



The Chanticleer

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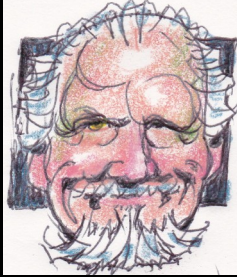
Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Meeting : 12 Noon

Program - Janice Noga Actress

October will have fine feathered SIR Roosters munching another hardy lunch at Pardini's with old and new friends...maybe getting one of those lucky tickets for a bottle of wine. Guys...bring in your old friend as new member and you will be rewarded with a well-earned lunch.



Big S IR Perry

The Big Fresno Fair will again have SIR members displaying their entries in various competitions. Hope to see you there on the Free-Geezer-Day.

Missed you at my September 9th Bring-Your-Own- Picnic Lunch at Sycamore Island Park...the day after we had Roger George speak to SIR about outdoor adventures and fishing.

Barbara and I picnicked. She read and I pitched golf balls to a plastic cup, chipped balls to the cups and threw my fly line a few times.

The view across the lake to Sycamore island...framed by the river bluff in fall colors...was worth driving the bumpy back roads and visiting rustic natural dirt picnic conditions.

Late October signals the arrival of my annual Almanor Lake fishing trip. We dress for rain, shine, hail or snow for the week and fly fish out of float tubes. And we like it.

World Series game-time draws a crowd of fish-lip-rippers. Dinner is served and the wine flows. I'm hoping we get an automatic even-year Giants torcher-fest win...again...looks a bit slim.

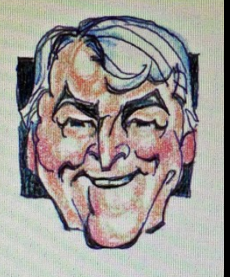
We lost a founding member of Sir #159, a fine Rooster, and Tennis Chairman with the passing of George Culverwell in mid-September. We will remember those wise blue eyes, that great smile and George's warm company.

Halloween wraps up October like doomed prey in Dracula's big black cape...careful Guys.

Little Sir, Gary S (Big SIR continued on page 2)

"If we were meant to pop out of bed we'd all sleep in toasters."-Anonymous

It is always nice when we can give something away to one of our members, and especially gratifying when it is one of the newer members. If you weren't at the last luncheon, you missed out on a chance at a \$750 guided fishing trip. **Ron Hereleman** was the winner. Roger George, the designated fishing guide at Miller-ton and San Luis Reservoir was the speaker and the benefactor. Ron has promised to catch a 30 pound stripped bass and to cut it up into 205 fillets so we can all share. Thank you Roger George and congratulation Ron.



Little SIR Gary

Next month's speaker is one that I am particularly excited to meet. It will be a wonderful change of pace. **Janice Noga** is a Fresno actress. Her personal biography is remarkable in itself, but this woman, and her husband, Oscar Speace, wrote, produced and performed a play ('Janka') about Speace's mother's experience in the Auschwitz and Dachau concentration camps in World War !!. The one woman show was produced in New York in the June Havoc Theater in 2015. The show had been performed locally until fans, who had seen it here, raised money sent it off for a New York run.

Donald Munro, the Bee critic wrote, "To see this remarkable woman (Janka) brought to life with such grace and style- was to make you want to grip the hand of the actor who plays her and say simply- Thank you."

Thank you to Ray Ensher for putting me in contact with her. A little aside: I don't like to call people late at night, so when I called her it was 7:00PM. I explained why I called and she was very gracious in accepting. Then she asked, "Do you realize you are calling me in London?" I happened to reach her on the way home from a London play- at 3:00AM!

(Little SIR continued on page 2)

Be A Friend - Bring a Friend

(Big SIR continued from Page 1) and his SIR RAMP teams are treating us with expanding choices of activities...and you are singing up. No trick...all good.

Thanks to our History Round Table guys, Mike Rumley and Steve Chase...our Rooster and Chanticleer were spotlighted and explained. Cool.

Looking for 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.

Roger Deal and his group can help you with computer devices. These guys have sure helped me. See you there.

