



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program: Vince Warner — singer/guitarist

Date May 14, 2015

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Meeting : 12 Noon
\$ 15 and no Buck Bucket

How about Fresno Bee stories by Little Sir Perry Huffman and Sir Gary Smith within a week of each other! Who says we are not thinking anymore? We are as literary as all get out! In fact, we may have to invent our own Pulitzer Prize for SIR literature. Congratulations and thanks to both of those guys.



Big SIR Charlie

Congratulations as well to our past Big Sir George Gianopolus for the spellbinding vicarious visit to tragically heroic Iwo Jima battlefield. Thank the Lord every day for the brave men who bought us the victory through the effusion of their own blood!

You will not, however, want to miss May and Ladies' Day, or shed anything but sadness to do it. Sir Shane has done it again, with great sit-down beef or chicken lunches for you and your best gal. She is sure to love the guitar and song styling of Shane's musical guest. So come on down and "drag a dame" with you. If you haven't signed up yet - for heaven's sake, do it right now.

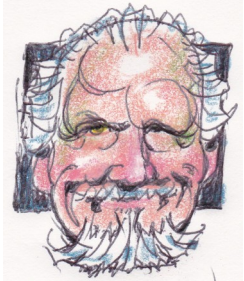
When you come, take care each time to stay until the meeting is finally adjourned. That is how you get credit for attending the (complete) meeting, so don't scoot out early. Instead, come with a mind to just milk the occasion of its friendship quotient, because friendship is our "stock-in-trade." Sit with someone new and you will find that they are all remarkable for their accomplishments, interesting for their personality, and honorable for the many services to others that they have performed. You can't find seasoned, intriguing and deserving men like these just anywhere.

A great many such men have assembled here at branch 159 during the past 25 years. We will celebrate our silver

anniversary with some gusto during the June meeting. Drag yourself to that one if you must. You don't want to miss that one, that's for sure. So that's it, boys! See you at Ladies Day!

Welcome, Ladies...to the first of two SIRs lunches, we will be holding again this year for your dining pleasure.

Thank you for keeping us old cocky roosters moving, feathers fluffed and our spurs sharp. Yes...dine with your favorite old bird, have a fine Pre-Mother's Day Lunch...clucking and nibbling in SIR Pardini's barnyard.



Little SIR Perry

We have fine birds in Shane Petersen and his crew of volunteers to facilitate your special Lady's Dining experience together. So, Darlin'...enjoy our lunch.

Long ago, not far away...over in Avenal, Mother's Day, seldom got the attention it deserved. My two brothers and I were rowdy, self-absorbed and clueless great kids. Well...at least great...in our own undeveloped little minds. Clueless remains an occasional and annoying male trait.

George Gianopulos and his guys worked diligently to deliver that heart felt Iwo Jima Marine Tribute. Good job. Thank you, SIRs, for your respectful and receptive attention to George's slide show.

Next month's speaker will be Chris Curtice, retired informational officer for the Fresno County Sheriff's Dept. My past newspaper assignments for informational graphics, witness drawings and court room sketches sometimes brought me in contact with officer Curtice. Chris was always professional, respectful, sharp and good at getting the job done well. (Continued on Page 2)

Be A Friend - Bring a Friend

(Little SIR continued) I am looking forward to seeing him and hearing his presentation. He has some stories. Guys... you will like him. Hey now, Roosters, don't be scratching around and forget to treat a special and treasured woman to dinner on Ladies Date Night, June 17 at Marie Calandar's. Be that fine Cock-of-the-walk. Take your lady out for dinner and expand her circle of new Sir dining friends. So...you have Ladies Lunch, Mother's Day, ... then cap it off with Dinner-Date Night next month. You can make this a Terrific Triple Hit with your mate...And for more fun check Lee Moy's activities on line...We could be even better...maybe look like we do have a clue.

