



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 26th year! May, 2017

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

## Len Fadda, Big Sir

Thanks to the membership for the great drive in bringing quests and new members to the SIR Branch 161 family. The program is going well and we look forward to continued success in the future.



## Little Sir, Larry Mensch May luncheon entertain- ment

Entertainment for the Mother's Day Luncheon will be "A Tribute to Elvis" by James Clark.



Please read your newsletter for information on upcoming events and new activities.

There is still time to secure tickets for the Mothers Day Luncheon. Please contact our Treasurer, Bill Momaney ASAP.

Looking forward to the special luncheon with the ladies, and a reminder our June meeting will be on the first Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Len



Little Sir Larry Mensch presents our April speaker with a certificate of appreciation.

## May birthdays

Carl Carlson, Art Comeau, Fritz Flemming, Ken Fanucchi, Bob Harlan, Frank Headley, Robert Lyman, Bill Momaney, Phil Mora, Norm Petersen, Michale Quier, Roger Sweeney, Phil Talley, Jim Wangeman, Richard Wisdom, Mitchell Wisinski

## May luncheon menu

Chicken Kiev and trimmings, breadsticks, butter, coffee, iced tea and a special dessert.

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## SIR Activities, Dick Donald

We're always looking for new activities among SIR. If you have a suggestion for an activity not currently supported, let us know and we'll see if we can get a group going. You can contact me at 513-2849 or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com.



Following are some ongoing SIR activities, including details on current plans.

### **Wine Tasting**, Dick Donald, 513-2849

The May wine tasting will be on Thursday, May 25th, and will be hosted by Jerry and Barbara Dittman. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, May 12th at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

### **Beer Tasting**, Paul Elmer, 240-0543

Paul Elmer has taken over the beer tasting. The next tasting will be after the SIR meeting in June. Contact Paul or John Fry (783-5614) if you are interested in participating.

### **Pickleball**, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

*"If you are looking for more fun – come try pickleball"*

Come join us and have loads of fun playing pickleball. Pickleball is a cross between tennis and ping pong, played with paddles on a small tennis-like court.

We have drop-in play at Cornell Park on the Discovery Bay public pickleball courts at 505 Discovery Bay Blvd. Play is on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

Beginners are always welcome, and an experienced player is designated on Saturdays to work with the new players. Just show up and we'll teach you the game on any of our play days. If you (or maybe you and your wife) would like a private introduction to the game, call me and I'll see that it happens.

### **Branch 161 on the web**

If you haven't already done so, check out our SIR Branch 161 web site at:

**[www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org)**

to see more news, announcements, photos of branch activities, and links to various SIR Inc sites.

## Membership, Tom Kirtley

### **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 Tom Kirtley. Have the guest complete the form, and return it to Tom. 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.

Four new members were inducted at our April luncheon. See photos & bios on page 3.

### **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.

## New members



Paul Van Emmerik retired from the FAA in 1992. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 22 years. Paul has 2 sons and 11 great grandchildren.

Hobbies include boating.

Paul's sponsor was Dave McCoy.



Jim Spann retired from Lawrence Livermore Lab in 2009. He has lived in Discovery Bay 28 years.

Hobbies include computers, golf and wine.

Jim's sponsor was Dave Cirulli.



Jim Wetzel retired from the architectural field in 1992. He has lived in Discovery Bay 17 years.

Jim has 2 children and 8 grandchildren.

Hobbies include music.

Jim's sponsor was Dave McCoy.



Mike Maita retired from Cummins Diesel Engines in 2002. He has lived in the Brentwood area approximately 7 months.

Mike and his wife Evelyn have 2 children.

Hobbies include pool, golf and bocce ball.

Mike's sponsor was Todd Ramsdell.

Alan & Pam Jarvie had another successful *Dinner with the Ladies* on Tuesday April 25, 2017. Eighty eight Sirs/Ladies converged on Sweeney's In Brentwood for great food, service and fellowship. Thank you Alan and Pam for your outstanding efforts in planning these great dinners for us. *Photo by Bob Damico.*



### Travel, Dennis Pachucki

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 Dennis Pachucki at (408) 309-5206.

### 2017 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/17/2017	07/11/2017
02/14/2017	08/8/2017
03/14/2017	09/12/2017
04/11/2017	10/10/2017
05/9/2017	11/14/2017
06/6/2017	12/12/2017

### In Memoriam

Lou Kirkpatrick, a loyal member of Branch 161 since 1994, passed away on April 26, 2017.

Lou served as our Big Sir in 1999. He received Honorary Life Member status in 2004, and Sr. Honorary Life Member status in 2014.

