



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Date April 9, 2015

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Program: *Iwo Jima Tribute.... Sir, George Gianopulos.....*

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Meeting : 12 Noon
\$ 15 and no Buck Bucket

The historical research department reports that Branch 159 was organized twenty-five years ago this year. We will remember this fact all year long.

HAPPY SILVER ANNIVERSARY
BRANCH 159!!

With a quarter century of practice, it is no wonder that our guys are so advanced in the art of leading active, yet dignified, rewarding, and interesting lives in retirement. Much within those values are enhanced by the common ritual of "breaking bread together." Indeed, the camaraderie of the table is the essential element in "enjoying old friendships and making new ones." Let us maximise this opportunity, today and all days

When the bread is to be broken, however, it must be in sufficient quantities to fill all the stomachs present, and of such quality that this filling will be pleasant. To do this reliably, we must have a count which is as *(Continued on Page 2)*



Big SIR Charlie

Are we going to be safe...from old boyhood tricks and Tom Foolery a week and a half beyond April Fool's Day? Of course we will...and we will enjoy our lunch.

In March...guest speakers, Pat Ogle and his surprise guest, Kaci Lutz informed, entertained, and answered our questions. We witnessed their bases loaded towering home run performances to double our pleasure...with humor and no Irish mischief. WOW!...Guys use those FSU ballgame tickets.

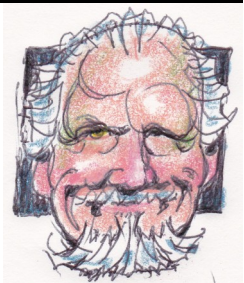
Of course we will fool around some and enjoy lunch and our special SIR April program as fine fellows should.

....So...long ago, over in Avenal, Norman Rockwell's April Saturday Evening Post Cover was a traditional study and discussion in our small home.

You had to find all the foolish things painted in the beautiful complex cover. We counted, debated and competed to get the most Rockwell April fool jokes. We delighted in catching what others missed.

Some of you may remember during the war Rockwell painted the Freedom covers, Rosie the Riveter and many War bond posters. America was pulling together and supporting our fight to remain free...each in our own way.

We are proud to have a fine man and former Big Sir, George Gianopulos and his tech support group to present his pictorial Iwo Jima anniversary salute and tribute to our Marines. They led and won hard fought bloody island invasions that brought America to Japan's doorstep and foretold their impending surrender. George is one of our Sirs who continually steps forward to contribute where he is needed by wearing *(continued on page 2)*



Little SIR Perry

CALLERS CORNER

Our callers try very hard to get an accurate headcount for our luncheon. It is up to the membership to tell them if you will attend and if your bringing a guest. If you are not at home when the caller calls you will get a request to call him back and let him know if you are attending or not. *If you bring a guest it is your responsibility to pay for his lunch or that your guest pays. It is not the responsibility of our branch. When we turn in a headcount and members say they are coming and don't we are charged for that meal.* Help us to be accurate.

Ron Travis

Be A Friend - Bring a Friend

(Big SIR continued from Page 1) correct as we can make it, thus allowing the inn-keeper to properly prepare. Below, you will find the article by telephone committee chair Ron Travis. Please read it, learn it, and live it. Each of us should remain cognizant of the need for accuracy, and strive for it each and every month.

Each and every month will feature more than a good meal with old and new pals, however. Our outstanding Travel and Outings chair, Sir Lee Moy, did excellent work yet again in laying on a wonderful tour of the Fresno Bee on Wednesday, the 25th of March. He will organize activities and outings equally interesting periodically throughout the year. What fun! Roughly 33 roosters from Branch 159 turned out for the occasion. The tour was insightfully fascinating, but perhaps highlighted by the "back home again" revisit of our humorously endearing Little Sir Perry Huffman's return to the embrace of his old friends. Hugs aplenty! If you were not there to see it, you should have been!

