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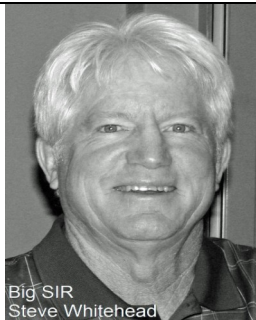
**New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
Program - Capt. Dwaine Breazeale Salvation Army**

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$14 plus buck bucket

Thank you SIR's for the great attendance and enthusiasm at last month's luncheon. It's probably my imagination, but you guys really respond to female speakers! It was a great time and we can thank Li'l Sir Howard Zinn for that. Whether you're a basketball fan or not, there was something inspirational that everyone could draw from in coach Pebley's talk.

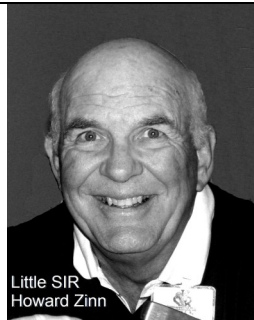


Big SIR
Steve Whitehead

On somewhat the same topic, the board has been wrestling with concerns over membership & luncheon attendance. As all of you know, there are a limited number of excused (3/yr.) or excused & unexcused (6/yr. total) absences associated with membership. There is concern for a couple reasons. One, our calling staff works very hard to be as accurate as possible with our luncheon counts. When we are over, for whatever reasons, we still have the burden of paying for the count we submitted. Two, we incur various financial obligations based on our membership count, even though some members may not be actively attending.

With this in mind, we are going to try and maintain our membership roles as accurately as possible. We have decided to send letters to various members alerting them that attendance is a concern regarding membership, and to just let us know about their future intentions. We understand there may be health, transportation and a number of reasons for absence. Our attempt is to communicate to see if we can help and also obtain a realistic idea of what our membership numbers should be. In closing, the essence of our charter is to provide for a monthly luncheon and activities that everyone can enjoy, but at the same time, one cannot exist without the other. I hope all of you take this in the spirit that it is intended and lets have another great turnout at this months' luncheon.

I have a surprise for you all at the October Luncheon. As promised, I will provide a 250+ picture video for you to see as you walk into the meeting. With the right type of computer assistance and projector we will see pictures that I have been taking throughout the year. (Ladies day, Golfing, Bowling, Tennis, Board meetings, Roger Rocka's and lunchtime activities.) I am sure you will see yourself.



Little SIR
Howard Zinn

Speaking of the Good Company Players. I put out a "flyer" for "Singing in the Rain" to be shown Sept 20 -November 11. Not too many takers ! The dates were Sunday, Oct 14 or Thursday Oct 18. I NEEDED 25 AND ONLY GOT 14. SO it looks like you are on your own for that performance. Call and make your own arrangements.

A very special Thank you to Raegan Pebley, FSU Womens Basketball coach for her charming presentation and informative message at the September Luncheon. For you basketball fans, I hope you get out to see the players and their games.

Our October speaker will be Captain Dwaine Breazeale. He is the County Coordinator and Corps officer for the Salvation Army. He will share the "new stuff" going on and hopes some of you will get more involved.

The weather is "cooling", so get involved in one of our many activities. A new Activities sheet with names and telephone numbers and information will be provided at the October meeting. Bring a friend to the next luncheon. I challenge you to beat me. I brought two new members this month .

Be A Friend-Bring A Friend

October Menu

Fried Chicken
BBQed Ribs
Potato Salad /Carrot Raisin Salad
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
1Green & 1 Fruit Salad
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf
Assorted Dessert

Birthdays

Charlie Barnett, Donald Boline
Ron Branam, Sam Calaguas
Sam Caldera, Lance Casper
Bev Dickinson, Bill Ellsworth
Murray Farber, Boyd Gibson
Gary Haynes, Harlow Hosford
Dell Kerns, Don Lowe
Dick McDonough, Joe Montejano
Larry Psaltis, George Rodriguez
Jess Rodriquez, Ben Romo
Dave Scharton, Bob Sexton
Art Steffensen, Ray Urushima
Bob Zoldoske

