



# The Chanticleer

Date March 14, 2013

Place: Ramada Inn

324 W. Shaw Avenue

**New 159 website - [ww.branch159.sirinc2.org](http://ww.branch159.sirinc2.org)**

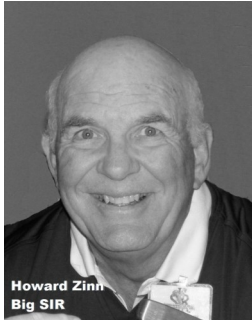
**Program - Chuck Topjian - Emerging Health Care**

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

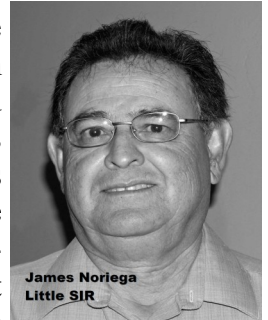
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Greetings my fellow SIRS. How blessed we are to live in California ? I just returned from a trip where folks were so grateful to be in the sun, instead of digging out of the snow or fighting torrential rain, floods and cold freezing weather. I hope all of you are joining us or planning to participate in one or more of our many SIR activities. (Golf, Bowling, Tennis, Fishing, etc) Our travel Chairman, Corky Nakayama, has some great trips planned. Call him to get involved. As you witnessed at our February meeting, we have a "New Look". Its easy to approach a "Table Sign" and ask question if interested about that activity. Do you have a new idea or activity ? Please share it with a Board Member or myself. Again, my many thanks to the SIR Board members and activities Chairmen / Directors who run this organization, They are behind the scenes and do all the work.



Howard Zinn  
Big SIR

It's that time of the year when the trees begin to blossom, the blubs turn into tulips, roses bloom from pruned sticks called rose bushes, the grass turns green and flowers of all colors appear from seeds planted in the soil. We call that nature's rejuvenation. Well maybe some say don't get too excited, at our age our bodies are not in that picture. Maybe, but our spirits can rejuvenate. Also think of the good we have done which shows in the youngsters we have come into contact; such as in family and our professions. And let's not forget to continue and bring guests to SIRs luncheons so that SIRs 159 can grow and rejuvenate.



James Noriega  
Little SIR

Wasn't last month's speaker (Ricky Manning Jr.) a breath of fresh air? He was articulate, knowledgeable and entertaining. I am glad he was here. This month's speaker is Chuck Topjian who talks about emerging health care.

Let us continue to make new friends, participate in our activities and have fun.

We are here to serve you all. We are very proud of our group. Sir 159 is the largest in our area. We are highly considered the most active in the State, but there's room for improvement. Join us with participation and ideas. I hope to see you at the March Luncheon.

**Bring a Friend, Relative or Neighbor**

## SUNSHINE

The *Heart* was 'front and center' this month. Both Ron Smith and Melvyn Bisgaard underwent cardiac procedures. We hear they are doing well. Stay healthy you guys. I have no data on this, but I did learn that Sir Ralph Derrick passed some time early in February. When I

### Points to Ponder

Whatever happened to Preparations A through G

What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

### March Menu

Chicken Fried Steak with gravy

Sesame Chicken Teriyaki

Herb Rice & Waldorf Salad

1Green & 1 Fruit Salad

Rolls & Butter

Coffee, Tea, & Decaf

Assorted Dessert

# Bring a Guest Next Month!!!

learn more I will pass it on to you. Also, I received a call informing me that former Branch #159 member Howard Latta passed away February 6. You will remember Howard for, among other things, accompanying us on the piano for our singing 'Happy Birthday' and 'God Bless America'; this was for a time after our regular pianist, George Luft, was no longer able to do it. As we say, "May Their Memory be Eternal". We're still looking for one of you to step up, volunteer to take over the Sunshine Desk. It takes but a few minutes each month. But one enjoys the gratification of hearing stuff – good and not so good – about our members. All applicants will be seriously considered.

