



# The Chanticleer

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

Date April 14, 2016

Place Pardini's Restaurant  
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Meeting : 12 Noon  
\$ 15 and no Buck Bucket

## Program - Dr. David Zoldoske

My fine feathered Roosters...by the time we strut, crow and gather again for our SIR lunch at Pardini's...April Fool's Day will be safely behind us. April showers could add to our generous rain totals.

Of course, we do not want enough rain to flood the ancient Tulare Lake basin clear up to Fresno. No row boats on Shaw Avenue...Please.

Over in semi-ancient Avenal when the sun appeared, after a rain...the hunt was on in the sage brush flats just outside of town. Mushrooms cracked the earth and popped up ...just for us to gather.

There were many varieties of mushrooms, but Pop had us keep just the one kind. No foolish guessing. Mom knew how to prepare, cook and serve them deliciously...no fooling.

Back here in Fresno...as your Big Sir, we are supporting Little Sir, Gary Smith's RAMP program.

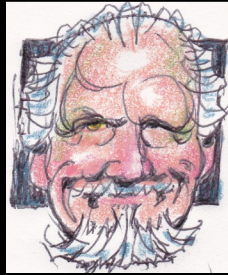
Gary's RAMP teams will continue to focus on finding ways to expand activities and bring in and retain active members.

We want your ideas and suggestions for more opportunities for good fun with fine fellowship and story-telling moments to remember.

**One example** is Jim Whitmer and Bridge Chairman Vic Froehmer are expanding bridge to include cards and board games. Contact Vic or Jim, bring your ladies and guests to join them for more fun. That is what SIRs do...

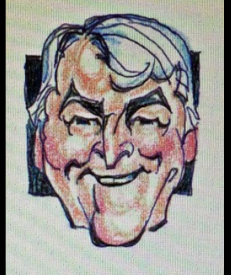
**When you sponsor** a new member, you must turn in the member's application with his \$15 assessment check. The board's approval comes at the next meeting. His packet is then prepared. The new member is inducted the next time he attends lunch.

The month following (**Big SIR continued on page 2**)



**Big S IR Perry**

We are now well into the new year and things are off to a great start. Melissa Tossetti, who just happens to be my step daughter ( if I didn't make that crystal clear at the March Luncheon) gave a well received presentation on the virtues of spending money in a thoughtful way. Who knew that Michael Jackson was so far in debt when he died. If only he had



**Little SIR Gary**

time to make that next billion!

Next month we will have another legacy speaking. Dr. David Zoldoske is the son of our very own Bob Zoldoske. He is the Director of the International Center for Water Technology, Past President of the American Society of Agronomy, the founder of the Zimbabwe Irrigation Technol-



**Melissa Tossetti**  
- Financial Advisor

ogy Center, and a member of the Water Efficiency's Editorial Advisory Board. I could go on and on but you get the drift. Dr. Zoldoske is a renown expert in his field and had many more awards, fellowships and acclamations .

As I read his CV I was struck with the irony- he is a Fresno State Professor and had time to serve on all these boards, I am retired and find it hard to find the time to mow my lawn. I am really looking forward to hearing from him. Maybe he (**Little SIR continued on page 2**)

## Be A Friend - Bring a Friend

(Big SIR continued from page 1) your new member's induction, you will be rewarded a well-earned complimentary sponsor's lunch. With a little effort...you can have a free lunch.

**Oops...** If you happen to be one of us who has forgotten to pay this year's \$15 assessment...you will be reminded when you find your badge has been pulled. Pay up and your badge will be there for you at the next lunch.

Ladies Date Night Delight is April 20. There is nothing foolish about treating your lady to dine out. Yuummm.

Ladies...you too can earn your husband a complementary SIR lunch when you and your friend recruit her husband.

SIR...when you bring a guest or sponsor a new member, be sure to tell your caller for our food count. Please introduce him to your Big Sir, and an ambassador and help get him to know some new best friends.

You can count on having a no-fool April fine lunch and we will see you there.

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## Travel

It has been often quoted, "Happy wife, Happy home." If the last trip we took is any indicator, then there are many who have happier homes.

To each lady going on the Scenic Sierra Fun Train trip, this was a "mini-bucket list" dream come true. The excitement was hard to contain as many looked forward to a journey across the majestic mountain range that borders California & Nevada.



