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The Chanticleer

Date July 10, 2014
Place Ramada Inn
324 W. Shaw Ave

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
Program - Veterans Honor Flights

Social Hour 11AM
Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$ 15 & no Buck Bucket

Today, I watched Michelle Wie win the Women's U.S. Open golf tournament. Towards the end she had a 3 stroke lead, however on the 16th hole she almost had a lost ball (2 stroke penalty), she found the ball, took a double bogey (lost 2 strokes). She then birdied the 17th and had a par on the 18th. So she won her first major. "Big deal", some would say, well you see many of us have been following Michelle Wie since she was 15 years old. She is now 24. She has had trouble winning. The thing that impressed me about her was the way she won: She didn't panic when she made a major mistake and came back to win. She has been playing for 8 years, she was picked as the female Tiger Woods, yet she had only won 2 tournaments. When asked what she had done different than in the past, she answered, "I reminded myself that golf is fun." This answer reminded me of the reason I joined Sons in Retirement: To have fun and meet new friends. Well, I have fun playing golf, bowling, going on trips and coming to the luncheons. I have met many great guys that I would have never met if it wasn't for SIRS. Did I say my tip of the month: Have fun with your fellow SIRS. *If I could only take Michelle Wie's advice when I play golf.*



Big SIR James

The days are getting warmer but SIRS 159 keeps moving on. Selections for the 2015 ballet are proceeding as schedule with Howard Zinn, Steve Whitehead and Allan Baxter at the helm. Be sure to notify one of them if you have any interest in serving on the board or in another position. How about Chief Kerri Donis. She knows her stuff and gave a great presentation about the trials and tribulations of a major fire department. I believe it takes a very special person to join the ranks of firefighters these day. We should all thank them for the wonderful job they do and their commitment to service. On another topic some of you know that I am under treatment for MDS. The positive side is that I am responding to treatments and with the great doctors there is an end to the tunnel so don't count me out. I am looking forward to my service as Big Sir next year. I do want to thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers. They are greatly appreciated. By the way I will have the shirt and hat catalogue with me at the meeting. Just be sure you let me know if you are interested and I will stay after the luncheon to take any orders, Remember bring a guest! Hope to see you all on July 10. Or speaker's topic will be about HONOR FLIGHT. A couple of our members are going on the June flight and will also share their stories.



Little SIR Dennis



Hook 'em

Deep Sea Fishing out of Morro Bay
Virg's Landing, 1169 Market Ave
Set to Sail 7am; Return 2pm

SIR 159 check \$59
July 10th deadline



USS HORNET
28 OCTOBER
CHECK: \$55-SIR 159
LEE MAY, 705 E. PRINCETON AVE, FRESNO
DEADLINE: JULY 11

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DOCENT TOUR

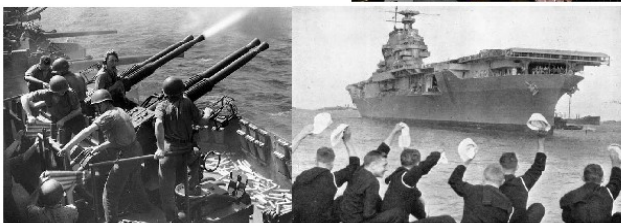
PYRAMID BREWERY
("NO HOST")

DETAILS: GEORGE GIANOPULOS
432-4630

MESS HALL SELECTION CHOICE OF:

- BAKED CHICKEN BREAST
- FRIED CHICKEN
- MEAT LOAF
- HOT TURKEY
- VEGETARIAN LASAGNA
- BBQ RIBS
- SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS
- MEAT LASAGNA

PLUS: MASHED POTATOES,
VEGETABLES, ROLL, COOKIE



Extra
gear
rod rental
fishing license

Contact: Gene Tognazzini 323-1516; Reg Rosander 897-7394

Just a reminder for the 20 some of you who have not paid the yearly assessment fee (\$20); send a check to Shane Peterson made out to Sirs 159 at 3245 E Sample Ave, Fresno 93711-2423. See you all at the next luncheon and **Bring a Guest.**

Sunshine Committee

The impact of a good-hearted friend is incalculable.

