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The Chanticleer

Date Mar. 13, 2014
Place: Ramada Inn
324 W. Shaw Avenue

**New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
Program –Fresno County Adult Protective Services**

Social Hour 11AM
Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$ 15 - No Buck Bucket

Are you enjoying the great weather? I am, however the farmers don't like the consequences (water shortages etc.). There are a couple of reminders for the coming year: 1. Please, pay the \$20 yearly assessment fee. (There is no more Buck Bucket.) 2. This year the monthly luncheons for May and November will be held at Pardini's.



Big SIR James

My personal goals for this year are to meet new friends, become involved in another activity and bring at least one new member. Remember that these goals are the lifeline of SIRs or in other words they keep it going.

I am very excited with the plans from Lee Moy our travel chairman. Look over the activities he has planned: sporting activities, out of town trips and local trips. My favorites are the plans to participate in the Veterans Day Parade and the trip to the USS Hornet. I also would like to congratulate Mike Moyle, our golf director and his great leadership with the team of volunteers (John Brechman, Duke Marshal, Rich Colby and the monthly chairmen) who help with the weekly golf tournaments.

I also like to remind you that when your guests become members go over the regulations of our SIRs organization. Attendance is important, pay the assessment fee and become involved in our activities. Remember have fun. Last, at the March Luncheon we will sing America the Beautiful in place of God Bless America, there will be flyers with the words for it placed on the tables.

I was very impressed with the ladies from Children's Hospital. In a short time they showed us what a wonderful and important part this Hospital has in the Valley. It is a house of miracles for many of the children treated there. This Valley has much to offer. We live in the center of many marvels and history. We are also fortunate to have one of the most active senior men's organizations in the state, SIRS 159. Yes, you may say I am bias, but look around at all the members who are active and giving of their time to make 159 the best SIRS branch in the State. We offer many activities. To partake in these activities we require our members to attend our monthly luncheons and to pay their annual assessment. Remember, if you joined SIRS to play golf or an other activity you still must attend our luncheons. Volunteer, become active in any one of the many activities we have to offer. We often get more out of SIRS when we get involved. Life is what you make it. I look forward to seeing all of you at the next luncheon March 13, 2014.



Little SIR Dennis

Our scheduled speaker is from Fresno County Adult Protective Services.

March Menu

- Chicken Fried Steak w/gravy**
- Sesame Chicken Teriyaki**
- Herb Rice & Waldorf Salad**
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetables**
- 1Green & 1 Fruit Salad**
- Rolls & Butter**
- Coffee, Tea, & Decaf**
- Assorted Dessert**



Date Night in January at Ovideo's



Sir 159
LADIES DATE NIGHT
TEXAS ROADHOUSE
3190 W SHAW
AT N FELAND AVE
WEDNESDAY- MARCH 19
HAPPY HOUR 5-6 PM
\$2 - BEER & MARGARITA'S
MUST ORDER BY 6PM
FOR DINNER SPECIALS
HOST HOWARD & MARTY
431-6797
CALL THEM FOR
RESERVATIONS AND INFO

SIR Branch #159 ..



Ladies Day Luncheon



Thursday, May 8, 2014



Two Entree Selection:

- o **Beef Bourguignon**
 - o **Chicken Marcella**
- Pilaf, Mixed Vegetables, Garden Salad**
- The above Served with:**
- Coffee, Tea, Soft Drink, Dessert**



Pardini's
 2257 W. Shaw Ave.
 Social Hr: 11:00AM
 Lunch: Noon

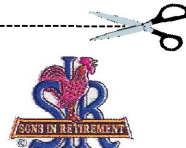
Featuring a Programme of
 Irish & Celtic Music by
 the **"Pipe on the Hob"**



**Deadline for
 Reservations
 Tue., May 6, 2014**

\$19 Per Person

SIR Ladies Day Luncheon
Tuesday, May 5, 2014



Reserve by mailing check to:
 Shane Petersen
 3245 E Sample Ave.
 Fresno, CA 93710

Name: _____ Beef Chicken

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* Make checks payable to "SIR Branch #159"



Golfers on the Cruise



March Humor

Shortly after a British Airways flight had reached its cruising altitude, the captain announced: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your captain. Welcome to Flight 293, non-stop from London Heathrow to New York. The weather ahead is good, so we should have a smooth, uneventful flight. So, sit back, relax, and.....OH... MY GOD!"