SIR 159 Couples Bridge Tournament

The 2012-2013 Couples Bridge Tournament got its start on Wednesday, August 29, 2012, with card play and lunch at Marie Callender's Restaurant on Shaw Avenue. Ten couples of the 16 team members were present. Six couples were unable to attend for various reasons some of which were due to medical problems. Start-up packages were presented to those present for tournament play which begins October 2012 through May 2013. For those who were not present the start-up packages will be mailed to them. The high-score winners of \$5 for the day were Tess Mott for the ladies and Hugh Cox for the men. Good luck with good cards and bidding to all of the 16 teams. *SIR Steve Wray*

Callers Corner

I want to take a moment to thank our two SIRS Del Kerns and Manuel Nunez for coming forward to volunteer as callers. I am sure

they will find it interesting and will give them an opportunity to meet their fellow SIR.

Ron Travis

Bridge Scores

August 31 1st. George Rurik
2nd. Ron Vieira, 3rd. Allan Bertelsen,
4th. John Williford)
5th. Jim Whitmer) tied
6th. Russ Mott,
7th. Jack Leonard
Consolation: Jim Peterson
High score: 4800
High table: 1940
Allan Bertelsen Jim Lund

Sept. 7 1st. John Williford
2nd. George Rurik 3rd. Bob Haw
4th. Jim Lund
5th. Allan Bertelsen
6th. Jim Peterson
Consolation: Ron Vieira
High score: 5240
High table: 1800
Jim Lund John Williford

Bowling

SIRS Bowling winter league started on September 7th. We are looking for new members and hope to see some new faces over the next few weeks. We meet at Sierra Lanes on Blackstone Ave on Fridays at 10:00 AM. The cost is \$7.00, which goes for bowling (shoe rental extra) and a small weekly prize pool. All prizes are based on handicap scores, so everyone has a chance to win. Please come out and give it a try, it is a great winter activity. Hope to see you at the bowling alley.

Retirement solution

Here is some food for thought...We should place the eld-

erly in prisons. They will get a shower a day, video surveillance in case of problems, three meals a day, access to a library, computer, TV, gym, doctors on-site, free medication if needed.

Put criminals in nursing homes. They have cold meals, lights off at 7pm, two showers a week, live in a smaller room and pay rent at \$4,000 a month!!! It's pretty sad that we treat prisoners better than the elderly...

SIR John Metzger

Anniversaries

Augusto & Olga Benavides
Sam & Olga Caldera
Hugh & Shirley Cox
Don & Marge Evans
Bruce & Cathy Evans
Nick & Lydia Fierro
Alex & Angie Flores
Les & Bonnie Gorden
Rene' & Marcelle Klopstein
Jack & Maxine Leonard
Jim & Mary Lund
Tony & June Maslowski
Bob & Diana Moore
Chuck & Rose Olono
John & Lynn Pokorny
Don & Mary Reitz
Stan & Rose Sherman
Mel & Ronnalie Welch
Ron & Theresa Wilson

Attendance Report

In September, 2012, Fresno SIR Branch #159 had 282 members with 177 of those members attending the September 13, 2012 luncheon which represents 62 percent of member attendance. We also had 11 guests and 3 visitors..

Members are expected to attend meetings or to notify the Attendance Chairman whenever they

wish to be excused. Three consecutive unexcused absences or six unexcused absences in a twelve-month period constitute a jeopardy to membership.

If you are unable to attend a future meeting, *PLEASE call 243-1527* or send email to *jeffiefilgas@yahoo.com*. When you call or email, please include your badge number with your name.

Steve Wray, Attendance Chairman

Computer Group

There will be **no Computer Group meeting for October**, as the room we use is booked solid by "Friends of Woodward Park Regional Library".

We will next meet in **November on the third Tuesday, the 20th, at 1:00 PM**. We plan to review and discuss Microsoft Excels' various aspects, and form 28 for SIR Treasurers who have requested it.