SIR OF THE MONTH RON WILSON

It was Hastings, Nebraska on a hot August night in 1936, when Ron Wilson popped his head out into the world. He took one look around and claimed the world as his oyster. He has been plucking pearls of life ever since.

Both of his parents were educators, and in 1937, when he was one year old, the family loaded into their new Chevy, and traveled on narrow and dirt roads over the Continental Divide to Gunnison, Colorado. Ron's father had been hired as a professor to teach business classes at Western State College.

Ron attended Gunnison's public schools, finishing high school in 1953. His youth was a Tom Sawyer adventure. He rode his bike all over the area having one adventure after another. Ron and his friends tubed and swam in the Gunnison River. They conquered the local mountains, and played every kids game they could find. There were lots of kids to play with, and every home was a safe refuge. No house was locked.

In high school, Ron played in the band. He played the baritone. His father was ahead of his time and kept Ron out of football. He was wise to the many severe injuries sustained in the sport.

After high school, Ron went to Western State College for two years. He had worked at odd jobs since he was 9 years old. College was too much in the head for him, and not enough in the doing.

Quitting college, Ron went to work managing a truck stop. His father was not pleased, but shortly, Ron was making more money than his father did as a professor. Ron was only 19 years old at this time.

The next adventure for Ron was volunteering for the Army. He chose to enlist for 2 years active duty rather than 4 years as a draftee. He was assigned as a procurement clerk in the



motor pool.

When Ron was discharged, he received no benefits. He served between the Korean War and the Viet Nam War. Ron went back to college, again, confirming to himself that college was not for him.

He left school and went to Kansas City, Kansas looking for work. A.C. Nielsen, (the surveying company – *Nielson Ratings*) hired him, because he had two years of college and aced their test. They sent him to

their training school. Following the training, he became a data collector for products sold in grocery stores. Nielsen sold this information to corporations and advertizing agencies. Ron started out as vacation relief for Nielsen in the Midwest states working out of Wichita, Kansas and Omaha, Nebraska. After a short time, he was given his own territory working out of San Francisco.

One foggy evening in San Francisco, when Ron walked into an art gallery, he was struck with a vision of loveliness. Standing under a lighted piece of art was Theresa; the woman who would become the love of his life and his wife. They were married one year later, in 1963, and they celebrated their 50th anniversary last year. Theresa was a nurse when Ron met her. She is now retired from nursing.

Ron and Theresa suffered the same dilemma many couples in the bay area face; they couldn't afford a house. Ron managed a transfer with A.C. Nielsen to Fresno doing the same work. Now in Fresno, Ron and Theresa could buy a house.

They have three children. Michelle was born in 1964, and she is a high school principal in Madera. Tom was born in 1967 and is an art teacher at Hoover High. He has 2 children; Kira and Wren. Wendy came along in 1970. She is a Speech Pathologist and Therapist. Wendy has

one girl, Anastasia.

About 1985, Dun & Bradstreet acquired Nielsen. Ron continued on doing the same surveying field work, but with technology updates. After 35 years with Nielsen, Dun & Bradstreet downsize the Nielsen operation. They offered Ron a buyout package in 1994, and he retired to pursue more oysters and pearls.

In 1996, Ron joined SIR finding another oyster and pearl. 1997 found him as membership chair. He then functioned as the Chanticleer chair for one year. Ron then became Branch 159 Secretary from 2002-2006. In 2007 he became Little SIR and Big SIR in 2008. He is presently Sunshine Chair. Ron plays golf with the SIRs two times each week. He also fishes from his boat as often as he can.

As you can see, Ron has many oysters to seek, and pearls to pluck. You will find Ron running around the room at our luncheons with a mike in his hand. Tell him "hello" when he comes up to your table. He will give you one of his famous big smiles.

Written by John Crawford

Editors Note — There will be no Ladies Date Night in May due to the Ladies Day Luncheon, but we will meet next at Marie Calandar's at Shaw/Cedar on Wednesday, June 17. (Details will be in the June Chanticleer.)

