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# The Chanticleer

Date May 8, 2014  
Place: Pardini's  
2257 W. Shaw Ave

**New 159 website - [www.branch159.sirinc2.org](http://www.branch159.sirinc2.org)**  
**Program – Irish & Celtic music by the Pipe on the Hob**

Social Hour 11AM  
Luncheon: 12 Noon  
\$ 19 per person

Can you recall the reason you joined Son In Retirement? I do, it was to meet new retired people and to have fun. Well those goals have met, as well as volunteering to help Sirs 159 become more successful, I have a busy retired life.



Big SIR James

Remember that the May luncheon (Ladies Day) will be held at Pardini's (Not the Ramada) on May 8<sup>th</sup>. As usual the cost for it needs to be paid in advance to Shane Peterson. Also if you still have not paid the yearly assessment fee of \$20 send the check to Shane Peterson. Most members have paid. If you haven't so it don't you feel guilty?

If you know someone who would make a great Little Sir for next year see or call Howard Zinn (431-6797) to be included in the nominations for that position. The elections will take place in August or September. We will also need some new members in the BEC (Broad Executive Committee).

**Remember: Bring a guest!**

Well Easter has come and gone. I hope all had a wonderful Easter with family and friends. I know Sue and I did. We went to southern Cal for a visit with our clan. I had forgotten how bad the traffic was WOW! Now baseball is in full swing and summer is just around the



Little SIR Dennis

corner and so far the weather has been great. I know the golfers are happy. Let's hope the heat does not appear too fast. Our May luncheon will be Ladies Day. This is a wonderful event. A great time to be with our wives and significant others. I heard my comments on the seating issue got some attention. Oh well that's why I wrote it. I understand there still may be a few SIRs that have not paid their annual \$20 fee. Please do so to insure your membership is still in tact.

We have wonderful members who work diligently to keep things going well for 159. This takes time and effort and now there may be a chance for others to be able to get involved. It is time to think of nominations for new board members, officers and committee members. Remember get active and get involved. There will be no speaker in May but the new Fire Chief is schedule for June. See you all then.

### Sunshine

“Even for me life had its gleams of sunshine.” — *Charlotte Brontë, Jane Eyre--*

Let us keep the following Roosters in our thoughts and prayers as they face health or family issues - or both: Sir Dennis Costello, Sir Butch Evans, Sir Bob Sheffield, Sir David Barrero, Sir Raymond Ensher, Sir George Gianopulos, and Sir Steve Whitehead.

Of course, there are others unknown to us who preserver in silence. As needs are discovered, let us link arms with each man, and march on together toward that measure of health and happiness that can be attained through fellowship. Chins up! Shoulders back! Stomachs in! Forward - March!

**Charles Barrett** <[charles@thebarretts.com](mailto:charles@thebarretts.com)>

## SIR Branch #159 -- Ladies Day Luncheon

Thursday, May 8, 2014

- Two Entree Selection:**
- o Beef Bourguignon
  - o Chicken Marcella
- Plaf, 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

### New Members

- James Mobley - 765-4109
- Scott Lang - 325-0194
- Warren Shaw - 451-1256
- Phillip Setrakian - 439-8526

### Callers Corner

We lost two callers last month. We are looking for two SIRS who are willing to serve and make a difference.

**Contact Ron Travis, 322-1898**

### Computer Group

The Computer Group will not be able to meet in May, due to the room not being available. I have reserved the third Tuesday in June, the 17th, and we will have our meeting then.

**Dale Reichard — Computer Group Chair**

# SIR OF THE MONTH – ROGER DEAL

Baby boomer, Roger Deal, was born in 1941 in the small town of Dos Palos. He has one sister Barbara. When he was 3 his parents moved him to San Jose, where his father took a job as a machinist building parts for Liberty Ships. Roger went to a Catholic school through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and finished his junior high and high school years in public school.