With this in mind, let us bring as much cheer as we can to the following 159 roosters: John Brechmann, Lee Halverstadt, Dave Scharton, Manuel Nunez, Dave Betts, and charter member Bruno Ferioli.

We continue, as well, to express sympathy and convey deep condolences to Sir Jerry Manley on the loss of his beloved wife Marlene. He told me that he will be spending some time out of town with his children. Grief is dire, but let us pull for him as we can, and pray that he is able to rejoin us when he can.

It is also my duty to report the loss of longtime member Sir Mel Bisgaard, who passed away on

Friday, June 13th. Mel's wife Elaine was comforted by your expressions of sympathy and condolence while emphasizing to me the important role that *Sirs* played in their lives. She told me at the Easton memorial service on the 19th, that she will particularly miss "Ladies Day." I know that you join me in hoping that she chooses to attend in the future anyway.

As always, there are other *Sirs* whose challenges are unknown to us. Let us continue to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with each and every rooster, and do so as long as the lights are on in the barnyard.

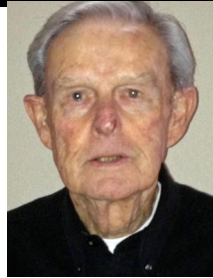
After all: Those who keep sunshine in the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves. (James Matthew Barrie quote-creator of Peter Pan 1860-1937)

SIR OF THE MONTH – GEORGE CULVERWELL

Home was San Francisco! In fact, George Culverwell was born there. He lived there through childhood and well into adulthood. As a youngster, he went to school, attending everything from elementary through high school. He graduated in 1948. During his Senior Year in high school, he did something that would have a profound impact on his life. He joined the Marine Corps Reserve. Yes, as a teenager, he became a Marine, attending weekly meetings and weeks-long summer exercises at Camp Pendleton, California.

Now out of high school, George found a job working at the telephone company. For the next 2 years, he did a number of jobs there, developing a good record and relation with the company. It would payoff later.

But then June 25, 1950 came along! The Korean War began. Active military units were immediately dispatched to Japan and Korea. Reserve units were activated. George Culverwell suddenly found himself in the Marine Corps - not the Reserve unit he had been in for several years, but an activated unit. With 2 days notice, he had to leave



his job, and was off to Camp Pendleton. There he went through some organizational processes, i.e. the 1st Marine Division filling its ranks with replacements, etc. In short time, our George was on his way to Japan. There followed a quick stay for sharpening up their training and then it was on to Wonson (on the East Coast of Korea). Inchon had already happened on the West Coast. MacArthur was going for the 'jugular; his plan was go North on two fronts, encircle the North with those on the West side - and wind this thing up by Christmas! That was not to be.

A couple moves by the Culverwell outfit got them to or near the Chosin Reservoir. This was about the time the Chinese crossed the Yalu River into Korea. There was a new war going on now, not just with No. Korea but with China! In late November, the 1st Marine Division, along with the Army's 7th Infantry Division, were attacked by the Chinese. A bitter battle drove the Americans out of the area. But not before George's unit fought face-to-face with the Chinese. Unimaginable cold weather complicated the battle; frozen hands with

like I was a little child. She would say in a patronizing tone of voice, "And how are we doing this morning?" Or "Are we ready for a bath?" Or "Are we hungry?" I had had enough of this particular nurse.

One day at breakfast, I took the apple juice off the tray and put it in my bedside stand. Later I was given a urine sample bottle to fill for testing

So you know where the juice went!

The nurse came in a while later, picked up the urine sample bottle, looked at it and said, "My, my, it seems we are a little cloudy today." At this, I snatched the bottle out of her hand, popped off the top, and gulped it down, saying, "Well, I'll run it through again. Maybe I can filter it better this time!"

The nurse fainted... I just smiled. DON'T MESS WITH OLD PEOPLE!



