



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Date June 9, 2016

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Program - Rick Bentley— Movie Critic for Fresno Bee

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Meeting : 12 Noon
\$ 15 and no Buck Bucket

Proud Roosters...we have lots of crowing to do...don't we? Let us all flock to Pardini's SIR lunch with our Fine Feathered Buddies...just a few days before Fathers' Day.

Hey...maybe you'll discuss your idea of what you expect to be getting for a wonderful gift on YOUR DAY.

Over there in Avenal...in the olden days...Fathers' Day happened anytime we played catch with Pop.

He taught me how to scoop up balls thrown in the dirt at first base.

The balls bounce at the same angle they come in. Just scoop to that spot. Simple...but so sweet. Pop taught us to make the plays.

Great Grand-Daughters, Cameron and Riley play catch and smack whiffle balls in our back yard. They are getting what I learned from Pop. Yeah...you are still coaching Pop ...and yeah...those tips are some of the best Fathers' Day gifts I can pass forward.

Back here in Fresno...as your Big Sir, we are increasing our efforts to energize SIR #159.

Little Sir, Gary Smith and his SIR RAMP teams are finding ways to expand activities and bring in more active members.

Yes, you SIRS are bringing in your retired friends who are finding a new place to belong, form new friendships and have more good fun.

SIR #159 is thanking you guys for bringing in your friends as new members with a well-earned complimentary lunch. More good deals ahead.

Card players and board-gamers... join Jim Whitmer and Bridge Chairman Vic Froehmer who are expanding bridge to partner with (Big SIR continued on page 2)



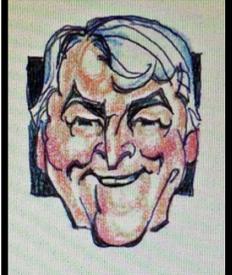
Big S IR Perry

Many thanks to Shane Petersen for all his hard work in putting together Ladies day luncheon this month. I for one, and Jeanette for two, had a great time. For all of you who decided to pass, you missed out on a wonderful event.

One of the perks on being Little Sir is that you get an early heads up on the things going on in SIR statewide. A couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of SIR honchos who are part of a project team that has been busy examining the focus of the entire SIR organization. The project has the enigmatic moniker "Project 2016" (where do they come up with these fancy names). I cannot disclose the intimate details of their conclusions as the project is still in the works, but I can tell you that some fundamental changes are on the horizon and will be implemented by the end of summer. I believe that the changes are all good and will benefit our Branch by focusing on areas that will be of benefit to all our members.

I can say that "Project 2016" has identified four "valued behaviors" expected of members:

- 1) Friendliness towards one and others. No problem here, in seven years I have never witnessed any real negativity between members.
- 2) Participation in branch, area and state activities. We need some improvement here. Our luncheons have a goal of 70% attendance. We average 63%. Some activities like golf are thriving, while others are not. Each month I see faces in the crowd who come to some luncheons but are otherwise inactive. Don't get me wrong, if that's your thing, you are as important a member as someone who spends five days a week doing SIR events. But I personally believe that you are missing out and strongly urge you to become more involved. One strong branch in Walnut Creek has 38 regular activities, something for everybody. If you have an interest in (Little SIR continued on Page 2)



Little SIR Gary

Be A Friend - Bring a Friend

(Big SIR continued from page 1) Cards and Board Games.

Contact Vic or Jim and bring your ladies, guests, cards and games to join them. See your SIR directory

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, Activity Chairmen and an ambassador. Help get him to know some new best friends.

(Little SIR continued from Page 1) something we don't have, start it, we'll give you all the support we can. Groups like an investment group, a history roundtable, and a gardening group are in the formative process. The bridge group is expanding, and Roger Deal's computer group is gaining vitality.

We will soon have a monthly calendar of activities, thanks to Rich Colby and I think by the end of the year it should be very full.

