



# The Chanticleer

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

Date July 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 White (Fresno State Planetarium)

Cool flocking Roosters...we will see you at our July SIR Pardini's lunch. The only fire-works will be quietly enjoying your friends, having fun and maybe getting lucky with a winning ticket for a bottle of wine. All Good.

Over there in Avenal...Fourth of July was mostly fire crackers launching tin cans in the air. We never sent one into orbit while we were careful to keep all our fingers.

After dark...we had sparklers that could start a grass fire. You had to be careful. If you stepped on the freshly discarded hot wire...it would burn your bare foot and launch a pained howling jumper.

Back here in Fresno...as your Big Sir, we are staying the course with renewed efforts to improve our SIR #159.

Little Sir, Gary Smith has interesting speakers lined up and his SIR RAMP teams are looking to expand activities to bring in new members who will find new best friends and have more fun.

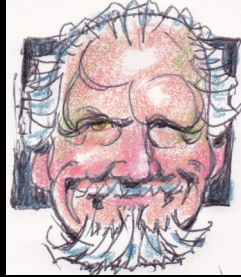
Hey...some of you signed up for several new activities that were suggested to your Little SIR. Follow up and have fun.

Just a reminder... SIR #159 continues to reward SIR recruiters of new members with a well-earned complimentary lunch.

**Card players and board-gamers...** join Jim Whitmer and Bridge Chairman Vic Froehmer who are expanding bridge to partner with Cards and Board Games.

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

If you are interested in more social interaction and fun, see the inside page of your SIR directory. It has our list of activities. Call your Chairman and meet more like-minded SIRs. Bring a guest or sponsor a new member and be sure to tell your caller for our food count. Please introduce him

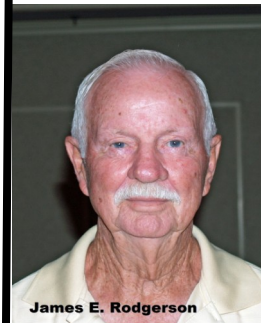


Big S IR Perry

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

## New Members

Each month when we induct new members we will ask them to give us a little info about themselves and we will put that in the Chanticleer along with their picture. 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.



James E. Rodgerston

**James Rodgerston**

Worked in Radiology

Phone 520-262-0401

Email none



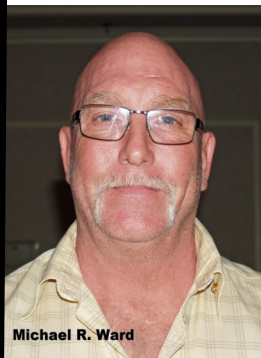
Dana Hamparzoomian

**Dana Hamparzoomian**

Worked at Shaw Industries/  
Likes to play Golf/Travel

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Michael R. Ward

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## Be A Friend - Bring a Friend



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**Scott Trimmell** Banking  
Works out at Gym/Walks/Cooks

Phone 438-8518

Email susanjohnt@sbcglobal.net

### A Letter from the Treasurer

I want to bring to everyone's attention how **important** it is that when a caller asks if you are going to attend the luncheon and you say yes, that you need to attend; **if you have doubts say no.** I know that sometimes there are circumstances that arise and it makes it impossible to attend and we realize that; We please ask that you call **Ron Travis (322-1898)** at least two days before the luncheon if you said yes so we can take you off the lunch count. **We are held liable for the count that is called in.** Last month, we had **15 no- shows** and it cost our branch **\$228.75!!** So please, if something comes up and you are unable to attend, call Ron Travis. Thank you.

*Shane Petersen – SIR Branch #159 Treasurer*

Life is great! SIR is great! I still can't believe that at the last luncheon I sat next to a person who sat next to Halle Berry. I touched his arm, and I'm pretty sure that he touched hers, so by proxy I'm now pretty tight with the whole Hollywood crowd. No party invites yet but I'm sure they're coming any time now (Why is that mailman always so late?).