(Pictures taken by Roger Deal)

While it was raining here in Fresno the day before and the day after we got back, we were treated to fine weather on this particular outing. There was snow on the ground and in the tree limbs, and even a snow flurry or two along the way. But not enough to send in the

(Little SIR continued from page 1) can tell me how to set my yard sprinklers.

Rich Lewis, the RAMP Activity Chairman is actively seeking new activities for the SIR members. He is preparing a survey in which we hope to define new areas of interest which appeal to our members. Please take the time, at our next luncheon, to fill out the questionnaire, it will be of great value to the Branch. Some members seem to be involved in all our activities and some we only see at the lunches. The "lunch only" members are as important to the Branch as any others, but I know that some of you would enjoy it even more if we had activities in which you could enthusiastically participate. So let us know what you like to do and we'll find a place for it.

The Ambassador program got off to a rocky start in March. We are working on the glitches so next month should be better. An Ambassador is a member who will work as an official liaison between the Branch and a guest who will welcome the guest on behalf of the Branch, answer any questions the guest may have, and orient in a casual way what SIR is about and what we have to offer without putting any undue pressure on the guest. He will do what the guest's sponsor does but as a representative of the Branch. The Ambassador will have material about SIR available for the guest and will answer any questions the guest may have.

One last thing. We are seeking ways to promote the Branch through the media and other outlets. If you have any suggestions I would love to hear them.

See you all in April.

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snow plow machines. None of us had to get out of the comfort of our coach and trek over the mountain, nor "push" the train over another elevation.

There was live entertainment on board. "Elvis" and the soul group "Top Shelf" provided us with a lively beat, and a photo op or two. Also, we could bring anything we wanted to eat & drink...and we did both...all the while chatting with each other.

When we stopped off in Reno a shuttle bus awaited our arrival. We were taken to our hotel (Silver Legacy) where for the night we rested. While some went to visit Reno friends, others went to the National Automobile Museum to see Harrah's extensive car collection the next day. All in all we had a great time topped by a wonderful meal at a fancy restaurant. Since this was a dinner and show arrangement, at the conclusion of our time at Roxy's we headed to the entertainment center to the live musical Footloose performance.

With hugs and handshakes we departed each other's company. But at the home of each of our wives, we have been reminded how happier our wives are indeed.



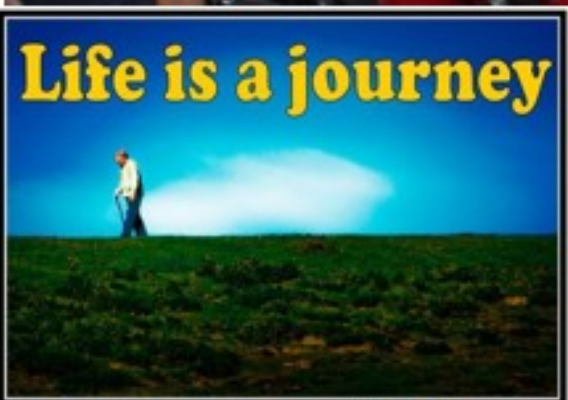
**RENO**  
*"bucket list"*

*Sierra Scenic  
Fun Train*

*March 8-10, 2016*



*SIR 159 members: Mr/s Roger Deal, Hank Gomar, Lee Moy, and four Gyro members in attendance.*



**....ARE YOU READY FOR YOURS?**



## State SIR Sports

“When I was your age”..I couldn't wait to the dawn of the day's morning rays shining upon the earth.

We'd have fun with my Dad. He liked baseball, and we'd throw-catch till we heard Mom's Breakfast is ready!”

It was that way, usually after his work, that we'd get together and throw the ball around. Whether it was catching fly-balls, grounders, and/or simply tossing the baseball 'round the horn.

About the time I was two, I had developed a wicked curve ball. It was a bit unpredictable. Often Dad had to go far to retrieve it.

By three my Dad would teach me how to handle the bat. With two small hands on the bat, I never tossed/flipped it. He would explain contact, eye-hand coordination, and stepping into the pitch.

In time he signed me onto a team. With a flatten seating cushion of a glove, I played right field. I have come to believe that the “glove thing” taught me the value of something.

Baseball, you see, is a similar to a lesson within a lesson. I sure was gung-ho to want something so much I even would sacrifice sleeping-in. It gave me comfort to enjoy my Dad's devotion. And, it gave me friendship & fellowship with other soon-to-be teammates from as far away as Little League to the U.S. Army squad.

