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The Chanticleer

Date Oct 9, 2014
Place Ramada Inn
324 W. Shaw Ave

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
Program - Kopi Sotiropulous KMPH TV26

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

We hear that we who have become seniors (old people you know) don't like change. Well it might be true, sometimes, but really was there a time in our lives that we did like change? Talking about change, there is a good reason for moving the luncheons to Pardini's next year; primarily it's the cost.



Big SIR James

Well as you probably know already, the best part of going on vacation is coming home. Boy, it is great being home in Fresno. See you at the next luncheon. Our speaker will be Kopi Sotiropulous from KMPH TV26. He will be a blast!

As you know, SIR Branch 159 has enjoyed a long and pleasant relationship with the Ramada Inn of Fresno, CA. The Inn, however, has made us aware of the skyrocketing increase in food prices, **Little SIR Charlie** and its impact upon their ability to maintain the status quo into 2015 and beyond. In point of fact, they are unable to do so for next year without very substantial price increases, with a strong probability of further substantial increases the following year.



I missed the last luncheon; my wife and I were in Pennsylvania visiting our first grandchild. I know "ain't" I a little old to be having a grandchild? Well that's another story. It was fun spending time with a 6 month old. At that age if you have a problem, all you do is cry and hope something someone does (like change your diaper, feed you, etc.) will make you happy.

On the way back to Fresno we spent a week in Branson, Missouri. It's a tourist town with a variety of entertainment shows (sort of like Las Vegas, without the gambling). Most of the visitors at this time of year are seniors like us; who are having a great time. In fact at times it seemed like I was at a SIRs luncheons. I also noticed that at all of the shows there were recognitions to our veterans with military songs.

Reminder : Beginning in November we will be meeting @ Pardini's

Celebration Corner
a couple of winners



Mr. & Mrs. John Volkman
John & Jodi enjoy a happy moment at AT&T Park Home of the San Francisco Giants
Congratulations!
from your Family of SIR 159

SIR Hank Gomar
scores a "90" twice!!!!
Belmont & Airways
Let's wish SIR Hank a speedy recovery from surgery.



Fresno State vs San Diego State
Friday, October 3rd, 6 pm
section 5, rows 49-53, seats 1-5, SW
one seat still available
bottled water, binoculars, golf cart senior transportation w/in stadium, bleacher seat support, peanuts, radio w/ fresh batteries & earphones, **game ticket**

U.S.S. Homet
Tuesday, October 28
Leave: 6:30 am, Ramada Inn
Choose: **Hot Turkey or Vegetarian Lasagna**
Let Lee Moy know ASAP - 709-9851
"No Host": Pyramid Brewery
walking shoes, bottled water, sweater, singing voice

If & when you/r loved ones have a successful positive happening, and/or a "cause to pause" to let us know of such. Please let me know so we can share the good news!
LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com

good run, but beginning in January, 2015, Branch 159 Roosters will gather on the second Thursday monthly at Pardini's Banquet Hall on West Shaw in Fresno to enjoy fine buffet lunches from the award-winning kitchen of Fresno's premier catering business. Costs to members will be \$16 for all of 2015 with the hope to stay at that price for 2016. It is anticipated as well that the net supply of fun will actually increase.

Special thanks go to Allan Baxter, George Gianopulos, Shane Petersen and James Noriega for their thorough, if exhausting, work

With the heavy subjects out of the way for now, it's time for a bit of fun. Kopi Sotiropulos, the beloved weatherman for KMPH FOX 26 will provide some merriment for the October luncheon. Be there!



Charlie and last months speaker
District Attorney-Elect
Liaa Sondergaard Smittcamp

Editor's Note:

Our biggest expense at Branch 159 is the distribution and publication cost of our newsletter (The Chanticleer). To reduce these costs the BEC has

decided to begin distribution via email as well as publication on the Website. To make this work properly the membership chairman, John Crawford, must have an email address that is correct where you can receive the Chanticleer. (If you do not have an email address, give him a friend or family address.) At the same time you are doing this, you can check the current directory for changes that need to be made and send them to him also. There will also be change sheets available as you come into the luncheon. We intend to begin this procedure with the November newsletter. We will publish and distribute a newsletter thru January 2015 so you will still receive a hard copy in the mail until then.