**Little SIR Gary**

Seriously, Rick Bentley was a great speaker. I thank Perry who used his Bee connections to set it up.

There are several things in the wind for us this month. First is an upcoming election. We will be selecting a new Little Sir for 2017, and two directors to serve for two years. The nominating committee is putting up a slate. But if your name, or the name of someone you think would be a great Little Sir or director is not on the list, contact me before August 1 (of course after you have that person's agreement to serve). That name will be added to the ballot. If there are no additions to the committee's slate we will propose that the nominations be closed and the slate be elected by voice vote at the August lunch. There is no truth to the rumor that Howard Zinn says, if elected, he would put up a huge wall between us and Branch 175 and make them pay for it.

The **History Roundtable** is getting off the ground. Several SIRs have indicated an interest so there is an organizational meeting set up for **Tuesday, July 19 at 11:00 at Yosemite Falls on Blackstone**. If you have ever been involved in a roundtable you know just how fun and stimulating the discussions can be. If you have any interest in history in general, or know someone who does, plan on coming. You don't need to be an expert, once the discussions start you will see that what while we may lack in knowledge we never lack for opinion. Like Plato said, "Opinion is the middle ground between knowledge and ignorance!" Some have knowledge, some are ignorant, but we all have opinions. So as Napoleon said to Wellington before Waterloo, "Be there or be square."

We are also forming a **Gardening** group. Whether you just want to find out about the latest growing techniques, or you would rather just dig in, get your hands dirty and grow things this may be for you. I could even be persuaded to exhibit the world's smallest tomato I grew. At least I think it's a tomato, it could very well be a red pea, I'm not sure. Again there seems to be an interest so I have set up a meeting at **Yosemite Falls on Wednesday, July 20, at 11:00**. Note that this is the day after the roundtable meeting. I did this on purpose so that if you have an interest in both groups you can just bring a sleeping bag and stay overnight. We could even have a pajama party.

The speaker for our July luncheon is Dr. David White, the director of the Downing Planetarium at Fresno State. Dr. White has spoken to several branches in the area and those branches have given his presentation a robust thumbs up. I have to admit that when I went to the planetarium regarding the speaking engagement I was blown away by it. I had expected to see a lone telescope and a small building around it. The facility is worthy of any big city planetarium



**June Speaker Rick Bentley with John Crawford**

that I have seen and I personally can't wait to hear from Dr. White. It is a Fresno gem which most of us don't know about.

I have asked Lee Moy, our Travel guy, to work with them to set up a tour and program for SIR soon after the luncheon. Hopefully, the plans will be finalized by the time of the luncheon.

That's about it for now, I've got to go get my CAVS jersey bronzed. I'm from "Titletown" you know. By the time they win again I will be 124 years old.

Something to ponder: "What do you say when God sneezes" - Steven Wright.

## GardeningGroup

Plan on coming to an organizational meeting for the new Gardening Group on Wednesday, July 20 at 11:00. Bring your suggestions on how to make this group flourish (get it?).

**Wednesday, July 20 @11:00**  
**Yosemite Falls- Blackstone and Shaw**

## History Roundtable

The organizational meeting for the History Roundtable will be

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**Yosemite Falls- Blackstone and Shaw**

## Sunshine

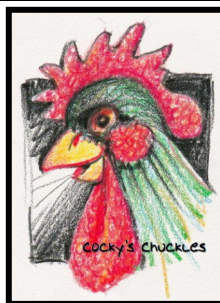
\_\_\_\_ This Month finds Bud Burrows in the hospital, hope he is home by now, Don Smith is recovering from surgery and Fred Stein's Wife Dee, is in hospital for an extended period. We have lost 2 members this month, Gary Haynes passed May 21. And Dan Ayala died last week. Please hold a kind thought for the families of these men and for all our friends in SIR that are going through a hard time. Remember, send me an e-mail, or give me a call if you know of Rooster that is down or out. -- ronwilson7777@Outlook.com ph. 960-8294.