Thus we move into a bright, promising future with twenty-five years of experience in the company of other retired men under our belt. Let's resolve to make each moment count. Let's promise ourselves to make each luncheon, each round of golf, each bowling frame, each fishing trip, or hand of cards, or pickleball set, or bocce/pantoque match a meaningful memory with a friend. Life is good when we do so.

Charles Barrett - Big Sir

(Little SIR continued from page 1) whatever hat that fits the occasion. What a treasure we have in George and our tech guys.

You may be one who has a friend you would like to share this special tribute, visit and lunch with at Pardini's. He

might welcome the new friends and activities Sir has to offer. You know we welcome fun seekers.

It is important to tell your caller when you are bringing a guest to get a correct food count...then bring em. They'll be glad you did.

Guys, don't fool round and forget to treat a special person to dinner on Sir 159 Ladies Date Night, April 15.

If you do forget, the joke will be on you, Sir.

Little Sir, Perry Huffman

Perry's Puns... \$5.37!

That's what the kid behind the counter at Taco Bell said to me. I dug into my pocket and pulled out some lint and two dimes and something that used to be a Jolly Rancher. Having already handed the kid a five-spot, I started to head back out to the truck to grab some change when the kid with the Elmo hairdo said the hardest thing anyone has ever said to me. He said, "It's OK. I'll just give you the senior citizen discount." I turned to see who he was talking to and then heard the sound of change hitting the counter in front of me. "Only \$4.68" he said cheerfully.

I stood there stupefied. I am 56, not even 60 yet? A mere child! Senior citizen? I took my burrito and walked out to the truck wondering what was wrong with Elmo. Was he blind? As I sat in the truck, my blood began to boil. Old? Me? I'll show him, I thought. I opened the door and headed back inside. I strode to the counter, and there he was waiting with a smile. Before I could say a word, he held up something and jingled it in front of me, like I could be that easily distracted! What am I now? A toddler?

"Dude! Can't get too far without your car keys, eh?" I stared with utter disdain at the keys. I began to rationalize in my mind! "Leaving keys behind hardly makes a man elderly! It could happen to anyone!" I turned and headed back to the truck. I slipped the key into the ignition, but it wouldn't turn. What now? I checked my keys and tried another. Still nothing. That's when I noticed the purple beads hanging from my rear view mirror. I had no purple beads hanging from my rear view mirror. Then, a few other objects came into focus: The car seat in (Continued on page 6)



Kaci Lutz - Little SIR Perry - Pat Ogle
March Speakers

2015 SIRS GOLF CRUISE "RECAP"

The 2015 Golf Cruise was attended by thirty three folks. There were many golfers and several sophisticated and fun-loving wives. We were all aboard the Carnival Inspiration on Monday, February second and home in Fresno on Friday, February sixth. Twenty-five golfers played golf in Catalina and at Baja Mar (Pebble Beach) of Mexico.



Golfers in Catalina (identity up to you)



Golfers at Baja Mar (identity up to you)

Carnival was gracious with a welcome aboard private party and several outstanding specialty meals for our group. SIRS Duke Marshal and Dell Kearns were singing stars in one of the main shows. Steve Whitehead and Dennis Rich "Broke the Bank" in the casino. The best part of the trip was the cost. I don't think anybody paid more than \$300 for the entire cruise. That's a four day cruise for less than \$300! Un-



Honeymooners Rich and Patti Colby

heard of! Of course, golf and alcohol were additional. Start planning for next year, 2016! We always go the first Monday after the Superbowl. Plan on joining us!



