



The Chanticleer

Date October 10, 2013

Social Hour 1:00 AM

Place: Ramada Inn

Luncheon: 12 Noon

324 W. Shaw Avenue

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program - Identity Theft Scams Dist. Attny. Off. Lori Willits

\$15 plus \$2 for the buck bucket

Where has the year gone ? It won't be long until Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas and New Years. Be careful and safe over the vacation periods and watch out for the children around schools and playgrounds.



Big SIR Howard

How nice to receive a "Presidential Citation" from the State Sir President for Outstanding leadership and Branch 159 success. Its all because of you and our membership. Speaking of membership, we are considering and in the process of helping Roger Deal with his duties. We are trying to divide his responsibilities to others. We want to help him by dividing his chores into three areas; Attendance, membership, and Database issues. He loves all that he does but needs help. Also, suggestions have been made to charge a flat \$20 for yearly membership and get rid of the \$2. buck bucket. Tell me what you think? The 159 Directory will be prepared in NOV and Dec and be published and mailed to your home in January. Make sure you are in it if you are new to 159. (Contact Roger Deal or Duke Marshall)

I am letting the membership know that we listen to your criticisms regarding the Ramada Inn. We are negotiating with them this month your issues and concerns. The ladies day luncheon in December will be at the Ramada. However, the 2014 May day ladies luncheon will be at Pardini's. More information will follow.

Thank you to all members who step-up to help 159. Special thanks to Bernard Stepanek, who will help and take-over the Library table chores. Also, thank you for your prayers, thoughts and concerns over Terry Dondero, Carroll Dahl, and others. They are doing well and appreciate your calls and cards. A very special thank you to Rich Colby and Patti for hosting our last "Ladies date night" at the Shanghi restaurant where over 18 couples attended. Thank you in advance to Dennis and Sue Costello for hosting Octobers event at Mimi's Cafe on the 16th of Oct. (See info on back page of newsletter.)

In other activities, Rich Colby is getting our Dance group organized. Look for E-mails and information from him. Mike Moyle and his chairmen are busy with weekly golf tournaments. The golf scores are incredibly improving or the handicaps are getting higher ? Reg Rosander is excited

about Fishing trips and George Culverwell is playing Tennis with his group every Mon, Wed, & Fridays. Corky has some Trips planned, and our card groups are playing monthly. If interested in any of our Activities, contact the chairman. Their telephone numbers are in the directory.

SEE YOU AT THE OCTOBER MEETING - BRING A FRIEND

It's important to remember all the great activities that the Fresno area has to offer. We went to the Fresno State vs Boise football game that was sold out. To me it was more than a game, there was also that **community** pride that seems to be lacking in the large metropolitan areas. The great feeling about Fresno is that it's still a small city in our hearts. The Big Fresno Fair is another community activity that reflects not only the gathering of our citizens; it also represents our great agricultural economy. John Alkire, the September speaker, did a terrific job of reminding us what the Fresno Fair represents. I hope you were inspired to attend the fair this year. Remember; Mondays are FREE for seniors.



Little SIR James

The speaker for October will be from the District Attorney Office; it will be either Lori Willits or Mike Brummel. The topic will be regarding Identity Theft, scams against seniors and other illegal thefts attempted or committed on seniors.

Here is a reminder to enjoy the various SIRs activities. Personally golf is going great. I enjoyed the trip to Morro Bay in the BEAT the HEAT outing. (Thanks Rich Zanarini for setting it up!) We are also playing in many Private courses (Sunnyside, Belmont and Madera CC) and municipal golf courses. Also just a reminder about Bowling: it now starts at 1 pm on Fridays at Sierra Lanes; remember you are all invited to participate. To close; let us thank the following members who brought a guest to the last luncheon: Russ Wyatt (Mel Wyatt), John Leal (Ed Castanon), Ron Branam (Tom Simpson), and Big Sir Howard Zinn (Abel Parra-Gutz). **REMEMBER BRING A GUEST!**

Sunshine Desk

Sir Carrol Dahl was driving in Nebraska and had a stroke - two blocks from a hospital in Fremont. Within 3 hrs. he had been stablized and rushed to a big hospital in Omaha. Let's keep Carrol and his family in our thoughts and prayers (Continued on next page)

Be A Friend-Bring A Friend

as he recovers. Some friendly calls, letters and visits would help as well.

Terry Dondero is still in a fight. If you can give him a call, (299-4184) and/or pay him a visit it, would be most helpful. Cynthia doesn't think she will need any more help until chemo begins on the lung issue in mid October, but a visit from each of us from time to time would be appreciated. Friendly conversation can help cure.