Ron Wilson  
Sunshine Committee

## Sir's Best Bowling for June

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
3-Jun	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier	622	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Ed Beier	234	159
10-Jun	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchey	593	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchey	239	159
17-Jun	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall	484	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall	191	159
24-Jun	Hi Hdc. Series	Bill Ripley	608	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchey	596	159
	Hi Hdc. Game	Hugh Cox	224	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchey	237	159
2015/16	BEST			
	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 Hdc. Series	Bill Ripley (175)	733	
	Hi Hdc. Series 2nd	Ed Beier	705	
	Hi Hdc. Game	Tom Harlan (175)	282	
	Hi Hdc. Game 2nd	Hugh Cox	271	
	Most improved	Daryl DeRouchey	up 12.9	
	Most improved 2nd	Rich Lewis	up 7.6	
Most improved 3rd	James Noriega	up 7.1		



**Perry's Puns.....** A daughter says to her mother,

*"I'm divorcing Nathan.  
All he wants is sex, sex and more sex.  
My vagina is now the size of a 50-cent  
piece,  
when it used to be the size of a 5-cent  
piece."*

Her mother says .....

*"You're married to a multi-millionaire businessman!  
You live in an 8 bedroom mansion!  
You drive a \$250,000 Ferrari!  
You get \$2,000 a week allowance!  
You take 6 vacations a year and  
you want to throw all that away  
over 45 cents?"*

## Bridge Results

**May 31** 1<sup>st</sup> Vic Froehmer,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gene Tognazzini  
3<sup>rd</sup> Charles Ratliff  
Consultation Hugh Cox  
High score 3,160 1<sup>st</sup> Vic Froehmer-  
High table 1,050  
Gene Tognazzini Charles Ratliff

**June 7** 1<sup>st</sup> Fred Wrazel High score  
4,290 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Lund 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Leonard  
4<sup>th</sup> Jim Whitmer 5<sup>th</sup> Russ Watt  
6<sup>th</sup> Hugh Cox 7<sup>th</sup> Charles Ratliff  
Consultation Gene Tognazzini  
High table 1,310  
Russ Watt Jack Leonard

**June 21** 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Whitmer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vic Froehmer 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Lund  
4<sup>th</sup> Gene Tognazzini 5<sup>th</sup> Fred Wrazel  
6<sup>th</sup> Charles Ratliff 7<sup>th</sup> Bob Cleveland  
8<sup>th</sup> Hugh Cox  
Consultation Jack Leonard  
High table 1,180  
Jim Whitmer Bob Cleveland  
High score 3,830 Jim Whitmer

## Attendance Report

In June, 2016, SIR Branch #159 had 204 active members with 121 of those members attending the June 9, 2016 luncheon at Pardini's. This represents 59% of the active membership. Of the 83 members absent, 55 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](mailto:DukMarshal@aol.com) When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER

*Last month we had 15 extra lunches*

*which cost the branch \$225. If you cannot make the luncheon it is important to let the caller know before the Sunday before the luncheon. If plans change afterwards, let me know as many of you already do, and know you are responsible for the price of the lunch.*

**Duke Marshall,**  
**Attendance Chairman**

## Birthdays

Norm Bainter, Ray Allen, Terry Byrne, Larry Calvert, Larry Duba, Garry Elliott Tom Gallardo, Les Gorden, Roger Guzman, Joe Huizar, Charles Jaurigue Larry Knoll, Bill Leavitt, Michael Levine, Bob Moore, Richard Neilson, Chuck Olono, Don Reitz, Pat Salinas Joe Smith, Bob Van Wyk, Jim Wulf

## Anniversaries

Donna & Philip Angelillo  
Margaret & Dave Betts  
Patricia & Jerry Brady  
Carolyn & Mike Fair  
Sharon & Mike Farley  
Jeanne & LeRoy Foote  
Barbara & Chico Garcia  
Maureen & John Hayes  
Kathleen & Joe Hushek  
Denna & Gary Kazarian  
Jo Ann & Bill Lyons  
Sally & Mike Robinson  
Holly & Tom Simpson  
Beverly & Joe Smith  
Dee & Fred Stein  
Sandra & Don Von Berg  
Mary & Terry Woolf  
Janet & Fred Wrazel

## Computer Group

SIR-159 Computer Group will take a recess for July and August due the busy summer library schedule precluding our normal Third Tuesday 1pm meetings.

