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The Chanticleer

Date Apr. 10, 2014
Place: Ramada Inn
324 W. Shaw Avenue

**New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
Program – Pedro Santana - Ronald McDonald House**

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

It is a terrific start to springtime and the weather is terrific. Let's continue to pray for rain!. SIRs 159 is going great but there are some minor flaws, like the new branch yearly dues of \$20. For those of you who have not paid, please send a \$20 check to our Treasurer, Shane Peterson or pay him at the next luncheon in April. The due date has passed! Remember the purpose for this money is for postage and printing for the Chanticleer, See's candy and wine, given at the monthly luncheons, money for travel expenses to some state conferences, required quarterly dues to the state SIR Organization and other expenses that come up.



Big SIR James

For the good news: Little SIR Dennis Costello has set up great luncheon speakers, our new Travel Chairman, Lee Moy has scheduled terrific activities for the coming months, golf is going great as most other activities. There are some activities that need more participants (like bowling), so get our there and have fun. Don't forget the reason you join Sons In Retirement is TO HAVE FUN! We just conducted our yearly Audit with no problems, we have added some new members and we have six new Senior Members (90 years old) and a new Super Senior (95) years old, Ed Dill (by the way he is still

golfing) The monthly dinner for ladies night out is the Wednesday after the Luncheon and reportedly is getting better and better each month, Thanks Howard Zinn and the monthly person who set up the restaurant reservations. Our monthly attendance has stayed the same as in the past, and if you are unable to attend please call and let us know the reason. Lastly, we need more volunteers to keep SIRs 159 functioning as smoothly as it has in the past. Volunteers are needed to make monthly attendance calls, to help with travel activities, assist the golf chairman with the monthly events, or just ask one of our Activity Chairman how you can become involved (look in the Directory for their names and phone numbers.) Volunteering to help is a wonderful way to make new friendships. To conclude remember to: Attend the luncheons, bring a friend, volunteer and join a new activity.

I just knew we could do it. What you may ask? Remember the words to America the Beautiful. Jack Leonard threw us a sight curve ball but we all did great. Every now and then a little change in the routine keeps us on our toes and our minds working Way to go . (Continued on Page 3)



Little SIR Dennis



Top: Ladies Date Night in February
Bottom: Guys at last luncheon helping with travel



**SIR 159
LADIES DATE NIGHT**

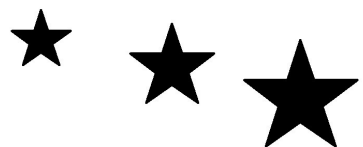
**SANTA FE BASQUE
(SHEPPARDS INN)
935 SANTE FE
(DOWNTOWN)**

**APRIL 16
HAPPY HR 5-6 DINNER 6
SEVEN COURSE BASQUE
DINNERS START AT \$1599**

**HOST Mike & Phyllis Rumley
515-6129**

**Call Mike Rumley for
reservations and other details
as space may be limited.**

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"

Prior to those games, SIR members were encouraged to walk at Woodward Park. We hoped for more SIR members to gain the benefit of exercise. This year's theme of appreciating the military veterans will include marching in the largest West Coast Veterans Parade. For those 40 veterans who are less able to march, a bus will be provided. Ten seats will be left for those who can get-on-n-off the bus to march. SIRs Gary Parnell,

Robert Rathburn, Larry Psaltis, and Thomas Simpson will be phoning fellow veterans about their participation in the Parade.

One final note. Those interested in this June's SLO-Avila Beach golf/wine/shopping/cards & camaraderie need to call Best Western Plus Royal Oak Hotel (805-544-4410) and secure your room reservation before May 9th deadline. Free breakfast & free cocktails will be made available. We'll have dinner at McLintock's.

Carpool to the Coast
 share the gas cost

LIMITED ROOMS

Only ten (10) King/couples beds, \$126
 Five (5) double (queen) beds, \$135

Best Western Plus
 Royal Oak Hotel
 214 Madonna Road

Book your own Reservations
 805-544-4410
 Group Booking- Lee Moy

(just let me know prior that you need a room)


Deadline: May 9th, 2014



Travel

Two wonderful days of splendid golf!
 Avila Beach, and Monarch Dunes, \$70
 Early Bird Dining - F. McLintock's \$25
 Free Breakfast
 Free Reception drinks
 Camaraderie & Card Games

TOURIST SPECIAL
 (NON-Golfers)
 Relax on the Beach
 Rejuvenate at the Hot Springs
 Reward shopping across the street;
 Pismo Outlet & Arroyo Grande Village
 Edna Valley Wine Tasting



LEE MOY, SIR159-TRAVEL
 Director of Events & Activities

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REPRIEVE
 from the heat



Twenty four days of record 100
 degrees convinced me to head to
 the cooler climate of the Coast.

June 24-25, 2014

honesty is a weakness."

Old Man : "I don't really give a shit what you think."

3. Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty ..
But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.. - Phyllis Diller

4. By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. - Billy Crystal
And the cardiologist's diet: - If it tastes good spit it out.

