



The Chanticleer

Date January 10, 2013

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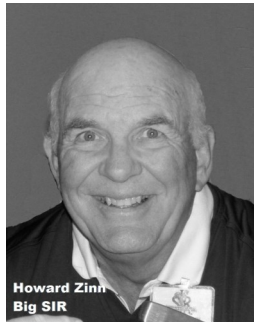
Program - Janet Young - Clovis School Distr. Supt.

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$15 plus buck bucket

Happy New years #159. I hope you had a wonderful Holiday season and wish you and your families a safe, healthy, and prosperous new year. First, let me thank all who attended the Ladies Day luncheon. It was the largest I've ever seen. We served 238 luncheons and were entertained by Gabe Agao. Thank you to Shane, Allan, Rich, and Joe for all their hard work. We couldn't have done it without you. My special thanks to Steve Whitehead, "retiring" Big Sir, for all his guidance through 2012. He and his wife Denise have become more than "Sir friends"

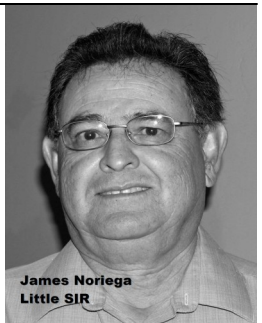


Howard Zinn
Big SIR

At the December lunch. I introduced James Noriega, who will guide us through as "Little Sir" in 2013. He is all ready working hard at getting outstanding speakers for the months ahead. James welcomes any suggestions you might have for a speaker. He will list approved speakers for each month. As always, please attend our monthly meetings and "Bring a friend".

Roger Deal, membership chair, reports that we currently have 278 members. There were a lot of terminations (10) in 2012 but many of you have responded with new members. We added 26 members in 2012. Keep bringing them to our organization. We expect to approve 3 or more new members in January. Please check-out the list of activities I handed out last year and join and participate in one or more of our many other functions/Activities. I can't wait to get started and look forward to all your help, support and suggestions. WE HAVE PRIDE IN A GREAT ORGANIZATION

Hope you had a great Christmas and New Year's. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be Little Sir. I am looking forwards to the coming year with great anticipation. I will do my best to perform as well as the past Little Sirs have done.



James Noriega
Little SIR

Wasn't the winter Ladies Day luncheon great? As always the company was terrific, the food was good and so was the entertainment. Dr. Janet Young, Clovis Unified School District superintendent, will be the speaker for the January luncheon. At this time I am working on next year's speakers. Talking about speakers, wasn't our own SIRs 159 member, John Volkman, terrific when he filled in as a volunteer speaker in November? He has many other interesting stories to tell; maybe he can share them in the future.

Also since there are still a few months opened in 2013, if any of you have any suggestions on speakers please let me know. I have my own suggestion, especially for newer members: make a New Year's resolution to become more active in a SIRs activity, i.e. computers, bowling, bridge, golf, fishing, poker, tennis, membership, newsletter, travel or sunshine.

January Menu

- Meat Loaf & Fried Chicken**
- Rice Pilaf & Coleslaw**
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetables**
- 1Green & 1 Fruit Salad**
- Rolls & Butter**
- Coffee, Tea, & Decaf**
- Assorted Dessert**

Bring a Guest Next Month!!!

Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet at the Woodward Park Library on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, located at Champlain and Perrin, at 1:00 PM. We'll be learning about GPS's and cell phones, and Roger Deal will bring his new camera that has a GPS in it for show-n-tell. Yes, I said Camera. Hope to see you there.