Attendance Report

In April, 2015, SIR Branch #159 had 255 active members with 156 of those members attending the April 9, 2015 luncheon at Pardini's. This represents 61% of the active membership. Total attendance at that luncheon was 160 members and guests. Of

the 99 members absent, 50 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

Note, NO callers and no calls necessary for the May Ladies' Day Luncheon. You must reserve your spot by contacting Shane Petersen @ 298-0976.

Our talented Little SIR, Perry has created the rooster below for me to use in highlighting humor We will call it Cocky's Chuckles.



Cocky's
CHUCKLES

by Perry

Bridge

3/31 1st. George Rurik, 2nd. Jim Lund, 3rd. Hugh Cox, 4th. Jim Whitmer, 5th. Russ Mott
Consolation: Allen Bertelsen
High score: 4310 George Rurik
High table: 1250 2 tables tied

Jack Leonard / Hugh Cox ;
Jim Lund / George Rurik

4/6 1st. Allen Bertelsen, 2nd. Bob Cleveland, 3rd. Ron Vieira, 4th. Larry Knoll, 5th. Russ Mott, 6th. George Rurik, 7th. Gene Tognazzini
Consolation: Jim Lund
High Score: 5190 Allen Bertelsen
High table: 2280
Allen Bertelsen Bob Cleveland

4/21 1st. Vic Froehmer, 2nd. Allen Bertelsen, 3rd. Ron Vieira
4th. Jack Leonard, 5th. Hugh Cox
6th. Gene Tognazzini
Consolation: Bob Cleveland
High score: 3790 Vic Froehmer
High table: 1190
Vic Froehmer Ron Vieira

Birthdays

Allan Bertelsen, Howard Boston, John Briceno, Joe Cabral, Rich Colby, George Culverwell, Steven Deak, Bob Doig, Bill Freeman, George Gong, Russ Hower, Dimitri Kostiw, Gordon Lowe, Richard Lulejian, Fred Lusk, Richard Nelson, Gerald Nelson, Warren Nelson Jack Neugebauer Manuel Nunez, Fred Osterberg, Art Rice, Mike Robinson, Gus Short, Lou Shuemaker, Jim Vaughan, Stan Weinstein, Bob Wiens, Erv Zander

Anniversaries

Lynn & John Adams
Loretta & Bo Bolin
Betty & George Culverwell
Flo & Steven Deak
Irene & George Gruner
Betty & William Laudig
Nadine & Gordon Lowe
Renee' & Roger McCoy
Patty & Jack Morrill

Shirley & Bob Rathburn
Layne & Dave Scharton
Mary & Jim Vaughan
Ruth & Stan Weinstein
Karen & Mike Williamson
Lydia & Melvin Wyatt
Pauline & Dan Ybanez

Travel & Activities

Travel is busy with a whole lot of activities still awaiting your participation. We've just concluded a private tour of the Clovis Botanical Gardens. Our members were very interested in ways to deal with the water shortage all the while have beautiful landscaped areas at their respective homes.

Please circle these upcoming dates on your calendar for our next events:

May 27 (Wednesday, 9am) Clovis Bike/Walk Trail (Clovis between Alluvial/Nees);

June 24 (Wednesday, 2-5pm) John's Incredible Pizza (Herndon/Cedar) Grandparent Day

Our Travel Committee is comprised of members: John Price, Steve Chase, Rich Lewis; as well as Treasurers Del Kerns and former Big SIR James Noriega and they have ironed out plans for 2016. The theme, "same thing next year", is a reminder to everyone that much that is taking place this year will be do-able next year for our branch. More details forthcoming with plenty of advanced notice.