Dale Reichard, Computer Group Chair

Golfers Corner

Big Muni (Riverside golf course) was the sight for our SIR Area 29 2012 Branch Championship. This is an annual competition between the 4 SIR chapters in the Fresno area. Because there is quite a disparity in numbers of golfers representing each group, this year the winning chapter was determined by comparing the net average score for each group. On this basis, SIR 169 won the competition with a 72.11 net average for the 19 golfers who played for that group. Taking a close 2nd was our own SIR 159 with an average net 72.38 for our 48 golfers. 3rd place was claimed by SIR 179 with an average net 74 for 2 golfers and rounding out the field was SIR 175 with a net average of 78.3 for 10 golfers.

Several of our SIR 159 golfers played well enough to earn some extra cash in the CTP, skins and flight competitions. In the one CTP contest, we had six golfers earn payouts. Taking 2nd was Dennis Ensminger at 3' .5", Steve Whitehead 3rd at 4' 10", James Noriega 4th at 7' 4", Don Avakian 6th at 8' 6", Jim Suddath 7th at 10' 5" and Reg Rosander 8th at 10' 8". Big winners in the skins contest were Dell Kerns \$24 for a skin and Mike Fair \$48 for his two skins.

SIR 159 had many golfers who placed in the flight competitions. Competitors who stood out were: Flight 1 - Howard Zinn 1st at net 70 and Joe Hushek 3rd at net 74. Flight 2 - Mike Fair 2nd at net 67. Flight 3 - Don Avakian 1st at net 67 and Butch Evans 3rd

at net 70. Flight 4 - Charles Jaurique 1st at net 67 in a tiebreaker with James Noriega 2nd also at net 67. Flight 5 - Claude Torrez 1st at net 66 and Rich Zanarini 2nd at net 69. Flight 6 - Mike Williamson 3rd at net 72 and John Crawford 4th also net 72. Flight 7 - Dell Kerns 2nd at net 67 and Larry Psaltis 3rd at net 70. Flight 8 - Louis Shuemake 1st at net 64 and Duke Marshall 3rd at net 70. Flight 9 - Perry Huffman 1st at net 67 and James Whitmere 2nd at net 68. Flight 10 - Leroy Foote 1st at net 69 and Stanley Littleworth 2nd at net 73.

In NCGA Associate Club competition Butch Evans and Jim Morgan did SIR 159 proud in their performance in the finals of the Senior Four Ball Net competition held over two days at Poppy Ridge on SEP 17 & 18. Butch and Jim placed 7th out of the 54 teams that competed.

Butch Evans and Mike Moyle also advanced in the qualifier for the NCGA Associate Club Net Amateur held at Ridgemark in Hollister on AUG 30. They will be playing in the two day finals to be held at Poppy Ridge on OCT 1 & 2.

New to our SIR 159 golfing experience is incorporating a 9 hole format along with our regular 18 hole weekly match. We tried this at Madera Muni with one foursome and the concept seemed to fly. We hope that by offering the 9 holes at our weekly matches some of our SIRs who struggle physically to play 18 (especially on the longer, hilly courses) won't consider dropping out of our matches but continue to enjoy the exercise and camaraderie that SIR 159 golf provides. A special sign up sheet will be provided at matches for the 9 hole outings.

Lynn Streit and Dell Kerns did a great job chairing our September events assisted by Dennis Costello. Chairman for October will be Bob Moore assisted by Vic Froehmer.

Branch 159 October Golf Schedule

Chairman Bob Moore - 322-6909

Thur	10/4	9AM	SG	Eagle Springs
Wed	10/10	9AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur	10/18	8AM	SG	Belmont CC
Thur	10/25	8AM	SG	Airways
Fri	10/26	11AM	<i>AWARDS LUNCH</i> Ramada	
Thur	11/1	9AM	SG	Riverside
Wed	11/7	9AM	SG	Ridge Creek



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