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324 W. Shaw Ave

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
Program - Mario Santoyo, Friant Water Authority

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

July always seems like the month we adjust ourselves to the heat. We finally come to the conclusion that in order to survive in Fresno we have to. Isn't it interesting that a low 90's degree day seems cool? We also say, "Yeah it's hot, but it's a dry heat". Sure we will make as many excuses to live with it, but they (*the excuses*) must be working, Fresno keeps growing every year. It is home.



Big SIR James

I want to thank Allan Baxter for reserving all 12 months at the Ramada and working with the staff for a new menu for next year that will hopefully keep the luncheon costs down. Since the price of food keeps going up, they will reduce the beef in the luncheons. (One of the meals will be Mexican food, yes!) Also because of rising costs, there was a discussion at the last meeting to cut the two days one, however it was decided to keep both days by cutting the amount spent on the ladies gifts.

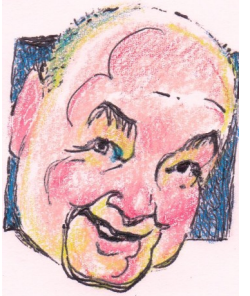
Because of illness, Dennis Costello has resigned as Little SIR. He will continue as a member. He has done a terrific job as Little Sir; he is a terrific man who is not only very nice, he is also a very positive, very productive hard working man. Charlie Barrett will take the place as Little Sir for the rest of the year. Charlie will also be Big Sir next year. Ron Wilson will take Charlie's place as Sunshine Chairman and Dell Kerns will handle the Rooster Items.

There are two things that need some improvement. We are not growing in the number of members and there are still 6 individuals who have not paid their \$20 annual fees. **So let's all bring a guest next luncheon.**

FROM THE BARNYARD - Now that I am back in the barnyard with my fellow Sirs I would like to thank you all for your support as Little Sir & Rooster Rep. Charlie Barrett will do a great job as Little Sir and

Dell Kerns has already gotten orders as the Rooster Rep. Please support these Sirs in their new roles as you did me. I have often said being involved is one of the most satisfying way to enjoy being a Sirs member. I still will be scratching around in the barn yard with you all enjoying you company and friendship. PS, thank you for your prayers and good thoughts
Sir Dennis Costello 114

What a great guy - and what a tremendous SIR - is our friend Dennis Costello! Though circumstance compels him to step down from his current post, I join his many other friends in hoping that he will be able to serve again in the future. He has really brought a lot to our club. For example, he took the initiative, and brought some



Little SIR Charlie

great customized gear to Branch 159, thus adding a great deal to the fun. Yet even before serving as Little Sir, he was instrumental in steering others toward interesting speakers, while his own selection of topical presenters has been unquestionably top notch. Hearing about the Honor flight, for example, was great! (For August 14, expect Mario Santoyo, Manager of the Friant Water authority, on the subjects of Valley agriculture's response to drought, and the State Water Bond ballot measure.) Most important, however, is this: Dennis Costello demonstrates in every way and at all times that he understands the fundamental purpose of Sirs - to enjoy old friendships while making new ones, and having fun doing it! He is the kind of guy that you gravitate toward, and for good reason. Dennis Costello is, and probably always has been, very good at friendship. This, I submit, is the most useful thing that a man can be. There is no way that I can be as good a Little Sir as Dennis has been,

Stan Weinstein, John Pokorny, Alan Perry (Head of Fresno Honor Flight) and Jack Leonard



but I will try. I guess that I just have to keep his example in mind. In fact, let's all follow his example. As we assure Dennis that his pals are pulling for him and with him, let us all resolve anew to respect and enjoy our fellowship, each with every other, as we strut a bit in our barnyard with Dennis Costello.

SIR TAKES HONOR FLIGHT

Back in 2005, a program was begun to bring WWII veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the newly completed National WWII Memorial, a monument dedicated to those who served in WWII. The program was designed to bring these veterans to Washington free! Over the years this program has grown having brought well over 100,000 veterans each along with a 'guardian' to accompany them. While the veteran travels at no cost, the guardian is charged some amount, small as it is, to cover his/her cost with some left over to help finance what is now called '**Honor Flight**'.