FROM THE BARN YARD

There's a lot of activity and scratching going on in the barnyard. The plans for change next year has a few roosters concerned. I know we seniors get use to our routines but these changes are in the best interest of 159.

Pardines has made us an offer that is more secure with a more reasonably pricing for our meals. Ramada has raised prices and there is doubt of there staying in the food service business. So lets prepare to move to the new Barnyard, get settled and get back in action.

Sir Dennis Costello 114

Sunshine Report

As we roar through fall, we find our membership comparatively healthy at least on a percentage basis, however we do have our wounded warriors. Dennis Costello is fighting mightily against his bone marrow disease, Claude Torrez appears to have a leaky valve in his heart, and he isn't much good in a foot race right now. Leroy Foote has had open heart surgery that isn't snapping back like they would like. Hank Gomar had appendic-



BRANCH #159 ---



Sons in Retirement

presents



The Annual Holiday Ladies Day Luncheon



Ramada Inn:

Thursday, December 11, 2014
11 AM: Social Hour
12 Noon: Lunch & Program



Luncheon Choices-

- Roast Turkey with Herb Dressing
- Baked Ham with Yams
- Whipped Potatoes & Gravy
- Waldorf Salad, Dessert, Beverage



- FEATURING - THE CLOVIS HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

- - DOOR PRIZES FOR THE LADIES - -



\$19 Per Person

SIR #159 Annual Holiday Ladies Day Luncheon 2014



Reserve by mailing check to:

Shane Petersen
3067 E. Warner Ave.
Fresno, CA 93710

Name: _____

Guest: _____

Turkey Ham

Turkey Ham

*Make checks payable to "SIR Branch #159"

GOLFERS CORNER

Ridge Creek in Dinuba was the venue for our individual match in SEP. Gilbert Matossian was closest to the pin on hole #3 at 5' 3" with Larry Psaltis a few inches away at 5' 10". On CTP # 16 Carl Merz stuck it at 7' 3.5" followed by Joe Russo at 9' 7.5". In the first flight Mike Fair walked away from the field with a low 65 net. Joe Hushek placed 2nd with net 69. In flight two Robert Rathburn was low with net 71. Gary Smith was 2nd in a triple tiebreaker at net 72 (is that the same guy that always wins wine at the luncheons?). In flight 3 Vic Froehmer had the low net

<u>Branch 159 October Golf Schedule</u>			
<i>Chairman Ron Wilson 960-8294</i>			
Thur 10/2	9AM	SG	Madera Muni
Wed 10/8	9AM	SG	Lemoore
Thur 10/16	9AM	SG	Airways
Thur 10/23	9AM	SG	Riverside
Thur 10/30	9AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Thur 11/6	9AM	SG	Belmont CC
Wed 11/12	9AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur 11/20	9AM	SG	Sherwood

of the day at 64. Larry Psaltis followed at net 69. In flight 4 Richard Pezzi was low with net 66. Alan Bynum placed 2nd with net 70. Ridge Creek was also the venue for this year's Four Branch Championship on SEP 2. 1st place was taken by Branch 179 with a net average score of 68. Branch 159 was 2nd at net 73.5, Branch 169 3rd at 77.4 and Branch 175 4th at 78.4. The scoring format for this tournament will be reviewed before next year's match...as many golfers came away feeling shanghied by a competitive 2 man team from Branch 179. Many Sir 159 golfers walked away with \$ awards and embroidered rooster golf towels for placing 1st or 2nd in their flights. Joe Hushek was the low gross champion with a 76. Vic Froehmer was low net champion at 66. Hushek placed 1st in flight one. Gilbert Matossian was 2nd in flight two. Butch Evans was 2nd in flight 3. Vic Froehmer 1st in flight

6. Corky Nakayama and Bob Wiens 1st and 2nd respectively in flight 7. Mike Moyle placed 1st on CTP hole # 3 for the first flight and 1st overall on CTP #7.

