



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Date November 12, 2015

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Program: Historian and Author - Janice Stephens

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Meeting : 12 Noon
\$ 15 and no Buck Bucket

As we reach the year's three quarters point, Branch 159 of the Sons In Retirement, again adopts and restates the following goals for the balance of 2015:

1. Increase membership by implementing "one plus one."
2. Increase the public's awareness of SIR, and the dignity of retirement, through advertising and the judicious use of news outlets.
3. Increase attendance at monthly luncheon meetings.
4. Increase the "satisfaction and fun quotient" of SIR life, which is our reason for being.

Though membership has slipped a bit, we intend to find new ways to increase membership by retaining old friends and recruiting new ones.

Recruiting: In addition to asking each one to bring one, we produced and distributed "prospect cards" for each member, to furnish prospects after meetings of opportunity. These cards amount to potential sponsor solicitations of a prospect. As a result, "guests" appear, but half fail to join. The task of finding out why will be among the tasks assigned to a new membership committee. It is my hope and belief that "fresh blood" and "new ideas" will get the job done. The membership committee will check with the non-returning guest to find out exactly why he decided not to come back. Then, we can take any necessary corrective action.

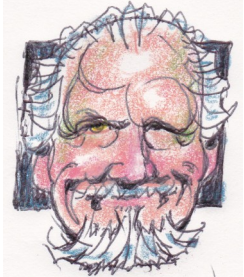
Retention: In addition to emphasizing relentless conviviality and laughter, leadership seeks to identify and eliminate all barriers to genuine fellowship. Supplemental to this will be the membership committee's close contact with the membership in an effort to discern and eliminate the cause of each and every termination case. Contributing to retention efforts will be the branch's determination to keep the cost of lunch down, but the rewards of attending high. (Big SIR continued on page 2)



Big SIR Charlie

Thank you for your favorable comments as you notice the much improved quality of Pardini's food and service. Our Sir leadership continues to do a great job of communicating our needs with Pardini's.

We are very pleased to have author, **Little SIR Perry** historian and teacher...Janice Stevens speak on our Veterans and their history...just one day after Veterans Day. Janice will be happy to answer your questions and comes to us highly recommended.



We will salute Vets Day, and thankfully enjoy another Thanksgiving with our flexible schedule and many choices in retirement.

So, Guys, step up, strut, cock-a-doodle and be brightly colored and bushy tailed. We will gather again at the SIR Pardini's barnyard for another festive and fine lunch.

We had Dr. Timothy Stearns speak in October. He stirred up some old pride in Avenal and the Lyles family. Tim's father is my friend from the distant past Fresno Bee days. He is a walker. Timothy informed us that we lead the nation in educating creative thinkers. Go Fresno and thank you, Dr. for twenty years of building this nest of idea generators for a brighter future for this Valley.

Way back there in Avenal, one Thanksgiving stands above the rest. Grandpa's bus ride from Novato to Avenal (Little SIR continued on page 2)

November Menu

Sit Down

Thanksgiving Dinner

Roasted Turkey / Gravy
Dressing/Gravy
Chef's choice green salad
Mesclun Walnut Salad
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf

Be A Friend - Bring a Friend

(Big SIR continued from page 1) Public awareness of SIR: Our advertising continues to be carried in the newspaper twice monthly. It is in that portion called the "Senior" section. Press relations will be emphasized by the Publicity Committee. Our Little Sir has selected speakers from the press with this affirmative PR effort in mind. While I continue to view PR as important, I no longer view it as essential. I now believe that concerned, accepting friendship - constantly practiced- is far more beneficial to both recruiting and retention.

Attendance: In the same way, leadership is assessing ways to make attendance more appealing. At Pardini's, the food quality has unquestionably gone up - a fact recognized by all but the Branch Secretary, who remains a lone voice of dissent. Leadership will continue to improve table fellowship by calling on members to sit at a new table and meet a new SIR. Pleasant results await those who do.