As a small boy, he played with an Erector Set. From this he knew that he wanted to be an engineer. In high school, Roger took college prep classes, and spent nights studying and listening to classical music. While in high school, he built an FM multiplex tuner with stereo, amplifiers, and an Oscilloscope from Heathkit electronic kits. For money, he hoed weeds for \$.50 an hour in the hot sun, picked prunes, baby sat, and graduated to mowing lawns. From this work, he learned the value of money and doing a good job. This learning has shaped Roger's approach to whatever job he undertakes. Roger started his college career at Santa Clara University, where he studied engineering. After 5 semesters at SCU, he transferred to the engineering program at San Jose State University. At SJSU, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. While at SJSU, he worked summers at Richmond Chase Cannery running a machine that put thousands of cans of fruit in cartons. You had to keep up, or the cans would jam up causing the line to shut down. (Remember Lucile Ball in the candy factory?) In his last year of college, he got an Engineer-In-Training job at Jennings Radio, with the understanding that upon graduation, he would be hired full time.

Roger met his wife Martha in the second year of college. They dated for 3 years with the plan of getting married when he finished college. They were married in June of 1963. They thought that they knew a lot about life, but they soon learned

otherwise. They went from living at home to graduating college, getting married, and renting their first house in East San Jose, all in the month of June

Martha got a job as a legal secretary and Roger became a full time engineer with Jennings Radio. He soon got promoted to Design Engineer, designing electro-magnetic actuator for vacuum relays. (Remember vacuum tubes?) He helped develop a special RJIA

latching relay for the Space Program. This relay fired the Retro Rocket on the Lunar Excursion Module. We all know what would happen had the relay failed.

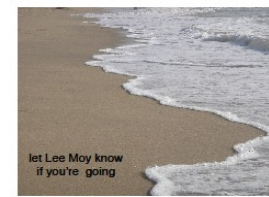
After six years, recessionary times hit, and it was time for Roger to move on. He got a job with Memorex Equipment Group as a quality engineer, where he wrote a Quality Plan for a 3330 type Disk Drive for IBM Mainframe Computers. After 6 years, it was time to move on again. This time he went to work for Intersil. They made memory chips and Add-on-Memory. Roger was a Supervising Quality Engineer writing procedures for Final Test. Back then, a Megabyte was the size of two refrigerators. In 1973, Roger got a job with Amdahl.

In 1991, Roger had a routine physical with his doctor, after continuing urging by Martha. The doctor found a lump in his neck. One thyroid lobe had to be removed. Following the surgery, it was found to be cancerous. The other thyroid lobe was then removed, and whole body radiation followed. Roger felt the comfort of God throughout this ordeal. He has been a cancer survivor for 22 years, with the help of God. A lesson to be noted guys: Listen to your wives.

The job with Amdahl had its ups and downs and lasted 15 years. He was again laid off during a deeper recession. After much searching and



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**DEADLINE**  
 May 9, 2014

“things fresno”  
 Celebrating National Historic Preservation Month  
 SIR 159 in conjunction with Heritage Fresno  
 join others on May 10th (Saturday)



Helm House  
 1749 L Street  
 "typical Fresno  
 residence"  
 Mission Revival



Alamo House  
 \$ 400 K later  
 Open House  
 noon-2 pm

Meux Home Museum  
 Mother's Day  
 Victorian Garden Tea,  
 11am  
 Reservation: (559) 291-4520



"all events free to the public,  
 unless otherwise noted"

Info: Karana Hattersley-Drayton  
 Historic Project Manager  
 City of Fresno (621-8520)  
 karana.hattersley-drayton@fresno.gov

O/A  
 SIR Charles/Midge Barrett  
 Co-Chair Heritage Fresno  
 436-8338  
 charles@thebarretts.com

Preservation, Heritage Fresno (co-chair SIR Charles/Midge Barrett) invites SIR members to tour the facility (1749 L Street) from noon to 2pm. Prior to that invitation, SIR membership may also tour the Meux Home Museum Mother's Day Victorian Garden Tea beginning at 11am on the same day. "All events are free to the public unless otherwise noted."