The match at Sherwood on SEP 25 will close the books for our 2013-2014 golfing year. Information will be gathered so trophies and plaques will be on hand to be awarded at this year's golf awards luncheon at the Ramada on Friday, OCT 24. Hopefully you have that day set aside so you can attend this fun event where everyone wins a golf related door prize. :-)

The signup sheet and information concerning the luncheon will be at each of our matches up to the OCT 24 date. Planning for our unofficial SIR 159 annual 4 day golf cruise to Catalina/Ensenada is underway. The cruise is set for FEB 2, the day after this year's Super Bowl. By booking directly with Carnival Cruise Lines there are some really neat benefits that this year's group will enjoy. To receive these benefits we must book at least 8 cabins as a group. More information will follow on who to call at Carnival with our group booking #.

The towels that Butch handed out for prizes at the Four Branch Tournament looked so nice that Dell Kerns, our shirt and hat guy, has them ready to order for anyone in our group. Cost is \$15...remember to bring your checkbook to the OCT luncheon.

Thanks go out to Joe Hushek for serving as our monthly chairman for SEP. Carl Merz served as a great assistant. Former Big Sir Ron Wilson will be the chair for OCT. Ron will be assisted by Rich Lewis.

<u>October Menu</u>
Fried Chicken
BBQ Ribs
Potato Salad - Carrot Raisin Salad
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
1Green & 1 Fruit Salad
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf

and is sporting 32 staples from the operation; leave it to Hank to come up with a young person's affliction. And, we have lost Bruno Ferioli, a long time and well known fellow SIR and one of our founding members. I fear this list is incomplete, if someone you know is ill or has passed please let Ron Wilson, or Dennis Costello know.

, Ron Wilson Chairman

Travel

Branch SIR 159-Sons in Retirement-is on the move once again. For those who have already signed up for the sell-out USS Hornet docked at Alameda (near Jack London Square in the East Bay of Oakland), YOU MUST SELECT EITHER THE HOT TURKEY or the VEGETARIAN LASAGNE LUNCH. **Notify our travel director ASAP for your meal choice.** As a reminder, bring a bottle (of water), a sweater, and your singing voice. Departure will be from the Ramada Inn (Shaw & Fresno St) as 06:30 am, Tuesday, Oct 28th. "Someone had to win," as the FSU Bulldogs (0-3) beat rival Southern Utah (0-3) by a 40-point margin. With a balanced attack, Fresno State combined for over 600 yards. Now SIR members are in for a treat as San Diego State comes to town. With a clear view of the digital big screen scoreboard, our membership will cheer "the only team in town" to another victory! There still is *only one ticket left* for the FSU vs San Diego football game for those still interested in going. You'll need to bring your all important **game ticket**, a sweater, and bottled water. For more comfort I would suggest a chair with back support that hooks onto the bleacher, a bag of peanuts, binoculars, and a radio don't forget your radio, headphones, and a set of fresh batteries. Game facts: Oct

3rd, Friday, 6 pm game time; Southwest part of the stadium, section 5, row 49-54, seats 1-5.

Perry's October Puns

(1)A Florida senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

"Amazing," he thought as he flew down I-95, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a Florida State Trooper, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this!" and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper got out of his vehicle and walked up to the Corvette. He looked at his watch, then said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a new reason for speeding – a reason I've never before heard – I'll let you go."

The old gentleman paused then said, "Three years ago, my wife ran off with a Florida State Trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, Sir," replied the trooper.

(2)Two kids are arguing over whose father is the biggest scaredy-cat..

The first kid says, "My dad is so scared that when lightning strikes, he hides underneath the bed."

The second kid replies, "Yeah? Well, that's nothing. My dad is so scared that when my mom has to work the night shift, he sleeps with the woman next door."

(3)A guy is looking for a place to sit in a crowded university library.

He asked a girl, "Do you mind if I sit beside you?" The girl replied in a loud voice: "I DON 'T WANT TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITH YOU!"

All the students in the library started staring at the guy; he was truly embarrassed and moved to an-

other table.

After a couple of minutes, the girl walked quietly to the guy's table and said with a laugh:

"I study psychology, and I know what a man is thinking. I guess you felt embarrassed, right?"