Recently, an Honor Flight Fresno Chapter was begun. Over the short period of its existence, it has taken three excursions to the Capital. Only a few weeks ago, three members of SIR #159 took this special trip. Our SIR team included **Jack Leonard, John Pokorny and Stan Weinstein**. Their excursion began early morning, June 24 with a grand sendoff by a crowd of people gathered at the airport to wish them God-Speed. After landing in Baltimore, MD, they were shuttled off to a hotel for dinner and rest.

The following morning, the group, some 67 of them, were transported to the Memorial. They were joined by Honor Flight groups from other cities across the nation. In their visit, they viewed panels dedicated to battles of all WWII theaters, presenting a complete review of the conflict, that in which our travelers participated.

In some sequence, their group was able to visit the Iwo Jima Monument, the Korean War, Viet Nam Monuments and the Women in Service Museum. They were met by Congressman Jim Costa of this area for lunch in the Air & Space Museum. More stops along the way eventually brought them back to the hotel in Baltimore. After an overnight and some more sightseeing in the Washington area which included the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery, the group boarded their return flight and were off to Fresno.

Upon Arrival at the Fresno terminal, they were met by crowds of well wishers, welcoming our veterans home. Both departure in the morning and return in the

evening - and even some of their adventure in Washington - was captured on the evening news of local television stations.

To our traveling WWII Veterans, and also to all our SIR military veterans, we wish you well, we thank you, and we honor you!

Sir Branch #159 Service Veterans

We're looking to celebrate Veterans Day at the SIR Luncheon, November 13! What we need is the name and Branch of Service of each of you who once served in the Military of The United States of America. All Branches of Military Service will be recognized. A group picture will be taken along with some fun events and recognition. Please send (via email) or call, giving your name and the Branch you served. Email: George Gianopulos at gsqrd@pacbell.net, or Allan Baxter at babax001@sbcglobal.net, or call Allen at 434-1037. .

Sunshine - Ron Wilson Chairman

BIG change in organization, Charles Barrett moving to Little Sir, Dell Kerns taking over logo'd hats, shirts etc. and me becoming Sunshine Chairman replacing Sir Charles. I'm wallowing around in Sir Barrett's huge shoes here. At present we have on the injured reserve list; Dennis Costello and Claude Torrez. Any others??? Must be more, how about letting Ron Wilson, know. My phone number is; 960-8294 and e-mail address is; ronwilson7777@sbcglobal.net I look forward to hearing from you and passing on good wishes and well being from all of us to those in need.

Bridge Scores

July 1 1st. Fred Wrazel 2nd. Jack Leonard
3rd. Ron Vieira 4th. Gene Tognazzini
Consolation: Russ Mott
High table: 1480

Jack Leonard Ron Vieira
No Bridge Again until July 29

Attendance Report

In July, 2013, SIR Branch #159 had 261 active members with 161 of those members attending the July 10, 2013 luncheon. This represents 62% of the members in attendance. There were 100 members absent of which 41 were excused. Members are expected to attend the monthly meeting or to notify the Attendance Chairman when the wish to be excused. Three con-



Howard at "THE OPEN"
(note the white hair)

Notice From the Nominating Committee

The candidates for Branch 159 Officers/Directors will be announced at the SIR Luncheon on August

Perry Pun for August - Senior Joke

Yesterday, with things being a little boring, my wife asked why I didn't do something useful with my time. She suggested I go down to the Senior Center and hang out with the guys. I did this and when I saw her the next day I told her that I had joined a parachute club. She said "are you nuts? You're 80 years old and you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?" I proudly showed her that I even got a membership card. She said to me, "You idiot, where are your glasses! This is a membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club!" I'm in trouble again and don't know what to do! I signed up for five jumps a week! **Life as a senior citizen is not getting any easier**

Birthdays

Walt Berg. Dave Betts, John Brechmann. Jerry Brown, Dwaine Chambers, Doug Duke, Dennis Ensminger, Estle Finney, Bruce Gibson, Al Gonzalez, Richard Graham, Scott Holmes, Perry Huffman Dana Kahler, Mike Kilijian, Bob Knebel, Bill Neal, Jim Peterson, Ori Reed, Don Ryan, Tom Simpson, Bob Stenberg, John Volkman, Ron Wilson, Russ Wyatt