*Roger Deal*

## Ladies Date Night

Ladies Date Night is on Vacation for the Summer Months. Should a Member want to "HOST" one, PLEASE contact Howard Zinn ASAP with Date and location. We will make the rest happen! Howard can be reached at 431-6797

## Area 29 Individual Qualifier

Our Area 29 Qualifier for this year's SIR State Individual Championship is just around the corner. The qualifier will be held at Dragonfly, 8:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 7th (less than 2 weeks away). The qualifier will have 7 flights, with each flight sending the low three net golfers forward to the Divisional which will be held at Pheasant Run on Tuesday, August 16 at 9:00 a.m. Those qualifying at the Division 5 level will proceed to the State Finals at Laguna Seca Golf Course (Monterey) on Tuesday, October 4th.

The Area 29 qualifier only costs \$5 entry (to play for prize money in the SIR 159 Branch individual flighted tournament on that day). Play will be from the gold tees. If you want to enter the qualifier I need to have you email me the following information by 8 p.m. this coming Saturday, July 2nd:

- 1) Your name
- 2) email address
- 3) telephone #
- 4) NCGA #

Please email me at: [mikemoyle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikemoyle@sbcglobal.net)  
I will respond to your email that you have been entered... otherwise I didn't get your email and I'll need you to call me at (559) 244-9872.

Any questions give me a call.

Mike Moyle  
SIR Area 29 Golf Coordinator

## FORE YOU !

Each of our weekly golf tournaments are handicapped based. Whether it's an individual game or a team game, reportable or non reportable, the net score is what determines the tournament results. So its easy to understand the importance for a member player of keeping his handicap index active with the NCGA in order to participate in our tournaments.

We are a fully accredited Associate Club by the NCGA, with the same recent handicap requirements as a public or private conventional golf club. We follow the USGA rules and recommendations, with one exception (the SIR 6" bump aka preferred lie).

If you are a new player with no handicap or if your handicap index became inactive, we can assist you in getting a GHIN handicap membership through SIR branch 159. Your SIR 159 handicap will be valid in the entire US, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, etc..

Our annual GHIN membership rate has been negotiated with the NCGA. In 2016 for exemple, our renewal rate was \$40 when many local courses charged \$65 or more.

Branch 159 golf provides many golf tournaments in addition to its weekly regular tournaments: Ron Rich Match Play, Branch Championship, and Two-Man Championship. We also participate in the Area 29 Annual Team and Individual Championship against the other Fresno based branches.

If you have a Hole-in-One during a branch 159 golf tournament (we already have 3 lucky & talented players in 2016), you will receive a special award from the SIR State Golf Committee (SSGC), get your photo in the Chanticleer, and receive \$100 prize if you hold your Handicap Index (GHIN) through our branch.

For the player who enjoys the challenge of competitive golf tournaments, a SIR 159 GHIN membership will also open the door to all the NCGA Associate individual and team tournaments, starting with the branch qualifiers. We are fortunate to have a knowledgeable in-house NCGA Coordinator, Mike Moyle, who handles all the info and paperwork required to participate in these competitions.

If you prefer to play SIR style tournaments,

and have a SIR 159 GHIN membership this will allow you to participate in two events set up by the SIR State Golf Committee: the Individual Championship where the players who made "the cut" are invited to play a great course in the Monterey Peninsula, and the 4man-Team Scramble ( a 18 holes one day event in Northern Cal). The SIR State Golf Committee is also in charge of a few classic tournaments (Reno, Solvang, Napa). All relevant info is available on the SIR State Golf website, however, we have three branch 159 members currently on the SSGC Board (Dave Betts, Butch Evans & Gilbert Matossian) who can help you if needed.