Dale Reichard Computer Group Chair

BIRTHDAYS

December

Don Avakian, Don Blosser, Bo Bolin, Joe D'Amico, Robert Emerzian, Bruno Ferioli, Vic Froehmer, Frank Kurihara, Stan Littleworth, Pete Martinez, Carl Mhoon, Chuck Royse, George Rurik, Tom Ryno, George Schmidt, Ed Smiley, Fred Stein, Dean Tilly

January

Ron Copp, Dennis Costello, Hugh Cox, Mike Fair, Gerry Fields, Bill Hedman, Nick Lapietra, Ken Lust Duke Marshall, Jack Morrill, John Mulligan, Corky Nakayama, Alex Ramirez, Ron Travis

ANNIVERSARIES

December

Rick & Peggy Aranja
Norm & Betty Bainter
Bud & Diane Burrows
John & Lorraine Devlin
Lee & Val Fanucchi
Perry & Barbara Huffman
Paul & RaeLynn Hyland
Ken & Helen Lust
Gene & Linda Marshall
Manuel & Lasara Nunez
Rick & Debbie Pezzi
Gene & Karen Tognazzini
Jack & Leslie Whitaker

January

Alan & Sue Barton
Sam & Marissa Calaguas
Larry & Dian Cox
Terry & Cynthia Dondero
Murray & Francine Farber
Bruno & Marjorie Ferioli

Roy & Frances Harris
Bill & Gil Johnson
Stan & Carole Littleworth
Dick & Jane McDonough
Merle & Jackie Petersen
Howard & Diane Ray
Orie & Dolores Reed
George & Barbara Rodriguez



Golfer of the Year 2nd Terry Dondero
4th Mike Williamson 1st Bob Rathburn
(not shown 3rd Howard Zinn)



Team Player of the Year George Rodriguez

Callers Corner

Due to illness and the passing of two callers we are in need of two volunteers to help us out. Please consider being a caller. Your service will be greatly appreciated. **Ron Travis**

Bridge Scores

Nov. 30 1st. Vic Froehmer,
2nd. Hugh Cox, 3rd. Jack Leonard
4th. Larry Knoll, 5th. Gene Gognazzini,
6th. Jim Whitmer
Consolation: Russ Mott
High score: 4940
High table: 1770
Hugh Cox - Vic Froehmer

Dec. 7 1st. Jim Whitmer
2nd. John Williford
3rd. tied Vic Froehmer, George Rurik
5th. Dick Hansen, 6th. Ron Vieira
Consolation: Jim Peterson

High score: 5460

High table: 1250

Dick Hansen - Jim Whitmer

SIR 159 Couples Bridge Tournament

Good progress has been made in team playoffs for October and November. While all plays have not been made, but few exceptions, the two-month high score presently is held by the Willifords with 8810 and the Weinstens following with 7770.

The Mott team has to their record another bid-and-made small slam, giving them a total of two small slams for October and November.

At this reporting time, only one report has been received for December, but that score has to receive honorable mention. The Witmer team had a score of 5400 which is the highest score received to date.

There were two teams who were dealt bad cards throughout the entire playoff. One team had only four bids out of the 24 and another team had only six bids. Each of these two teams made only one game.

We all are sad to hear that Mike Escobar has been suffering with cancer. We hope and pray that he will soon improve and look forward to the time he feels up to competing. He and wife, Mary, are tough competitors and have been in the top-winner group for several years.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!! **Larry Knoll**

December Attendance Report

In December 2012, Fresno SIR Branch #159 had 278 members. There were 238 members and ladies that attended the "Holiday Ladies Day" luncheon. The two "Ladies Day" luncheons do not count in your attendance profile however we encourage all members to attend. Members are expected to attend the regular luncheon meetings or to notify the Attendance Chairman whenever they wish to be excused. Three consecutive unexcused absences or six absences in a twelve-month period constitutes a jeopardy to your membership. When

you call or email your intentions, please include your badge number with your name. Should you say you are coming, but something arises that prevents your Luncheon attendance, please notify our head Caller Ron Travis at 322-1898 by Monday 9:30 AM so he can reduce the meal count. If you are not coming and want an excused absence instead of unexcused, call our Attendance Chairman Duke Marshall (559) 447-5388.