SIR Satisfaction: Facing the challenge of aging is tough enough without doing so alone. As social beings, mankind has learned to link arms and seek the comfort of his brother's shield in times of danger, stress or apprehension. Therefore, we learn to "eat, drink and be merry," for tomorrow is something else again. With these facts in mind, leadership is dedicated to making each SIR luncheon meeting the most satisfying joint experience possible. We will continue to emphasize fraternity.

Fun: "Now" is the time of our life. Our "date night" with wives or others has become a cherished opportunity. Trips and cruises are plentiful.

Though our golf and bowling programs are great, there is still room for improvement in active pursuit of additional recreational and health benefits. We should make, for example, another attempt to establish Pickleball and Bocce. Our travel program offers a plethora of interesting trips and visits to add to the pleasure of discovery with friends. Since the sea still has water in it, fishing trips remain available. However, there is not yet enough fun! As a last act I decree - indeed I commanded on pain of belittlement - that each member shall enjoy at least one deep and genuine belly laugh at every encounter with a fellow rooster, forthwith!

In this way we hope and intend to keep growing and keeping our guys enjoying SIR life with their cronies - improving health and happiness while having a blast.

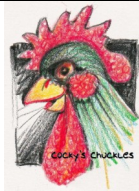
(Little SIR continued from page 1) was a special visit. Being a professional chef his mission was to fix us all a fine Thanksgiving dinner...as a lovely treat for his pregnant daughter. My little brother Jesse was in there. We just didn't know it was him yet.

Pop told the story for years. Grampa basted the turkey with white wine as he and pop had a glass or two and lots of laughs.

Finster's Store on Skyline Blvd. had burgundy for red and sauterne for white...in big jugs. The turkey could not be rushed on the small wood stove. Over several hours...it took two trips and two jugs of wine to baste that turkey to perfection.

Be our proud Valley Rooster and treat your good lady to a no-work SIR Ladies Date Night delight. Enjoy, visit friends and get to know some more new ones.

Life is good...when we are full. Guys...remember to attend Ladies Day in December with that fine lady.



B-a-a-a-a-a-d Parrot

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, > grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer.

For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird spoke-up, very softly, "**May I ask what the turkey did?**"

And you thought there were no clean jokes left!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Bridge Scores

Oct. 6 1st. Hugh Cox , 2nd. Bob Cleveland , 3rd. Russ Mott
Consolation: Jim Lund
High score: 3460 Hugh Cox
High table 1080 (Russ Mott Fred Wrazel)

Oct. 20 1st. Gene Tognazzini,
2nd. Jim Lund, 3rd. Bob Cleveland
High score: 4940 Gene Tognazzini
High table 1140 (Russ Mott Jim Lund)

Digital Media/Computer Group

The next meeting will be the Third Tuesday 11/17/15 at 1PM at the Woodward Park Library River Room 944 East Perrin Ave, Fresno. All SIR Branches, Wives and Guests are welcome. I have a new Dell PC with the new Intel 6th Generation Skylake processor and Windows 10 scheduled to arrive 10/30 so I will be able to cover Windows 10 first hand.

Roger.Deal@Comcast.net

Attendance Report

In October, 2015, SIR Branch #159 had 239 active members with 151 of those members attending the October 8, 2015 luncheon at Pardini's. This represents 63% of the active membership. Of the 88 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: Duk-

Marhal@aol.com When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER

Duke Marshall, Attendance Chairman

Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

John Adams, Charlie Barrett, Alan Barton, Bernie Cargle, Larry Cox Stan Cusak, Jim Dunklin, Al Escola Andy Evanko, Berge Goshgarian John Hayes , Paul Kalpakoff, Rich Lewis, Rick Pezzi, John Pokorny Terry Schneider, Jim Sheldon, Steve Whitehead, Melvin Wyatt, Rich Zanarini, Howard Zinn

Golfers Corner

We held Branch 159 Annual Golf Awards at the Yosemite Falls Cafe (Granite Park). For those who could not make it, a full breakfast was served to the 50 attendees seated in a separate large room. It seems everybody was pleased with the food and the service. The Annual Awards was the occasion to celebrate our best players and our golf team volunteers, but also to address the 2016 calendar and the importance of volunteer help needed to maintain our successful golf program. It was great to see new members come forward offering help.

