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and ignored me. Ask them for a ride home, too."

At that, the man walked to the cashier, paid for his meal and left the woman sitting there dumbfounded.

My wife and I, along with the other patrons annoyed by the woman on the phone all wanted to jump up and cheer this man for doing the right thing.

**A senior, trying to set a password**

**WINDOWS:** Please enter your new password.

USER: cabbage

**WINDOWS:** Sorry, the password must be more than 8 characters.

USER: boiled cabbage

**WINDOWS:** Sorry, the password must contain 1 numerical character.

USER: 1 boiled cabbage

**WINDOWS:** Sorry, the password cannot have blank spaces.

USER: 50bloodyboiledcabbages

**WINDOWS:** Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character.

USER: 50BLOODYboiledcabbages

**WINDOWS:** Sorry, the password cannot use more than one upper case character consecutively.

USER: 50BloodyBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYourAssIfYouDontGiveMeAccessNow!

**WINDOWS:** Sorry, the password cannot contain punctuation.

USER: ReallyPissedOff50Blood yBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYourAssIfYouDontGiveMeAccessNow

**WINDOWS:** Sorry, that password is already in use.

### September 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**

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# The Chanticleer

Date Sept 11, 2014  
Place Ramada Inn  
324 W. Shaw Ave

New 159 website - [www.branch159.sirinc2.org](http://www.branch159.sirinc2.org)

Program - District Attorney Elect

Lisa Sondergaard Smittcamp.

Social Hour 11AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$ 15 & no Buck Bucket

Yes, soccer is the most popular sport in the world however for most us who are sports fans, there is nothing like American Football. And here we go: Football pre season has started, isn't it great?. Oh yes don't forget college football. Of course baseball is in full swing with the race for the pennant and then the World Series. Sorry, those of you who don't like sports, you can always talk politics, is that also a sport?



Big SIR James

Here is the news about SIRs: We have elected next year's officers. There are only a handful (less than 10) who still have not paid the yearly fee of \$20. If you are not sure you have paid, please check with Shane Peterson. ( I could write your names on this article if you prefer it) We are ready to sign the contract with the Ramada Inn for next year so we can have all our luncheons there for the full year hopefully without a hefty increase in monthly costs for our meals. Most activities are going about the same, with golf still being the most popular. Our ladies night out has faltered somewhat but we will bring it back strong as before

We have noticed that several members who attend the luncheons but are leaving early, after the break before the guest speaker. Last luncheon there was an entire table that left early. Rule 60 of our SIR Manual states: "Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the

Branch area." We understand there are times we need to leave early but an entire table or the same individual every time?

On a Positive Note Remember: BRING A GUEST!

We next meet as a body, and break bread together, on September 11. Like December 7th, this date lives in American infamy, and provokes sober reflection. We must not, and will not, ever forget the sacrifices of the past. We must not, and never will, relinquish the promise of our future.



Little SIR Charlie

We began the process of remembering last month, which marked the 100th anniversary of the start of the heroic tragedy which was World War I in August 1914. We will complete the remembering process in November, with the salute to those among us who fought in World War II, and Korea, and in Vietnam.

But, the tragic affront of September 11, 2001, was a different sort of trauma. It soiled our soil. It soaked our ground with the mingled blood of fanatics and of people of peace - an ironic atrocity that we will ever remember.

On a happier note, however, it is always a pleasure to see a lot of smiling faces in the dining hall at lunch, but it seems there is room for a

few more. In fact, I know that is true because the Branch 159 numbers have been going down a bit in the past few months, and maybe we should pause at bit and think about that. I will be thinking about the branch recruiting and retention requirements a great deal in the future, and I need you fellas to help me (in part, because thinking always makes my head hurt.) I am eager to talk to each one of you guys about what we can do to

keep our numbers up.

Then we shall bring in more of our friends and neighbors - since we have all the economical and convivial bowling, golf, fishing, dancing, bridge, poker, computer and rodeo that a guy could want - for the purpose of enjoying old friendships while forming new ones in the process of having fun. Let's do this!

## SIR OF THE MONTH – JACK LEONARD

If you haven't met him, let me introduce you to Jack Leonard, Past Big SIR/Little SIR, Branch #159 member from the beginning, instrumental in forming Couples Bridge, a Golfer, a Bowler. During his Big Sir tenure, he introduced the Spring Ladies day event - then held on Valentine Day; it was later moved to May. He has been Branch Chaplain for 5 years. But we'll talk more about this later.



