



# The Chanticleer

Date November 13, 2014

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

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Place Pardini's Resturant

Luncheon: 12 Noon

2257 W. Shaw Avenue

**Program: John Crowe, Major General, United States Army (Retired)**

\$15 & no buck bucket

**Remember that in November the monthly luncheon will be held at Pardinis (located on West Shaw Avenue)** The December luncheon will then be at the Ramada. In January we will then return to Pardini's for the rest of 2015.



Big SIR James

Wasn't Kopii an exciting speaker? Did you see yourself on Channel 26 the next morning? He is the prime example of the American Dream. He is the son of an immigrant who became an American success. We don't realize how many individuals like Kopii we have in our society. We spend too much time arguing with each other about politics in this country. We need to look at all the successes we have had and will have.

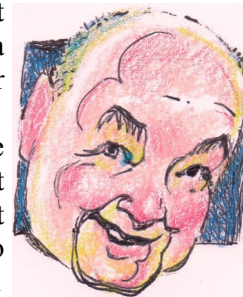
2014 still has two more months to go, yet it seems like it's almost over however there is much time left. We still have Thanksgiving and Christmas and the New Year holidays left. There is much golf to play, we are going to visit the USS Hornet and there is still much football to watch. Of course we are changing from the Ramada to Pardinis for our luncheons. It will be sad yet exciting to go to Pardini's. I am looking forward to try a new place.

This year we are down a few numbers in SIRs 159. One reason for this is the dues. (Oops, I am not to call them dues.) Educate and encourage your friends or people you meet to join SIRS 159 and form new friendships. Whatever the reason, I am sure that next year we will increase the number of members. **Let's start at the next luncheon and make the extra effort to bring a guest.**

**November (Sit Down)**

- Roasted Turkey w/Herb Dressing**
- Loaded Mashed Potatoes w/gravy**
- Carrot/raisin salad - green vegetable**
- Rolls & butter**
- Apple Pie**

Kopi was a lot of fun. The guy just brings joy wherever he goes. He was a lift for me, and I hope that he was for you as well.



Little SIR Charlie

On November 13, however, I invite all the roosters in barnyard 159 to meet at Pardini's for a luncheon of a different mood. Veteran's Day will be only two days in our rear view mirror as we look back over our nation's history and ponder the sacrifices of the brave men and women who served the United States. We will turn our collective memory to the nation's valiant dead, its wounded living, and those among us who were privileged to serve our country in its armed forces.

For an hour, we will be, once again, under a superior officer's command, to wit: John Crowe, Major General, United States Army (Retired). His remarks will be, I am sure, pointed and direct, as befits a soldier.

Men of 159! Expect to rise if able as the color guard posts the colors, after which we shall sing and pray. Expect to rise again, by branch of service, when your turn comes. All of us, expect to experience a rise of spirit, outlook, and pride as we proceed, lifted by our time together, into the balance of our month -- toward that great day of national Thanksgiving.

Don't waste the chance! If you know a retired veteran, bring him! Bring your guest! Let us thank him together for his service, as we invite him to join our company. This is appropriate action for the time and place, if ever there was.

**Charles R. Barrett, CPT INF, Little Sir**

**Editors Note** Fellow Roosters - You will continue to receive your Chanticleer via Postal Service through January, 2015. After that time, personal delivery will be by email only. For those of you who do not have email, your Chanticleer will be available for you to pick up - in hard copy - at the monthly luncheon. If you have email and do not receive the Chanticleer on the email you should notify John Crawford, membership chairman, so he can update the data base with your correct email address. The new 2015 Directory will be coming out in January so if you have any

**Reminder : The November Meeting will be held at Pardini's**

changes in address or phone number let John know about them too. Come to the lunch to see your pals! The speakers are great and the company is first class. **BE SURE TO BRING A GUEST AND LET'S LET MORE GUYS IN ON THE FUN!**

**Attendance Report**

In October, 2014, SIR Branch #159 had 257 active members with 156 of those members attending the October 9, 2013 luncheon. This represents 60.7% of the members in attendance. There were 101 members absent of which 59 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](mailto:DukMarshal@aol.com) When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER **Duke Marshall Attendance Chairman**

**Sir 159  
LADIES DATE NIGHT  
Appleby's (Clovis)  
Shaw & Minnewawa  
Wednesday Nov 19  
Happy hour 5:30 - 6  
Dinner 6 - 8  
Notify Alex or Patty Ramirez  
291 - 4133**