Please let your Travel director know if you plan on attending the tour of the Underground Gardens which is slated for May 28th (Wed). We may break up into two groups if the number of SIR is large. Pay (\$ 13) at the door. A lot of us lived here all our lives, but have never visited this landmark

Time is running out for your chance to enjoy the cooler climate of either Avila Beach-SLO or Monterey. While golf is a big part of our SIR program, I've been trying real hard to also get the poker & bridge groups to join in the festivities at the Coast. Additionally, they'll be great dinner (McLintocks- SLO & Fishwife-Monterey) to be

had and wine tours (Edna Road-SLO & Ventana-Monterey) to partake. It is hoped that you would enjoy the company of your fellow SIR & get out of the 100+ degrees here in Fresno

The deadline to get a room at the Best Western Plus-Royal Oak is May 9th. Royal Oak is situated across the shopping center at the Madonna Inn exit in San Luis Obispo. There are **only** 5 couple rooms, and 5 double bed rooms (10 golfers) available. On the double bed rooms, it is suggested that you bunk with a fellow SIR and save.

The deadline for the Quality Inn is July 11th. The Quality Inn is right off the Marina Reservation Road exit (before you get to Monterey). The beach happens to be almost at your door step. It doesn't get better than that. Also, there are **only** 5 couple rooms, and 5 double bed rooms awaiting you. With enough SIR we can have a lot of fun playing golf next to the Coast (Pacific Grove & Laguna Seca Golf Ranch). !!

some false starts, Roger got hired by his old boss who was working at On Track. He became Senior Systems Quality Supervisor. It was a great job for three years. 911 hit and caused another deep recession. He was laid off in November of 2001 at age 60. He knew that he was too old to compete with younger people who were also laid off during this time, so he decided that it was time to retire.

His youngest daughter, Julie, had moved to Fresno. She invited her parents to move here. Roger and Martha examined the cost of living in Fresno compared to San Jose, and decided that the heat could be dealt with. They moved to Fresno in 2002.

Roger and Martha have been married for 50 years and have 3 daughters: Laura, the oldest, Linda, in the middle, and Julie, the youngest. Laura and Linda live in San Jose. Laura has a boy and a girl. Linda has 3 children, and Julie has 2 boys.

Roger joined SIR Branch 159 in November 2003. His sponsor was Harlow Hosford, whom he had met at church. In December 2003, Roger took on the task of building a database for the branch. He was told that he would also become the membership chair. He has been doing this job for 10 years. Roger is looking for someone to take over the position. Roger also is the person who started the Computer/Technology group in June of 2004.

Roger spends his spare time with photography, working on the computer, and since he cannot afford an airplane, he is a pilot on the computer flight simulator. He and Martha enjoy traveling and cruising. They attend the New Covenant Church. Their family is important to them, and they are in contact with the children almost daily.

By John Crawford

gery table with the body covered with a white sheet.

The professor started the class by telling them, "In Veterinary medicine it is necessary to have two important qualities as a doctor. The first is that you not be disgusted by anything involving the animal's body." For an example, the professor pulled back the sheet, stuck his finger in the butt of the cow, withdrew it, and stuck his finger in his mouth.

"Go ahead and do the same thing," he told his students. The students freaked out, hesitated for several minutes, but eventually took turns sticking a finger in the butt of the dead cow and sucking on it.

When everyone finished, the Professor looked at them and said, "The second most important quality is observation. I stuck in my middle finger and sucked on my index finger. Now learn to pay attention. Life's tough but it's even tougher if you're stupid."

**2. Travel Warning** - The state highway department has issued a travel warning due to snow storms and bad road conditions. They suggest that anyone traveling in the current icy conditions should ensure that they have the following: Shovel, Blankets or sleeping bag, Extra winter clothing including coats, hat and gloves. 24 hours worth of food, Deicer, Rock salt, Flashlight with spare batteries, Road flares or reflective triangles, 5-gallon gas can, First aid kit, Booster cables.

I looked like an idiot when I got on the bus this morning.

**May Anniversaries**

- John & Lynn Adams
- Bo & Loretta Bolin
- George & Betty Culverwell
- Steven & Flo Deak
- George & Irene Gruner
- Gordon & Nadine Lowe

"I want to dance tonight"  
Dianna's Studio of Dance  
826 N. Fulton St, 264-0231  
All 5 week series classes  
\$ 45pp, if pd in advance  
Foxtrot, TH 7pm

"...Like it's 1999"  
Fresno Adult School-  
Community Education  
Manchester Center  
248-5780, T/TH  
3/27-6/12; \$ 63  
12:20-1:20pm



