



The Chanticleer

Date November 14, 2013

Social Hour 1:00 AM

Place: Ramada Inn

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Luncheon: 12 Noon

324 W. Shaw Avenue

Program: Dr Deborah Blue - Fresno City College

\$15 plus \$2 for the buck bucket

Happy Turkey month ! As we approach the Holidays I wish you all peace and happiness and hopes of spending time with family and friends. We are all so blessed in many ways. Our world is a different place from when we grew up in it years ago, but don't give up on our youth , our grandkids, or society because we don't agree on everything. Hopefully, our leaders will make the right decisions for all of us.



Big SIR Howard

Hey, don't miss our November meeting. SIRS State President, Richard Dettmer will be in attendance along with our Area Governor, Doug Hansen and Regional Director Ed Dorn, to present some awards to SIRS 159. Lets all show up to meet them.

The BEC approved a motion to get rid of the \$2 buck bucket. In its place will be a mandatory \$20.00 pp assessment fee for the entire year 2014. This fee is due no later than the February meeting. Checks, payable to Sir 159, can be submitted to Shane at the January meeting. This one time yearly fee will pay all bills and keep us afloat.

Please continue to contact Charlie Barrett when illness or bereavement affects our membership. Thank you for all your kind thought and prayers for our ill SIRS.

Next month is Ladies day at the Ramada (See insert). Please get your reservations and checks into Shane ASAP. Plans are all ready in the works for a great lunch and program. Invite that favorite Lady of yours and make sure you attend. Speaking of our Ladies, Thank you to Denise (Little Sir to Be) and Sue Costello for hosting our 'Ladies date Night' at Mimi's Cafe in Riverpark last month. Once again, it was attended by 19+ couples. The food and fellowship was outstanding. Next month's Dinner will be Wednesday, Nov 20, hosted by Mike & Karen Williamson. Call them for reservations & details. See flyer on the address page.

Branch 159's BEC is carefully looking at attendance and membership records. Please don't be one of our members who are in jeopardy of being terminated because of three consecutive absences or missed 5 meetings overall in a year. Please attend our lunch meetings. Continue to get involved in all or many of our activities. Visit tables with signs early at our luncheons and ask questions to the folks around the table. Someone at each table has all the information and answers. Get involved - Bring a friend SEE YA FOR A GREAT TURKEY LUNCH

I am not the weather man for the Chanticleer, however it's difficult not to mention the beautiful days we are having at this time of year. It's great for golf, with the cool mornings where a light jacket is needed and as the day gets warmer it becomes necessary to remove it so we can enjoy the warm sun. Talking about golf, we will miss Terry Dondero. He was the type of person who was always cheerful and a delight to have as a playing partner. You will not find a SIRS golfer who had anything negative to say about him. Terry, we will miss you out on the course.



Little SIR James

I hope you enjoyed the informative talk from Lorie Willits and Detective Larry "Skip" Swain about scams that are becoming more common. In fact a couple of days after the luncheon, my friend Bob Doig, also a SIRS member, told me that he received a call from a young woman in Peru saying that she was his granddaughter, had been arrested and needed some money. He did not fall for the scam. Coincidentally, his own granddaughter is out of the country but not in Peru. It is sad that it has become so difficult to trust people. If you do come across any scams call Detective Swain at the County Elder Abuse Unit (559-600-8025) so it can be added to a data base.

I would like to add a special THANKS to Mike Moyle for the terrific job he does as Golf Chairman. We had a great Golfers Awards Luncheon on October 25th .

The November speaker will be Dr. Deborah Blue who represents Fresno City College. **Bring a guest!**

Attendance Report

In October, 2013, SIR Branch #159 had 304 members with 190 of those members attending the October 10, 2013 luncheon. This represents 63% of the members in attendance. There were 114 members absent of which 57 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 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

Travel

Reinvigorating the Travel Department is well under way with a new chairman, Lee Moy, and a three-year

Be A Friend-Bring A Friend

plan. Starting with locale trips (in carpools), we then hope to expand our outreach for longer distant one day turn-arounds via vans/buses. The longest destinies might include, but not limited to travels by cruise ships, cross-country by trains, and/or flights across the USA.