Well...time has me on the sidelines watching baseball from a far. I wish I could steal bases, hit one over the fence, or block home plate. But I can do the second best thing with my new found “teammates”.

We can get on a bus, see professional baseball and have a wonderful time all the while. There's room for you!

Join a dozen of us for some fun again. For a mere \$ 64 (“dynamic pricing”) you and your family & friends can board a bus to see the Oakland A's (next door to the other Oakland great team-Golden State Warriors).

The monies will get you onto a charter bus, pay for the parking & tip, a free replica baseball jersey, and the game ticket.

In an era where scandals abound, it's refreshing to note that you'll get a jersey from a man of integrity, Hall of Fame Dennis Lee Eckersley.

It would be absolutely insane if we SIR members could “FILL THE BUS”. Why disappoint our fellow members who wish to relieve a classic moment “when I was your age”.

Contact former Big SIR Reg Rosander, and/or Lee Moy for further information.

*See Flyer on page 5*

## Attendance Report

In March, 2016, SIR Branch #159 had 219 active members with 136 of those members attending the March 10, 2016 luncheon at Pardini's. This represents 62% of the active membership. Of the 83 members absent, 48 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 [DukMarshall@aol.com](mailto:DukMarshall@aol.com) When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER

*Duke Marshall, Attendance Chairman*

## Anniversaries

Pat & Bev Dickinson  
Karen & Gerry Fields  
Esther & Al Gonzalez  
Vera & John Leal  
Avis & Brian Morse  
Mariella & Bill Neal  
Helen & Bob Sexton  
Linda & Lou Shuemake  
Connie & Stan Silva

## Birthdays

Rick Aranjó, Al Baez, David Barredo, Allan Baxter, Ed Beier Kevin Cameron, Armen Dervishian Paul Gabrielson, Chico Garcia, Irving Gates, Hank Gomar, Cliff Henderson, Jim Knapp, Sal Morales Brian Morse, James Noriega, Shane Petersen, Dennis Rich, Reg Rosander, Donald Smith, Jim Whitmer

## Digital Media Group

The next meeting of the Digital Media/Computer Group will be the normal Third Tuesday 4/19/16 1 PM at the Woodward Park Library, River Room 944 East Perrin Ave, Fresno. All SIR Branches, Wives and Guests are welcome.

Now that I have updated my Laptop to Windows 10, all future meetings will be using and demonstrating Windows 10. The next meeting will be how to change your background image on the Desktop and Lock Screen and how to adjust the screen saver and show your favorite photos. Then using the Magnifier tool and tweaking the Display Size to read the small print. Another option is using the Settings, Ease of Access and turning on the Narrator to read the text to you. As usual bring your problem issues for solution.

**Roger.Deal@Comcast.net**



# COWBOY UP!



OAKLAND A'S V LA ANGELS  
JUNE 18, SATURDAY, 1 PM



## WANTED



- Must be a senior
- Must like baseball
- A's fans, family, friends are all welcomed, y'hear
- **Highway Robbery**
- For only \$64 you get a game ticket, a charter bus ride, plus a free replica game jersey. Done!





## Bridge Results

**March 1**, 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Cleveland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Leonard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Lund, 4<sup>th</sup> Gene Tognazzini, 5<sup>th</sup> Vic Froehmer, 6<sup>th</sup> Hugh Cox, 7<sup>th</sup> George Rurik, 8<sup>th</sup> Charles Ratliff, 9<sup>th</sup> Jim Whitmer  
 Consultation Ron Vieira  
 High score 4,710 Bob Cleveland  
 High table 1530  
 Jack Leonard Phantom

**March 15** 1<sup>st</sup> Russ Mott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vic Froehmer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Whitmer, 4<sup>th</sup> Jim Lund, 5<sup>th</sup> Hugh Cox, 6<sup>th</sup> George Rurik, 7<sup>th</sup> Bob Cleveland, 8<sup>th</sup> Fred Wrazel  
 Consultation Jack Leonard  
 High score 3,640 Russ Mott  
 High table 1240  
 Jack Leonard Vic Froehmer

**March 29** 1<sup>st</sup> Charles Ratliff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hugh Cox, 3<sup>rd</sup> Russ Mott, 4<sup>th</sup> Jim Lund, 5<sup>th</sup> Vic Froehmer, 6<sup>th</sup> Jim Whitmer  
 Consultation Gene Tognazzini  
 High score 34,940 Charles Ratliff  
 High table 1200