Little SIR Dennis & Fresno Fire Chief Kerri Donis

Jim Morgan, Ken Felton (SIR Branch 6 - Castro Valley) Joe Marshall and Mike Moyle. Stayed over after the day trip to the A's game and played Lake Chabot G C in Oakland



Branch 159 July Golf Schedule
Chairman Duke Marshall 447-5388

Thur 7/3	8AM	SG	Lemoore
Wed 7/9	9AM	SG	Sierra Meadows
Thur 7/17	8AM	SG	Belmont CC
Thur 7/24	8AM	SG	Valley Oaks
Thur 7/31	8AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur 8/7	8AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Wed 8/13	8AM	SG	Airways

Hollister on MAY 29 to advance to the finals. By the time this article is published they will have played in the championship round held at Spyglass and Del Monte in Monterey on JUN 23 & 24. In our SIR 159 qualifier for the Senior Four-Ball Net held at Madera CC on JUN 11 the teams of Butch Evans/John Adams and Matossian/Moyle were low to advance to the sectional round to be held AUG 20.

Personal observation at this point. At the match at Madera CC a few weeks ago I crossed paths with Bob Rathburn as he was returning his cart at the end of his round. He asked me if I knew "so and so" whose wallet he had found laying somewhere on the course. The name did not sound familiar so it was probably a Madera CC member...very lucky as Bob (RRR) was returning the wallet full of cash to the proshop. Ah...the strong moral principles of our SIR senior citizens who without a second thought return what is not rightfully theirs. I wish it had been my luck to have Bob or others like him happen to find my couple pair of expensive shades lost at golf courses or driving ranges (one as I write this article today). Kudos to the behavior that should be the norm...not the exception!

Thanks go to Lee Moy who filled in as monthly chairman for June assisted by the very capable Perry Huffman. Chairman for July is our hard-working weekly scorer Duke Marshall who will be assisted by Russ Hewer.

Perry's July Pun A chicken farmer went to a bar in Easton. He sat next to a woman and ordered champagne. *The woman said: "How strange, I*

also just ordered a glass of champagne." "What a coincidence," said the farmer, who added, "It is a special day for me. I am celebrating" *"It is a special day for me too, I am also celebrating!" said the woman.*
 "What a coincidence." said the farmer. While they toasted, the farmer asked, "What are you celebrating?" *"My husband and I have been trying to have a child for years, and today, my gynecologist told me that I was pregnant."*
 "What a coincidence," said the man. "I am a chicken farmer and for years all my hens were infertile, but now they are all set to lay fertilized eggs." *"This is awesome," said the woman.*
"What did you do for your chickens to become fertile?" "I used a different rooster," he said.
The woman smiled and said, "What a coincidence

May Bowling Scores

Although we're few in number we're the finest in the land. Winter league is over and summertime is fun time. 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	Hi H. Series	Andy Evanko	614
	159		
2-May	Hi H. Series	Andy Evanko	614
	Hi H. Game	Andy Evanko	222
9-May	Hi H. Series	Bill Ripley	610
	Hi H. Game	Bill Ripley	213
16-May	Hi H. Series	Duke Marshall	615
	Hi H. Game	Tom Harlan	229
23-May	Hi H. Series	John Hayes	654
	Hi H. Game	John Hayes	231
30-May	Hi H. Series	Duke Marshall	640
	Hi H. Game	Duke Marshall	235

Another Perry Pun The urine sample
 One time I got sick and landed in hospital. There was this one nurse that just drove me crazy. Every time she came in, she would talk to me

frost bite hampered the execution of war. It was in this battle that George was wounded. Wounded or not, he along with his buddies, fought as they withdrew to an air strip some 14 miles away. He was evacuated from there to Japan, Shortly thereafter, on December 19th, he was in a hospital in Oakland, Ca. George points out that in that one-week battle, the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, 15 Medals of Honor were awarded, 3 Army and 12 Marine Corps. Get him to talk about it; it is a fascinating story. He was there!

In short, George Culverwell recovered, was rehabilitated and separated from the Marine Corps in mid-1951. Think about this; this 'bigger-than-life' episode took place over only 11 months.

What came next? He went to work. Where? Back to the telephone company. George's employer treated him well. He returned to his old position with the company. He was given classes and opportunities to advance and to move into new areas of work. From Mail Room; to accounting and statistics; to management; and eventually into Public Relations. He went from the Bay Area to Sacramento and finally to Fresno in 1974 where he remained until retirement.

But in the meantime, George married Betty in 1952 - that's 62 years, folks! They are the proud parents of 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren - all college graduates!

