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Comments from Big Sir Bob Damico SIRs, MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Our December 14th meeting is the Ladies Christmas Luncheon with Advance Ticket Sales only. Our next Regular meeting will be January **18, 2011**



It seems like January 2010, when I became your Big SIR, was just yesterday. A lot has happened in our Branch this year. Sadly we lost 6 of our long-time members. We hope we'll meet up with these fallen SIRs again someday. We had 17 members leave and move on to other agendas-we thank them for their membership and wish them well. And we had 21 new members join us! We welcome these new members and thank their sponsors for bringing them in. We had great speakers and entertainment thanks to the fine efforts of our Little SIR Vince Vargas. Our Bowling, Golf and "Dinner with the Ladies" programs continued to be our most popular and successful activities. All-in-all, we've had a very busy and successful year, thanks to our fine cadre of officers and **YOU**-the members. I expect 2011 will be even better under the direction of our new Big SIR Vince Vargas (I thank him for the fine job he has done as Little SIR this year).

Serving **YOU**, as your Big SIR, has been an honor and privilege I won't soon forget. I want to thank every one of **YOU** for your support; your participation is what makes our Branch so successful. My Special Thanks goes out to the Executive Board for their hard work, and for the support they've given me this year.

In case you haven't heard...the November "Guess Who SIR" was Will Myers-Yes, you can call him Doctor Will-he has a Doctorate in Chemistry.

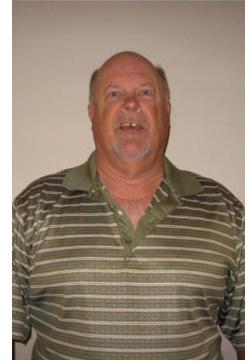
Remember: Be Safe, Healthy, and Enjoy Your Retirement. Remember, we're NOT old, we just have Seniority...

Big SIR Bob Damico

NEW MEMBER

Hello, my name is Larry Troen.

I have lived in Livermore Ca. since 1973. I was born in Texas and spent the first 10 days of my life there and the rest in the Bay Area: San Francisco, Oakland, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley and now Livermore. I was a Teamster for 35 years working for Pepsi Cola for 7 years, and my last 28 at UPS with my sponsor and sometimes boss. I retired in February 2001 as a package delivery driver in the Pleasanton area. I have been married for 45 years to my wife Linda. We have 2 children, Kenny and Kathy; we also have four grandchildren, 3 granddaughters, and one grandson. I am golf and bowling nut. I also played tennis when I had 2 good legs. Looking forward to meeting you at the meetings and on the golf course.



NEW MEMBER

My name is Michael Gartrell.

I was born in Oakland Ca. and raised in Hayward Ca. I moved to the Tri-Valley area around 1972 and I have been living in Livermore since 1976. I retired from the US Postal Service in 2004 where I worked as a SSPC Tech, working with vending machines. I have been married for 28 years to my wife Beth and we have two girls, Amy, who's married, and Heather who is still looking. Amy is expecting our first grandchild, a girl named Kaci, at the end of December. We both can't wait to spoil her rotten ... and then send her home! I enjoy water sports, including scuba diving, playing golf, vacationing, riding my motorcycle and just hanging out at home BBQing with my family. I hope to get involved with SIRS starting with the golf. Thank you for accepting me as a member



NEW MEMBER

My name is Russell Reid,

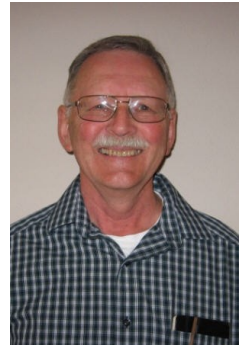
I have lived in Discovery Bay since December of 1996, after moving from Pleasanton Ca. I did the long commute till I retired in January of 2002 from the Alameda county Fire Department as a Fire Inspector/ Investigator. I am married to my wife Vicky; we will be celebrating 36 year of marriage in January of 2011. Vicky and I have two children and nine grand children. My enjoyments in life are family, fishing, boating, golf, bowling, vintage cars, hot rods, anything old school. I am looking forward to being involved in SIRS. Perhaps bowling, golf, even though I am really bad at it. I also would like to get others involved in hot rods. In any case, I thank you for accepting me as a member