From the Sunshine Desk  
Sir George Gianopulos

**Bridge scores**

**Dec. 21** 1st. Vic Froehmer  
2nd. Russ Mott, 3rd. John Williford, 4th. Jim Whitmer  
5th. Hugh Cox  
Consolation: Fred Wrazel  
High score: 6250  
High table: 1830  
Vic Froehmer - John Williford

**Feb. 1** 1st. John Williford  
2nd. Jim Lund, 3rd. Allen Bertelsen, 4th. George Rurik  
5th. Fred Wrazel,  
6th. Jim Whitmer  
Consolation: Bob Cleveland  
High score: 4840  
High table: 2410  
John Williford - Jim Lund

**Feb. 15** 1st. Jim Lund  
2nd. Jim Whitmer, 3rd. Allan

Bertelsen, 4th Vic Froehmer  
5th. Hugh Cox, 6th. Fred Wrazel  
Consolation: Bob Cleveland  
High score: 4930  
High table: 2150  
Hugh Cox - Jim Whitmer

**BIRTHDAYS**

Wayne Adams, Mel Bisgaard  
Carrol Dahl, Ed Dill, Terry Dondero, Tom Dougherty, Lee Fanucchi, Mike Farley,  
Alex Flores, LeRoy Foote, George Gianopulos, Brent Harris, Ken Kerner, Bill Larkin, Jack Leonard  
Jim Lund, Guy Mathys, Jim Morgan, Preston Petersen  
Raymond Porter, Gino Roberti  
Larry Rosander, Bob Sheffield  
Ron Smith, Lew Stewart  
Gene Tognazzini

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Wayne & Tina Adams  
Allan & Carolyn Baxter  
Ron & Shirley Branam  
Byron & Betty Brough  
Larry & Barbara Calvert  
Daryl & Judith DeRouche  
Larry & Alice Duba  
Bill & Carol Ellsworth  
Robert & Dorothy Emerzian  
Phil & Margaret Fullerton  
Hank & Phyllis Gomar  
Ron & Carla Jones  
Richard & Marilyn Lulejian  
Pete & Patricia Martinez  
Carl & Patsy Mhoon  
James & Debbie Noriega  
LeRoy & Patt Pandukht  
Preston & Jeannie Petersen  
John & Marilyn Rackin  
Bob & Joyce Stenberg

**Attendance Report**

In February, 2013, SIR Branch #159 had 277 members with 168 of those members attending the February 14, 2013 luncheon. This represents 60% of the members in attendance. There were 109 members absent of which 49 were excused. Members are expected to attend the monthly meeting or to notify the Attendance Chairman when the wish to be excused. Three consecutive unexcused absences or six unexcused absences in a twelve month period constitutes a jeopardy to membership. If you are unable to attend a future meeting, PLEASE call 447-5388 or send an email to [DukMarshal@aol.com](mailto:DukMarshal@aol.com) When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER.

**Duke Marshall,**  
**Attendance Chairman**

**Computer Group**

There will be **no Computer Group meeting in March--** the County has reserved our room all week, and we may not have it.

I have it reserved for Tuesday, April 16, 2013, however, so we will meet then.

**Dale Reichard, Computer Group Chair**

**SIR 159 Couples Bridge Tournament**

The teams which had not made all of their plays for the first three months, have now completed them. The final results for the first three months have the Willifords in first place with a score of 12,600; the Clevelands in second place with a score of 12,090; and the Whitmers in third place with a score of 12,040. Teams are doing well with completed team plays for January with only one play lacking. The highest score for January, thus far, has been made by the Willifords with a score of 5,110. Again, the Motts have another bid-and-made small slam, giving them a total of three. Other

teams having made one small slam are Clevelands, Willifords, Leonards, and Knoll/Filgas. Keep up the good work and if you have questions, please call 243-1527

## GOLFERS CORNER

Pheasant Run in Chowchilla was the venue for our individual match in February. Fifty-six golfers were divided into 5 flights based on handicaps. In the 1st flight, Terry Dondero and Mike Rumley tied for first with net 68s, Dondero coming out on top in the tiebreaker (low net on the back nine). In flight 2 Charlie Juarique was first at net 67 followed by Gilbert Matossian at net 69. The 3rd flight had Mike Torigian on top at net 66 with Frank Kurihara in second at net 68. John Briceno went low in flight 4 with a net 63 followed by Bob Rathburn at net 68. In the 5th flight Stan Littleworth had lowest net of the day at 61 with Gene Marshall placing 2nd at net 72. In the CTP contests, Mike Rumley at 4' 1" edged out Paul Hyland at 4' 6" on hole #4. On the 17th hole Don Corley took first at 7' 11" followed by Gary Parnell at 11' 6".

Good news from our handicap chairman John Brechman. John relayed that we were over the 100 mark for renewed or new handicaps for 2013. SIR Area 29 golf coordinator Butch Evans pointed out that 100+ handicap members for SIR 159 allows us to qualify for more spots in associate NCGA competitive events. For those of you who might enjoy competing at the next level (usually getting to play qualifying events on courses outside of the Fresno area) check the schedule of associate events along with SIR state events on our website. If you need more information or tournament applications give Butch a call (he's in our 159 directory).