The most exciting-ever luncheon is now being organized. We will officially unveil our special 25th SIR 159 Anniversary-Founder's Day plans before the BEC next meeting. Details will be "run up the flagpole" before the final de-

tails can be announced. I want to take this time to give credit to our Task Force members for their input/ideas: Gary Smith, Kevin Cameron, Tom Simpson, Larry Duba, Mike Fair, Robert Wiens. Also assisting in different capacities are volunteers Gene Tognazzini & Terry Schneider.

Working in collaboration with the Date Night crew, a wonderful evening of dinner and performance is being organized for the August 9th 4pm Sunday matinee showing at Roger Rocka's. A rendition of Elvis' "All Shook Up" will be the featured show. Please contact your hosts Lawrence Calvert, former Big SIRs George Gianopulos and/or Howard Zinn for sign-ups. For those who already have season tickets/friends, please make (re)arrangements to join fellow SIRs with your friends.

On August 8th (Saturday) the Fresno Grizzlies' opponent is the Sacramento River Cats. Need I say any more? The former Giant's AAA franchise team that used to call Chukchansi Park as it's home base has left town for greener pastures. Lets give them a resounding "warm" welcome.

As you can see our calendar is chock full of fun. Not only will we have a spectacular August 13th luncheon with Fresno State Athletic Director Jim Bartko, additionally we will have baseball as well as the Roger Rocka's cultural arts event to round-out a jubilee like none other anywhere.

Digital Media/Computer Group

We will meet at the Woodward Park Regional Library 944 East Perrin Ave, River Room, on the Third Tuesday 5/19/15 at 1PM and discuss Air Pollution Readings, weather APPs. Bring your favorite APP and problems to share.

Roger Deal Chairman



A Shrink Visit EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD, I'VE ALWAYS HAD A FEAR OF SOMEONE UNDER MY BED AT NIGHT. SO I WENT TO A SHRINK AND TOLD HIM:

"I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy."

"Just put yourself in my hands for one year," said the shrink. Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears."

"How much do you charge?"

"Eighty dollars per visit," replied the doctor.

"I'll sleep on it," I said.

Six months later the doctor met me on the street. "Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" he asked.

"Well, Eighty bucks a visit, three times a week for a year, is \$12,480.00. A bartender cured me for \$10.00. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new pickup truck."

"Is that so?" With a bit of an attitude he said, "and how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed. Ain't nobody under there now."

(2) A three old ladies story...Disclaimer:

This may not have actually happened.

These three old ladies and their dogs were sitting on a park bench having a quiet conversation when a flasher approached from across the park. The flasher came up to the ladies, stood right in front of them and opened his trench coat.

Gertrude immediately had a stroke, then Maude also had a stroke, but Tillie, being shorter, older and more feeble, couldn't reach that far.

Fresno Chinatown Underground Tunnel Tour, plus an extra hour culinary tour, along with having lunch together! You'll recognize the familiar faces of our SIR 159 members: former Big SIR John Pokorny & daughter Beth, Doug Duke, Randy Morris & Anita, Richard Colby & Patti, Gerry Schneider & Chris, Larry Calvert & Barbara, and the "Voice" phone caller chief Ron Travis.





April Speaker George Gianopulos & Little SIR Perry

Bowling for Mar.- Apr.

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 the data on the Sir's 159 Bowling Page. Just click on the bowler icon.