For this first year theme, Travel wants to devote our SIRS 159 to a military theme honoring our many veterans in this fine organization. 2014 journeys to Fresno Civic Auditorium/Meux Home w/ lunch at Santa Fe, Lemoore Naval Bases/Tachi Palace, Castle Air Force Base/Atwater Golf, and finally a trip to board the USS Hornet/USS Pampanito/SS Jeremiah O'Brien, and finish the year with Fresno's finest Civil War Revisited (Oct) and Veterans' Parade marching.

To better know/understand your travel interest/goals, at this upcoming luncheon a SURVEY will need to be completed at your tables, and both survey/pencil returned soon thereafter. The Travel Dept is asking each individual group/club to ask their participants to drum up travel trips within their group's interest. They can stand at the Travel table and hawk their trip, as well as advertise their plans within the Chanticleer's Current Events column.

Lee Moy, Travel Director, Lee-HealthStudio@gmail.com, (559) 709-9851.

Bridge Scores

Oct. 4, 1st George Rurik 2nd. Bob Cleveland 3rd. Fred Wrazel 4th. Jim Lund 5th. Jim Whitmer 6th. Ron Vieira

Consolation: Vic Froehmer
High score: 3870
High table: 1180

Bob Cleveland - Ron Vieira

10/18 1st. Jim Peterson 2nd. Gene Tognazzini. 3rd. Fred Wrazel, 4th. Ron Vieira, 5th. Hugh Cox, 6th. Vic Froehmer, 7th. John Williford

Consolation: Russ Mott
High score: 3770
High table: 1330

Jim Peterson - Fred Wrazel

A Raising Of The Eyebrow

A few rather ugly situations have arisen at our luncheon. We seem to have lost sight of good manners in a few situations before and after we are called to order;

(1) Remaining in our seats during the speakers presentation. To many men are just getting up and

leaving while the speaker is talking. **Not polite!** Believe me the speaker notices such behavior and is offended. (2) Carrying on in not our softest voice during the meeting. When Big Sir calls us to order we should be politely quiet during all the formal parts of the meeting. Men who just continue talking away are definitely disturbing to those nearby that want to hear the program. A little polite shushing is clearly in order here. (3) If the speaker calls for questions, ask them but please do not get confrontational, remember they are our guests and should be treated as such.

We, as respected elder citizens exercise our rights all the time and by-in-large, have pretty good lives, yet we tend to lose sight sometimes of the common niceties that help others to have a good life too. Please take this message to heart and adjust your behavior accordingly.
--Ron Wilson

Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at 1:00 PM at the Woodward Park Library, located at Champlain and Perrin. It seems all new computers are coming with Windows 8 installed, so maybe we should talk about it, particularly some of the nifty new features, and of course, anything else technical you would like to discuss

Dale Reichard, Computer Group Chair

Birthdays

John Adams, Chuck Barrett, Alan Barton, Augusto Benavides, Al Bopp, Byron Brough, Bernie Cargle, Larry Cox, George Dildine Jim Dunklin, Al Escola, Andy Evanko, Frederick Ganssle, Berge Goshgarian, Paul Kalpakoff, Rich Lewis, Tom MacNicol, Warren Moose, Rick Pezzi, Rog Pirie, John Pokorny, Terry Schneider, Jim Sheldon, Steve Whitehead, John Williford, Melvin Wyatt
Rich Zanarini, Howard Zinn

Anniversaries

Chuck & Midge Barrett
Joe & Michele Bencivengo
John & Joanna Blackburn
Bob & Betty Bosserman
Bob & Charlene Doig
Irving & Pam Gates
Bob & Shirley Kayajanian
David & Luba Metzger
Joe & Josie Montejano
Randy & Anita Morris Morris
Danny & Gail Munoz
Ray & Jone Phillips
Raymond & Dolores Porter
John & Tammy Price
Gino & Dawn Roberti
Terry & Chris Schneider