Silence followed.

Some moments later, the captain came back on the intercom. "Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm sorry if I scared you. While I was talking to you, a flight attendant accidentally spilled hot coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!"

From the back of the plane, an Irish passenger yelled..."For the luva Jaysus ...you should see the back of mine!"

Misplaced my Glasses.....

Some seniors are so thoughtful and creative!! Yesterday my daughter e-mailed me again asking why I didn't do something useful with my time. Like sitting around the pool and drinking wine is not a good thing? Talking about my "doing something useful" seems to be her favorite topic of conversation. She was "only thinking of me" and suggested I go down to the senior center and hang out with the guys. I did this and when I got home last night I decided to teach her a lesson about staying out of my business. I e-mailed her and told her that I had joined a parachute club. She replied, "Are you nuts? You are about 77 years old, and now you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?" I told her that I even got a membership card and e-mailed a copy to her. She immediately telephoned me, "Good grief, where are your glasses! This is a membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club." "Oh man, I'm in trouble again; I really don't know what to do... I signed up for five jumps a week." The line went quiet and her friend picked up the phone and said that she had fainted.

Life as a senior citizen is not getting any easier but sometimes it can be fun.....

Bridge Scores

Feb. 4 1st. Jim Peterson, 2nd. Ron Vieira
3rd. Allen Bertelsen, 4th. Larry Knoll
5th. Bob Cleveland, 6th. Fred Wrazel
Consolation: Russ Mott
High score: 4200
High table: 1450
Ron Vieira - Allen Bertelsen

Feb 18 1st. Ron Vieira, 2nd. Larry Knoll
3rd. Vic Froehmer, 4th. Allen Bertelsen
5th. Fred Wrazel, 6th. Hugh Cox
7th. Jim Peterson
Consolation: Bob Cleveland
High score: 7110
High table: 2190
Ron Vieira - Larry Knoll

Sunshine

On behalf of the Sunshine Committee, we have content as follows:

A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.
Steve Martin

SIRs 159 averted a scare this month. For those of you who were alarmed when reading the Fresno Bee obituary for Bob Wiens' wife Mary, relax. We're on it!
Mary, the beloved spouse of our Bob E. Wiens (ole' badge no. 304), is fine. The departed Mary Wiens - though she shared the same name, and was also married to a Bob Wiens - was 86. Our gal is a mere girl, and all remains well in the Wiens household. Now that is sunshine.

Some of our guys, however, are facing a tough time. Continue to "close ranks" and

support with comfort those you may find needing it. Whatever comes down the Pike, we will face together.

"Keep you face to the sunshine, and you cannot see a shadow." Helen Keller

January Bowling Scores

The time change and medical medical problems has reduced our numbers. Each month a few more members find there way rejoin us. 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

Jan 03	Hi Series	Vic Froemer	661	159
	Hi Game	Vic Froemer	268	159
Jan 10	Hi Series	Jerry Brown	609	159
	Hi Game	Vic Froemer	232	159
Jan 17	Hi Series	Jerry Brown	630	159
	Hi Game	Jery Brown	236	159
Jan 24	Hi Series	Rich Lewis	651	159
	Hi Game	Vic Froemer	226	159
Jan 31	Hi Series	Duke Marshall	632	159
	Hi Game	Duke Marshall	230	159



Little SIR Dennis with February Speakers from Valley Children's Hospital

Birthdays

Wayne Adams, Mel Bisgaard, Axel Christiansen, Carrol Dahl, Ed Dill Tom Dougherty, Lee Fanucch, Mike Farley Alex Flores, LeRoy Foote, George Gianopulos, Jose Haro, Bob Kayajanian Ken Kerner, Bill Larkin, Jack Leonard Jim Lund, Jim Morgan, Preston Petersen Raymond Porter, Gino Roberti, Larry Rosander, Bob Sheffield, Lew Stewart, Gene Tognazzini