### Branch 159 July Golf Schedule

*Chairman Joe Hushek 438-5343*

<b>Thur</b>	<b>7/7</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>SG</b>	<b>Dragon Fly</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7/13</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>SG</b>	<b>Valley Oaks</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>7/21</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>SG</b>	<b>Belmont G&amp;CC</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>7/28</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>SG</b>	<b>Pheasant Run</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>8/4</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>SG</b>	<b>Riverside</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>8/10</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>SG</b>	<b>Madera CC</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>8/18</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>SG</b>	<b>Airways</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>8/25</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>SG</b>	<b>Sherwood</b>



**Hole-in-one winner Lynn Streit  
&  
Golf Chairman Gilbert Matossian**

## Bon Voyage! Single SIR Guys Luncheon

Senior citizen members and their young wives went on a foreign cuisine tour of India. We gathered for lunch buffet at Elephant Lounge in Clovis.

While the food was both appetizing and appealing, our SIRs were adventurous to try a different fare. Most importantly it offered us another opportunity to chit-chat and enjoy each other's company.

The lunch hour gathering fits around most people's daily schedule. Lunch prices are reasonable, and attire is always casual. Come join us for a change of pace. Ladies are always welcomed, too

Our next get-together will be at The Mediterranean Restaurant located just southwest of Fashion Fair Mall. The physical address is 4631 N. Fresno St.; phone: 226-7856.

They serve authentic Lebanese food. Pita bread sandwiches, shish kebab skewers, lamb shank, and hummus



appetizers are just some of the selections. Lunch entree prices average about \$ 14.

**What**      **Single SIR Guy Luncheon**

**When**     **Tuesday, July 26, 11 a.m.**

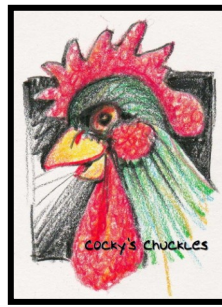
**Where**    **Mediterranean Restaurant**

**Address**    **4631 N. Fresno**

**Phone**      **226-7856**

**Whom**     **Hungry SIR family, friends, and women**

**Why**        **Beer, Service, Company**



**Perry's Pun.....** A blonde female motorist was about two hours from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down. He walked up to the car and asked, "Are you going to San Diego?"

"Sure," she replied, "do you need a lift?"

"Not for me. I'll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck. My problem is I've got two chimpanzees in the back that have to be taken to the San Diego Zoo. They're a bit stressed already, so I don't want to keep them on the road all day. Could you possibly take them to the zoo for me? I'll give you \$100 for your trouble."

"I'd be happy to," said the blonde.

The two chimpanzees were ushered into the back seat of the blonde's SUV. They were carefully strapped into their seat belts, and off they went.

Five hours later the truck driver was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he was horrified! There was the blonde walking down the street holding hands with the two chimps much to the amusement of a big crowd.

With a screech of brakes he pulled off the road and ran over to the blonde. "What are you doing here?" he demanded; "I gave you \$100 to take these monkeys to the zoo!"

"Yes, I know you did," replied the blonde; "but we had money left over so now we're going to Sea World."

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### **Nominees for 2017**

According to state rules, a nominating committee must present a slate of candidates for the positions of Little SIR and Director (2) for 2017. The following are those nominees:

Little SIR:    Mike Rumley

Director:      Duke Marshall

Director:      Stu Poytress

Elections will be held at the August luncheon. If you have a SIR that you desire to nominate, please inform Little SIR Gary Smith at [cptsmith45@gmail.com](mailto:cptsmith45@gmail.com) prior to August 1. Your nominee will be added to a paper ballot. If no additional nominees are submitted prior to August 1, the election will be by voice vote and will include anyone nominated at the August luncheon prior to the vote.