3) Willingness to help with branch operations. Have you ever noticed that the same faces seem to turn up when there is something to do? A beehive has a queen bee, drones who basically tend to the needs of the queen, and workers who tend to the needs of the hive. We don't have a queen so we don't need drones, we need workers who are willing to put in a few hours a month for the benefit of the entire hive. I have been told to expect some blank faces when asking some to serve on our

nominating committee this summer, and more blank faces when I ask "would you be willing to...". I hope not

4) Share the SIR experience with others through bringing guests. Our active membership in May is 222, down from 236 at the beginning of the year. This is not so bleak as we have culled inactive members from the list this spring with some more trimming to come. As a would-be gardener I can tell you that pruning is tough, but the end result is a more healthy product.

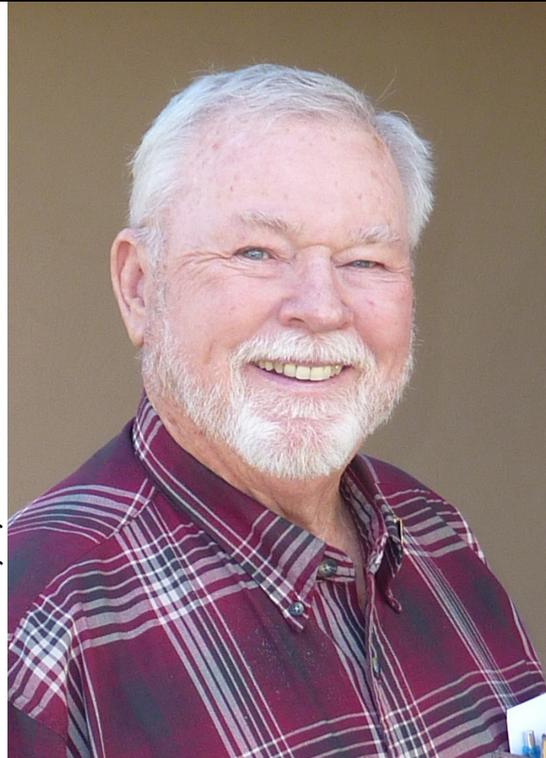
Our goal is to add 50 new members this year and we are at 25% of that goal. We add 2 new members for every 3 guests. I've done the math. If each member brings only one guest to a luncheon, not only does he get a free lunch, but our membership would increase by 149. If only half of you brought a guest we increase by 74.5. We can give the half member to another branch. So I make you this challenge, bring in just one guest between now and January. If you don't have a friend, borrow one of Mike Moyle's (just be sure to give him back after the luncheon).

I am told that people just don't join clubs anymore and that Rotary, Kiwanis, Elks and the like are losing members. That may be true, but there are still plenty of people out there who would relish the chance to meet and spend time with a group of friends. We just need to identify them, show them what SIR has to offer. All it takes is a little, maybe very little effort.

In closing I just want to leave you with a quote from Plato (no kidding), "It was a wise man who invented beer."

SIR BIOGRAPHY OF THE MONTH — JOHN CRAWFORD

What does it take to be a true 'native' of some geographical location? How about being born there. Let's try this one. How about if one was born at the St. Agnes Hospital of Yester Year, right here in Fresno. Does that make him a native? It does indeed! Who are we talking about? **John Crawford!** Yes, that was back in 1937. John was the youngest of the three kids in his family, an older brother and older sister. And during his first 10 years, he lived way over there off Lowe and Cedar a couple of blocks from the Fair Grounds. That would be the site of a 'prisoner-of-war' camp holding captured German soldiers during



WWII.

John grew up completing his early education from elementary through high school in Fresno. He managed to graduate - he was in the last class to do it - from Roosevelt Junior High School. And what was his prophesy upon graduation from Roosevelt as a senior in 1954, the second youngest of his Class? 'To be the First Man on the Moon'. O.K., it didn't happen! But other things did.