Anniversaries

Tina & Wayne Adams
Carolyn & Allan Baxter
Shirley & Ron Branam
Betty & Byron Brough
Barbara & Larry Calvert
Linda & Dwaine Chambers
Judith & Daryl DeRouchey
Alice & Larry Duba
Carol Bill Ellsworth
Margaret & Phil Fullerton
Phyllis & Hank Gomar
Carla & Ron Jones
Nancy & Gary Kilgore
Patricia & Pete Martinez
Patsy & Carl Mhoon
Debbie & James Noriega
Jeannie & Preston Petersen
Marilyn & John Rackin
Joyce & Bob Stenberg

Attendance Report

In February, 2014, SIR Branch #159 had 269 active members with 188 of those members attending the February 13, 2014 luncheon. This represents 70% of the members in attendance. There were 81

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 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

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.. - **Mark Twain**

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The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible -
George Burns

Travel

Don't miss out on some SIR 159 great trips this year. Sign-up early. Circle the dates on your calendar. Meet the deadlines; make your checks to SIRS 159 and mail to Shane Petersen, , 3245 E. Sample Ave, Fresno, 93710. You'll need to make your own room reservations as soon as possible.

Reservations are now being accepted at Best Western-Royal Oak, SLO, by calling 805-544-4410 before May 9th. King rooms are \$140 per couple; 2-queen beds are \$150. A King room is a single bed; the 2-queen beds are for 2 guys sharing a room. There are only five King rooms, and only five 2-queen beds available. The actual SLO-Avila Beach golf/wine/shopping event is slated on June 24-25. We will come together for dinner at McLintocks (\$26p/p) followed by a free cocktail/

card games thereafter. Morning breakfast is free.

The Giants vs Dodgers baseball game (July 27th) is almost sold-out. Make your SIR 159 check of \$66. The AT&T game in SF has always been a popular venue, and at this amazing price, which includes bus/ticket/tip, it'll be gone in no Time. Any/all bus trips emanate from the Ramada Inn. Leave your parked car there. Some bus trips will take a little longer getting back since we want to take in more sites before returning to summer hot Fresno. Nevertheless come prepared with a change of clothes. It's much cooler in SF.

As the newest State SIR Sports commissioner, I have scheduled the Oakland A's vs Houston Astro's baseball game (at the Oakland Coliseum) for April 20th (Easter Sunday). For \$ 11 this is a rock-bottom deal. Car-pool & BART are the best ways to get to the game.

On April 23 at Beiden Field (next to the Bud Lite sign) here in Fresno (Cedar/Barstow) FSU Bulldogs vs #2-nationally ranked Fullerton col-

lege baseball game will start at 6pm. Prior to the game we will have our own BBQ Tailgate 4-6pm. Volunteers are needed to bring the gas BBQ, cut the tomatoes/onions/green peppers, and to purchase the hot dogs/buns/chips. This'll be a committee group effort. However, the food is all self served. BYOB. The cost of \$10 covers the ticket/food.

Both the A's & the FSU games require that you submit your checks to Shane no later than 31 March deadline.

For you ACTIVE-SIR please join us at River-view Shopping Center (Friant/Ft. Washington) on March 17, 19, 21 (MWF) for our healthy walk. We will meet at Starbucks before 9:47 am on each day. Here's to your health

Finally, the ARENA-SIR will be watching the big screen televisions at the Hooters (Riverpark) on March 12. The NBA game (Miami Heat vs Brooklyn Nets) will be televised. The "Chick-n-Wings" outing includes the Wednesday "all you can eat" wings anyway you want it. There is no age limit. Drinking is optional. Last month we closed down the Sports Cafe.

GOLFERS CORNER

We finally got some much needed rain the last week of JAN and the first week of FEB. Unfortunately it rained most heavily on JAN 30 and FEB 6...forcing cancellation of our matches on those two days. Perhaps we'll have the chance to reschedule our novelty tournament (playing with 4 clubs only) later on in 2014.

Sixty golfers played in our first all scramble format held at Sherwood on FEB 20. Both CTP holes witnessed some great shots. On hole #4 Larry Psaltis was close at 5' 10.5". Reg Rosander wasn't far behind at 7' 7". Even closer yet was Lou Shuemake on hole # 15 at 3' 10" followed by Gary Kazarian at 4' 4". The team of Scott, Dickson, Psaltis and Ben-civengo walked away with first in the scrambles with a low net 41. They barely edged out the three-some of Carrera, Moore and Barret with net 41.33. It would have been fun to watch those groups make some good putts or chip-ins.

