



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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Floyd McBeth, Big Sir

Opening statement

Gentlemen, we have a problem that must be corrected. I received a number of complaints this week regarding some members talking while our luncheon meeting speakers give their presentation. This has been a big problem for a number of years. I hope that those of you that do not talk will let those who do know that they are out of line. For those of you talkers, please be more considerate of your fellow Sirs and our guests.



We have noticed in the past this was not a problem when we have assigned seating for lunch. Therefore our March lunch will be assigned seating, and you will get your table assignment when you pay for lunch. Most members enjoy doing this as it affords you an opportunity to get to know new people.

We had two new men become Sirs in February. We welcome Kurt Luke, sponsored by Warren Young and Phil Mora, sponsored by Larry Green. These two sponsors will each get a free lunch as a thank you for their efforts. Please help me welcome Kurt and Phil to our group.

Next Regular luncheon meeting

Our next regular lunch meeting is on Tuesday, March 11. Mark it on your calendar. A reminder of who to call if you cannot attend the luncheon, please call Bill Konold at 634-2738.

Attendance

How fast things change. Last month we were delighted with our lunch attendance. We did have members that didn't call to cancel and I dropped them each an email requesting the \$17.00 we had to cover for their lunches. February was really disappointing as we told the country club to expect 125 members and we only had 109 show up. Sixteen of these did not call Bill. The country club really did a nice thing in splitting the total cost with us but our treasury still had to pony up over \$150 to cover this. We seriously have to do something about these people who don't call when they can't attend.

Membership

I have a list of 144 families who moved into Discovery Bay in 2013. LaVan Bock emailed every one of our members this list with a note from me asking everyone to check out the list and contact potential members in your neighborhood. Ralph Tatum called me regarding the list and offered to contact a number

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of his neighbors in the country club area. Thanks Ralph. I hope other members will do the same.

Activities

Many members attended a golf tournament that occurred on the same day as our luncheon in February. This caused a drop in attendance at lunch, but that is why we joined SIR, to participate in other activities. But it is important to contact Bill Konold and let him know.

Big Picture

Check out the newcomers to Discovery Bay on the list we sent out; You may find some potential members. You never know, you might just meet your newest best friend.

Check out our State and branch websites. Go to: www.sirinc.org or www.sir161.org to see happenings and pictures. It's pretty amazing.

March Birthday Boys

Happy Birthday to:

Don Blotz, Steve Bordi, John Davis, Jim Doran, Jake Fair, Jim Furlong, Dave Goodwin, Alan Jarvie, Keith Jones, Gary Lewis, Coy Madsen, Floyd McBeth, Dennis Pachucki, Gordon Piepho, Vince Vargas, Vic Vasquez and Dave Vicencio.

If your name is missing or not correct let Big Sir, Floyd McBeth at 516-9191, know so our records are corrected.

Newsletter

Be sure to share our newsletter with your better half and your friends. The more people that know about our organization, the more potential members we can reach.

Floyd



Sheriff David Livingston, guest speaker at our February luncheon. See the Little Sir report for details of his talk.

Jim Davis, Little Sir

February 2014 Recap

This month, to accompany a fun time with our friends, we enjoyed a lunch of lasagna and vegetables.



Free Lunch Winners

Our guest speaker, Sheriff Livingston, drew two names for a free lunch. The names of 5 absent Sirs were drawn. But, the lucky winners were John Fry and Craig Wilson. If you're there with us, you've got a chance for a free lunch.

February Speaker

Our guest speaker was Sheriff David Livingston. His presentation was well received, as in the past. Among other topics of interest, he shared an informative video showing how a criminal can use a ballpoint pen to open a "soft-shell" suitcase, which has been zippered shut and locked, remove the contents and close the suitcase so it does not look like it has been tampered with - all in less than 2 minutes.

March program

Our guest speaker for March will be Discovery Bay resident Ed Stewart, who will share his unique and interesting story about making an idea for a lighthouse here at Discovery Bay become a reality.

March lunch

Saint Patrick's Day - Corned beef and cabbage, vegetables and boiled potatoes.

Please note: Any special dietary needs need to be pre-arranged several days before the meeting. Contact: Bill Konold at 634-2738 to arrange this.

If you will not be able to attend the March Luncheon, it is important to call Bill Konold at 634-2738.