Golfers at the 19th hole

**SIRS ANNUAL MORRO BAY
DEEPSEA FISHING TRIP
TUESDAY MAY 19TH AT VIRG'S AT 7am . FOUR
HOURS OF FISHING ON CALM SEAS,
RETURNING AROUND ONE PM.**

**COST IS \$59 Plus tackle and one day lic. If needed
Must receive check made out to SIR #159 by Luncheon
on APRIL 9. Must have a minimum of 10 fishermen by
that time to guarantee the trip.**

**Open to all Sirs, families and friends. Please call Reg
Rosander or Gene Tognazzini for payment arrange-
ments or other information**



**Morro Bay
Deep Sea Fishing
May 19th
Tuesday
7am-2pm**

**\$ 59+ tackle & license
4 hours of fishing
Bring SIR 159 check to:
Reg Rosander or
Gene Tognazzini
Deadline: April 9-
Luncheon**



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



Travel & Activities

By the time this "hits the press", SIR 159 members (and their wives) will have enjoyed an industrial tour of the Fresno Bee facilities. With so many in attendance, Senior Life staff writer, Janessa Tyler would see first-hand the many radiant faces that comprise our group. Perhaps that inspiration might take to pen and paper. An article (and photograph) in the Fresno Bee would reach out to the community. Those readers who are awaiting retirement and/or have recently retired would find the article quite helpful in their quest for that long sought-after question: "What will I do with my time once I semi /retire?"

For those of you who have joined SIR 159 last year or this, please notify Lee Moy-Travel, Events & Activities. I do not have your current e-mail address. I want to make sure you receive the latest postings. That way both y'all and our newest future members may begin to enjoin with many of our other members in all that we could do together.

There's a slim-to-none chance that you might still be able to go on the Chinatown Underground Tunnel tour. On April 4th (9:47 am) park at Central Fish (downtown). An exclusive SIR 159 members-only docent tour has been made available. There has been a real positive interest for this event. Tour group size is limited to the first 20 sign-ups.

Petanque, the French version of bocce, is the latest offering to our membership. For those looking for a relaxing outdoor activity, meet us at Cary Park located behind Macy's (Fashion Fair Mall) on April 1st

high noon (12:00 pm) to learn together how to play petanque (pay took). The park is heavily shaded. There's a magnetic stick that helps with picking up the boule; saves the back ache.

Spring is in the air, but water is low. What better way to understand both? On Earth Day, Wednesday April 22nd at 10 am, we will once again have a private tour for our membership. Please let me know as soon as possible if you and your lovely would like to learn first-hand from the plant experts at the Clovis Botanical Garden. It is conveniently located on Clovis Avenue between Alluvial & Nees. There are only 20 slots available.

I want to take this time to recognize former Big SIR James Noriega. Last year he was always there to greet/meet our riders on both of our bus trips. For those who did not attend, a bus load of members went to watch the Giants vs Dodgers baseball game at AT&T. Also, we "assaulted" the USS Hornet. In both instances all other area SIR organizations participated, too.

If you haven't had the chance, then you should give at least one of the many offerings a try. Members come and we have many good laughs and smiles. Wonderful SIR members like:

Dr. Donald Von Berg (Forestiery Underground Gardens, USS Hornet, and the movies), John Volkman (marriage, SF Giants, FSU football), former Big SIR Reg Rosander (FSU-Cal Basketball, Morro Bay fishing), Randy Morris (Woodward Park walk, both underground visits), former Big SIR Sal Morales ("Honor Our Own" FSU-Fullerton baseball/picnic), Jim Morgan (both A's & Giants games, dancing, Yard House), Dell Kerns (Sports Cafe, Buffalo Wings, O'Sullivan's), Hank Gomar (Fresno Fair), Larry Duba

(group of nine: Giants), Steve Chase (Gazebo Gardens, Hooters), Mike Fair (hockey, Elvis Pierce show) and Mike Moyle (dancing, Mexican cruise, A's-Golf) are just a partial list of those who partake in these many activities & events. There's always room for more of y'all to join us.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

And on to tax month we go! If that isn't enough to make some of us ill we are still a pretty hardy group. Bert Bertelsen has had a stint in the hospital. Give him a call if you are a friend. Last I heard he was stuck at home.