Earlier in the month we heard that SIR Mike Williamson made a hole in one at Riverside. On Tuesday, FEB 11, Mike smoothed a 4 hybrid up towards #8 green. Upon reaching the green he didn't see the ball so he checked the rough over the back of the green. Still no ball...so next he checked the cup and...voila!! Mike was accompanied by a couple of his regular playing buddies SIR Bob Montgomery and Bob Knebel. Unfortunately the ace wasn't fired at a SIR 159 match so Mike won't get to collect \$100 and the Feather in the Cap award that accompany such a feat. Mike did receive those awards previously however for his other hole in one back in JUN '06' at a SIR match at Riverbend (hole #14).

Every so often there isn't a lot of news for our golfers corner. When the competitive season begins (Ron Rich Match Play, Branch Championship, SIR State Individual and Scrambles, NCGA Associate matches, etc.) there's a lot more to report. I made the suggestion back in FEB of 2012 that I would like to hear from those of you who had made a special trip elsewhere in CA...maybe out of state...or maybe out of country...that included golf. I think it

would make for good conversation the next time other SIRs are paired up with you on the golf course...or trading stories over beers after a match. I guess you were all too shy to respond. So this month I'll lead the way by talking briefly about our recent SIR 159 annual cruise/golf trip to Catalina and Ensenada. This was the 4th year in a row that some of us in SIR 159 have enjoyed taking this trip in early FEB. The trip has always included setting sail on Monday afternoon from Long Beach, playing golf in Catalina on Tuesday morning, playing golf at Bajamar north of Ensenada on Wednesday morning, a day at sea on Thursday, and disembarking in Long Beach early Friday morning. Each year the number of those attending has grown larger. Besides the golf...many of us enjoyed the shared meals, shows, dancing, gambling, etc. provided on the cruise. SIRs and wives on this years cruise were Mike Castle, Charles & Hilda Jaurigue, Bobby Jones, Duke Marshall, Mike Moyle, Danny & Gail Munoz, Ted Vogt, John Volkman, Ben & Kathy Romo, Howard & Marty Zinn.

If you haven't noticed yet, Lee Moy, our travel and activities director, has some other overnight golfing venues planned for SIR 159 and their wives in San Luis Obispo and Monterey in JUN & AUG. Those events coupled with the State SIR golfing venues (found on the State Sir website) provide multiple opportunities to get out of town and enjoy golf with other SIRs and their wives.

Thanks go to Mike Williamson for being the monthly chairman for FEB. Also to Gilbert Matosian for collecting money. The monthly chairman for MAR is Dell Kerns. Dell will be assisted by Sal Morales.

Branch 159 March Golf Schedule ***Chairman Dell Kerns 277-3971***

Thur	3/6	9AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur	3/12	9AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur	3/20	9AM	SG	Ridge Creek
Thur	3/27	9AM	SG	Valley Oaks
Thur	4/3	9AM	SG	Riverside
Thur	4/9	9AM	SG	Sierra Meadows
Thur	4/17	9AM	SG	Airways

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>TIME/COST/ etc</u>
March 12	Hooters		3:33 pm
March 17 19,21	Healthy Walk		9:47 am
April 20	A 's vs Astros	31 March	Riverview-Starbucks
Easter Sunday			\$11; 1pm Oakland Coliseum
April 23	FSU vs Fullerton	31 March	car-pool
			\$10; 4-6 pm Tailgate,
May 28	Unergound Gardens	30 April!	6pm-game; Volunteers needed
May 13 21 23	Dancing		\$13; near Shaw/Hwy 99, 11 am
June 1			various prices/locati ons
June 24-25	SLO-Avila	9 May	call 805-544-4410;
	Golf at Coast	room reservations	McLintocks dinner
		BW-Royal Oak	(\$26p/p); car pool
July 27	Giants vs Dodgers		\$66; 6:47 am bus; Ramada Inn,
			plus extra cost-Chinatown
August 26	Monterey	11 July	call 831-384-1800
	Golf at Coast	room reservations	Fishwife lunch \$25p/p car-pool
		Quality Inn, Marina	