Bob & Mary Wiens
Erv & Deanie Zander
Howard & Marty Zinn

Callers Corner

We lost two of our callers, John Williford and Leroy Pandukht, due to health issues. I want to give a special thanks to them for their service in helping us with this very important function for our Branch. We have two replacements, Bernie Cargle and Doug Duke, who have stepped up to the plate. Thanks Guys! **Ron Travis**

November Menu

**Roasted Turkey with Dressing
Baked Ham
Whipped Potatoes & Gravy
Waldorf Salad
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
1 Green & 1 Fruit Salad
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf
Assorted Dessert**

Golfers Corner

Eagle Springs was the location for our individual tournament in October. Mike Moyle was low in the 1st flight with a net 68 followed by Lee Nichols with net 70. In the 2nd flight Don Avakian had low net of the day with a 66 followed by Frank Kurihara with net 67. In the 3rd flight Corky Nakayama took top honors with net 69, Dana Kahler followed with net 75. Dell Kerns was first in the 4th flight with net 69, Jim Knapp placed second with net 72. On CTP hole #7 Nichols was close at 5' 10" with Joe Hushek next at 8' 8". On CTP #17 Dana Kahler was very close at 1' 1" followed by Bob Dickson at 9'.

On OCT 25 close to 50 of our golfers gathered at the Ramada to enjoy our annual golf awards luncheon. Everyone who attended received a raffle door prize that was golf related. Many trophies were awarded to golfers who had earned them in our major tournaments in 2013. In the Golfer of the Year competition (points awarded for rounds of play and placing in the money in recordable round matches) Vic Froehmer was 4th with 93 points. Tied for 2nd, both with 95 points, were Bob Moore and James Noriega. Our Golfer of the Year for 2013 with a total of 108 points was

Rick Pezzi. In the Team Player of the Year competition (point structure the same but for non recordable matches) Don Avakian placed 2nd at 123 points. Team Player of the Year with a total of 139 points was George Rodriguez. Awarded for the first time this year was the Dan Aller Most Improved Trophy. This went to Dennis Costello who lowered his handicap index by 4.8 strokes. The final awards (\$) for the day went to the 5 golfers who played in the most matches from OCT 1, 2012 to OCT 1, 2013. Placing 5th and playing 39 weeks was Jim Whitmere (\$15). Placing 4th and playing 40 weeks was Rick Pezzi (\$30). Tied for 2nd, both with 41 plays, were Don Avakian and Bob Moore (\$52.50 each). Playing the most times last year, with a total of 43 plays, was Mike Williamson (\$75).

Discussed at the luncheon were some things that will be new in 2014. 1) The third match of each month will now have only one format, either a scramble or shamble. There will be no recordable rounds played on that day. 2) JAN, MAY, JUL and OCT all have 5 matches next year. On the 5th week of those months the monthly chairman can opt to conduct a novelty match. 3) We have a handicap committee that is up and running. The committee will be checking on player handicaps and possibly restrict handicaps of golfers that are abusing the system. 4) New award that will be handed out annually at our awards luncheon will be the Most Inspirational trophy. The trophy will be named after our buddy Terry Dondero who recently passed.

Ron Wilson served us well as monthly chairman for OCT. His able assistant Dennis Costello did a great job collecting money. The chairman for NOV is Lynn Streit. Nick Fierro will assist.

Branch 159 November Golf Schedule

Chairman Lynn Streit 323-7486

Thur 11/7	9AM	SG	Dinuba
Wed 11/13	9AM	SG	Riverbend
Thur 11/21	9AM	SG	Madera Muni
Wed 11/27	9AM	SG	Sherwood
Thur 12/5	9:30AM	TT	Fig Garden
Wed 12/11	10AM	SG	Madera G&CC
Thur 12/19	10AM	SG	Airways

November Humor from Perry

Man Killed on Golf Course . . . A foursome is waiting at the men's tee while a foursome of women is hitting from the ladies' tee. The ladies are taking their time. When the final lady is ready to hit her ball, she hacks it 10 feet. Then she goes over and whiffs it completely. Then she hacks it another ten feet and finally hacks it another five feet. She looks up at the waiting men and says apologetically, *"I guess all those f****ing lessons I took over the winter didn't work."*

One of the men immediately responds, "Well, there you

have it. You should have taken golf lessons instead!"