Howard Zinn at St. Andrews



28 **Mobley, James F.** **JIM** LAUREL **765-4109**
 216 KEATS AVE.. CLOVIS CA 93612-2632 AUG JUN
 Fresno Dept of Public Works 3/13/2014 jamesmobley@comcast.net
 Astronomy, Book Club, Book Swap, Bowling, Computers & Tech, Computer Training, Digital Photo, Dining in
 & out, Fishing, Genealogy, Golf, Hikers, History, Internet Games, Veterans, Aviation

4 **Rotramel, Michael A.** **480-9813**
 2110 HELM SPACE 35 CLOVIS CA 93612-3455 Jan
 7/10/2014 mdrosky@att.net
 Astronomy, Chess, Cribbage, Dine-In, Dine-out, Fishing, Games Night, Golf 18, Golf 9, Jazz, Pool
 Billiards, Theatre, & Wine tasting

14 **SHAW, WARREN E.** **451-1256**
 4789 N. SAFFORD AV. FRESNO CA 95704-2922 JUN OCT
 3/13/2014 warshaw1955@gmail.com
 Teacher - Fresno Unified
 Book Club, Book Swap, Fishing, Hikers, Wood Working

BRANCH 159 OFFICER CHANGE

Little SIR Charles (Charlie) Barrett 436-8338
(Dennis Costello resigned due to health issues)

Activities Chairmen Update

- Bowling - Joe (Duke) Marshall - 447-5388
- Bridge SIR - George Rurik - 447-0855
- Photographer - George Gianopulos - 432 4630
- Rooster Items - Dell Kerns - 277-3971
- Sunshine - Ron Wilson - 960-8294

secutive 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 When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER
Duke Marshall, Attendance Chairman

<u>JUNE Bowling Scores</u>				
Summer bowling continues. There is plenty of room, come out, give it a try you just might like it. I have had several fellow Sir members say "I used to bowl, but not for several years." Now is as good time as any to give it a go. OLD GUYS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN - Friday afternoons, 1 PM Sierra Lanes. Anyone interested please contact Duke Marshall @ 447-5388. See you there.				
5-Jun Hi. Series	Merle Knapp	625	175	
Hi Game	Merle Knapp	222	175	
12-Jun Hi. Series	Hugh Cox	605	159	
Hi Game	Hugh Cox	237	159	
19-Jun Hi Series	Duke Marshall	621	159	
Hi Game	Tom Harlan	221	175	
26-Jun Hi Series	Duke Marshall	588	159	
Hi Game	Duke Marshall	248	159	

Callers Corner

SIR Melvin Bisguard, as most of you know, has passed. Mel was one of our callers for many years. He was dedicated and reliable and served almost up to the time he was put into the hospital. We have also lost another caller, SIR Stan Sherman. Stan also served for many years and was dedicated and reliable. The Calling Team wishes him well and thanks for his service.

Ron Travis

<u>August Menu</u> Beef Tri-tip Roast BBQ Chicken Roasted New Potatoes Four Bean Salad Fresh Seasoned Vegetables 1Green & 1Fruit Salad Rolls & Butter Coffee, Tea, & Decaf Assorted Desserts

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**

Ladies Date Night

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

Anniversaries

- Birdie & Ray Allen
- Berdie & Ed Beier
- Gloriann & Allan Bertelsen
- Marilyn & Donald Boline
- Dene & Jerry Brown
- Lillian & Harry Buchaklian
- Linda & Alan Bynum
- Suzie & Dennis Costello
- Dorothy & Carrol Dahl
- Kay & Ed Dill
- Mary & Paul Gabrielson
- Layne & Gary Greenberg
- Sue & Bill Hedman
- Patty & Joe Huizar
- Louise & Bob Jones
- Joan & Lee Kerr
- Sue & Mike Kilijian
- Judith & Jim Knapp
- Nancy & Bill Leavitt
- Faye & Don Lowe
- Janis & Duke Marshall
- Laurel & Jim Mobley
- Sharon & Warren Nelson
- Karen & Jack Neugebauer
- Sally & Charlie Philips
- Sandy & Dan Rodriguez
- Pat & Larry Rosander
- Betty & Chuck Royse
- Barbara & Jim Ruhl
- Janet & Don Ryan
- Millie & Lew Stewart
- Carol & Lynn Streit
- Kay & Jim Suddath
- Denise & Steve Whitehead
- Naomi & Ed Wiens
- Joan & Bob Zoldoske