Bring a guest or sponsor a new member and 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.

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.



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(Little SIR continued from from Page 1) At the last BEC meeting the RAMP Committee was changed. Before, RAMP consisted of four committees (Recruitment, Activities, Membership and Promotion) each with a chairman and operating separately, though coordinated by a RAMP coordinator. This was changed and now, RAMP will be one committee and the Little SIR will be the RAMP Chairman. Mike Rumley Little SIR designate will soon be organizing next year's committee and I would appreciate it if you all gave him your complete

cooperation and support.

Just got back from a short vacation to Las Vegas. It was a learning experience and I learned at least three new things. First, I learned the drive from Fresno to Las Vegas is long. Second, the drive home from Las Vegas to Fresno is even longer. And third, never go all in with a straight when your opponent has a flush. All in all, it's good to be back home.

On a more serious note, each month, our membership chairman, **John Crawford**, submits a "Branch Membership Report" to the state officers. This report tracks our membership, our guests, and our participation and has some specific goals. There are some alarming statistics in the last report. (1) Our total membership has decreased this year from a beginning total of 236 to a current 202. On analysis, most of these members were actually inactive when they were being shown as active. They were culled from the roster so the current roster is much more reflective of our actual status. (2) Our year's goal for new members is 50, but we have brought in only 19. To state this in another way, 75% of the way through the year we are only at 38% of our goal, or about 1/2. (3) I think the above can be explained in a simple way. Our goal for luncheon guests is 147 (this is calculated in a particular way, it is not a frivolous number). However, we have had only 21 guests for the entire year (9%). Almost all of our guests become members (90%), but if we don't have guests at our luncheons we don't have new members. It's that simple.

SIR is a unique group. Very little is required of its members- come to the luncheons and have fun. So it does not seem to be such an unbearable burden to ask each of you one additional thing: Bring at least one guest to a luncheon. We have only two more luncheons. If you have a friend bring him, if he becomes a member, your next lunch is free. It will benefit both you and your friend. And it is important to the mission of SIR.

"Friendship is unnecessary, like art... it has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival."- C.S.Lewis

October Sunshine

Sunshine for October 2016, great gollies!! what happened to August and September? Or even 2013 or 2014? Anyway, Still on the sick list is Charlie Olono. He is home but not able to rejoin us yet. Also, I'm sorry to relate the passing of George Culverwell, a long time SIR dating back 25 years. George carried the mike for a long time and was the Tennis Chairman, a sport he played well into his 80s. He was also a "go to" guy for many a

Big Sir needing help anyplace. George will be missed.

If you know of someone or someone's spouse that is injured or ill, please let me know. I'm at ron-wilson7777@outlook.com or 559 960-8294.

Ron Wilson, chairman.

Golfers' Corner

Branch 159 Annual Individual Championship is around the corner. It will be played on 2x18 holes, low gross and net (90% course handicap), flighted. Round 1 is scheduled Thursday October 27th, at Sunnyside CC. Round 2, is scheduled the following week, November 4th at Riverside GC. Sign-up through our regular sign-up board, or contact October Monthly Chairman, Gary Smith (916-8677), if you missed the board.

Annual Branch 159 Golf Awards: Tuesday November 29th, 8:30 AM, Yosemite Falls Cafe (NW corner of Shaw & Blackstone). Complimentary breakfast to SIR 159 golfers; sign-up (required) will start at our November luncheon.

2016 Area 29 Championship. No doubt, the new 6-man team format was a success. We had 4 teams and could have probably have one more. Although Ridge Creek GC does not play long from the White tees, all golfers experienced the tough challenge to find their ball when their drive or second shot did not land on the fairway or ended in a deep bunker. Congratulations to Hushek's team for its 2nd place overall. Individual results were very good too: Ray Phillips and Gilbert Matossian took 1st and 2nd place low gross overall; Bob Moore and Joe Cabral took 1st and 2nd place low net in Flight 3; Dana Hamparzoomian 1st place low net in Flight 4. Well done 159 golfers!