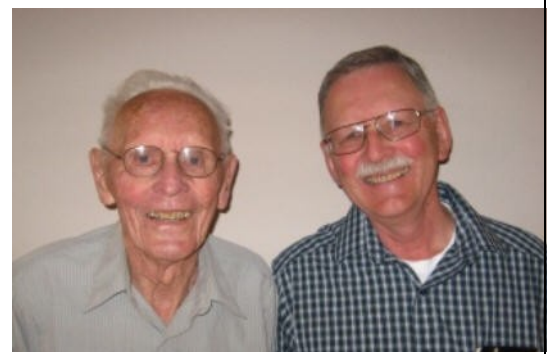
NEW MEMBER

My name is Jim Davis.

My wife, Judy, and I moved to Discovery Bay from the Roseville area a year ago to live with my father (and fellow SIR), Elwood Davis. I retired from PG&E in December 1994 after working first in PG&E's Department of Engineering Research and then in their Nuclear Quality Assurance Department. My wife and I have been married for 46 years. We have 4 children and 18 grandchildren. I currently enjoy working with a nonprofit organization, as well as enjoying history, reading, writing, teaching Bible classes, relaxing in my canoe, feeling the wind in my face on my motor scooter, and spending time with my family and friends. I am looking forward to getting involved in SIR bowling, taking my wife to "Dinner with the Ladies", and getting to know more of you great guys. Thanks for welcoming me as a new SIR in the Discovery Bay Branch.



Father and Son SIRs-Elwood Davis (94 years Young) joined SIR in 1978 in Oakland, transferred to Castro Valley and then to Discovery Bay where he is a Charter Member of Branch 161. Elwood's Son Jim recently moved to Discovery Bay to be near his Dad and it was only natural for him to join SIR. We are proud to have a Father - Son Team!!



Big Sir Bob Damico

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

PETE DEAN DICK DONALD GARY HESS
CHET LOVELAND LOYD SINDEL CLINTON SPARKS



Dinner with the Ladies
January 25th 2011
Orale-Orale Mexican Restaurant

5601 Lonetree Way
Brentwood
925 240-1963



November Free Lunch Drawing – Bill Momaney & Lou Kirkpatrick

SIRs Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, Dec. 14th

This event is "sold out"! What a grand way to get into the holiday mood with a luncheon with our wives or partners. The luncheon menu will be Roast turkey breast, mashed potatoes & gravy, Cranberry, vegetables & dessert. Our luncheon will be festive and our entertainment will be **Steve Gary** who will set the holiday mood by singing a variety of Christmas & Seasonal Songs.



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:

- 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



DATES MEETINGS / LUNCHEON	
01/18	3 rd Tuesday
02/8	2 nd Tuesday
03/8	2 nd Tuesday
04/12	2 nd Tuesday
05/3	1 st Tuesday Mothers day
06/14	2 nd Tuesday
07/12	2 nd Tuesday
08/16	3 rd Tuesday
09/13	2 nd Tuesday
10/11	2 nd Tuesday
11/8	2 nd Tuesday
12/13	2 nd Tuesday Christmas