GOLFERS CORNER

July was a busy month for SIR 159 golf. We started the month with our individual flighted event held at Lemoore. On CTP hole # 7 Butch Evans was close at 7' 9.5" followed by Mike Moyle at 10' 5". On CTP hole #11 Mike Williamson was very close at 2' 8", with

Gary Kilgore placing 2nd at 15' 8.5". In the 1st flight Gilbert Matossian was tied for low net of the day at net 66. Lee Moy followed with net 68. In flight two John Briceno took low honors with net 67 followed by Williamson with net 69. In the 3rd flight Sal Morales had the other low net 66 of the day, Don Corley placing 2nd with net 70.

The match at Lemoore constituted the first week of our 2014 Branch Championship. Our Championship was concluded the following week at Sierra Meadows. This year our Championship was flighted with many more awards. Taking overall low net at 129 for the two week match was Morales. Overall low gross at 159 went to Moyle. Matossian had low net in the 1st flight with a 132, followed by Kilgore with 143. Moy was 2nd in low gross with a 169. In the 2nd flight Gary Smith had low net 140 with Reg Rosander at 141. Gary Elliot was low gross at 170 followed by Andy Evanko at 180. In the 3rd flight Corley was 2nd low net at 132. Briceno took low gross honors at 188 followed by Vic Froehmer at 192. In the 4th flight Rick Pezzi took low gross with 216 and Ron Wilson was low net with 151. Plaques for all those mentioned above will be awarded at our annual golf luncheon to be held on Friday, October 24th at the Ramada.

The match at Lemoore also served as a qualifier for the NCGA 2014 Net Amateur. Matossian, Moyle, Smith, John Price, Froehmer and Evans all qualified to move on to the sectional to be held on AUG 28. If successful at the sectional...any of these golfers would move on to the finals to be played at Poppy Ridge on SEP 29 & 30.

In Ron Rich match play the playoffs will be held August 7th at Pheasant Run. Bobby Jones will be playing Mike Williamson for the Ron Rich title, while Briceno and Moyle will be playing for 3rd & 4th place.

On JUL 17 at Belmont CC many of our golfers qualified to move on to the sectional of our SIR State Individual Championship. The Division 5 sectional will be held AUG 1 at Rancho Del Rey in Atwater. If placing 1st or 2nd in their flights at Atwater, any of our golfers would move on to the Championship to be played at Poppy Hills on OCT 27. SIR 159 golfers playing in Atwater are Briceno, Joe Marshall, Froehmer, Dan Rodriguez, Big Sir James Noriega, Smith, Price, Evanko, Evans, Matossian, Ray Phillips and Moyle.

Looking forward to hearing more from Howard and

Marty Zinn about their recent cruise around the British Isles. Just so happened they got to spend a day at the British Open and another at St. Andrews. Pictures will appear in the Chanticleer on page 7..

Thanks go to Duke Marshall for serving as our chairman in July along with Russ Hewer as assistant. Reg Rosander will be AUG monthly chair...and at this time is looking for help. Any of our new golfers...great chance to step in as assistant and get to learn names with faces as our golfers check in to pay their match fees.

Poppy Hills Open Play

Each year the State Golf Committee runs a statewide Individual golf tournament with the final round Championship held at a challenging course. This year the event is at the newly renovated Poppy Hills Course in Pebble Beach on October 27 & 28; <http://renovation.poppyhillsgolf.com>. The first day is the final round Championship, and the balance of the course is available for open play by SIRs across the state. The second day is all open play with prizes both days for the open competitions.