**Travel**

Imagine 31 SIR members & their lady friends filling a table of wonderfully cooked food for our pre-game tailgate potluck. Many plates

were filled over & over again with the quickly disappearing chili rellano (Sal Morales), all but gone BBQ baked beans (Duke Marshall), SIR 169 Leland Nichols (w/ Susan) secret potato salad offering, and Don Von Berg (w/ Sandra's magic) created a tasty peach cobbler. Steve Chase's delicious chicken, and Vic Froehmer & Sarah's (fashionably late) ribs were tasty dishes, too. Perry man's (taco taco), Big SIR James & brother-in-law (bucket of chicken), and the (Del) Kerns & son's Chinese chicken salad complimented the chocolate cake (w/whip cream) baked by Jim Johnson's wife, Jeanne. Lee Moy offered meat lasagna. Rounding out the meal, Peter Berman brought his partner Jim, and host Mike Moyle iced down the beers. Fresno State Football seemed to lack the consistent drive to score. It seemed at times that more yardage was made on penalties than from any advancing downfield play. However, the camaraderie amongst the SIR members at the game was way beyond what the scoreboard indicated. Joining us at the game were Rod Ashley & his two grandkids, Mr/ Mrs Gary Kilgore, & Mr/Mrs Gary Smith. Also in attendance Russ & his brother Melvin Wyatt. A special thanks to SIR Del Kerns for providing the "shuttle service".

**Bridge**

**Sept. 30** 1st. Jim Whitmer, 2nd. Fred Wrazel, 3rd. Gene Tognazzini, 4th. John Williford, 5th. Vic Froehmer, 6th. Ron Vieira 7th. Jack Leonard  
Consolation: Allen Bertelsen  
High table: 1230

Gene Tognazzini Jack Leonard  
**Oct 7** 1st. Larry Knoll, 2nd. Russ Mott, 3rd. Fred Wrazel, 4th. John

Williford, 5th. Jim Lund  
Consolation: Bob Cleveland  
High score: 4910  
High table: 1520  
Russ Mott Jack Leonard  
**Oct 21** 1st. Jim Lund, 2nd. George Rurik, 3rd. Jim Whitmer, 4th. Jack Leonard, 5th. Allen Bertelsen  
Consolation: Bob Cleveland  
High score: 5470  
High table: 1370

**Anniversaries**

- Midge & Chuck Barrett
- Michele & Joe Bencivengo
- Joanna & John Blackburn
- Charlene & Bob Doig
- Pam & Irving Gates
- Shirley & Bob Kayajanian
- Luba & David Metzger
- Josie & Joe Montejano
- Anita & Randy Morris
- Gail & Danny Munoz
- Jone & Ray Phillips
- Dolores & Raymond Porter
- Tammy & John Price
- Dawn & Gino Roberti
- Chris & Terry Schneider
- Mary & Bob Wiens
- Deanie & Erv Zander
- Marty & Howard Zinn

**Birthdays**

- John Adams, Chuck Barrett, Alan Barton, Byron Brough, Bernie Cargle, Larry Cox, George Dildine, Jim-Dunklin, Al Escola, Andy Evanko, Berge Goshgarian, John Hayes, Paul-Kalpakoff, RichLewis, Rick Pezzi, John Pokorny, Terry Schneider, Jim-Sheldon, Steve Whitehead, John Williford, Melvin Wyatt, Rich Zanarini, Howard Zinn

**Perry's Puns** (1) After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in his seat and closed his eyes. As the train rolled out of the station, a woman sitting next to him pulled out her mobile phone. She started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart. It's Sue. I'm on

the train". "Yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting. No, honey, not with that Kevin from the accounting office. It was with the boss. No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life. Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart!"

Fifteen minutes later, she was still talking loudly. when the man sitting next to her had enough, he leaned over and said into the phone, "Sue, hang up the phone and come back to bed."

Sue doesn't use her mobile phone in public any longer.

(2) I was in the Texas Rose last night, at the bar waiting for a beer, when a butt-ugly, big old heifer came up behind me, and slapped me on the butt.

*She said, "Hey sexy, how about giving me your number."*

I looked at her and said, "Have you got a pen."

*She said, "I sure do."*

I said, "Well, you better get back into it before the farmer notices you're missing."

My dental surgery is on Monday.