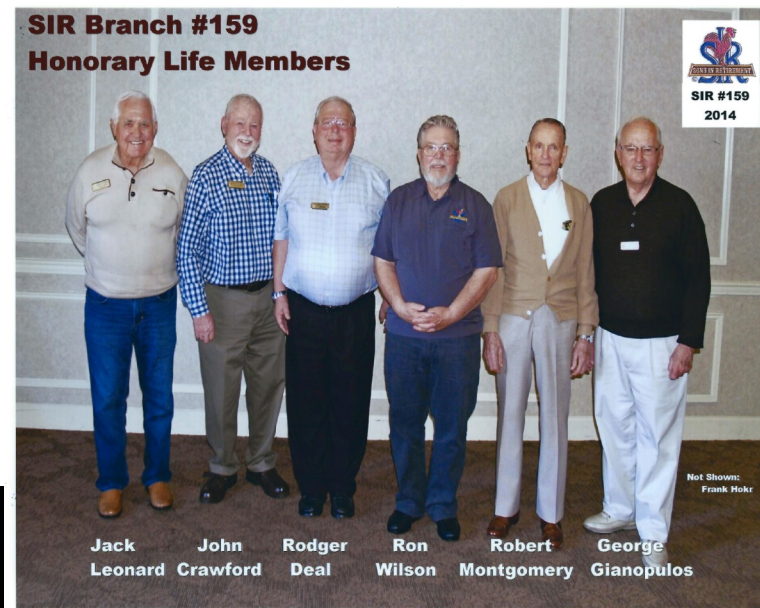
6-Mar	Hi Hdcp Series	James Noriega	667	159
	Hi Scratch Series	James Noriega	547	159
	Hi Hdcp Game	James Noriega	230	159
	Hi Scratch Game	James Noriega	190	159
13-Mar	Hi Hdcp Series	Daryl Derouchey	655	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchey	565	159
	Hi Hdcp Game	Daryl Derouchey	234	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchey	214	159
20-Mar	Hi Hdcp Series	Don Corley	714	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Don Corley	624	159
	Hi Hdcp Game	Don Corley	266	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Leroy Foote	243	159
27-Mar	Hi Hdcp Series	Merle Knapp	605	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier	558	159
	Hi Hdcp Game	Daryl Derouchey	216	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchey	187	159
3-Apr	Hi Hdcp Series	Tom Simpson	681	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall	526	159
	Hi Hdcp Game	Tom Simpson	257	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Tom Harlan	208	175
10-Apr	Hi Hdcp Series	Tom Harlan	652	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Tom Harlan	544	175
	Hi Hdcp Game	Merle Knapp	233	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Don Corley	200	159

April New Members

Jim Rogers	5138 #. Ashland #125, Fresno 93727	204-0492
Pat Salinas	9719 E. Belmont, Fresno 93657	916-4438
Fred Lusk	5676 N Nantucket, Fresno, 93704	439-2380
Rick Flores	5277 E. Washington, Fresno, 93727	312-3424

Editors Note A directory supplement will be printed in

the Chanticleer in July so you can update your directory with the additions



Branch #159 Honorary Life Members - 2014. We are saddened by the loss of Sir/HLM Bob Montgomery who passed away in April.

Golfers Corner

Branch 159 Tournament, the NCGA 2 mBB qualifier at Lemoore and a Novelty game !! Thumbs up to SIR Ron Wilson and his assistants (Lewis and Rathburn) who managed to go through the maze of scorecards.

The inaugural 2man Branch 159 tournament saw 25 teams competing for 2 rounds (Riverside & Airways). The combined overall net was used to determine the winners. Flight 1: Adams-Petersen (117), Moyle/McCoy (121) and Matossian-Smith & Moy-Rodriguez (124.5). In Flight 2, Ensminger-Chase (109) took 1st place after a very strong come back at Airways, Rathburn-Huffman (112.5), Barredo-Leavitt (113). At Riverside, the CTPs were won by Barton and Briceno, with nice 3 footers respectively, and at Airways, Adams and Gomar had the closest shots.

Fifty players drove to Sherwood GC. Although it had rained the day before, the course's condition seemed much improved compared to when we last played in January, however the greens speed felt still quite slow. In the 4man scramble, clear victory margin for Rosander-Fields-Cameron over Fair-Psaltis-Avakian-Foote. In the 4man2BB, 117 was the lowest net score (Kilgore-Rodriguez-Marshall-Shuemake), followed by 119 (Morgan-Jones-Fimbres-Wiens). Three teams had only 3 players but the top 4 teams' scores were not influenced by

the BD pick. The CTPs were won by Avakian and Ensminger.