## Sir's Best Bowling for March

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

DATE		NAME	SCORE	BRANCH
4-Mar	Hi Hdep. Series	Daryl Derouchey	621	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchey	552	159
	Hi Hdep. Game	Jim Whitmer	241	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchey	206	159
11-Mar	Hi Hdep. Series	Daryl Derouchey	699	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchey	630	159
	Hi Hdep. Game	Daryl Derouchey	248	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchey	225	259
18-Mar	Hi Hdep. Series	James Noriega	588	159
	Hi Scratch Series	James Noriega	486	158
	Hi Hdep. Game	Tom Harlan	213	175
	Hi Scratch Game	James Noriega	178	159
25-Mar	Hi Hdep. Series	Daryl Derouchey	638	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchey	575	159
	Hi Hdep. Game	Daryl Derouchey	254	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchey	233	159

## Golfers Corner

### **Ron Rich Match Play Tournament Update:**

Thirty-two players started this annual tournament, and they are down to four!! Congratulations to the following players who won their flight: Ben Tyson (F1), Gary Kilgore (F2), Dennis Ensminger (F3) and Vic Froehmer (F4).

### **Branch 159 April Golf Schedule**

Chairman Rich Zanarini 251-2306  
 Thur 4/7 9AM SG Sunnyside  
 Wed 4/13 9AM SG Riverside  
 Thur 4/21 9 AM SG Madera Muni  
 Thur 4/28 9:30 TT Fig Garden  
 Thur 5/5 9AM SG Valley Oaks  
 Wed 5/11 9AM SG Madera CC  
 Thur 5/19 8AM SG Ridge Creek  
 Thur 5/26 8AM SG Madera Muni

The semi-finals will take place April 13, at Riverside between : Tyson/Ensminger and Kilgore/Froehmer.

**SIR STATE SCRAMBLE** (4man scramble, A,B,C,D players): The Area 29 qualifier for the annual SIR State Scramble Team Championship will take place May 26th at Madera Muni. Our branch can **(Golfers Corner continued on page 7)**

## New Members

This year the Chanticleer is introducing a new feature. Each month we will profile the newest members, the ones inducted in the last month's luncheon, with a picture and a short profile. In a group with over 200 members it can be easy to get lost in the shuffle. So please, get to know the newest members, introduce yourselves to them at the next luncheon and help get them involved. Let them know



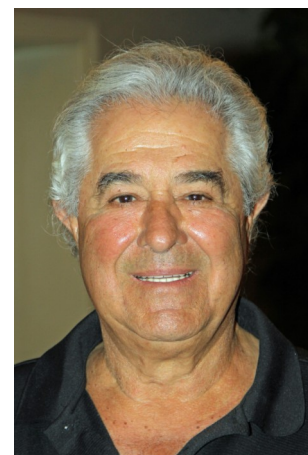
that we consider it a privilege that they have chosen to spend some time with us. Sir Rich Colby is inducting the new members at our March meeting.



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Sal Salcido is a retired letter carrier (USPS) My wife is Theresa and we are celebrating our "58" anniversary this

Earl Medeiros recently retired. He is an avid golfer, hunter and fisherman. Wife Vernita and four children, with 13 grandchildren and 13 great-children. Email: earldm@att.net Phone: (559) 485-



year. We have 7 children and 8 grandsons. I like to golf, walk and all sports. Also my wife and I like to travel. Phone 559-709-6168

no email yet address 4833 N Arther Ave, Fresno, Ca., 93705

Two other new members, Armen Dervishian and Ron Herleman, were inducted but the pictures and bios weren't ready so they will be introduced next month.

(Golfers Corner continued from page 6) have several teams competing against the other local branches. At least 1 team from Area 29 will earn its trip to the State Final at Poppy Ridge (Aug 8th).

**Spring Baseball & Golf in Phoenix**

great source of information for the trip, as he has a couple of websites that his group uses to rent a home in the Phoenix area for a week in March each year.