As he says, "Three days after graduation, I was on my way to Lackland Air Force Base!" There John went through Basic Training. He then was shipped to Edwards Air Force Base. As a Clerk/Typist, he worked in an area having to do with personnel assign-

ments. Within a short time, he got himself assigned and transferred to Spangdahlem AF Base in Germany. He held various personnel related positions while there until the Korean War ended. As the Air Force was reducing personnel, John was able to get himself an Honorable Early Discharge. He returned to Fresno and enrolled in Fresno State College to study Mechanical Engineering.

John Crawford while in college got married, and became the proud father of two wonderful daughters. Some alternative plans were needed. He had a family to support. School had to be postponed. In some sequence, positions with Foremost Dairies and Granny Goose Potato Chips gave him the basis for raising his family. His work with Granny Goose took him to Kern County, working in Bakersfield and the surrounding area. He eventually returned to Fresno, still with Granny Goose. What followed were jobs that took him to Eureka in Northern California but later to the city of San Jose.

It would be a couple of years later that, with some soul searching, John Crawford determined this life-form was not for him. He went back to college, this time he directed his efforts to becoming an educator, a teacher. He enrolled in San Jose State University. In time, he achieved a BA in English with a Minor in Physical Science. He started teaching in an intern program, but within 2 years, was able to be granted a Teaching Credential. With that, he was able to secure a position with the Santa Clara Unified School District teaching at the 6th grade level. For his third year, he moved to San Jose and joined the Oak Grove School District where he taught 6th grade and Junior High classes. While teaching, he went back to school, and earned a Masters degree in Elementary Administration. John Crawford would spend the rest of his teaching career there. In his last 3 years with the District, he held the position of Technical Coordinator, teaching teachers how to use and integrate technology into their classrooms. He retired in 1999.

John moved to Novato, CA. There he was introduced to and joined the SIR organization in the year 2000. In his typical manner, John embraced SIR in many ways. It would not be long before, as a member of Branch #134, John would tackle any number of assignments. He chaired his Golf Committee, served on the Branch Executive Committee. He took on the Little Sir position and followed that with Big Sir. He took the assignment of Governor of Area 29 for 4 years. He also served as Secretary of the SIR State Golf Committee. John notes that Dave Betts was and still is that Committee's Treasurer. It was after all this that John Crawford was awarded Honorary Life Membership, recognizing all the time and effort he had given to his then SIR Branch #134 and SIR at the State level.

in the year 2009. He transferred his SIR membership to Branch #159. John cannot sit still. He has since coming to Fresno served on the Board of Directors, and assumed the position of Membership Chairman. He hollers the "Hear yee, hear yee!" call to lunch at each gathering of his Branch #159. He initiated a Biography program wherein the biographies of individual members of Branch #159 are prepared and published in the Branch newsletter, the Chanticleer. Biographer Crawford is assisted in this endeavor by George Gianopulos.

John declares that a member of an organization benefits more by serving that organization in any constructive way he can. He adds, "I feel at home with SIR branch #159, and encourage all our members to become involved in serving the Branch in some capacity."

George Gianopulos



The Stardusters at the 159 Ladies Day Luncheon



Tripping the lite Fantastic @ the Ladies Day Luncheon

SIR John Crawford returned to the San Joaquin Valley

Bridge Scores

MAY 3 1st Russ Watt, 2nd Jim Whitmer, 3rd Charles Ratliff, 4th Fred Wrazel, 5th George Rurik, 6th Hugh Cox, 7th Vic Froehmer, 8th Jim Lund, 9th Gene Tognazzini
Consultation Bob Cleveland
High score 4,680 Russ Watt
High table 2,180
Jim Whitmer Charles Ratliff

MAY 17 1st Russ Watt 2nd Charles Ratliff, 3rd Ron Vieira, 4th Bob Cleveland, 5th Jim Whitmer, 7th Vic Froehmer, 8th Hugh Cox, 8th Gene Tognazzini
Consultation Jack Leonard
High score 3,420 Russ Watt *again*
High table 1,090 Gene Tognazzini