Branch 159 Golf Awards were presented to:

Two-man Team: 1st places to Petersen -Adams (Flight 1), Ensminger-Chase (Flight 2).



Branch Championship 1st places were won by Mike Moyle (Overall Low Gross),



Sal Morales (Overall Low Net), Gilbert Matossian (Low Net F1), Shane Petersen (Low Net F2), Carl Merz (Low Gross F2), Dana Kahler (Low Gross F3), Bob Moore (Low Net F3), Bill Leavitt (Low Gross F4), Vic Froehmer (Low Net F4).

In the Ron Rich single match play tournament, the Championship went to Butch Evans. Joe Hushek was F1 winner, Shane Petersen F3 winner and Dell Kerns F4 winner.

The Golfer of the Year award (most

points in recordable rounds) went to Duke Marshall, while the Team Player of the Year (most team non-recordable rounds) went to Don Avakian (repeat!).

The Most Improved Player award, for the greatest percentage reduction in the GHIN over one calendar golf year, went to Rick



Duke Marshall
Individual Player of the Year

Pezzi, whose handicap went down 14.30%. Rick also scored a hole-in-one this year.

The Most Inspirational award went to John Brechmann and Duke Marshall for their immense volunteer work to our golf branch.



Butch Evans, Champion
Ron Rich Match Play

We also rewarded our players with the greatest Attendance record: Marshall & Noriega, Avakian, and Pezzi, Jaurique, Moyle and Leavitt.

Many thanks to SIR George Gianopoulos for his photo work at the awards. We could not show all the photos in the November Chanticleer, however contact SIR Gianopoulos directly as he may have your photo.

sion 5 Golf Chairman. Butch had previously served as Area 29 Golf Chairman and Branch 159 Golf Chairman. Mike Moyle is succeeding Butch as the Area 29 Golf Chairman.

AREA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Valley Oaks in Visalia was the site for this year's Area 29 Golf Branch Championship. The match was held on October 7th with all five of the Area 29 SIR branches participating. Competition was with 8 man teams, total low net for each team the determining factor.

The competition was very close as to which branch took home the perennial trophy to hold until next year's match. Our own Branch 159 secured that honor by 3 net strokes with a total team net of 575 (71.875 net average per team player). Branch 169 was a very close 2nd with a team net of 578 (72.25 average). The results would indicate that the NCGA handicapping system for this match was pretty right on. Placing 3rd in the competition was a combined team of players from Branches 175 and 179. Their 7 man team ended up with a 76.28 net average per contestant. Rounding out the field was a four man team representing Branch 163 from Bakersfield. As far as I know this is the first time the Bakersfield Branch has ever participated in the Area 29 event and we were happy they made the effort to join us. Average net score for Branch 163 was 80.25.

After the match most players stuck around to socialize over a few beers and wait for the team and individual results. Trophies were awarded for 1st and 2nd low net and low gross (only 1 trophy allowed per individual). There was a tie for low gross at 79 between Robert Shoop (169) and Robert Mattson (159). It went to the 3rd handicap hole to break the tie with Shoop coming out on top. Bob Bogu-

159 Golfers and Guests

SIR Branch 159 for the 2016 NCGA Membership dues remain unchanged:

For a renewal (i.e. for a current member), the cost is \$40; for any new member (i.e. a member with no or lapsed GHIN number), the cost is \$50 (fifty) and the sign-up new member will receive the balance of 2015 for no charge. Please remit your payment (cash or check payable to SIRs Branch 159 Golf) asap to our Treasurer, Rich Lewis so we can process your membership without delay. Any renewal or new sign-up received after December 15, 2015, is subject to an additional \$10 charge. *Gilbert Matossian*



Sal Morales, Winner
Branch Championship, Low Net

2015 AREA 29 NEWS

SIR Butch Evans has been appointed to the SIR State Golf Committee as Divi-

ski at 63 and Mike Torigian 66 took the low net trophies (both from 169). Nice golf bag towels with embroidered State SIR emblems were awarded to the golfers with the low nets of each flight. In flight 1 the towel went to Louis Dominguez (169) with net 72. Roger McCoy (159) was the winner in flight 2 with net 68. Reg Rosander (159) with net 69 in flight 3...and David Dinsdale (169) net 70 in flight 4.