Mike Williamson will keep us advised and also tells us, "Directions to Terry's home: 1645 Bliss Ave. Between Shaw and Barstow ;from Fowler go East on Keats to Bliss; turn left on Bliss; 1645 is on right side of the street. Do not call ahead; the house will be unlocked so call out "Terry" say your name then go on in to see him."

As always, when you learn of a SIR's illness, bereavement, trouble or loss, pass on the info to **Sir Charley Barrett (436-8338) or Sir Ron Wilson (960-8294).**

Birthdays

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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Stan & Rose Sherman
Donald & Sharon Smith
Mel & Ronnalie Welch
Ron & Theresa Wilson

Bridge Scores

Aug 30 1st. Jack Leonard
2nd. Gene Tognazzini, 3rd. John Williford, 4th. Bob Cleveland
Consolation: Fred Wrazel
High score: 5270
High table: 1640
John Williford Jack Leonard

Sept 6 1st. George Rurik
2nd. John Williford, 3rd. Jim Whitmer, 4th. Jack Leonard, 5th Allen Bertelsen, 6th. Ron Vieira
Consolation: Bob Cleveland
High score: 5580
High table: 1260
John Williford George Rurik

Sept. 20 1st. Jim Peterson
2nd. Vic Froehmer, 3rd. Ron Vieira,
4th. Allen Bertelsen
5th. John Williford
6th. Jack Leonard
Consolation: Hugh Cox
High Score: 4050
High table: 1710
Allen Bertelsen - Jack Leonard

Attendance Report

In September, 2013, SIR Branch #159 had 299 members with 177 of the members attending the September 12, 2013 luncheon. This represents 59% of the members in attendance. There were 122 members absent of which 64 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
When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER
Duke Marshall,
Attendance Chairman

Editor's Note

MEMBERSHIP & JEOPARDY!

Lots of questions are circulating! What puts my SIR #159 membership in Jeopardy? In a nutshell, it happens if you miss a bunch of luncheon meetings, simple as that. But how many? **Well, the regs say either missing three (3) consecutive (unexcused) luncheon meetings, or missing (unexcused) half (that's 5) luncheon meetings within the last twelve consecutive months!** That's it! Let that happen and you're in trouble! Also, remember this; **Excused Meetings do not count in those minimums.** So that means that even if you've gotten excused, you've still got to meet those minimums. Fall into any of these 'minimum' categories and you can't play golf, can't bowl, can't play Bridge - and on and on and on!

Your presence is required at our luncheon meetings. Your presence is wanted there. **Hey, your companionship is an integral part of SIRs!** Be a part! Be present!

October Menu

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

October Bowling News

Bowling has gotten off to a weak start, we only had six bowlers who tried the new time. So let's put out another reminder that the winter league is now getting started.

New Time: 1:00pm, Fridays

Location: Sierra Lanes, Blackstone Ave. Hope to see some new faces, and I hope some of the previous bowlers will try the new time.

Ted Fox 298-3179

Golfers Corner

Big Muni (Riverside Golf Course) was the location for the annual Area 29 Four Branch Golf Championship held on OCT 5. A total of 88 golfers from SIR Branches 159, 169, 175 and 179 participated in the match. In this very close competition Branch 179 came away with top honors with an average net score of 75.57. Our own Branch 159 came in a very close 2nd with an average net of 75.61. Branch 169 was 3rd with net 76.83 followed by Branch 175 with net 77.14. If an award was given for most golfers fielded...SIR 159 would have walked away with the award as we had 62 golfers participate.

Many of our SIR 159 golfers won prize money at the match. In flight 1 Mike Moyle \$30 for low net and \$10 on CTP. Howard Zinn \$20 for 2nd low net and \$6 on CTP. Joe Hushek \$10 on a CTP. In flight 2 Dennis Ensminger \$20 for 2nd low net and \$4 CTP. Gary Parnell \$10 3rd low net and \$6 CTP. Mike Rumley \$4 CTP. Flight 3 Butch Evans \$30 low net, George Rodriguez \$20 2nd low net and \$18 on 2 CTPs. Carl Merz \$10 3rd low net and \$14 on 2 CTPs. Joe Montejano \$8 CTP. Flight 4 Andy Evanko \$30 low net and \$10 CTP. Shane Petersen \$10 3rd low net. Flight 5 Frank Kurihara \$30 low net and \$6 CTP. Don Avakian \$20 2nd low net. Gary Smith \$10 3rd low net. Flight 6 Alex Ramirez \$30 low net and \$6 CTP. Rich Colby \$20 2nd low net and \$8 CTP. Gerry Fields \$10 3rd low net. Flight 7 Nick Fierro \$30 low net. John Briceno \$20 2nd low net. Flight 8 Larry Daniels \$30 low net. Sal Morales \$20 2nd low net. M. Williamson \$6 CTP. Flight 9 Dan Rodriguez \$30 low net. Flight 10 Gus Short \$30 low net. Dennis Costello \$20 2nd low net. Byron Brough \$10 3rd low net. Flight 11 Leroy Foote \$20 2nd low net. John Rackin \$10 3rd

In the last NCGA Associate qualifier for 2013, Butch Evans and Mike Moyle qualified at Ridgemark in Hollister to move on to the finals of the Net Amateur competition. They will be playing at Quail Lodge in Carmel on SEP 30 & OCT 1.