Have a great month, and we'll see you on March 11th – Little Sir Jim Davis

Trip to a Giants game, Mitch Wisinski

I'm planning a Branch 161 trip to a Giants game on Thursday July 3, 2014. Game time is 12:45 pm. Ticket prices vary from \$30.00 to \$40.00 per ticket, depending on how soon we can get numbers to purchase, and location on the field.

Also, a Bus for transportation is an option, which can

cost as much as an additional \$45.00 per person to get to and from the game.

If interested in attending please call Sir Mitchell Wisinski at (408) 515-7655 so a list can be generated.

Mitch



Dinner With The Ladies, Micheal White

When: 25 March 2014.

Where: Shadow Lakes Golf Club, 401 W. Country Club Lane, Brentwood.

Time: Arrive 5:00pm, Dinner served at 6:00pm.

Menu choices: (indicate your choice below):

Include salad, dessert, non alcoholic drink (ice tea/coffee and water).

Broiled Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables; Chicken Marsala, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables; Bow-Tie Pasta w/Alfredo, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables; Tri-tip, Scallop Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables; Desserts - Chocolate Mousse, Mini-Cheesecake. Salad: Hearts of Romaine Salad.

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

Deadline: Need your RSVP no later than 18th March, 2014.

There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on 11th March, 2014. If you will please send your checks to me prior it would be helpful. Make your checks out to M. E. White and mail to 2146 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Phone: 634-0415.

Directions: Shadow Lakes Golf Club is located between E. Country Club Lane and W. Country Club Lane. When you go through E. Country Club Lane stop light on Balfour Rd., turn at the next right into the parking lot. The Club house is at the top of the parking lot. We will be in the Event Center to the left of the Club House.



----- Tear out and return with your check -----

Name(s):

Phone:

Broiled salmon: _____ Chicken Marsala: _____

Bow tie pasta : _____ Tri-tip: _____

Dinner With The Ladies, March 25, 2014 at Shadow Lakes Golf Club, 401 W. Country Club Lane, Brentwood.

Membership, Len Fadda

Sponsor a new member

Branch members wishing to sponsor a new member should invite the prospect to a regular luncheon meeting as a guest.

If the guest wishes to become a SIR member, the sponsor should obtain an application form from Membership Chairman Len Fadda. Have the guest complete the form, and return it to Len. The prospective member and their sponsor should attend the next regular luncheon meeting.



The Executive Board will vote on the membership, and the new member will be inducted immediately prior to the luncheon.

Two new members were inducted at our February luncheon (see below).

SIR Membership Requirements

Membership in Sons In Retirement is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. See the last page of this newsletter for more information.



Kurt Luke retired in 1998 as an aircraft mechanic with United Airlines. He has lived in Brentwood for 6 years.

Kurt and his wife Carol have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Hobbies

include golf, boating and fishing. His sponsor was Warren Young.



Phil Mora retired in 2008 from Sales Management at Crystal Geyser. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 14 years.

Phil and his wife Barbara have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Hobbies include golf and travel.

His sponsor was Larry Green.

Free lunch

Remember that Branch 161 members will receive a voucher for a free lunch if you refer a new member who subsequently joins.

Bridge report, Harry Ohlson

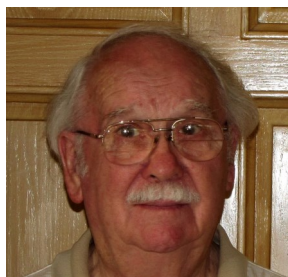
Our next game will be held:

Date: March 18th

Start time: noon.

Location: Discovery Bay Country Club.

Call Harry for seating (925) 513-3048.



Attention musicians and singers

Rumor has it that we have a number of musicians and singers in our branch who would like to get together and make music. There has been some discussion about forming one or more ensembles. An example might be a folk group, comprised of guitar, banjo, fiddle and harmonica. Another might be a barbershop group. If there's any interest, contact Tom Jones at 634-7026.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

We have completed 24 of 35 weeks in the SIR Bowling League, with "A Rose & 3 Thorns" in 1st place by a slim 1 ½ game margin over the Sharpshooters, with Cam's Crew 2 ½ games back. It looks as though the remaining 11 weeks will see lead changes almost every week.



The season high scores show very good competition in both men and women divisions. John Fry currently has high scratch series with 760. Curtis Manning has the high scratch game with 282, while Paul Elmer has the handicap series with 777 and Warren Young has high handicap game with 295.