The 2016 Branch 2man team Championship took place at Belmont CC. It was a beautiful day. No doubt the the unexpected sandy greens made putting a greater challenge and were frustrating at times. Congratulations to McCoy-Avakian (1st

place, flight 1, net 60) and to Hamparzoomian-Byrne (1st place, flight 2, net 58).

The 2017 Golf season is approaching. Soon it will be time for our golfers to renew their GHIN.

Branch 159 October Golf Schedule

Chairman Gary Smith 916-8677

Thur	10/6	9AM	SG	Valley Oaks
Wed	10/12	9AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur	10/20	9AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur	10/27	9AM	SG	Sunnyside
Thur	11/3	9AM	SG	Riverside
Wed	11/9	10AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Thur	11/17	9AM	SG	Belmont CC
Wed	11/23	9AM	SG	Ridge Creek

Bridge Results

Sept. 6 1st Russ Watt, 2nd Jim Lund, 3rd Gene Tognazzini, 4th Hugh Cox, 5th Charles Ratliff
6th Vic Froehmer. 7th Bob Cleveland
Consultation George Rurik

High table 1,100 Russ Watt Hugh Cox

High score 3,240 Russ Watt

Sept. 20 1st George Rurik, 2nd Fred Wrazel
3rd Hugh Cox, 4th Gene Tognazzini
5th Vic Froehmer 6th Charles Ratliff
Consultation Jim Lund

High table 1,580

George Rurik

Fred Wrazel

High score 4,230 George Rurik

Attendance Report

In September, 2016, SIR Branch #159 had 202 active members of which 148 were in attendance at Pardini's for the luncheon on the 8th. This represents 74% of the active membership. Of the 53 members absent, 31 were ex-

cused. 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

Remember our lunch count depends on YOU responding to your caller and if plans change notifying either Ron Travis @322-1898 or myself, number above by **HIGH NOON of the MONDAY before** luncheon or ASAP!

Duke Marshall, Attendance Chairman

Computer Group

SIR-159 Computer Group meets on October 11, 1PM at the Woodward Park Regional Library "River Room" 944 East Perrin Ave, Fresno CA 93720. All SIR Branches, Wives and Guests are welcome. This is the **Second Tuesday** because the River Room was already booked on our normal Third Tuesday, and occurs two days **before** the SIR-159 Luncheon.

Bring your Computer, Smartphone, Digital Media, Windows 10, Photography or other Tech Issues you need help with.

I have some interesting videos/test on dunking smartphones in water, dropping them, scratch resistance, bending and camera improvements to share.

Roger Deal Chairman

Sir's Best Bowling for September

The Sir's bowling league is active and rolling. Come join in the fun on Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$8.50 for 3 games. Check for updates on the Sir's 159 Bowling Page. Just click on the bowler icon. ALL SIR members are welcome. I hear someone say, "I haven't bowled in years." My answer, it does not matter, we are there to have fun, be active and enjoy the comradery. **This is better than that afternoon nap!**

DATE		NAME	SCORE	BRANCH
2-Sep	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton	535	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton	199	159
9-Sep	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall	576	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall	205	159
16-Sep	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl DeRouchey	521	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall	191	159
23-Sep	Hi Hdep.Series	Tom Harlan	624	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton	549	159
	Hi Hdep.Game	Bill Ripley	221	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton	258	159

History Roundtable

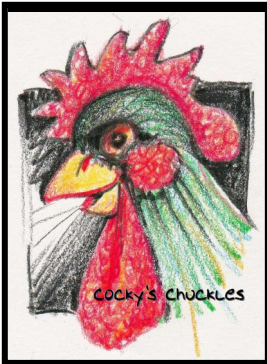
The History Roundtable session was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the Yosemite Falls café. The group had a good time discussing their views on various topics including the "Founding Fathers" the historical drama Outlander, and Civil War battles. It was suggested and agreed on that we establish at least one topic to read and research on for our future meeting. One topic that has been debated on for many years is the Roman Empire. When did it fall? What made it go into decline? What were its lasting contributions to Western Civilization? This will be the topic of discussion at our next Roundtable. Put it on your calendar for Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Yosemite Falls café-Blackstone and Herndon. They have a great senior lunch menu.