Jack was born in Casper, WY back in 1920. It was there in Casper that he grew up, did his early education, and graduated from Natrono County High School. He was the middle son in a family of 5 children. In that period, Jack got connected with an American Legion ROTC activity - the Drum and Bugle Corp! Here he played the drums (and taught others), learned and played the bugle (and taught others), and was skilled as a drill instructor. It would not be long before he rose to Battalion Commander of this ensemble. The 'Military Draft' was initiated in 1940. Strong advice urged him to join the Army before he was drafted. He chose the Army Air Corp! This

one decision got him out of the 'sub-zero' weather of Casper into the mild climate of California - Moffett Field, that is. Now in the course of his basic training, his ROTC experience pushed him into the position of 'Drill Instructor'.

What followed was a series of steps that made him a skilled signal corps officer. He became proficient as a radio operator, communicating in Morse Code, teletype operation and maintenance. He passed through ranks of corporal, sergeant and staff sergeant. Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941. Jack describes a sleepless 72 hours dealing with an endless flow of communications, now in secret code. With the country now at war, Jack was sent off to Officers Candidate School; he emerged as a 2nd Lieutenant - an OFFICER! At this point Lt. Leonard was transferred to the premier signal corps training facility on the West Coast - Camp Pinedale! Yes, in January 1943, he came to Fresno California! It was here he trained soldiers in radio communication, crypto technology, teletype, code and more. During a local community/military war bond

2nd and moves on to the finals at Poppy Hills on OCT 27. Gilbert also placed 2nd on both CTP holes to walk away with \$20. In flight 4 Gary Smith had a net 73 to qualify as a first alternant for Poppy.

Good turn out for our scrambles match at Riverside on AUG 1. So nice that at Riverside and also at the Madera Muni novelty match on JUL 31 all of our group finished within 20 minutes of each other for sub 4 1/2 hour rounds. What a breath of fresh air! I think if we focused more on 'ready golf' and one player in a cart getting out to play his shot and the other in the cart driving over to play his ball almost simultaneously we'd move along a lot quicker in our regular matches. It's only going to happen when we are all aware and want to make it so.



of his recent trip to Africa. What a GREAT picture!! Joe and Kathy trekked up a mountain in Rwanda to be with the mountain gorillas.

### *Perry's Puns for Sept Cell phone humor*

I saw the cell phone thing first hand. My wife and I were just seated in a booth, my wife with her back to a man in the booth behind her and me facing my wife and thus the other man's date. The woman was on her phone talking intently to a friend as we sat down. They were served their food just after we were seated, the woman still on the phone. She continued talking on the phone as she ate.

Even just being able to see the back of the man, I could tell by his body language he was becoming very upset with the woman. She continued on the phone for the entire meal, talking loudly and annoying everyone seated within earshot. The phone conversation ended when the server brought the check.

Now the good part .... the man said to the waitress, "We'll have separate checks, please."

The woman's mouth dropped open and she said, "But I didn't bring any money, we're on a date and you're supposed to pay."

The man replied "You're right, we were on a date. You have a phone, call your friend to bring you some money, you talked to them all night

### Branch 159 September Golf Schedule

*Chairman Joe Hushek 281-2232*

Thur 9/4	8AM	SG	Ridge Creek
Wed 9/10	9AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur 9/18	9AM	SG	Sierra Meadows
Thur 9/25	9AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Thur 10/2	9AM	SG	TBA
Wed 10/8	9AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur 10/16	9AM	SG	Airways

Thanks go to Reg Rosander for serving as monthly chairman for AUG. Dell Kerns assisted the first week. Joe Montejano saw the need and stepped up to serve the last three weeks. Thanks guys!

Joe Hushek will be serving as our monthly chair for SEP, assisted by Carl Merz.

Joe does not have a golf club in hand...but I couldn't resist asking him to send over a photo

### August Bowling Scores

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. **The fall/winter league begins Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>**. OLD GUYS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN – Friday afternoons, 1 PM Sierra Lanes. Anyone interested please contact Duke Marshall @ 447-5388. See you there.

Date	Name	Score	Branch	
4-Jul	Hi H Series	Duke Marshall	620	159
	Hi H Game	Duke Marshall	238	159
11-Jul	Hi H Series	Rich Lewis	637	159
	Hi H Game	Rich Lewis	231	159
18-Jul	Hi H Series	Tom Harlan	645	175
	Hi H Game	Bill Ripley	236	175
25-Jul	Hi H Series	Duke Marshall	602	159
	Hi H Game	Duke Marshall	231	159

### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

August has flown by and here we are in September and I am happy to report that overall, the health of our group has held it's own. We do have some names on the sick list and they are LeeHalverstadt, Bruno Ferioli, Bud Burrows, and Claude Torrez. Also still out is Jim Whitmer and Dennis Costello. Bruno you will remember was our greeter for years and years and also organized the baseball games.