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

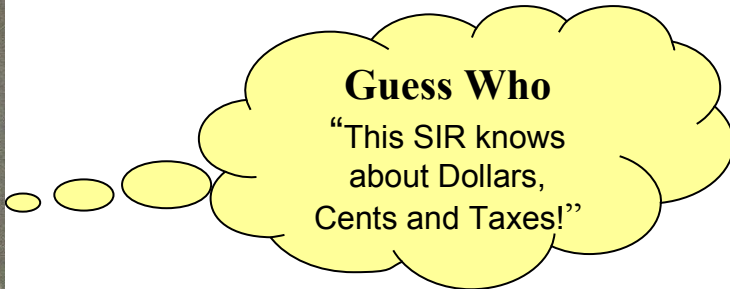
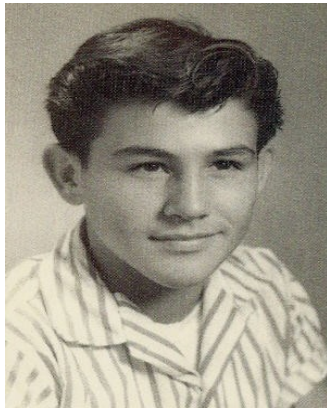
The next SIR poker game will be Thursday, January 20, 2011, at 7 PM. (We're skipping December because of the holidays.) Dave Goodwin will be the host that game. This is a quarter limit dealer choice games. Contact Dick if interested in playing.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

Locally, drop-in play is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am. Play is 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. 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 tasting has been very successful the last four months. The next wine tasting is scheduled for the fourth Thursday in January, 2011, and will be hosted by Dale and Sonja Welin. Contact Dick if interested in attending. Note that attendance will be limited to eight couples, so reply early if interested.



THE BRIDGE TABLE

This month we had 8 players we had a delightful afternoon. The winners Myron Lencioni, with 4,529 points, and yours truly, came in second with 3,750 points. Congratulation to the winners!

Our next game will be December 21st, the Third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 at the Country Club. Let's go out with a bang, and try for 3 tables or 12 players!



We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
As always stay healthy!

Lex Overzet 925 634-4614

SIRS BRANCHES 108/161 GOLF NEWS –

This day after Thanksgiving e-mail has three messages:

1) Use this as a reminder to renew your NCGA 2011 dues for our golf club before Dec.15th if you have not done so. We do have 46 players signed up now. I will be out of town on the 14th, the day of the Dec. luncheon. So if you need to send your check for \$36.00 for 2011, you will need to mail it before Dec.15th.



2) The 2011 golf schedule is about complete and we will pass that onto you early in 2011.

3) We have 2 players interested in the 2 for 1 discount book. We need a minimum of 5, so if anyone else is interested please let me know by Dec.15th.

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families. See you next year on the green. Dale Welin

DECEMBER BOWLING NEWS

We had several winners in the recent Seventh Annual Bob Matteucci Memorial Tournament. Finishing in 2nd place in Division 2 Singles and 3rd place in Division 2 All Events was Ed Gallagher, Dottie Harris and her partner Greg Mattus did a good job placing 7th in Division 2 Doubles. In 1st place in Division 3 All Events and 2nd in Division 3 Singles was Peggy Hampton. Rosie Elmer placed 3rd in Division 3 Singles and 5th in Division 3 All Events. In 4th place in Division 3 Singles and 4th place in Division 3 All Events was Val Heck. Next we hear from Alice Disney who placed 5th in division 3 Singles and 6th in Division 3 All Events. Finishing 6th in Division 3 Singles was Lorraine Burt. Beth Edwards had a good day by finishing 11th in Division 3 All Events and 2nd in Division 2 Doubles along with her partner Tom Kirtley. Tom also finished 11th in Division 1 All Events.



At a Tournament held in Modesto on November 3rd and 5th we had several people do well. Jose Arroyo finished 20th in All Events Handicapped 3rd in All Events Scratch and 5th in Division A Doubles along with his partner Drew Hanson. Alice Disney finished 21st in All Events Handicapped and not to be outdone Jack Disney finisher 5th in Division A Singles. Last but certainly not least the Dynamic Duo of Jim and Val Heck placed 6th in Division B Doubles.

UP COMING TOURNAMENTS

January 18th Tue in Stockton @ Pacific Bowl
February 7th or 9th Mon or Wed in Sonoma @ Napa Bowl
February 23rd Wed in Livermore @ Granada Bowl

GOOD BOWLING TOM KIRTLEY

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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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