SIR John Volkman, Duke Marshall, John Price and myself also enjoyed a

Perhaps a few more of our SIR, either golfers or baseball fans would like to take this trip next year. I'll send out a reminder in late June. Who knows...maybe we'll get an annual Spring Ball trip going just like our annual



**John Price, Duke Marshall , John Volkman, and Mike Moyle @ the Ball Park**



**Duke Marshall, Mike Moyle , John Volkman, & John Price getting ready to do battle on the golf links**

What a great place to spend a week in the month of March each year. The Phoenix area has a ton of golf courses...and 15 major league baseball teams comprising the Cactus League are conducting their annual Spring Ball.



**Terry and Friends at the Grand Canyon**

week in Phoenix recently. In a 7 day period we took in 4 ballgames and played 4 different golf courses. Throw in the St. Patrick's Day dinner at the Irish pub in Tempe and we all came back pretty pooped travelers (except for Mr. Volkman who still got in his early morning marathon training runs). :-)

Catalina/Ensenada golfing cruise. :-)

**Mike Moyle  
Area 29 Golf Coordinator**



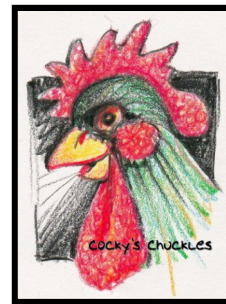
**Terry & Friends at a ball game**

got back in town from his 8th annual trip to Spring Ball with the same three friends. Terry is a



**Terry & friends golfing**

Come to find out that another of our newer SIR golfers, Ben Tyson, also spent a week with his family in Phoenix at Spring Ball this year. Word is...you need to go on the internet in July to book a reasonable house for a week the following March.



**Hypnotist at a Senior Center**

It was entertainment night at the senior citizens' center. After the community sing-along led by Alice at the piano, it was time for the star of the show - Claude the Hypnotist! Claude explained that he was going to put the whole audience into a trance. "Yes, each and every one of you and (continued on page 8)



(continued from page 7) all at the same time." said Claude.

The excited chatter dropped to silence as Claude carefully withdrew from his waistcoat pocket; a beautiful antique gold pocket watch and chain

"I want you to keep your eyes on this watch" said Claude, holding the watch high for all to see.

"It is a very special and valuable watch that has been in my family for six generations" said Claude.

He began to swing the watch gently back and forth while quietly chanting:

"Watch the watch --- Watch the watch ---  
-Watch the watch"

The audience became mesmerized as the watch swayed back and forth.

The lights were twinkling as they were reflected from its gleaming surfaces.

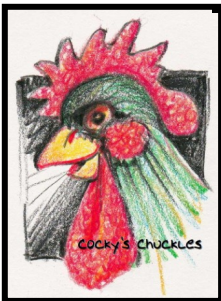
A hundred and fifty pairs of eyes followed the movements of the gently swaying watch.

They were hypnotized.

And then, suddenly, the chain broke!!!  
The beautiful watch fell to the stage and burst apart on impact"

"SHIT" said Claude.

It took them three days to clean the Senior Citizens' Center and Claude was



### Interview with 101 year-old Hattie Mae MacDonald of Feague, Kentucky:

Reporter: Can you give us some health tips for reaching the age of 101?

Hattie: For better digestion I drink beer. In the case of appetite loss I drink white wine. For low blood pressure I drink Red Wine. In the case of high blood pressure I drink scotch. And when I have a cold I drink Schnapps.

Reporter: When do you drink water?

Hattie: I've never been that sick!

### Audit Committee confirms the Financial Solvency for 2015 — over a cup of coffee and a donut!



April Audit meeting L to R:  
Mike Rumley (Asist. Treasurer), Gary Smith (Little Sir),  
Shane Peterson Treasurer), G. Gianopulos (Auditor), Rich Lewis (Auditor).



Steve Chase (Asst. Chairman) and John Briceno Chairman for Golf Outings for March getting ready to do battle at Dragon Fly

### Getting Old

And that, my friend, is the sad definition of 'OLD'!  
just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked,  
'How old was your husband?'  
'98,' she replied: 'Two years older than me'  
'So you're 96,' the undertaker com-

mented.

She responded, 'Hardly worth going home, is it?'

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman:  
'And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?' the reporter asked.  
She simply replied, 'No peer pressure.'



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*or*

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**SIR BRANCH #159 - -**

# **LADIES DAY LUNCHEON**

**PARDINI'S**

**THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016**

**SOCIAL HOUR: 11AM**

**LUNCHEON & PROGRAM: NOON**



## **LUNCHEON CHOICES:**

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- SALAD AND ROLLS -  
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