ANNIVERSARIES

Bev & Pat Dickinson

Al & Pat Escola

Gerry & Karen Fields

Bruce & Kathy Gibson

Al & Esther Gonzalez

John & Vera Leal

Brian & Avis Morse

Bill & Mariella Neal

George & Norma Schmidt

Bob & Helen Sexton

Lou & Linda Shuemake

Stan & Connie Silva



Little SIR Dennis With last month
Speakers From Adult Protective Services

BIRTHDAYS

Rick Aranja, Al Baez, David Barredo, Allan Baxter, Bill Cross, Paul Gabrielson, Chico Garcia, Irving Gates, Hank Gomar, Dick Hall, Cliff Henderson, Rene` Klopstein, Jim Knapp, Jerry Manley, Gene Marshall, Sal Morales Brian Morse, James Noriega, LeRoy Pandukht, Shane Petersen, Bob Robinson, Reg Rosander, Donald Smith, Jim Whitmer

Travel

Fresno SIR 159 Travel-Events Activities started early spring with a Clubs' Recruiting Day. Members were warmly greeted with much fanfare at the entrance of the March luncheon. All 75 yearly travel itineraries were passed out by SIR David Barredo & SIR Gilbert Matossian to those who might not have computer access to the information.

Former Big SIR Salvador Morales enlisted 25 sign-ups for our branches' Honor Our Own-Salute to Past/Present Big SIR. The Bowling Club representatives SIR Terry Schneider & SIR Thomas Simpson took the grand prize for their outstanding table presentation. They enlisted four new bowlers to their Friday mid-day activity. Other SIR club group barkers included SIRs George Culverwell (tennis), Reg Rosander (fishing), Dale Reichard (computer), and SIR 159 Secretary Vic Froehmer (SIR Bridge)

Two events with matching March 31st deadlines are both baseball related. On April 20th, State SIR Sports Commissioner Lee Moy is close to selling out the Oakland A's vs Houston Astros with a grass roots effort. Three days later the college baseball match-up pitting #18-ranked FSU vs #2 rated Fullerton follows our BBQ ably prepared by SIR 169 Eric Wagner.

Jack!

Sometime we get stuck in a rut. Always sitting at the same table for lunch with the same folks is an example. I know it is comfortable and easy to do, I've done it myself. Don't get me wrong, we do enjoy our friends but every now and then it would be interesting to meet and eat with some of the other sirs. I know some of the sirs do move around at the luncheons. Try it sometime; you never know what you may find out or who you may meet

The birthday table is an interesting place. It serves as the seating place for the birthday boys and for the late arrivals who were unable to find a seat. Sometimes the same people are always late or have a lot of birthdays. Oh well.

Seniors are a funny breed -- you just never know what they may or may not do. They may get involved talking to the buddies and forget to pay for the luncheon or golf fees. I know I've been there and done that. I am convinced that it just comes with aging or something like that. By the way, if you are interested in getting ROOSTER items such as shirts, hats, pins, decals, etc. I am the person to see. I will be happy to stay after the luncheon or a golf outing to go over the details and pricing. Hope to see you all at the luncheon.

Bridge Scores

March 4 1st. Gene Tognazzini, 2nd. Fred Wrazel, 3rd. Jack Leonard, 4th. Bob Cleveland, 5th. Larry Knoll, 6th. Ron Vieira

Consolation: Jim Peterson

High score: 5400

High table: 1520

Gene Tognazzini - Jim Lund

March 18 1st. Ron Vieira, 2nd. Jim Peterson, 3rd. Vic Froehmer, 4th. Gene Tognazzini, 5th, Larry Knoll, 6th. Allen Bertelsen, 7th. Hugh Cox

8th. George Rurik, 9th. Fred Wrazel

Consolation: John Williford

High Score: 5630

High table: 1650

Jim Peterson - Larry Knoll

Attendance Report

In March 2014, SIR Branch #159 had 270 members with 187 of those members attending the March 13, 2014 luncheon. This represents 69% of the members in attendance. There were 83 members absent of which 43 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 DukMarshall@aol.com When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER

Duke Marshall, Attendance Chairman

PS. I would love to report a 75/75! 75% attending and 75% excused. Make my dream come true!

Getting Old - A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlour and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool... After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. *The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?'* 'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.'

February Bowling Scores

Although we're few in number we're the finest in the land. Hurry back Carrol, Leroy, and JB. We invite any and all SIR members to come join us – Friday afternoons, 1 PM Sierra Lanes. If you can walk 4 steps, you can bowl! Anyone interested please contact Duke Marshall @ 447-5388, See you.