Lemoore GC was the venue for 2mBB, Scramble and our branch qualifier for the NCGA Associate FourBall Net. It was nice to count that 44 players made the trip. The course was in OK condition, but for the greens. I think most players experienced some real frustration with the greens speed and condition, which may explain why most scores in the 2mBB were on the high side. In the Scramble: Cunningham-Psaltis -Moore-Bencivengo (net 44.3), followed by Ensminger-Williamson-Chase-Nunez (net 45.5). It was the first test for our new combined 3 drives for the C & D players. There weren't enough A or B players for all teams, which did not prevent an all-star (?) C&D players team to finish in 2nd place! Twelve teams competed in the closely contested 2ManBB: Pezzi-Kilgore (61), Zanarini-Bynum (62), Petersen-McCoy (63). In the NCGA Associate branch qualifier, congratulations to Matossian-Moyle, Moy-Morgan and Evans-Kahler for making the cut.

In the CTPs, placed a little longer than the usual 100Y, great shot by Jones (6'8") and by Montejano.

Madera Municipal was the 5th event of the month for our branch. Fifty players signed up for the Novelty Game: individual stroke, with only 5 clubs, putter included. While there is an upper limit to the number of clubs a player can carry (14), the USGA does not regulate the minimum number of clubs, and playing with 5 clubs is just as official and legitimate than using 14 clubs and thus is ground for a recordable score. So the real question for our golfers was: Which clubs do I bring? Driver vs 3 wood, SW vs PW, 7 or 8, etc... It seems that many players made the right choices and were rewarded with their best score at Madera Muni with 5 clubs only. While the official results were not available at the time this review was posted, Rosander (with a 79 gross!) was an early leader from the Gold tees. Our Monthly Chairman, Ron Wilson, shot his best front nine (44 gross)! When all was done, it was a fun day, the course was in good condition, we had sunny skies, and play was done in 4 hrs but for 1 group.

have a gmail directory that has all of our members email addresses.

June Menu & Speaker

- Ground Sirloin Steak w/mushroom sause
- Grilled Lemon & Garlic Chicken
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Garlic Green Beans
- Caesar Salad
- Fresh Fruit Display
- Rolls & Butter
- Coffee, Tea, & Decaf
- Assorted Desserts

Next month's speaker will be Chris Curtice, retired informational officer for the Fresno County Sherriff's Dept

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

We lost Byron Brough this month. He was an avid golfer and solid member of Branch 159. We also lost Bob Montgomery an Honorary Life Member. Bob had been with Branch 159 since the beginning and held many offices during his time with us. On the sick list, Stan Sherman is now in a rest home, Stan Littleworth is healing from a shattered elbow at home. and George Gruner is recovering at home. We wish these men a speedy recovery and hope they can be back with us soon.

If you know of a fallen Rooster, let me know, ronwilson7777@outlook.com or 960-8294

Ron Wilson, Chairman



Dell Kerns with the new CTP tee markers he crafted for us

Branch 159 May Golf Schedule

*Chairman Rich Zanarini
Phone 251-2306*

Thur 5/7	8AM SG	Pheasant Run
Wed 5/13	8AM SG	Ridge Creek
Thur 5/21	8AM SG	Valley Oaks
Thur 5/28	8AM SG	Riverside
Thur 6/4	8AM SG	Belmont G&CC
Wed 6/10	8AM SG	Madera G&CC

Editors Note ... If you have information about the illness or death of one of our fellow SIR, call or Email this information to our Sunshine Chairman, Ron Wilson so he can now pass it on to all the members. This has become a manageable communication now that we



The Wit of Phyllis Diller

1. Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age -as your beauty fades, so will his eyesight. 2. Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out. 3. I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.

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 Marcella

Served with Roasted Garlic, Sautéed 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

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