Lou was an avid Golfer and Bowler. Funeral/Memorial services are pending.

Please keep Lou, his wife Evadene, and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Wayne Berry passed away on April 17, 2017. Wayne was a loyal Branch 161 member since January of 2001, and served as our Newsletter Editor for many years.

He was an avid bowler, bowling in our Monday SIR League, and two other leagues at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood.

Please keep Wayne, Dorie ( his wife ), and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Bowling News, Paul Elmer

Next week (May 1st) will be the final position round for the Monday SIR Bowling League, with the winner bowling the first half winners for the season championship and the right to



be placed on the Elwood Davis-Jim Heck Memorial trophy (proudly displayed at Harvest Park Bowl).

Let's Roll (Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie, Doris Cole, Greg Mattus) has 43 wins and will bowl Don Toured China (Jerry Dittman, Will Myers, Don Patterson) with 41 wins. This means that either team must win 2 1/2 games or more to avoid ending in a tie. If both teams win two games there will be a one-game roll-off with total pins being the key factor. Good luck guys.

Season high scores are: for the men - Scratch Series - Bob Damico -731, Scratch Game - Mike Quier - 277, Handicap Series - Hoyt Huggins and incredible 885, Handicap Game - Larry Mensch - 277.

For the women - Scratch Series - Marie Wilson 655,

Scratch Game - Rosie Elmer - 255, Handicap Series - Lorraine Burt 819 (equally incredible), Handicap Game - Diane Davidson with 308.

The Carson City tournament results are in. With over 200 bowlers in competition our Sirs and guests showed well. For Singles Div 1 Keith Jones placed 3rd, Russ Reid placed 10th, and Jerry Marshall placed 12th. Singles Div 3 saw Marie Wilson take 2nd and she also placed 1st in All Events Div 3. Natalie Paris placed 14th. All Events Div 2 saw Fred Critchfield in 16th place and finally, Team Event Div 1 - 3rd place was earned by Marie Wilson, Ron Wilson, Keith Jones, and Natalie Paris.

The next tournament is in Lake Tahoe on May 19 - 21 and is for Sirs only, no guests.

And finally, once again we saw another of our SIR members pass on to a much better life. Wayne Berry, aged 82, former Editor of the Branch 161 Newsletter, long-time bowler and friend will be sorely missed.

Paul

## May 9, 2017 (Tuesday) is our annual Mother's Luncheon

(Lunch served at noon)



The entertainment is  
James Clark

"A Tribute to Elvis"



Tickets are \$25 per person and are still available.

Contact Bill Momaney to get your tickets  
before the deadline of Friday May 5, 2017.

Bill's Phone No.: 925-513-4865

## Golf News, Dale Welin

Our 6th Annual SIR 161 Invitational was attended by 69 players and was a success for those that attended. We missed the rain and had a very nice weather day. The results were sent to the Captains with their scores and prize money.



Our May tournament entry information is below.

**When:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017

**Time:** 8:00 shotgun start

**Where:** Manteca, GC, Manteca on Union Ave.

**Cost:** \$43 includes golf, cart, prize money

**Format:** To be announced

In May, the Mother's Day luncheon is on May 9, 2017, the second Tuesday. That is the cutoff date for the tournament and getting your entry fee/check to me. I will not be at the luncheon. So you will have to mail your check or give it to me when I see you before the 9th of May.

We will be playing the same length course as we did last year, namely 5532 yards, should be more fun. The challenges remain with some of the narrow fairways and trees. We had a nice size group play last year and we have 24 spots reserved for us this year.

If there are any questions, please call and let me know.

Dale Welin

## Golf outing with the ladies, Mike Quier

September 20 and 21 golf at Castle Oaks golf club in Lone. Golf two days at Castle Oaks and two nights at Jackson Rancheria Casino. Golf is \$82.00 for both days and payable to Mike Quier by August 1.

You have three choices on your room: Deluxe King is \$99.00 a night; Junior Suite is \$189.00 a night; Executive Suite is \$309.00 a night. You pay directly to the Hotel. Contact Mike Quier by phone at (925) 470-0183 or email at michaelquier@att.net. We have 24 openings for golf, 20 King rooms, two Junior rooms, and two Executive rooms reserved. Hope to hear from you soon.

To make reservations at Jackson Rancheria, call 1-800-822-9466.

## Membership Requirements & Principles

Membership is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. Member volunteers and staff administer and govern all branch activities. Nominal annual dues 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 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 (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 bring \$20 cash or check (made out to SIR Branch 161) to the next meeting. Or you can mail it to our Treasurer, Bill Momaney.

**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 email Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

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