For the women, Rosie Elmer has high scratch series with 628. Mary Branscum has high scratch game of 237 and Anne Wangeman has the handicap series with 794, while Julie Bayer has a handicap game of 305.

Good going, people, there is always someone waiting to have a very good week and take over one of these pay positions.

The results are in from the Livermore tournament, with Greg Mattus coming in 1st place in the 'A' division, Bill Bayer in 3rd place and Paul Elmer in 4th place. Greg Mattus also came in 4th in 'A' division all-events.

The next tournament is in Concord on March 17th and 19th. We almost always have some of our members score well there, and should do the same again.

This week our most senior bowler, Ed Stewart, couldn't help himself and had his 97th birthday. WOW!! What is very interesting is that not only is he bowling, he is bowling in 4 leagues a week, still throws a 15lb ball, and averages 150+. A true inspiration – well done Ed!!

Paul

SIR Travel Opportunities Reminder

Various bargain-priced trips are available to SIR members through local travel agencies and other SIR branches. Look for the TRAVEL binder located on the entrance table at each monthly meeting. For more information contact Mitch Wisinski at: (408) 515-7655.



Branch 161 on the web

www.sir161.org

For more Branch 161 news & photos, and links to state SIR information, visit our web site. The latest issue of SIR Happenings can be downloaded via a link on our web site.

2014 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/14/2014	07/8/2014
02/11/2014	08/12/2014
03/11/2014	09/9/2014
04/8/2014	10/14/2014
05/13/2014 (note 1)	11/11/2014
06/10/2014	12/9/2014 (note 1)

Note 1: Mother's Day and Christmas With The Ladies are not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

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



Last year I mentioned that Ralph Tatum was interested in starting a gin rummy group. I'll mention it again in case some of you may not have seen that notice. Feel free to call Dick Donald (513-2849) for more information on these and other activities.

Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849

Ed and Michelle Carr will be hosting the March wine tasting on Thursday, March 27. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849.

Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

With daylight savings time starting, regular drop-in play is now Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:00 am and Wednesday at 5:00 pm. So come join in the fun for a little exercise, competition and socializing. Just bring yourself; we have everything else needed.

For someone wanting to learn the basics of pickle

ball, the Town of Discovery Bay has a beginner's class scheduled starting April 3rd. You can sign up for the class at the new Community Center or on their web site.



Photography, Frank Headley, 240-6511

Members of the Photography Club continue to share knowledge, experience and skills.

At our February Photography Club meeting, we were treated to a hands-on explanation of the use of post-processing tools. We have our first field trip scheduled for March 6th, to visit the Bethany Reservoir State Recreation area.

Anyone wishing to join the Photography Club, please contact Frank Headley at 240-6511. No special knowledge, experience or photographic equipment necessary.

Golf News, Dale Welin

We have waited 5 months for our first golf tournament for 2014. Our first event will be at Elkhorn Golf Club, Stockton with the following necessary info below:



When: Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

Time: 7:30 am shotgun start - you will have to get up early! We start early and we will get done early!!!!

Where: Elkhorn GC, 1050 Elkhorn Dr., Stockton, CA 95209.

Cost: \$41.00 for golf, cart and prize money.

Our course: Gold tees - 68.7/122

Format: 1 best net ball of the 4 players on odd holes, 2 best net balls of the 4 players on even holes, AND ALL 4 NET BEST BALLS ON #15.

You should email or call Dale to let him add you to the entry list. Then follow that up with a check, payable to Dale Welin, to 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Cut off for this event will be Tuesday, March 18, one week after the monthly SIR lunch for March.

See you in March.

Dale Welin

Membership Requirements & 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 volunteers and staff 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 *(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 to when we need to hold our meetings on a different Tuesday, so please check the Meetings Calendar elsewhere in this issue).

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, shall be notified by letter or email of the Branch Executive Committee's pending action to terminate their 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

Voluntary contributions defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have not "donated" their contribution, be sure to bring \$20.00 cash or a check (made out to SIR Branch 161) to our next meeting. You can also mail it to our Treasurer, Tony Pacheco.

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. Simple etiquette requires that hats be removed while in the dining room.

If you're unable to attend a meeting

Our Branch is obligated to pay for lunches not served. Please contact Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

Bill Konold, 634-2738

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