Entry to play in the open competitions is on a 'first to enter first to play' basis. The entry form, with the information/details, is posted on the SIR State Golf site for download; sirstategolf.com.

16 Area 29 players competed recently, at Belmont, in hopes of making the cut to play in the Division 5 Qualifier. We now know that all 16 will be competing, this coming Friday, at Rancho Del Rey in Atwater, for the chance to play in the 'State Finals' at no cost for playing; paid for by State Committee.

If you are interested in playing Poppy Hills **DO NOT** wait to enter; this event fills up every year. I hope to see many of you there - **Butch Evans Golf Chairman, Area 29**

Branch 159 August Golf Schedule **Chairman Reg Rosander 897-7394**

Thur 8/7	8AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Wed 8/13	8AM	SG	Airways
Thur 8/21	8AM	SG	Riverside
Thur 8/28	8AM	SG	Riverbend
Thur 9/4	8AM	SG	Ridge Creek
Wed 9/10	9AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur 9/18	9AM	SG	Sierra Meadows

Cut this page from the newsletter and insert in your 2014 Membership Directory

Fresno SIR-159 Directory New Members Inducted after 12/31/2013 Total Sirs = 14

2	Beier, Ed			Berdie	439-9949
	125 W.DOVEWOOD Ln	FRESNO	CA	93704-2132	AUG APR
	Truck Driver - Willig	7/10/2014		edbeir@sbcglobal.net	
	18 Hole Golf				

109	Cameron, Kevin N.				475-0575
	4456 W. VANDERGRIFT AV.	FRESNO	CA	93722-9166	APR
	Electrical Engineering - nVidia	7/10/2014		kcsira@cameron.com	
	Biling, Computer & Tech, Economic Study, 9 & 18 Hole Golf, Poker, Pool-Billiards, Flying				

32	Canar, Thomas H.	Tom		Betty	298-4199
	2321 DAWSON COVE LN.	FRESNO	CA	93611-5997	MAR MAR
	Health Administrator	7/10/2014		onecanarone@aol.com	
	Baseball Day,Bridge, Basic, Computers & Training, Cribbage, Dine Out-Group, Explore & Eat, Football Day, Guys Dine Out, Investments, Jazz Sacramento, Theatre, Travel, & Veterans				

21	Elliott, Garry C.			Leslie	559-456-8431
	5474 E. Washington	FRESNO	CA	93727-3365	10/87 Jul
	Fresno County Sheriff's Dept.	1/9/2014		GCE0083@aol.com	
	Baseball Day, Coins, Dancing, Explore & Eat, Football Day, Golf, Historical Interest, poker, Pool-Billiards, Travel				

106	Haro, Jose O				288-4310
	9360 N BLACKSTONE AVE	FRESNO	CA	93720-1110	MAR
	Fresno Unified School, Teacher	1/9/2014			
	Antique Cars, Biking, Breakfast Club, Dancing, Dinner Dances, Harmonica, Rec. Vehicles, Travel				
	Woodworking, Yoga, Teaching Shiatsu Therapy				

130	Hayes, John J			Maureen	435-5802
	8461 N FISHER AVE	FRESNO	CA	93720-2118	JUL NOV
	Dept. of Vetrans Affairs, Prosthetist	1/9/2014		JJHayes@Pacbell.net	
	Biking, Bowling, Coins, Digital Photo, Fishing, Genealogy, Golf 9-Holes, Golf 18-Holes, Historical, Poolbillards, Theatre, Travel, Investments				

9	Klomp, William E				708-6220
	3235 N. VANESS BLVD.	FRESNO	CA	93704-4542	JAN
	Painting Contractor	6/12/2014			
	Antique Cars,Bowling, Dancing, Fishing, Football,, Gardening, Golf, Hikers, Horseshoes, Softball, Walkers, Woodworking None				

18	LANG, SCOTT H.			BECKY	325-0194
	2616 E.. SOLAR AVE.	FRESNO	CA	93720-4617	Dec SEPT
	Air Traffic Controller	3/13/2014		slang55@comcast.net	
	Baseball Day, crab Feed, Dine In & Out, Golf, Travel, Wine Tasting				