Big Band Dancing; June 1st  
Radisson Hotel Ballroom  
2233 Ventura; downtown  
246-2763; 801-6308  
free dance lesson  
1145am-1245pm  
\$ 15pp w/ 12 piece band orchestra  
1-5 pm

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Ballroom Live  
May 23 Fri 7-10pm \$ 15pp  
5721 N. 1st St; 435-5678  
Tues, 8pm; Wed, 7pm  
any 5 lessons/ \$ 60

CONTACT  
SIR Rich Colby, 260-5887



**Art Hop**  
1211 N Whelon Ave  
Fresno CA 93728  
May 1, 2014 6 PM to 8 PM  
Add Invites  
Printed Table  
Next to Tower Theatre  
Across from Roger Proka  
Add Attachments or URL  
Fresno, CA - H:81° L:55°

**Deadline**  
Avila Beach  
San Luis Obispo CA  
May 9, 2014  
Add Invites  
Cell Hoya Dex Hotel  
Best Western Plus  
wine/golf/cafes & camaraderie  
dinner at McLintocks  
Add Attachment...  
Add URL  
San Luis Obispo, CA - H:70° L:48°

**Mother's Day Victorian Garden Tea**  
Moux Home Museum  
Fresno CA 93721  
May 10 2014 11 AM to 12 PM  
Add Invites  
Reservations: Cell 559-291-4390  
Add Attachments or URL  
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**Tower District Block Sale**  
705 E Princeton Ave  
Fresno CA 93724  
May 3, 2014 7 AM to 12:01 PM  
SIR family/friends  
Add Invites  
Bring your own cash; stuffed/prbale  
putter  
Free coffee/beer/rooftop  
Add Attachments or URL  
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MAY 2014						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**Open House @ Helm Home**  
1749 L St  
Fresno CA 93721  
May 10, 2014 12 PM to 2 PM  
Add Invites  
Add Notes  
Add Attachment...  
Add URL  
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Jack & Patty Morrill  
 Bob & Shirley Rathburn  
 Dave & Layne Scharton  
 Jim & Mary Vaughan  
 Stan & Ruth Weinstein  
 Mike & Karen Williamson  
 Dan & Pauline Ybanez

**May Birthdays**

Allan Bertelsen , Howard Boston , John Briceno Joe Cabral , Rich Colby, George Culverwell, Steven Deak , Bob Doig ,Bob Dowell, George Gong, Russ Hewer , Dimitri Kostiw, Gordon Lowe , Richard Nelson, Gerald Nelson, Warren Nelson, Jack Neugebauer, Manuel Nunez, Fred Osterberg, Dale Reichard, Art Rice, Mike Robinson, Gus Short, Lou Shuemake, Claude Torrez, Jim Vaughan, Stan Weinstein, Bob Wiens , Erv Zander

**Bridge Scores**

**April 1** 1st. Gene Tognazzini, 2nd. John Williford, 3rd. Bob Cleveland, 4th. Jack Leonard 5th. Ron Vieira, 6th. George Rurik  
 Consolation: Allen Bertelsen  
 High score: 4990  
 High table: 1530

Gene Tognazzini Bob Cleveland

**April 15** 1st. Russ Mott, 2nd. Larry Knoll 3rd. George Rurik, 4th. Gene Tognazzini 5th. John Williford, 6th. Fred Wrazel  
 Consolation: Jim Lund  
 High score: 5790  
 High table: 1550

**March Bowling Results**

We welcome a couple of new bowlers to the group. There is still room to add a few more Sirs members to our Friday afternoon Group. Remember 1:00 pm at Sierra Lanes on the corner of Sierra and

Blackstone Aves. Call Duke Marshall -@ 447-5388 for more information. Come join the fun.