Anniversaries

Pat & James Bertram
Angela & John Briceno
Julia & Don Corley
Susan & Bill Coyle
Jane & Michael Cunningham
Martha & Roger Deal
Becky & Tom Dougherty
Delores & Tom Gallardo
Hilda & Charles Jaurigue
Betty & Bob Knebel
LuAnn Joy & Michael Levine
Mi & Lee Moy
Stephanie & Shane Petersen
Bernice & Gus Short
Sharon & Bernie Stepanek
Paulette & Ben Tyson
Nancy & John Wright
Marjorie & Jim Wulf

Mary & Rich Zanarini

Birthdays

Pete Berman, Edward Castanon, Daryl DeRouchey, Jim Dorgan, Richard Fimbres, Rick Flores, Ron Jones, Allen Layne, John Leal, Bill Lyons, Mike Moyle, Merle Petersen, Stan Silva, Bernie Stepanek, Mike Williamson, Fred Wrazel, John Wright

Sunshine

Not sure why we call this committee Sunshine, as pretty much all the news is sad. On that note, Charlie Barrett had a reversal to the healing process as his broken ankle got an infection. On the happy side, it is being treated and he is getting better again. We are sad to report, Gary Haynes #247 passed away May 21, 2016. Gary was an auto racing buff and liked to Fish and Golf. He will be missed by his table friends and all members of Branch 159.

Remember to let me know if someone in your circle is ill or injured so I can follow up. e-mail ronwilson7777@outlook.com., or call 960-8294

Ron Wilson,
Sunshine committee

Attendance Report

In May, 2016, SIR Branch #159 had 221 active members with 41 of those members at-

tending with their ladies the May 12, 2016 Ladies' Day luncheon at Pardini's. This represents 18% of the active membership. Remember absences are not recorded on the Ladies' Days. Several of the members took the opportunity to demonstrate they are still able to shake a leg. Members are expected to attend the other 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 Duke-Marshall@aol.com When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER

**Duke Marshall, Attendance
Chairman**

Digital Media/ Computer Group

The Digital Media/Computer Group will meet June 14 on the Second Tuesday this time, 1:00 PM at Woodward Park Regional Library 944 East Perrin Ave, Fresno, in the River Room. With the Microsoft free Windows 7/8.1 to 10 update offer ending July 29 (or pay \$119 later) we will show live, how to configure and set up Windows 10 to your liking.

Roger Deal



Perry's Puns ***SEX***

Condoms don't guarantee safe sex anymore..... A friend of mine was wearing one when he was shot by the woman's husband.

Lance Armstrong

I think it is just terrible and disgusting how everyone has treated Lance Armstrong, especially after what he achieved, winning 7 Tour de France races, whilst on drugs.

When I was on drugs, I couldn't even find my frig'n bike.

Drive By

A guy broke into my apartment last week. He didn't take my TV, just the remote. Now he drives by and changes the channels. Sick bastard!!

The Agony of Aging

On the morning that Daylight Savings Time ended I stopped in to visit my aging friend.

He was busy covering his penis with black shoe polish.

I said to him, "You better get your hearing checked - You're supposed to turn your clock back".

Pregnant Prostitute

Doctor asks pregnant prostitute, "do you know who the father is?"

"For gosh sake, if you ate a can of beans would you know which one made you fart?"

Golfers Corner

We have 5 golf events scheduled in June. Our Novelty game will be held Thursday June 23rd at Airways GC; more info to follow soon on the novelty format.

The NCGA Branch 159 Qualifiers will be held on June 8th, at Lemoore GC, 4man2BB (1 team moves on) and June 30th at Riverside GC, Senior Four-ball Net, aka 2manBB (2 teams move on). For specifics and sign-up, please contact Mike Moyle

Congratulations to **Gary Kilgore** for winning the 2016 Ron Rich match play Championship, by defeating Ben Tyson at Fig Garden GC. As each of his opponents found out, Gary's game re-

mained very strong throughout the tournament.