Recognition is due for two of our members who have stepped forward to help with the onerous task of scoring our weekly tournaments. First we need to thank Rich Colby who has given much of his time in handling scoring by himself the last couple of years. We're happy to announce that the workload will now be spread between three people as opposed to just one. When you see John Crawford and Duke Marshall please thank them for volunteering to help out.

While you're at it...you might thank a few other members who make our weekly tournaments fly. These are the guys who have been donating their time and effort so our SIR 159 golfers (and other SIR branch golfers) can enjoy a weekly outing. John Brechmann has taken care of handicaps and computer generated pairings weekly for 11 years. Rich Zonarini has handled our money as treasurer for 8 years. Little SIR James Noriega has recently assumed the responsibility of getting the pairings posted to our website. Reg Rosander has been sending in our tournament results to have them published in the Fresno Bee on Mondays. Mike Fair is our statistician who has kept track of all our tournaments and provided us with information to determine winners of certain awards at our yearly golf banquet. You can also thank Butch Evans who coor-

dinates SIR Area 29 golfing events and Dave Betts who sits on the SIR State golf board.

Let's not forget to also thank all of our members who have volunteered to be monthly chairmen and assistants for 2013. The monthly chairman for February, Dennis Ensminger, wanted to thank his assistant Bill Leavitt for a job well done collecting entry fees. Dennis mentioned that the tournaments ran smoothly for the most part. He did mention that it would be helpful if the weather has been cold (i.e. 40's and low 50's on Monday - Wednesday and the prediction for Thursday is the same) then please let the chairman know sooner as opposed to later (Thursday morning) that you aren't going to play. Anything we can do to reduce the number of last minute changes to pairings is always appreciated.

Chairman for March is Reg Rosander who will be assisted by Claude Torrez.

### SIR Humor - Perry Huffman

I pointed to two old drunks across the bar from us and told my mate, "That'll be us in ten years.  
My friend said, "That's a mirror, you old fart.

**Golfer:** "I'd move Heaven and Earth to break 100 on this course."  
**Caddie:** "Try Heaven, you've already moved most of the Earth."

### **Branch 159 March Golf Schedule** *Chairman Reg Rosander 897-7394*

Thur 3/7	9AM	SG	Dinuba
Wed 3/13	9AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur 3/21	9AM	SG	Airways
Thur 3/28	9AM	SG	Riverbend
Thur 4/4	9AM	SG	Valley Oaks
Wed 4/10	9AM	SG	Madera G&CC

### January 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
4-Jan	HI SERIES	Jim Whitmer	633	159
	HI GAME	Vic Froehmer	222	159
11-Jan	HI SERIES	Jim Whitmer	637	159
	HI GAME	Leroy Foote	260	159
18-Jan	HI SERIES	Rich Zonarini	645	159
	HI GAME	Joe Huizar	247	159
25-Jan	HI SERIES	Terry Schneider	639	159
	HI GAME	Jim Whitmer	247	159



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**Elaine Mason to be Honored**

How many of you remember our Sir Speaker four years ago, tennis champ & legend, Elaine Mason. She was so well received by all of you that day. Remember how she recounted her many experiences in her life in the world of tennis. Now Elaine is about to be celebrated for her extremely rich and vast contribution and influence on this sport.

She told us how she coached tennis at the then Fresno State, about her development of the ‘children’s tennis racquet’, her many awards and citations, induction into the Northern California Tennis Hall of Fame – and so much more. Ms Mason has won national USTA championships,

several Grand Slams, a bunch of world championships, European championships in doubles and singles – and it goes on and on. And after all these years, believe it or not, Elaine Mason is still found on the courts, both nationally and internationally.

A special celebration of her accomplishments is about to be held to honor her. On Saturday, April 6, 5:00PM – 7PM, a sculpture of Elaine Mason will be unveiled at the Fig Garden Racquet Club, dedicated to her countless contributions to the sport of tennis, not just locally but worldwide. The public is invited.

Contributed by:

***SIR George Gianopulos***

**Editors Note**

The 2013 directory is in this issue of the Chanticleer and the list of the State Officers, 159 Officers and Directors, as well as the Activities Chairmen for 159 are listed on the inside front cover of the directory. We are, therefore at this time, discontinuing the printing of this list on the last half page of each Chanticleer. This will allow us to have more room for pictures, other news, features, humor, etc.

**One More From Perry**

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (oh, man, this is so bad, it's good) .... a super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.