Date	Name	Score	Branch
7-Feb Hi Series	Hugh Cox	640	159
Hi Game	Hugh Cox	242	159
14-Feb Hi Series	Bill Ripley	633	175
Hi Game	Bill Ripley	246	175
21-Feb Hi Series	Joe Huizar	657	159
Hi Game	Jerry Brown	240	159
28-Feb Hi Series	Tom Harlan	594	175
Hi Game	Bev Dickinson	232	159

Branch 159 April Golf Schedule Chairman Jim Morgan 289-9759

Thur 4/3	9AM	SG	Riverside
Wed 4/9	9AM	SG	Sierra Meadows
Thur 4/17	9AM	SG	Airways
Thur 4/24	9AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Thur 5/1	9AM	SG	Belmont G&CC
Wed 5/7	8AM	SG	Eagle Springs

(Pheasant Run and Eagle Springs may switch; check WEB site for corrections)

Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet next month, April 15, on the third Tuesday, at 10:00 AM. Note the time change (this allows me and any others to have an afternoon nap, if so desired). We will meet at the Woodward Park Library on Perrin at Champlain. We can discuss and learn about computers, programs, and other technical stuff, including Cell Phones, digital photography, even model railroading, with the new Digital Command

Control. Come and check us out!
Dale Reichard, Computer Group Chair

April Menu

Baked fish & Beef Tri-tip Roast
Rice Pilaf/Three bean salad
Fresh seasoned vegetables
1Green & 1 Fruit Salad
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf
Assorted Dessert

GOLFERS CORNER

Driving to Madera Muni on the morning of MAR 6, one had doubts as to whether we'd get to play our monthly individual match. Rain was coming down pretty hard at times. Fortunately by 9:00 AM the rain/heavy mist disappeared and it actually turned out to be a pretty pleasant day to play golf for the 48 SIR who made the trip.

Rich Zanarini threw one in close on CTP #6, a scant 4' 11" from the hole. John Price also had a nice shot at 5' 4". On CTP #15 Alan Bynum measured 7' 5" followed by Ray Phillips at 16' 7". In flight 1 Mike Moyle edged Gilbert Matosian in the tiebreaker to take low honors, both with net 71. In the 2nd flight Rich Zanarini fired a net 63, one stroke better than Mike Rumley's net 64. Flight 3 had Dan Rodriguez and Eric Wagner tied at net 68 with Rodriguez winning the tiebreaker. In the 4th flight Bill Leavitt was low with the other net 63 of the day. Ron Wilson followed at net 65.

The results of our vote on whether to continue to play Eagle Springs at the new \$45 rate are in. Close to 90 of you voted with the yeas having a scant 4 more votes than the nays. We're going with the majority...so we will continue to play Eagle Springs. While we were in the process of taking our vote, our MAY 7 match date at Eagle Springs was forfeited to another group...so we'll try to reschedule within a couple weeks of that time-

frame. When you go to our 2014 Branch 159 schedule on the website, be aware that changes since the start of the year are posted in red.

While we're talking about changes...the start of our annual Ron Rich Match Play tournament is being moved to one week later at Belmont on MAY 1. Conducting the initial round on the individual match day provides more flexibility and makes more sense. Again, look for match changes in red on our website.

Our first 2014 Associate NCGA event qualifier will be held sometime in APR (a 2 man BB event). For those of you new to SIR 159 golf, if you have a current NCGA handicap with SIR 159 you are eligible to play in Associate Club NCGA Championships. Details for the Associate Club Four Ball net Championship will be forthcoming about the time you get this month's Chanticleer in the mail. Players with handicap indexes of 18.5 and above are eligible but must play to a maximum handicap index of 18.4.

Thanks go to Dell Kerns for serving as the monthly chairman for MAR. Sal Morales gave support as his able assistant collecting money for the matches. Jim Morgan will be the monthly chairman for APR. Ray Phillips will assist.

Sunshine

"What Sunshine is For Flowers, Smiles Are to Humanity."

Joseph Addison

Let's keep fellow roosters Lew Stewart, badge 194, and Carl Mhoon, Badge 272, in our thoughts. Pull for them as they each face some health issues. As always, there are others. Let's continue to be sensitive to the needs of our buddies. Remember, we are all in this thing together.

With thoughts of peace, courage and sunshine for all the SIRs,

Charlie Barrett
Sunshine Committee

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Charles Barrett <charles@thebarretts.com>

Humor from Perry for April

1,A man wakes up in the hospital, bandaged from head to foot...The doctor comes in and says, "Ah, I see you've regained consciousness...Now you probably won't remember, but you were in a huge pile-up on the freeway. You're going to be okay... you will walk again and everything; however, your fetus stick was severed in the accident and we could not find it."

The man groans, but the doctor goes on..."You have \$9,000 in insurance compensation coming and we now have the technology to build a new Fetus Stick. It will work great, but 'it won't come cheap!'... it's roughly \$1,000 an inch!"

The man perks up.

"So," the doctor says, "You must decide how many inches you want, but... I understand that you have been married for over thirty years and this is something you should discuss with your wife... If you had a five-incher before and get a nine-incher now, she might be a bit put out. If you had a nine-incher before and you decide to only invest in a five-incher now, she might be disappointed. It's important that she plays a role in helping you *make a decision*.

The man agrees to talk it over with his wife.

The doctor comes back the next day, "So, have you spoken with your wife?"

"Yes I have," says the man.

"And has she helped you make a decision?"

"Yes" says the man."

"What is your decision?" asks the doctor. "We're getting granite counter tops!"

2.Why old men don't get hired!

Job Interview

Human Resources Manager: "What is your greatest weakness?"

Old Man : "Honesty."

Human Resources Manager: "I don't think