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

Ron Wilson, Chairman

**PARTY! PARTY! "DATE NIGHT"
SEQUOIA BREWING COMPANY**

777 EAST OLIVE, FRESNO

(Next to Tower Theater)

Wednesday April 15

Happy Hour -5:30/ Dinner-6:00

**WHERE ELSE CAN YOU PARTY ALL
NIGHT, CELEBRATE INCOME TAX,
AND STILL BE IN BED BY NINE**

ALL FUNSTERS CALL

PARTY CENTRAL:

Gary Smith or Jeanette Faria

559-916-8677 jeanettefaria@yahoo.com

April Menu

**Chicken Enchilada Casserole
Chili Verde (pork)
Spanish Rice & Refried Beans
1 Green & 1 Fruit Salad
----- Assorted Dessert -----**

May Menu & Program

Ladies Day

(See flyer on page 8)

GOLFERS CORNER

On a bright morning, twenty-nine players drove to Sierra Meadows GC to play on a much improved course set among a beautiful scenery. No surprise in Flight 1 (playing from the White tees) won by Joe Hushek (low76, net 68). Joe is off to a great start this season, and the challenge in Flight 1 seems limited for the 2nd place! Congratulations to Gary Smith, our monthly chairman, for winning a tight Flight 2 (5 players under par) and posting the lowest overall net of the day (66) along Bobby Jones! In Flight 3, Duke (net 68) won with a 3 strokes margin, while in the tight Flight 4 (with 5 players under par) Richard Pezzi pulled the victory.

In the CTPs, no aces this times, but Ray Phillips had the best 110 yard shot on the narrow #17 green (birdie followed), while Lou Shue-make (30 handicap) was the best from 82yards over the water on hole #5.

Our second monthly event took place at Riverside GC, a Branch 159 regular and tough course, even from the Red tees. In the 4Man2BB, the field comprised 10 teams. Adams/Marshall/Psaltis/Chase played the best combined round, as if the sprinkles and light breeze did not affect them, finishing 10 strokes ahead of second place! In the Shambles, only 2 teams competed, Montejano/Berman/Gomar/Damico won with a wide margin too.

In the two CTPs contest, excellent combined performance by Duke Marshall (1st and 2nd place), and Reg Rosander who placed 1st on hole #5.

Ridgecreek GC, one of our favorite courses, was the place for our 3rd March game. The weather couldn't have been nicer. Fifty-one players competed in the scramble, which was the only for-

mat. Morgan- Wagner- Gomar - Foote were the lowest under par overall (66) and secured the net win over Rodriguez-Jones-Psaltis-Schwartz. In the CTP contests, comfortable victory on hole #3 for Avakian over 2nd place Morales, while Phillips (2nd victory in March) beat Gabrielson by 1" on hole #16.

Our last March event took place at Pheasant Run GC in Chowchilla as the weather heated up. Three teams playing Shamble, won by Munoz/Zanarini/Avakian/Bencivengo with a comfortable 31 strokes margin over 2nd place. In the Four Ball Net, 16 teams faced off, we had quite a few low scores (gross and net). Moyle (gross 74 !) took 1st place, in front of Ensminger. The blind draw turned out to be a decisive factor (net 65) in the results because it was used 3 times for the top 5 "teams". In the CTPs contests, Noriega was the closest on the difficult approach shot on hole #4, while Moyle and Cameron placed 1st and 2nd on hole 17. Overall it was a great day for our golfers fine tuning their game for our Branch 2man team, 2 round, tournament starting in April.

APRIL 30, 2015, MADERA MUNI GC.....NOVELTY GAME.. It will be an Individual net stroke game... flighted... you can only have 5 clubs in your bag, said Ron Wilson, our April Monthly Chairman. Not so easy !

The RON RICH match play TOURNAMENT IS COMING SOON.... will have more info and a sign up sheet at our April luncheon. Spots (32 only) do fill up quickly.