It was in 1990, a few years after retirement, that George was invited to come to a gathering of retirees to talk about forming some sort of 'club' made up of people like himself, i.e. retirees. As we all know now, it would be the next year, 1991, that the 'club' became SIR Branch #159. George was here from the beginning. Over the years, he has been a member of the Board, a Greeter, Publicity Chairman,, ran the 50-50 Program and today, Chairs the Tennis Group. That's every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, he gathers the tennis players of SIR over at Rhoads Park and they play tennis. He can be seen during our luncheon meetings with the ro-

ing microphone. He is truly a dedicated member of this Branch.
Once again, we congratulate one of our special SIR, George Culverwell, one of our first, a Marine Corps hero, Family man, and just a neat, all around good Guy!
 -- George Gianopulos

July Menu

Spaghetti w/Meat Balls
 Herb Chicken
 Baked Potatoes
 Caesar Salad
 Fresh Seasoned Vegetables
 1Green & 1Fruit Salad
 Rolls & Butter
 Coffee, Tea, & Decaf
 Assorted Desserts

Bridge Scores

June 3 1st. Bob Clevend, 2nd. John Williford , 3rd. Larry Knoll
 4th. Gene Tognazzini, 5th. Hugh Cox
 Consolation: Ron Vieira
 High score: 3920
 High table: 1250
 Bob Cleveland Fred Wrazel

June 17 1st. Bob Cleveland, 2nd. Fred Wrazel,
 3rd. Gene Tognazzini, 4th. Ron Vieira,
 5th. Larry Knoll, 6th. Hugh Cox
 7th. George Rurik
 Consolation: Jack Leonard
 High score: 3670
 High table: 1240
 Fred Wrazel Gene Tognazzini

Anniversaries

Donna & Philip Angelillo
 Margaret & Dave Betts
 Carolyn & Mike Fair
 Sharon & Mike Farley
 Jeanne & LeRoy Foote
 Barbara & Chico Garcia

Sandy & Berge Goshgarian
Maureen & John Hayes
Kathleen & Joe Hushek
Denva & Gary Kazarian
Jo Ann & Bill Lyons
Carolyn & Dale Reichard
Sally & Mike Robinson
Holly & Tom Simpson
Beverly & Joe Smith
Dee & Fred Stein
Sandra & Donald Von Berg
Janet & Fred Wrazel

Birthdays

Ray Allen, Norm Bainter, Larry Calvert, Dave Carlson, Marvin Cross, Larry Duba, Garry Elliott, Les Gorden, Lee Halverstadt, Joe Huizar, Charles, Jaurigue, Jim Johnson, Carroll Kerney, Larry Knoll, Bill Leavitt, Michael Levine, Bob Moore, Chuck Olono, Don Reitz, Stan Sherman, Joe Smith, Jim Wulf

Computer Group

The Computer Group will recess for the summer, and meet again in October. Have a great summer, and if you have questions about things "technical", computers, programs, and so forth, see me at the meetings, or give me a call. **Dale Reichard, Computer Group Chair**

Travel

Just a reminder: Travel has gone green. Special activity fliers have already been posted on our SIR 159 website, thus averting extra cost, avoiding deadlines, and limitless in its potential. Please visit our website.

Of special note, the USS Hornet (Alameda) has over 30 sign-ups. Please notify former Big SIR George Gianopulos (432-4630) for more details. **Send your \$55 check (SIR 159) to SIR Lee Moy, Travel Director, 705 E. Princeton Ave, Fresno 93704 before the July 10th deadline.**

Only those who have already committed to the SF Giants vs LA Dodgers game on July 27 (Sunday) will be receiving an information sheet

detailing all the particulars, i.e. pick-up time/place, 21st Amendment Brewery (prior to the game), ticket distribution for section 325 (\$80 seats reduced to \$40), and post-game sightseeing excursion.

Also, former Big SIR Reg Rosander has arranged a deep sea fishing exertion out of Morro Bay (Virg's Landing). There is an extra charge for the rod rental, gear, and fishing license. No extra charge for getting sea sick. Inquiries will be ably answered by SIR Gene Tognazzini (323-1516). **Send your \$59—SIR 159 check—to SIR Gene T., 154 W. Decatur Ave, Clovis 93611-3521. Deadline: July 10th.**

Fliers have appeared at the luncheon for a variety of reasons. Some of the members do not have computers. Fliers are posted at the Travel booth in the foray, and others are distributed at the lunch tables for you to discuss amongst y'all. Other fliers are placed at tables because a particular group wants to advertise their activity, whether it's an on-going function (i.e. bowling, tennis, dance, cards, etc.) and/or a special arrangement like the aforementioned fishing trip.