The guy then responded in a loud voice: "\$500 FOR ONE NIGHT? . . . THAT'S ROBBERY!" All the people in the library looked at the girl in shock.

The guy then whispered in her ear: "I study law: I know how to screw people."

(4) Jack decided to go skiing with his buddy, Bob. So they loaded up Jack's minivan and headed north.

After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard. So they pulled into a nearby farm with a very lavish home and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

'I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained. 'I'm afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in my house.' 'Don't worry,' Jack said.. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.' The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night.

Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of skiing.

But about nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the ski weekend...

He dropped in on his friend Bob and asked, "Bob, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our ski holiday up north

about 9 months ago?"

"Yes, I do." Said Bob

"Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?"

"Well, um, yes!," Bob said, a little embarrassed about being found out, I have to admit that I did.."

"And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?"

Bob's face turned beet red and he said, "Yeah, look, I'm sorry,buddy.. I'm afraid I did.' 'Why do you ask?"

"She just died and left me everything."

**Sir 159
LADIES DATE NIGHT
TOLEDO'S MEXICAN RESTURANT
1125 E SHAW AVE
ACROSS FROM SIERRA VISTA MALL
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15
HOST CARL MERZ AND PEGGY
875-2088
CALL CARL FOR RESERVATIONS
AND INFORMATION**

Computer Group

The Computer Group would normally meet on the third Tuesday of the month, October 21, but due to Library scheduling, will **meet on Tuesday October 14**. Hope to see you there, even if it is a **week early**. We'll talk about some of the new computers and operating systems now available, or anything else you wish to discuss.

**Dale Reichard
Computer Group Chair**

Attendance Report

In September, 2014, SIR Branch #159 had 262 active members with 175 of those members attending the September 11, 2014 luncheon. This represents 67% of the members in attendance. There were 87 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 DukMarshal@aol.com When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER

Duke Marshall, Attendance Chairman

August Bowling Scores

The new fall league has started and we invite any SIR member to come join us – Friday afternoons, 1 PM Sierra Lanes. Anyone interested please contact Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 or just show up and we will get you started. See you there.

Date		Name	Score	Branch
1-Aug	Hi Series	Merle Knapp	618	175
	Hi Game	Merle Knapp	247	175
8-Aug	Hi Series	Daryl Deroushey	688	159
	Hi Game	Daryl Deroushey	239	159
15-Aug	Hi Series	Duke Marshall	639	159
	Hi Game	Hugh Cox	232	159
22-Aug	Hi Series	Hugh Cox	614	159
	Hi Game	Duke Marshall	228	159
29-Aug	Hi Series	Merle Knapp	636	175
	Hi Game	Daryl Deroushey	231	159

Bridge Scores

9/2 1st. Bert Bertelsen, 2nd. Hugh Cox
3rd. Jim Lund, 4th. Jack Leonard
5th. Gene Tognazzini

Consolation: George Rurik

High score: 4310 Bert Bertelsen

High table: 1290 Gene Tognazzini

9/16 1st. Bob Cleveland, 2nd. Jim Lund
3rd. John Williford, 4th. Gene Tognazzini
5th. Bert Bertelsen

Consolation: Jim Whitmer

High score: 3750

High table: 1600

Bob Cleveland - Jack Leonard

Anniversaries

Hugh & Shirley Cox

Garry & Leslie Elliott

Bruce & Cathy Evans

Nick & Lydia Fierro

Alexander & Angie Flores

James & Bonnie Gorden

Jack & Maxine Leonard

James & Mary Lund

Robert & Diana Moore

Charles & Rose Olono

John & Lynn Pokorny

Don & Mary Reitz

Stanley & Rose Sherman

Donald & Sharon Smith

Melvin & Ronnalie Welch

Ronald & Theresa Wilson

Birthdays

Donald Boline, Ron Branam,

Lance Casper, Bev Dickinson,

Bill Ellsworth, Boyd Gibson

Randy Hanna, Gary Haynes,

Harlow Hosford, Dell Kerns, Don Lowe,

Dick McDonough, Joe Montejano,

Larry Psaltis, George Rodriguez, Ben Romo,

Dave Scharton, Bob Sexton,

Warren Shaw, Bob Zoldoske