If you hear of anyone else that has fallen ill, please don't hesitate to let me know at 960-8294 or email [ronwilson7777@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ronwilson7777@sbcglobal.net) and either I or a member of my crack staff (Dennis Costello) will get a card right out.

**Ron Wilson, Chairman**

### 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**

### GOLFERS CORNER

Pheasant Run in Chowchilla was the location for our flighted individual match in August. In the closest to the pin contests Big Sir James Noriega smoothed it to 2' on hole #4, followed by former Big Sir Howard Zinn at 3' 2". On #17 Joe Hushek was close at 14' 7" with Zinn again 2nd at 17' 7". In flight 1 it was obvious that Zinn found his missing stroke of late by shooting even par for the low net of the day 57. Hushek was 2nd with a two over gross 74, netting a 65. In flight 2 Don Avakian and John Price tied for top honors with net 67s...Avakian taking the tiebreaker. Flight 3 also had a tie with low net 68s between Gary Smith and John Briceno...Smith on top in the tiebreaker. In flight 4 Larry Psaltis was low with a fine net 63...Corky Nakayama in 2nd with net 73. The 5th flight had Don Corley low with net 64...Byron Brough next with net 66. In the 6th flight former Big Sir Ron Wilson went low with net 67...Perry Huffman followed in a tiebreaker at net 71.

The results of our 2014 Ron Rich match play tournament are in. In a close battle the finals match went down to a putt on the last hole to determine the victor. Congratulations to Bobby Jones for being our 2014 champion. Praise also goes to Mike Williamson who has now been runner up the last 3 years. Mike obviously enjoys the competitiveness of match play as he was champion back in 2003.

Two of our SIR 159 golfers played well in the Division 5 State Individual qualifier at Rancho Del Rey in Atwater on AUG 1. Gilbert Matossian had a net 67 in flight 2 to place

drive, he had a chance sighting of a lovely girl named Maxine. Now Maxine had been selected Queen of the Drive! Jack couldn't keep his eyes off her. It would not be long before he asked her for a date. But time was closing in on Lt. Leonard; he was slated to go overseas. In a close race to prepare details for the inevitable, Jack proposed to Maxine. They were married at the end of September, 1943, and he then left for the South Pacific. He would spend 14 months setting up and operating signal stations in places like New Guinea, Morotai, Palawan, Leyte and Manila.

When Jack returned to civilian life in Fresno, he engaged in work as a carpenter, and a plumber building houses. But before long he found work at Producers Cotton here in Fresno as a clerk. It was soon after that he was interviewed by the President and the Vice President of Producers. He was immediately moved to a higher position handling a complex system of internal sales and 'traffic management'. There he worked for the next 16 years. During this period, in a night school arrangement, he studied law achieving a LLB degree. He eventually left Producers for a position at Northrup King Seed Co. as Credit Manager. There he stayed until he retired in 1988.

It was in 1990 that a friend invited Jack to come to what was the 2nd formative meeting of a group which would eventually be Chartered 'SIR Branch #159' during the next year, 1991. Jack was there! He was a member of the 1st Board of Directors. Jack is a SIR through and through.

Jack and Maxine, have been married for 69 years. They live in Clovis, where they enjoy their 4 sons. Each of which has been successful: Medicine, Education, Business Manage-

ment and Law Enforcement. Jack & Maxine have traveled widely. He is proud of the 30 cruises they have taken. They've visited Japan, all over Europe, England, Scotland and more. Jack wears his 94 years gracefully and proudly.

**We congratulate Jack Leonard, American, Military Veteran, Husband, Father, and Son in Retirement**

-- George Gianopulos

### Travel

I'd like to "sing the praise" of a job well done. It's wonderful meeting many of you at the luncheon. If I could "go out on a limb", then I'd like to give thanks to a lot of fine members. SIR who have taken trips, gone to events, and/or participated in activities all have been rewarded in the "joy of getting together". It "made my day", too.

First of all, I'd like to recognize the support I have received from our former Big SIR: SIR George Gianopulos (our photographer) has ably co-chaired our USS Hornet efforts. Both SIR Sal Morales and SIR Ron "Stay thirst my friends" Wilson spearheaded the "Honor Our Own" FSU vs Fullerton baseball game. SIR Allan Baxter has given me some sage legal advice. Looking forward to working with another former Big SIR on future activities, and with yet another on the Veterans' Day Parade event. Collectively made decisions created a shared sense of responsibility among the "team" for better outcomes.