Sometime survey fliers are used to get the "pulse of the population". Before we "dive" into a new event/activity, we at Travel want to know what your thoughts, commitment, and interest is prior (i.e. Grizzlies game and/or FSU football tailgate). If we get 25 "Yes's", then we can get a group discounted price for each participant per activity. Over \$10 is the cost to reach out to the membership and to keep them informed of the offerings; that's 10 cent per copy black-n-white. The price for a color print is 50 cent each; another \$10 cost when you consider the number of tables. Please take the time to "read and reflect". Fill out the survey. **Your participation makes all the hard work/planning rewarding.**

New Members & Directory Corrections

New Member

Bill Klomp 708-6220

Directory Correction

Sunshine Chairman Charlie Barrett 436-8338

"Ladies Date Night"

Due to summer vacation plans and because NO one has stepped up to host a July Dinner, ALL dinners will be postponed until at least August, or until a member offers to host the next one. Call Howard Zinn @ 431-6797 if interested

Attendance Report

In June, 2013, SIR Branch #159 had 259 active members with 158 of those members attending the June 12, 2013 luncheon. This represents 61% of the members in attendance. There were 101 members absent of which 58 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

Fishing

Wanted, 12 hearty men to ravage the seas at Morro Bay. Tues. July 22, 7AM to 2PM from Virg's in Morro Bay. Need checks to SIR 159 for \$59 no later than July 10 to either Reg Rosander or Gene Tognazzini. Other costs for gear rental, licence, food etc. can be paid at the dock. Call Reg Rosander- 897-7394; or Gene Tognazzini - 323-1516 for more info. Could be a once in a lifetime opportunity to catch a giant Ling Cod or a fellow SIR!

SIR AREA29 - 2014 SIR STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Area 29 Qualifier has been rescheduled to Thursday July 17 at Belmont CC with Branch 159. SIR Golf Club membership is required to participate in SIR State Championships. White

Tees - white tees are played at Division and State Competitions; Flighted by handicap; Handicap based on July 15 handicap; SIR State Rules apply....

Schedule: Area 29 Qualifier Thursday July 17 @ Belmont CC 8am Shotgun; Division 5 Qualifier Friday August 1 @ Rancho Del Rey 9am Shotgun; Individual State Championship and Open Play, Oct 27 and 28; Two days of fun on and around the Monterey Peninsula at Poppy Hills Golf Course 9:00 AM Shotgun both days have open play spots available.

To sign up to compete for one of the Area 29 slots reply and send the following information: Name, Branch, GHIN number, phone number, and address -- Butch Evans; SIR Area 29 Golf Chairman and Webmaster

H 559-271-2024 C 408-981-9329

sirarea29@gmail.com

GOLFERS CORNER

June's flighted individual match was held at Ridge Creek in Dinuba. On CTP hole # 3 Bobby Jones put his ball 9' 7" from the cup. Dennis Ensminger was at 10' 4". On CTP #16 Mike Moyle was close at 12' barely edging Carl Merz at 12' 3". In the 1st flight Leland Nichols was the frontrunner in a tiebreaker with Moyle...both with net 67. In flight 2 Carl Merz was low with net 71 followed by James Noriega in a tiebreaker at net 72. Joe Cabral was low in flight 3 with net 71. Gary Elliot had net 73 to place 2nd. In the fourth flight Mike Williamson also had low net of the day at 67. Bob Weins survived a triple tiebreaker at net 72 for runner up.

In Ron Rich matches Joe Hushek, John Briceno, and Mike Williamson advanced to the championship round of their flights. In the next round...Mike Moyle, Bobby Jones and Mike Williamson won their flight championships and advanced to the finals of the Ron Rich competition.

In NCGA Four-Ball Net Associate Club play the team of Gilbert Matossian and Moyle placed low enough in the sectional held at Ridgemark in