He never even had a chance to duck. He was 43.

2.) "Two young boys walked into a pharmacy one day, picked out a box of tampons and proceeded to the check-out counter. The man at the counter asked the older boy, **"Son, how old are you?"**

"Eight," the boy replied.

The man continued, **"Do you know what these are used for?"**

The boy replied, *"Not exactly, but they aren't for me.*

They're for him. He's my brother. He's four. We saw on TV that if you use these you would be able to swim and ride a bike. Right now, he can't do either."

(3) An Arizona Highway Patrol officer stops a Harley for traveling faster than the posted speed limit, so he asks the biker his name.

'Fred,' he replies

'Fred what?' the officer asks.

'Just Fred,' the man responds.

The officer is in a good mood, thinks he might just give the biker a break, and write him out a warning instead of a ticket. The officer then presses him for the last name.

The man tells him that he used to have a last name but lost it.

The officer thinks that he has a nut case on his hands but plays along with it. *'Tell me, Fred, how did you lose your last name?'*

The biker replies, **'It's a long story, so stay with me.' I was born Fred Johnson. I studied hard and got good grades. When I got older, I realized that I wanted to be a doctor. I went through college, medical school, internship, residency, and finally got my degree, so I was Fred Johnson, MD. After a while I got bored being a doctor, so I decided to go back to school. Dentistry was my dream!**

Got all the way through School, got my degree, so then I was Fred Johnson, MD, DDS. Got bored doing dentistry, so I started fooling around with my assistant and she gave me VD, so now I was Fred Johnson, MD, DDS, with VD. Well, the ADA found out about the VD, so they took away my DDS. Then I was Fred Johnson, MD, with VD. Then the AMA found out about the ADA taking away my DDS because of the VD, so they took away my MD leaving me as Fred Johnson with VD. Then the VD took away my Johnson, so now I am Just Fred.'

The officer walked away in tears, laughing.

September Bowling Scores

The new league has started and we invite any SIR member to come join us – Friday afternoons, 1 PM Sierra Lanes. Anyone interested please contact Duke Marshall @ 447-5388. See you there.

<u>Date</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Branch</u>
Sept. 7	Hi Series	Bill Ripley	583	175
	Hi Game	Merle Knapp	243	175
Sept. 13	Hi Series	Jim Whitmer	701	159
	Hi Game	Jim Whitmer	265	159
Sept. 20	Hi Series	Bill Ripley	650	175
	Hi Game	Bill Ripley	228	175
Sept. 27	Hi Series	Duke Marshall	671	159
	Hi Game	Duke Marshall	253	159



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Abel Parra-Gutierrez	250-6013	<p align="center">SIRS 159 NOVEMBER'S LADIES DATE NIGHT JAVIER'S MEXICAN RESTRAURANT 5680 E KINGS CANYON ROAD (ONE BLOCK EAST OF CLOVIS AVE) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013 5:30 DRINKS - 6:00 DINNER REQUIREMENTS CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BE ON TIME PAY YOUR OWN BILL YOUR NO-HOST COUPLE MIKE & KAREN WILLIAMSON 251-3103 CALL THEM FOR RESERVATIONS SPACE IS LIMITED</p>
Edward Castanon	905-2666	
Thomas Simpson	432-2707	
Melvin Wyatt	269-5409	
<p>Effective January 1, 2014, Branch 159 will be assessing dues to each member in the amount of \$20.00, payable on or before January 31, 2014. This collection of dues, approved by the BEC, replaces the voluntary "Buck Bucket and enables Branch 159 to meet its "Authorized Expenses." Please complete the coupon below and bring to the first meeting in January or mail to Treasurer Shane Petersen</p>		

2014 Branch Dues

Name _____ BADGE # _____ Amount \$ 20

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3067 E Warner, Fresno, CA. 93710-4954