Branch 159 April Golf
Schedule
Chairman Ron Wilson
Phone 960-8294 cell

Thur 4/2	9AM	SG	Riverside
Wed 4/8	9AM	SG	Sherwood
Thur 4/16	9AM	SG	Airways
Thur 4/23	9AM	SG	Lemoore
Thur 4/30	9AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Thur 5/7	8AM	SG	Madera Muni
Wed 5/13	8AM	SG	Ridge Creek

Bowling for Jan.- Feb.

The Sir's bowling league is active and rolling. Come join in the fun on Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$7 for 3 games. Check for updates on the Sir's 159 Bowling Page. Just click on the bowler icon.

16-Jan	Hi Hdcp Series	Don Corley	631	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton	629	159
	Hi Hdcp Game	Bill Ripley	250	175
23-Jan	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton	234	159
	Hi Hdcp Series	Daryl Derouchey	632	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchey	545	159
30-Jan	Hi Hdcp Game	Joe Huizar	240	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Joe Huizar	216	159
	Hi Hdcp Series	Don Corley	610	159
6-Feb	Hi Scratch Series	Don Corley	517	159
	Hi Hdcp Game	Don Corley	231	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Don Corley	200	159
13-Feb	Hi Hdcp Series	Merle Knapp	608	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Merle Knapp	503	175
	Hi Hdcp Game	Merle Knapp	235	175
20-Feb	Hi Scratch Game	Merle Knapp	200	175
	Hi Hdcp Series	Tom Harlan	625	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton	568	159
27-Feb	Hi Hdcp Game	Joe Huizar	236	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Joe Huizar	212	159
	Hi Hdcp Series	James Noriega	646	159
20-Feb	Hi Scratch Series	James Noriega	517	159
	Hi Hdcp Game	Don Corley	234	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Don Corley	205	159
27-Feb	Hi Hdcp Series	Merle Knapp	657	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Merle Knapp	552	175
	Hi Hdcp Game	Merle Knapp	248	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Merle Knapp	213	175

New Members

Coyle	Bill	559-432-2651
Cunningham	Michael	559-299-8243
Fernandez	Carlos	559-577-3417
Rodgers	James	204-0492
Petrovich	Michael	559-974-0730
Cusak	Stanley	435-817-2758

Editors Note A directory supplement will be printed in the Chanticleer in July so you can update your directory with the additions

Continued from page 2 - Perry's Pun)

the back seat. Happy Meal toys spread all over the floorboard. A partially eaten doughnut on the dashboard. Faster than you can say ginkgo biloba, I flew out of the alien vehicle. Moments later I was speeding out of the parking lot, relieved to finally be leaving this nightmarish stop in my life. That is when I felt it, deep in the bowels of my stomach: hunger! My stomach growled and churned, and I reached to grab my burrito, only it was nowhere to be found. I swung the truck around, gathered my courage, and strode back into the restaurant one final time. There Elmo stood, draped in youth and black nail polish. All I could think was, "What is the world coming to?" All I could say was, "Did I leave my food and drink in here?" At this point I was ready to ask a Boy Scout to help me back to my vehicle, and then go straight home and apply for Social Security benefits. Elmo had no clue. I walked back out to the truck, and suddenly a young lad came up and tugged on my jeans to get my attention. He was holding up a drink and a bag.

His mother explained, "I think you left this in my truck by mistake."

I took the food and drink from the little boy and sheepishly apologized.

She offered these kind words: "It's OK. My grandfather does stuff like this all the time."

All of this is to explain how I got a ticket doing 85 in a 40 mph zone. Yesss, I was racing some punk kid in a Toyota Prius. And no, I told the officer, I'm not too old to be driving this fast. As I walked in the front door, my wife met me halfway down the hall. I handed her a bag of cold food and a \$300 speeding ticket. I promptly sat in my rocking chair and covered up my legs with a blanket. The good news was I had successfully found my way home.

Poker Group

Our March poker tournament was a fun event. The winners were Stan Weinstein, "Stack em up Stan," Tim Nelson, a guest, and Michael Levine who came in a distant third place.