The list of 159 golfers with a Hole In One keeps growing ! **Lynn Streit** on April 13th at Riverside GC, during a branch 159 weekly tournament, holed in one the #5 hole. Lynn used a 5 iron club for 108 yards, over the water. Then, just a few days ago, **Mike Moyle**, scored a Hole In One, at Madera Muni GC, on May 26th, during a branch 159 tournament, using his PW for a 109 yds shot on hole #6. I think its Mike's 3rd hole in one ! Way to go Mike. And thumbs up SIR159 golfers!

BRANCH 159 WEEKLY GOLF: SIGN-UP PROCEDURE.

Our system is rather simple: the first step to circle your name on our large sign-up board (available at each weekly event and at the monthly luncheon) for each game(s) you want to play for the month. This allows us to publish the Roster on our website; followed a few days later by the Pairings. At each stage an email is sent to inform you.

Then, each month we have a different Monthly Chairman (he's not the Golf Chairman) who is running the tournaments, pairings, cancellations, add-ons, etc... His name and contact info are available on the Chanticleer and also on our website. For any question you may have regarding one of our regular tournament of the month, please contact directly the Monthly Chairman.

From experience, it's advised to sign-up as early as possible. Most courses have to know in advance (sometimes its 1 week) how many SIR golfers will play in the tournament, because they need to assign our holes (shotgun start) and sell the remaining ones to the public. In addition, we have to form the pairings by Monday AM, and with the team events (2 or 4 players) late entrants may not be guaranteed a spot.

Also, make sure your email address is in our golf 159 directory; if not, please contact .

Golf Chairman, Gilbert Matossian, at sir159golf@gmail.com

Branch 159 June Golf Schedule

Chairman James Noriega 432-5423

Thur	6/2	8AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Wed	6/8	8AM	SG	Lemoore
Thur	6/16	8AM	SG	Sherwood
Thur	6/23	8:30	SG	Airways
Thur	6/30	8:30	SG	Riverside
Thur	7/7	8AM	SG	Dragon Fly
Wed	7/13	8AM	SG	Valley Oaks
Thur	7/21	8AM	SG	Belmont G&CC
Thur	7/28	8AM	SG	Pheasant Run

Area 29 Golf

Madera Muni was the location for our Area 29 qualifier for the SIR 2016 State Team Championship (scramble).

Five teams competed on Thursday, May 26th, for the one lone spot that advances to the State Championship to be played at Poppy Ridge in Livermore on August 8th. Placing first and advancing to the finals was the Branch 159 team



composed of Dell Kerns , John Briceno, Gilbert Matossian, and Steve Chase. Their team fired a gross score of 6 under par...resulting in a team net score of 55.74. (Placing 2nd and serving as an alternate to the State Championship was a team from Branch 169. Composed of Leland Nichols,

Robert Jones (Br 159), Mike Torigian and Duane Evans...this team fired a gross 4 under 68 for a net of 58.61.

In 3rd place was the team of Gary Morgan, Gary Smith, Rick Ransom and Rich Fimbres, gross 70 net 60.34.

4th was the team of Mike Moyle, Duke Marshall, Ed Beier and Hank Gomar, gross 70 net 60.65.

In 5th was the team of Gary Kilgore, Butch Evans, Richard Pezzi and Stanley Littleworth, gross 71 net 60.68.

A big thanks to all 20 golfers who joined in to make this a competitive event!

Good luck to team Matossian going forward to represent Area 29 at the state level!! :-)

Upcoming Area 29 Overnight Golf Trip

Plans are underway for our first Area 29 overnight golf trip for 2016.

If you recall...last year we had two such trips. The first was in late April where we played Poppy Ridge (NCGA owned course in Livermore) on a Tuesday, stayed overnight, then took in the first round of the World Golf Championships - Cadillac Match Play at Harding Park in San Francisco the next morning.