Secondly, I want to recognize SIR Mike

“Smooth Dancer” Moyle for his fine work with golf, as well as providing a hand with the A’s baseball game. The fishing expedition is a “Go” thanks to the efforts of SIRs Gene Tognazzini, and input from Reg Rosander. SIR Shane Petersen (our treasurer) has provided a steady accountability of the SF Giants vs LA Dodgers baseball game. SIR Rich Colby’s enthusiastic interest with ballroom dancing had me “cutting the rug”.

Thirdly, I’d like to put the spotlight on the many members who have been to our outings. We had sold out/turn-outs for the: Underground Gardens, Sports Cafe, Hooters, and the Fresno Grizzlies vs Sacramento River Cats (triple AAA baseball).

Finally, I would like to thank our present Big SIR James Noriega for his inspirational words. SIR James has consistently insisted that “we are in this for the FUN of it all”. His “Michelle Wie” introductory article last month so amply stated so. Additionally, it’s the fine words from our Little SIR Dennis Costello who so bravely wants to see the continued “participation of all” our members to further perpetuate this fine organization’s future even if it means “going out on a limb”.

### Birthdays

Philip Angelillo, Rod Ashley, Bob Bosserman, Harry Buchaklian, Steve Cox, Larry Daniels, John Devlin, Ray Ensher, Butch Evans, Nick Fierro, Phil Fullerton, Gary Kazarian, Gilbert Matossian, Len Mazorra, Carl Merz, Ray Phillips, John Price, Bob Rathburn Howard Ray, Dan Rodriguez, Jim Ruhl, Gary Smith, Lynn Streit, Jim Suddath, Ted Vogt Donald Von Berg, Mel Welch, Ed Wiens Dan Ybanez

### Anniversaries

Earlene & Rod Ashley  
Diana & David Barredo  
Kathy & John Brechmann  
Kathy & Bernie Cargle  
Margaret & Joe D’Amico  
Zoe & Larry Daniels  
Sue & Bob Dowell  
Margaret & Mike Foley  
Dorothea & George Gianopulos  
Darlene & Cliff Henderson  
Sue & Dana Kahler  
Bernice & Larry Knoll  
Maria & Nick Lapietra  
Kathy & Bill Larkin  
Lynn & Larry Psaltis  
Jackie & Ed Smiley  
Mary Ann & Jim Whitmer

### Attendance Report

In August, 2014, SIR Branch #159 had 264 active members with 171 of those members attending the June 12, 2013 luncheon. This represents 65% of the members in attendance. There were 93 members absent of which 47 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***

To all of you fellow SIR members, I would like to remind you to return the call to the volunteer callers to let you know whether or not

you will attend the luncheon. It is important for the lunch count as well as my being able to excuse those absent. IF your contact information has changed ( phone number and/or email address, please notify John Crawford. We need your assistance to keep things running smoothly  
Thank you. ***Duke Marshall***

### Bridge Scores

**7/29** 1st. Larry Knoll, 2nd. Jack Leonard  
3rd. John Williford, 4th. George Rurik  
5th. Gene Tognazzini, tie Jim Lund  
Consolation: Vic Froehmer

High score: 5160  
High table: 1570

Jack Leonard Bob Cleveland

**8/5** 1st. Fred Wrazel, 2nd. Gene Tognazzini  
3rd. John Williford, 4th. George Rurik  
Consolation: Hugh Cox  
High score: 5230  
High table: 1610

Gene Tognazzini Fred Wrazel

**8/19** 1st. Russ Mott, 2nd. Fred Wrazel  
3rd. John Williford, 4th. Larry Knoll  
5th. George Rurik, 6th. Ron Vieira  
7th. Jim Whitmer

Consolation: Bert Bertelsen

High score: 3980

High table: 1480

Fred Wrazel John Williford

### Couples Bridge

The Sirs Bridge tournament just ended and the results are in:

1st. John and Mary Ellen Williford,  
2nd Fred and Janet Wrazel  
3rd Russ and Tess Mott

We will be starting the fall season soon. Due to illness several couples have to drop out. We welcome new couples. We have players at all levels and beginners would enjoy the opportunity to improve their game.

We will be announcing the date of our meeting for the fall season soon. keep tuned for more details. ***Stanley Weinstein***

### Ladies Date Night

Due to summer vacation plans and because NO one has stepped up to host a September Dinner there will not be one however we do have a host for October. Carl Merz and friend, Peggy, will host that month. .

### 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. .

### Caller’s Corner

Our Branch had an embarrassing incident last month regarding the anniversary announcements in the newsletter. One of the member’s wife had passed away sometime ago. Our callers routinely report everything to our attendance chairman so we don’t know what happened in this instance. We would like to remind the membership to help us by mentioning any changes in your marital status to the caller. ***Ron Travis***