Duke Marshall Attendance Chairman

GOLFERS CORNER

We were sadly informed of the passing of Dan Aller on DEC 10. Dan's health had prevented him from playing golf for quite a while, but even though he was sidelined from the game he emailed me months ago with the idea of starting a "Most Improved Player of the Year" award for our group. Perhaps it was the lawyer in him that sparked the idea that if given the same accolades as our "Player of the Year" award, "The Most Improved Golfer of the Year" award might provide some of us (who tend to sandbag) the incentive to actually post those better non-SIRs rounds. Dan was proud that he had dropped from a mid thirties index to a new low of 22. In his honor, the first "Dan Aller Most Improved Player of the Year" trophy will be awarded at our golf luncheon in 2013. Please keep Dan and his family in your prayers.

There was a good turnout of golfers at Fig Garden for our individual flighted match on DEC 6. Ardell Barnes was closest on CTP hole # 3 at 4' 7" followed by Russ Hower at 6' even. On CTP hole #17 it was Bob Rathburn sticking it at 3' 9" followed by Louis Shuemaker at 7' 7". Unfortunately the scorecards were misplaced at Fig (darn...I think I was in the money in my flight). The following week at Madera CC also saw a good turnout...but for only the 2nd time in 2012 we were rained out (except for six hardy souls who got in 9 holes). The \$5 SIR tournament fees that were collected at Fig Garden and Madera CC are both being credited to future matches.

Serving as the monthly chairman for DEC was Dennis Costello assisted by Perry Huffman. These two gentlemen both served twice in 2012 and were stuck with the hassle of crediting money collected for Fig Garden and Madera CC forward to the Airways and Riverside matches. Please thank them when you see them for their hard work and effort.

Don't forget to renew your handicap if you haven't done so yet. \$39 cash or check payable to SIR 159 delivered to John Brechman or Rich Zanarini gets the job

done. Also...remember \$24 in the bucket at our first luncheon on JAN 10 relieves you of the \$2 bucket responsibility the rest of 2013. :-)

Mike Williamson will be the monthly chairman for our JAN matches. Mike will be assisted by Dennis Costello.

The Sunshine Desk

In recent days, we learned of the loss of several of our Branch 159 members. Long time member, Barrie Loughton passed away mid-November. He was a Charter Member of Branch #159. We also know that Bob Young passed away in Early December. But then I must report that Dan Aller also left us in the early part of December. They will be missed. And as we say, "May Their Memory be Eternal!"

Note: The Branch is looking for a volunteer to take over the 'Sunshine Desk' next year. If you are of a mind, **VOLUNTEER! SIR George Giano;pulos**

Branch 159 January Golf Schedule
Chairman Mike Williamson 251-3103

Thur 1/3	10AM	SG	Sherwood
Wed 1/9	10AM	SG	Ridge Creek
Thur 1/17	10AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur 1/24	10AM	SG	Airways
Thur 1/31	10AM	SG	Belmont G&CC
Thur 2/7	10AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Wed 2/13	10AM	SG	Madera G&CC

November Bowling Scores

The new league has started and we invite any SIR member to come join us - Friday mornings, 10AM Sierra Lanes. Anyone interested please contact Ted Fox @ 298-3179, See you.

DATE		Name	Score	Branch
2-Nov	HI SERIES	Ed Gavigan	629	159
	HI GAME	Alan Barton	270	159
9-Nov	HI SERIES	Merle Knapp	730	175
	HI GAME	Leroy Foote	231	159
16-Nov	HI SERIES	Rich Zanarini	675	159
	HI GAME	Bill Ripley	224	175
23-Nov	HI SERIES	No Bowling		
	HI GAME			
30-Nov	HI SERIES	Carol Dahl	608	159
	HI GAME	Bev Dickinson	239	159

2013 PREPAID BUCK BUCKET

Name _____ BADGE # _____ Amount \$ 24

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