Birthdays

Ron Branam, Lance. Casper, Bill Coyle, Bill Ellsworth, Carlos Fernandez, Dell Kerns, Don Lowe, Dick McDonough, Joe Montejano, Larry Psaltis, Jim Rodgerson, George Rodriguez, Ben Romo, Bob Sexton, Michael Ward, Terry Woolf, Bob Zoldoske

Anniversaries

Shirley & Hugh Cox
Debbie & Jeffrey Curtin
Leslie & Garry Elliott
Cathy & Bruce Evans
Lydia & Nick Fierro
Angie & Alex Flores
Mary & Jim Lund
Diana & Bob Moore
Rose & Chuck Olono
Lynn & John Pokorny
Floy & Bill Ranells
Mary & Don Reitz
Theresa & Sal Salcido
Sharon & Donald Smith
Sharon & Bob Van Wyk
Ronnalie & Mel Welch
Theresa & Ron Wilson



Perry's Puns

A little old lady was walking down the street dragging two plastic garbage bags behind her.

One of the bags was ripped and every once in a while a \$20 bill fell out onto the sidewalk.

A policeman noticed this and stopped her, and said, "Madam, there are \$20 bills falling out of that bag."

"Oh, really? Darn it!" said the little old lady. "I'd better go back



September Speaker Roger George (Fresno Bee fishing writer and Guide) And Little SIR Gary Smith



FSU BB player Brie with FSU Coach Jamie White and Little SIR Gary Smith

and see if I can find them.. thanks for telling me officer."

Well, now, not so fast," said the cop. Where did you get all that money? You didn't steal it, did you?

"Oh, no, no", said the old lady. "You see, my back yard is right next to a Golf Course. A lot of Golfers come and pee through a knot hole in my fence, right into my flower garden. It used to really tick me off. Kills the flowers, you know. Then I thought, "Why not make the best of it? So, now, I stand behind the fence by the knot hole, real quiet, with my hedge clippers and every time some guy sticks his thing through my fence, I surprise him, grab hold of it and say, "Ok, buddy! Give me \$20, or off it comes."

"Well, that seems only fair," laughing the cop said, Ok. Good luck! Oh, by the way, what's in the other bag?"

"Not everybody pays."

Ladies Date Night Out

Wed. October 19

Social 5:30, Dinner: 6:00

Old Spaghetti Factory

1610 E Shaw

Fresno, Ca.

(We will be ordering from the menu and individually paying.)

Hosted by Howard & Marty Zinn

Reserve at 431-6797 or

howard.zinn@att.net

By October 17

I really think that will make him mad.'

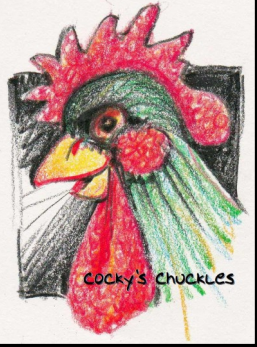
'Rubbish,' replied the cocky, young alien. He aimed his weapon and opened fire. There was a huge explosion. A massive fireball roared towards him and blew the younger alien off his feet and threw him about 200 feet into a cactus patch leaving him singed and injured.

Half an hour passed. When he finally regained consciousness, he refocused his three eyes, straightened his bent antenna, and looked dazedly at the older, wiser alien who was standing over him shaking his big, green head.

'What a ferocious creature!' exclaimed the young, fried alien. 'He damn near killed me! How did you know he was so dangerous?'

The older alien leaned over, placed a friendly feeler on his crispy friend and replied,

'If there's one thing I've learned during my intergalactic travels, you never mess with a guy who can loop his penis over his shoulder, then stick it in his ear.'



Perry's Puns.....

Two aliens landed in the Arizona desert near a gas station that was closed for the night.

