant Parigiana
(Indicate your choice below)

Cost: \$23.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

DEADLINE: Need your RSVP no later the 19 October 2010 (There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on 12 October 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)

Tri Tip _____ Chicken Chardonnay _____

Grilled Salmon _____ Eggplant Parigiana _____

**The price for dinner also includes a three
(3) dollar charge for
Entertainment.
There will be an artist to perform for us.**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

**CHUCK ALLEY
MICHAEL CLINE
TONY PACHECO
DON RICE**

**FIROZ BHARWANI
BOB DORAN
MARTY PRICE
RON WILSON**

**BILL BRADSHAW
JAMES GEKAS
DON REID**



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)

OCTOBER BOWLING NEWS

On August 30th our Summer Bowling League came to an exciting conclusion with Split Happens taking the League Championship by just ½ game. Split Happens is a team consisting of Jim Furlong, Harris Edwards, Beth Edwards and Tom Kirtley.

SEASON HIGH SCORES

Men's Scratch Series Bob Rhiner 728
Ladies Scratch Series Jan Finch 573
Men's Scratch Game Eric Jensen 267
Ladies Scratch Game Mary Branscum 236
Men's Handicap Series Ron Finch 757
Ladies Handicap Series Dorrie Berry 725
Men's Handicap Game Don Patterson 305
Ladies Handicap Game Donna Wilson 272



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

October 4th or 6th Mon or Wed in Citrus Heights @ Fireside Lanes
OCTOBER 19 OR 21ST ON TUE OR THUR IN BRENTWOOD @ HARVEST PARK
Nov 3rd or 5th on Wed or Fri in Modesto @ McHenry Bowl
GOOD BOWLING TOM KIRTLEY

SIRS BRANCHES 108/161 GOLF NEWS –

The results are in from Swenson Park for our tournament on 9-28. We had 27 players on a long, good public golf course. The golf course won the battle for 24 of us, only 3 players netted below par:



Konold - 66, A. Anderson - 67 and John Fry - 71. Nice going guys.

The format was net par point or better for 1 point per player per hole, maximum of 4 points per hole for the group. The results are below:

- 1st place - score 51 - Brunetto, F. Smith, Fry, Vargas
- 2nd place - score 50 - Welin, Pacheco, Macbride, Konold
- 3rd place - score 49 - Shipilov, B. Anderson, Mahlberg
- 4th place - score 46 - Onstad, Giannini, Kirtley, A. Anderson

Only one closest to the pin winner was Dale Welin.

Our Club Championship will be on October 19 at Lone Tree GC, Antioch. You have received the entry info about the event. More info to follow.

See you in October "on the green."

Dale Welin

Our SIRS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19th :

- Where: Lone Tree Golf Course, Antioch
- When: Tuesday, October 19, 2010
- Time: 8:00 am shotgun
- Format: Individual Net competition
- Prize: \$44.00 for golf, cart, prize money and an individual trophy for the winner.

You should e-mail or call Dale Welin (516-9463) to sign up for the tournament. Then send a check for \$44.00 to Dale Welin, 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. The cut off for the tournament will be Tuesday, October 12, the date of the Branch 161 luncheon. 40 of you have qualified for the trophy competition. ALL the SIRS Golf Club members are welcome to play in the tournament for the prize money. Only the qualified can be Club Champion.

If there any questions, please call Dale Welin
See you on the green. Dale



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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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