The next game will be hosted by Steve Whitehead at his new home on Tuesday, April 7. Contact Steve directly or Michael Levine for more information on the game. We invite new comers to join us for an afternoon of banter, humor and a good bluffing.

Michael Levine Chairman

559-250-4137

<http://rmikelevine.com/site/Home.html>

Bridge

3/3 1st. Larry Knoll 2nd. Hugh Cox
3rd. Jim Lund, 4th. George Rurik
5th. Jack Leonard

consolation: Bob Cleveland
High score: 4540 Larry Knoll
High table: 1640

Larry Knoll Jim Lund

3/17 1st. Vic Froehmer, 2nd. Fred
Wrazel, 3rd. Ron Vieira, 4th. Jim Lund,
5th. Bob Cleveland, 6th. Jack Leonard
Consolation: Allen Bertelsen

High score: 4430 Vic Froehmer
High table: 1250

Birthdays

Rick Arango, Al Baez, David Barredo
Allan Baxter, Ed Beier, Kevin
Cameron, Paul Gabrielson, Chico
Garcia, Irving Gates, Hank Gomar
Gary Greenberg, Cliff Henderson,
Jim Knapp, Jerry Manley, Gene
Marshall, Sal Morales, Brian Morse-
James Noriega, Shane Petersen,
Dennis Rich, Reg Rosander, Donald-
Smith, Jim Whitmer

Anniversaries

Pat & Bev Dickinson

Pat & Al Escola

Karen & Gerry Fields

Kathy & Bruce Gibson

Esther & Al Gonzalez

Vera & John Leal

Avis & Brian Morse

Mariella & Bill Neal

Helen & Bob Sexton

Linda & Lou Shuemake

Connie & Stan Silva

Attendance Report

In March, 2015, SIR Branch #159 had 255 active members with 156 of those members attending the March 12, 2014 luncheon. Of the 99 absent 61 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.

It is important, not just for the attendance record, but also for the luncheon count that the callers have accurate numbers. PLEASE return the calls to the monthly caller whether you plan to attend or not.

**Duke Marshall,
Attendance Chairman**

Digital Media Group (Computer Group)

For April the Woodward Park Library is booked all week by Friends of the Library.

Rather than cancel, I will hold the meeting at my house 135 W Athens Ave, Clovis on the 3rd Tuesday April 21 at 1PM, and cover SmartTV's, Apps, Netflix streaming, viewing your photos on the big screen, and a 3D-TV demo if people are interested. I can't do these at the library anyway.

Roger Deal; Roger.Deal@Comcast.net
Home 297-7022

Thirty three SIR 159ers & some wives attended and enjoyed a great tour and presentation by Leslie Cunnings; and we thank the Fresno Bee for all your good work. *Lee Moy- Travel & Activities*



SIR 159 Members touring the Fresno Bee facilities



**Our own wonderful guide
Leslie Cuning**



**Senior Living Editor, Janessa Tyler
And Retired employee, Leslie Cuning
Warmly received US**



SIR Branch #159 - -

Ladies Day Luncheon

Thursday, May 14, 2015



Featuring a Programme of
Song & Music by
Vince Warner
Singer/Guitarist

Two Entree Selection:

- o Braised Roast Beef/Mushroom Sauce
- o Chicken Marcalla

Served with Roasted Garlic, Santeed Spinach,
Mashed Potatoes, Green Salad w/ Italian
Dressing

The above Served with Coffee, Tea, Soft Drink,
Dessert

**Deadline for
Reservations
Tue., May 12, 2015**

Pardini's
2257 W. Shaw Ave.
Social Hr: 11:00AM
Lunch: Noon

\$19 Per Person

SIR Ladies Day Luncheon
Thursday, May 14, 2015



Reserve by mailing check to:

Shane Petersen
3245 E Sample Ave.
Fresno, CA 93710

Name: _____ Beef Chicken

Name: _____ Beef Chicken