They approached one of the gas pumps and the younger alien addressed it saying, "Greetings, Earthling. We come in peace. Take us to your leader." The gas pump, of course, didn't respond. The younger alien became angry at the lack of response. The older alien said, 'I'd calm down if I were you.' The younger alien ignored the warning and repeated his greeting. Again, there was no response. Pissed at the pump's haughty attitude, he drew his ray gun and said gruffly, "Greetings, Earthling. We come in peace. Take us to your leader or I will fire!" The older alien again warned his comrade saying, 'You probably don't want to do that!

On the first day of school, the children brought gifts for their teacher. The supermarket manager's daughter brought the teacher a basket of assorted fruit.

The florist's son brought the teacher a bouquet of flowers.

The candy-store owner's daughter gave the teacher a pretty box of candy.

Then the liquor-store owner's son brought up a big, heavy box.

The teacher lifted it up and noticed that it was leaking a little bit. She touched a drop of the liquid with her finger and tasted it.

"Is it wine?" she guessed.

"No," the boy replied. She tasted another drop and asked, "Champagne?"

"No," said the little boy..."It's a puppy!"

Terry Byrne is the successor to the ubiquitous (\$2.00 word for: He's Everywhere!) Lee Moy as SIR 159 coordinator of _unofficial_ non SIR sanctioned, uninsured, informal, just guys gathering, do-it-yourself at your own risk travel and/or events

A list of potential excursions is set forth below. The timing of many outings may depend on seasonal considerations, weather, etc. If you have any suggestions for other trips, please contact Terry at: tjbyrne952@gmail.com.

Transportation availability to/from venues may vary from private auto to car pool, bus or train depending upon destination and number of SIRS attending.

Without making a commitment at this point, please review the suggestions to see which ones you might be interested in attending.

Forstiere Gardens open weekends only Nov-Mar; daily Apr-Sep currently about \$13.00

Blossom Trail first week of Mar, give or take Scenic drive with lunch in Reedley? Uncle Harrys (not the bagel place)?

Monday Night Football not every game, but maybe one at a sports bar or pizza place

Japanese Tea Garden Woodward Park Apr/May

Fresno State Womens Basketball game season starts 11-4

Christmas Tree Lane walk Probably in December, duh

Various Pro Sports games Giants, Dodgers, Grizzlies Apr-Sep

Movies Year round

Fresno Chaffee Zoo Year round

Your family members from wives to great grand kids might enjoy most of these. Without making a solid commitment at this point, please let us know at the October lunch which trips you might be interested in. The degree of interest is necessary to determine economic feasibility of e.g group rates for admission, bus rental etc.

We will have a survey/ballot available at the lunch.



OPA !!!

SIR 159 Branch member, Chief Tom Simpson of the Clan Fraser welcomes guests to the Scottish Highland Games.



Not pictured but also present is SIR John Crawford, Scottish Society Steward.

Kopi greets "visitors" coming to the Greek Festival. SIR Richard Zanarini & Major Ted Feasel enjoy a refreshing Greek beer.



Take me out to the Ball Game

Leading off is Big Sir Perry Huffman, Branch 159 Assistant Secretary Carl Mertz, Region 8 Director Allan Baxter, and former officers Joe Bencivengo & Richard Zanarini. AAA Baseball: Chukchansi Park, RiverCats vs Fresno Grizzlies.

submitted by SIR Travel Lee Moy



Post Planetarium

STR Randy Morris and Anita enjoy lunch at the Mad Duck.



STR Branch 159 members and their wives enjoy each other's company following the Planetarium presentation.

Bill & Sue Hedman, Don & Sandra Von Berg, Bob Amado & Billy Jo





BRANCH #159



Sons in Retirement



presents



The Annual Holiday Ladies Day Luncheon

Thursday, December 8, 2016

A Program
Featuring
Our Own
SIR #159

**Randy Morris
and Friends**



Pardini's:



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

- - DOOR PRIZES FOR THE LADIES - -



\$19 Per Person

SIR #159 Annual Holiday Ladies Day Luncheon 2016



Reserve by mailing check to:

Shane Petersen
3245 E. Sample Ave.
Fresno, CA 93710
559-916-1821

Name: _____

Guest: _____

Turkey Ham

Turkey Ham

*Make checks payable to "SIR Branch #159"