7-Mar	Hi Series	Vic Froemer	606	159
	Hi Game	Vic Froemer	255	159
14-Mar	Hi Series	Vic Froemer	678	159
	Hi Game	Vic Froemer	277	159
21-Mar	Hi Series	Rich Lewis	617	159
	Hi Game	Rich Lewis	233	159
28-Mar	Hi Series	Daryl Deroushey	641	159
	Hi Game	Daryl Deroushey	250	159

**Attendance Report**

In April, 2014, SIR Branch #159 had 270 members with 179 of those members attending the April 10, 2014 luncheon. This represents 66% of the members in attendance. There were 92 members absent of which 55 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 [Duke-Marshall@aol.com](mailto:Duke-Marshall@aol.com) When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER

*Duke Marshall, Attendance Chairman*

**Branch 159 May Golf Schedule  
 Chairman Gary Smith 916-8677**

Thur 5/1	8AM	SG	Madera Muni
Wed 5/7	8AM	SG	Riverbend
Thur 5/15	8AM	SG	Eagle Springs
Thur 5/22	8AM	SG	Belmont
Thur 5/29	8AM	SG	Sherwood
Thur 6/5	8AM	SG	Dinuba
Wed 6/11	9AM	SG	Madera CC

**GOLFERS CORNER**

Our individual match in APR was played at Riverside. Unfortunately, 'Big Muni' had recently plugged it's greens and a good deal of

sand accumulated on your ball as it was putted. It turned out to be a beautiful day weatherwise though...and with a 2 putt rule in effect on the greens there were some pretty low net rounds.

Joe Hushek took the honors in the first flight with net 68. John Adams followed with net 71. In flight two Kary Kilgore was low with net 65. Carl Merz placed 2nd in a tiebreaker with net 69. The 3rd flight had Mick Carrera in first with a 62, the lowest net of the day. Close at hand was Dan Rodriguez with net 63. In the 4th flight John Briceno grabbed 1st with net 63. Rich lewis placed 2nd with net 65. Charles Barrett with net 63 was the frontrunner in flight 5. Duke Marshall with net 65 placed 2nd. In the 6th flight Don Corley was low at net 66 followed by Little Sir Dennis Costello at net 72. On CTP hole #5 Carl Merz was very close at 1' 9". Also with a great shot was Mike Williamson at 3' 3". Gary Kilgore almost stuffed it in the hole on CTP #11, his ball hitting just below the pin and ending up only 1" short. Frank Kurihara also threw in a nice shot at 4'.

The month of MAY has seen a lot of course schedule changes since the start of the year. What is posted on our golf website is currently accurate...along with what you see printed in this Chanticleer. When you go to the website and click on the 159 schedule you'll see the changes that have been made appear in yellow highlight. Focus your attention also on the notations in red that concern State Sir qualifying events in MAY and JUN. You will be receiving emails momentarily from SIR Area 29 Golf Coordinator Butch Evans concerning signups for those events.

Signups went quickly for the 32 member field of our annual Ron Rich Match Play tournament. By the time you read this article we will probably have played the first round at Madera Muni on MAY 1...and 16 golfers will be advancing to round 2 to be held at Belmont on MAY 22.

Jim Morgan is to be thanked for serving as

monthly chairman for APR...along with Ray Phillips for diligently collecting match fees. Gary Smith will be serving as the chair for MAY...Vic Froehmer will assist.

Reminder - Don't SNOOZE...our weekly matches now start at 8:00 AM in MAY.

**Travel**

There was an emphasis on baseball this past month. Happy to report that both the A's game at their home field, Oakland Coliseum, and the Fresno State vs Fullerton game at Beiden Field were both sold out. Thank you die-hard fans. Don't forget to e-mail your photos from the tailgate to Lee Moy.

For the month of May the theme will focus it's attention "things Fresno". They'll be lots of dancing lessons available at several venues. Additionally SIR Mike Moyle suggests that you give Ballroom Live located at Bullard & First a twirl on Friday, 23 May. SIR Rich Colby invites you to participate at the Radisson Hotel downtown. There is a 12-person band performing on June 1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday). Both are reasonably priced.

There are so many other things to do in Fresno as well. On May 1st (Thursday) meet us at the Painted Table (next door to the Tower Theatre) for the monthly Art Hop. It's most enjoyable appreciating art with a glass of wine & SIR friends.

The Tower District (college named streets) have their annual Block Sales. Princeton Avenue's turn to have their 15th annual Yard Sale will be on May 3rd (Sat) from 7 am till noon. A day prior to this event you may bring your own possessions to be sold by you at 705 E. Princeton. You will need to bring your own cash, props & table as per needed.

The ole phrase something old is something new is fitting for the open house of the Alamo Home. In conjunction with the National Historic