Our 2nd trip was on June 28th when we traveled to Sacramento to watch the final round of the Senior U.S. Open at Del Paso Country Club, stayed overnight, then played the MacKenzie course at Haggin Oaks on Monday. Each trip was enjoyed by 7 - 8 carpooling SIR golfers. :-)

Our first trip this year is planned for July 10 - 11. On July 10 we will carpool over past Gilroy a short distance up US 101 to watch the final round of this year's U.S. Women's Open being held at CordeValle (San Martin, CA). We'll spend the night at a hotel in either Morgan Hill or Gilroy. Then on Monday we'll play the Nicklaus designed Coyote Creek Golf Course before returning home to Fresno.

On the money side of things, a two person pass to attend the final round of the Women's Open on Sunday the 10th can be purchased online for \$95 (\$47.50 each). A one person pass runs

\$53. Microtel Inn & Suites or Quality Inn in Morgan Hill have 2 bed, nonsmoking rooms available today in the \$110 - \$120 range (the Quality Inn has a pool that might be nice after spending the day at CordeValle in July). Internet price for a round of golf at Coyote Creek (Tournament Course) runs \$52 - \$57 online.

This trip is open to all Area 29 SIR, family and friends. For our SIR golfers...what a great chance to experience watching close hand the best women golfers in the world. Maybe we learn a little something about timing and tempo that we can apply the next morning at Coyote Creek?? :-)

If you're interested in going on this trip, or have any questions, please respond ASAP to help facilitate in further planning (carpooling, tickets, hotel room, etc.). It would be wise for individuals to go ahead and book a room now before we get too close to July and room availability goes down

SIR Best Bowling for May

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
6-May	Hi Hdcp. Series	James Noriega	649	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchev	552	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Daryl Derouchev	227	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchev	206	159
13-May	Hi Hdcp. Series	Tom Harlan	687	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Tom Harlan	573	175
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Tom Harlan	282	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Tom Harlan	244	175
20-May	Hi Hdcp. Series	Duke Marshall	691	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall	610	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Duke Marshall	255	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall	228	159
27-May	Hi Hdcp. Series	Daryl Derouchev	666	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchev	603	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Daryl Derouchev	242	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchev	221	159

and prices go up. Lock in your room now...but make sure you do it on a site where you can cancel and get your money refunded if you end up not going. :-)

Mike Moyle

Area 29 Golf Coordinator

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Special report from the SIR Bowling League

The fall thru spring season has come to a close.

The following are the best of '15-'16 season.

Hi Avg	Ed Beier	190
Hi Avg 2nd	Alan Barton	182
Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier	672
Hi Scratch Series 2nd	Duke Marshall	610
Hi Scratch Game	Ed Beier	262
Hi Scratch Game 2nd	Duke Marshall	250
Hi Hdcp Series	Bill Ripley (175)	733
Hi Hdcp Series 2nd	Ed Beier	705
Hi Hdcp Game	Tom Harlan (175)	282
Hi Hdcp Game 2nd	Hugh Cox	271
Most improved	Daryl DeRouchev	up 12.9
Most improved 2nd	Rich Lewis	up 7.6
Most improved 3rd	James Noriega	up 7.1

Single Guy Luncheons

Everyone is welcome to join the start-up luncheons to be held the last Tuesday of the month. The emphasis will be on the single SIR guys. Couples are invited, too.

We will focus on eating out where exotic foreign plates are served in the Valley. If you feel adventurous, then this might be your ticket.

So we can get a accurate head count, please RSVP Lee Moy (559) 709-9851 at least two days prior to the event.

If you have an appetite for a particular ethnic dish, we are open to your suggestions. After all, the world is your oyster.



Don't stay home starving

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

SINGLE GUYS LUNCHEON*

June 21, 2016-Tuesday, 11 am



***Couples welcome, too.**

RSVP

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