Congratulations to all who participated in the match and especially the team from Branch 159 which won the Area 29 Championship!

Mike Moyle
Area 29 Golf Director



159 team (left to right including alternate players) back row: Steve Chase, Roger McCoy, John Volkman, Shane Peterson, John Price and Ray Phillips. Front row: Reg Rosander, Duke Marshall, Gilbert Matossian, Joe Cabral, and Robert Mattson.

Branch 159 November
Golf Schedule

Chairman Alex Ramirez 291-4133

- Thur 11/5 9AM SG Belmont G&CC
- Wed 11/11 9AM SG Sherwood
- Thur 11/19 9:30 TT Fig Garden
- Wed 11/25 9AM SG Ridge Creek
- Thur 12/3 9AM SG Pheasant Run
- Wed 12/9 10AM SG Madera CC
- Thur 12/17 10AM SG Madera Muni
- Thur 12/24 10AM SG Riverside
- Thur 12/31 10AM SG Airways

Sunshine Committee

Another month or two have gone by and I have received no notifications of any fallen Roosters. Either we are breaking all records for good health, or something is slipping through the cracks.

We do have a couple things to report; As most of you know, a month ago Mike Williamson lost his youngest daughter. Not the way it's supposed to be, We mourn our parents and our kids are supposed to mourn us. It is especially painful when one of our children go first. Please hold a kind thought for Mike and Karen, they have our deepest sympathy. Also include one of our founding members, Ron Travis who lost his wife Beverly.

One of our own, Gerald E. Nelson, badge #168 has passed away, he was a Madera farmer. He was preceded in death by his wife. It was in the paper. His funeral has come and gone.

Please, please let me know if a family member or fellow SIR you are acquainted with is ill. My name is Ron Wilson, phone # is 960-8294 and e-mail is ron-wilson7777@outlook.com

DATE NIGHT

Yosemite Falls Cafe

*5123 N Blackstone
FRESNO*

Wednesday Nov 18, 5:00 - 8:00
**LIVE BAND AT 6 FOR THOSE
WHO WOULD LIKE TO STICK
AROUND AFTER**

Hosts

Butch and Cathy Evans

Call @ 271-2024

Or email sirarea29@gmail.com
**Signup will also be available at
the luncheon 11/12**

Sir's BEST Bowling for October

The Sir's bowling league is active and rolling. Come join in the fun on Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$8 for 3 games. Check the data on the Sir's 159 Bowling Page. Just click on the bowler icon.

We welcome SIR members from all branches. We are a non-sanctioned league, there for the activity and comradery and FUN.

2-Oct	Hi Hdep. Series	Duke Marshall	648	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall	579	159
	Hi Hdep. Game	Duke Marshall	258	159
9-Oct	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall	235	159
	Hi Hdep. Series	Duke Marshall	658	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall	607	159
30-Oct	Hi Hdep. Game	Duke Marshall	267	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall	250	159
	Hi Hdep. Series	James Noriega	625	159
16-Oct	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier	226	159
	Hi Hdep. Game	James Noriega	230	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Ed Beier	607	159
30-Oct	Hi Hdep. Series	Daryl Derouchey	641	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchey	548	159
	Hi Hdep. Game	Hugh Cox	271	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Hugh Cox	222	159



BRANCH #159 ---



Sons in Retirement

★ ★ ★ presents

The Annual Holiday Ladies Day Luncheon



Pardini's:

Thursday, December 10, 2015

11 AM: Social Hour

12 Noon: Lunch & Program



Luncheon Choices-

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



- FEATURING -
THE BULLARD TALENT

- - DOOR PRIZES FOR THE LADIES - -



\$19 Per Person

SIR #159 Annual Holiday Ladies Day Luncheon 2015



Reserve by mailing check to:

Mike Rumley
2795 Bellaire Ave.
Clovis, CA 93611

Name: _____

Turkey Ham

Guest: _____

Turkey Ham

*Make checks payable to "SIR Branch #159"