The "Beat The Heat" tournament at the central coast on SEP 9 & 10 had a great turn out of 42 golfers. Those of you who haven't been to this event should put it on your calendar for next year.

Our new assistant travel co-chair for SIR 159 Lee Moy and chair Corky Nakayama have been brainstorming how to expand travel opportunities within our club. Our golf group does quite a few things already besides our weekly matches. There's the aforementioned "Beat the Heat" trip to the coast. Butch offers his monthly out of town match

when things aren't too hectic. We have our annual golfing cruise to Catalina & Ensenada (coming up FEB 3 - 7). We can always add more. Under consideration is exploring the possibility of using timeshare 'bonus' weeks to organize some golf trips. The cost of the bonus week would be shared by those going on the trip. If that sounds like something you might be interested in give Lee or Corky a call.

Don't forget to set aside OCT 25 for our annual SIR 159 golf awards luncheon at the Ramada. More information will be provided as we get closer to the event.

Dell Kerns served as the monthly chairman for SEP. Gary Parnell did a great job of assisting in collecting match fees. Dell like so many of our other chairman wanted to emphasize getting to the matches at least 30 minutes early to check in. Walking in the door as the match is ready to begin just doesn't cut it.

Monthly chairman for OCT is next year's Little Sir Dennis Costello. Assisting will be former Big Sir Steve Whitehead.

Branch 159 Octoberr Golf Schedule

Chairman Ron Wilson 960-8291

Thur 10/3	9AM	SG	Eagle Springs
Wed 10/9	9AM	SG	Madera G& CC
Thur 10/17	9AM	SG	Airways
Thur 10/24	9AM	SG	Belmont G&CC
Fri 10/25	12NOON	Golf Awards Luncheon Ramada	
Thur 10/31	9AM	SG	Riverside
Thur 11/7	9AM	SG	Dinuba

New Members

Mike Foley	349-0695
Dana Kahler	360-6000
Art Rice	612 978-5190

Computer Group

There will be no Computer Group meeting in October -- the library room is not available. I have reserved the room for the third Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at 1:00PM. We can meet then.

Dale Reichard, Computer Group Chair

Callers Corner Our callers are doing an excellent job and are trying to be as accurate as they can in determining the luncheon attendance numbers. It would help them to be even better if the membership, when contacted, would return their calls as promptly as they can. It is very important for us to be as accurate as possible when we notify Ramada on the number of members who will attend the luncheon. **Ron Travis**



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Perry's Puns for October

1, A man on his Harley was riding along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice,

God said, 'because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish.'

The biker pulled over and said, 'Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want.'

God replied, 'Your request is materialistic; think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the supports required reaching the bottom of the Pacific and the concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind.'

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, 'God, I wish that I, and all men, could understand women; I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, why she snaps and complains when I try to help, and how I can make a woman truly happy.'

God replied: 'You want two lanes or four on that bridge...?'

2, An 8-year-old girl went to her grandfather, who was working in the yard and asked him, "Grampa, what is a couple sex?" *The grandfather was surprised that she would ask such a question, but decided that if she's old enough to know to ask the question then she's old enough to get a straight answer. Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he*

proceeded to tell her all about human reproduction and the joys and responsibilities that go along with it. When he finished explaining, the little girl was looking at him with her mouth hanging open, eyes wide in amazement. Seeing the look on her face, the grandfather asked her, "Why did you ask this question, honey?" The little girl replied, "Well, Grandma says to tell you that dinner will be ready in just a couple secs.

**SIRS 159
OCTOBER'S LADIES DATE NIGHT
MIMI'S CAFE
7660 N. BLACKSTONE
(RIVERPARK 439-2669)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2013
5:30 DRINKS - 6:00 DINNER
REQUIREMENTS
CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE
BE ON TIME
PAY YOUR OWN BILL
YOUR NO-HOST COUPLE
DENNIS & SUZIE COSTELLO
676-5878
CALL THEM FOR RESERVATIONS
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