### GOLFERS CORNER

Madera Muni was the location for our individual match on a beautiful autumn day, OCT 2. On CTP hole #6 Lynn Streit stuck his shot 7' 1" from the hole. Mike Moyle was next closest at 9' 8". On CTP #15 it was Joe Russo low at 4' 4" with Mike Fair also very close at 4' 11". In the first flight Lee Moy captured top honors at net 65 with Howard Zinn a close 2nd at net 67. In flight 2 Danny Munoz led the way with net 64 followed by Gary Kilgore at net 65. In the 3rd flight Gary Smith was low with net 64, Robert Rathburn next at net 66. In the 4th flight Dan Rodriguez had low net of the day with net 62. Vic Froehmer was 2nd at net 65. In flight 5 Corky Nakayama fired a net 66 to place 1st while Dell Kerns was 2nd with a net 67. Bill Leavitt was low in the 6th flight with net 68...Charles Barrett 2nd at net 69. In the 7th flight Ron Wilson had the other low net 62 of the day, Richard Pezzi nipping at his heels with a net 63.

Our annual golf awards luncheon was held on Friday, OCT 24th, at noon at the Ramada Inn. Everyone in attendance received a golf related raffle door prize sometime during the presentation of awards. Dell Kerns was the lucky golfer winning the final prize, a nice Bulldog golfing shirt. Results of our two big matches earlier in the year, the Ron Rich match play and our 159 Branch Championship, were published earlier this year in the Chanticleer...so those won't be reviewed again. There were additional trophies and awards given out at the luncheon however. Gilbert Matossian was awarded the Most Improved Golfer of the Year trophy. What could be dubbed as the anti-sandbagging award, this trophy goes to the golfer whose handicap dropped the highest percentage during the year. Gilbert's

handicap dropped 23.4 %, from a 16.6 down to a 12.7. Winning the trophy for the Team Player of the Year (most points for placing in scramble/shamble matches) was Don Avakian. Gary Smith won Golfer of the Year by having the most points for placing in individual, 2manBB and 4man2BB events. Winning money for playing in the most matches last year were the following golfers. Playing 37 weeks were Bob Rathburn and Don Avakian, \$22.50 each. Playing 38 times was Mike Moyle, \$45. Tied for 1st and 2nd with 40 plays each were Bob Moore and Vic Froehmer, \$67.50 each.

Finally...winning the inaugural trophy for Most Inspirational Player of the Year was Dennis Costello. Dennis wasn't able to attend the luncheon as his son was in town visiting and Dennis is grievously ill. Dennis please know that we all miss you on the course buddy...you were awarded this award because of your dedication to SIR golf, your class on and off the course, and the inspiration for all of us through your being. Thank you SIR Dennis!!!

Thanks go out to Ron Wilson for serving as the monthly golf chairman for OCT. Assistant scorer Rich Lewis did a great job of helping Ron. Monthly Chairman for NOV is Bob Moore. Nick Fierro will be serving as assistant.

### Branch 159 November Golf Schedule

**Chairman Bob Moore 322-6909**

Mon	11/3	9AM	SG	Riverside
Thur	11/6	9AM	SG	Belmont G&CC
Wed	11/12	9AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur	11/20	9AM	SG	Sherwood
Wed	11/26	9AM	SG	Ridge Creek
Thur	12/4	10AM	SG	Madera Muni-
Wed	12/10	9:30TT	SG	Fig Garden

### September 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. I am hoping to open the bowling page on the 159 home page soon.

Date	Name	Score	Branch
Sept. 5	Hi Series Gary Sprelstra	587	159
	Hi Game Gary Sprelstra	228	159
Sept. 12	Hi Series Merle Knapp	573	175
	Hi Game Merle Knapp	205	175
Sept. 19	Hi Series Duke Marshall	580	159
	Hi Game Duke Marshall	213	159
Sept. 26	Hi Series Duke Marshall	600	159
	Hi Game Duke Marshall	214	159



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Ramada Inn: Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014

11AM Social Hour: 12Noon Lunch

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## The Annual Holiday Ladies Day Luncheon

Luncheon Choices - Roast Turkey with Herb Dressing  
- Baked Ham with Yams

Whipped Potatoes & Gravy with Waldorf Salad

Dessert, Beverage

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FOR THE  
LADIES

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Ladies Day Luncheon 2014

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Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  Turkey  Ham

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