



The Chanticleer

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**Program:: Meet your new Board for Branch 159
and Activities Chairmen for 2017.**

Date January 12, 2017

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$15 and no Buck Bucket

"I have tried to know absolutely nothing about a great many things, and I have succeeded fairly well." - Robert Benchley

Welcome to 2017 and a brand new year. As I think about the upcoming year, one thought keeps reoccurring-how do we keep the new year fresh and invigorating. I love SIRS, but I know that years of repetitiveness can make things stale and dull. Branch 159 is very secure, we are in the top 5% of the branches in terms of numbers, and we consistently add new activities. But as I look around, I see that the same group of people are the ones involved. Not that this is a bad thing, but I also see a great many who don't get involved. Some of you would like to become more involved and just need a nudge.

Now I understand that not everyone wants to be active, some just want to come to the luncheons and visit with their friends. This is fine and I respect that. But how many of you are missing out because you meet with a select group and don't get to know the other 190 or so.

The BEC is meeting (**Big SIR continued on page 2**)



Big SIR Gary

**Should auld acquaintance
be forgot?
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance
be forgot,
And auld lang syne.**

Chorus:

**For auld lang syne, my jo (dear)
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne,**

In 1788 the poet Robert Burns sent the poem 'Auld Lang Syne' to the Scots Musical Museum, indicating that it was an ancient song but that he'd been the first to record it on paper. The phrase 'auld lang syne' roughly translates as 'for old times' sake', and the song is all about preserving old friendships and looking back over the events of the year. The lyrics "We'll take a cup o' kindness yet" refers to the tradition of raising a glass, or a cup o' kindness meaning with "good will, friendship and kind regard" and in remembrance of "noble deeds" and people who we have lost. The custom of drinking a "health" at a special gathering to the prosperity or good health of another dates back into antiquity.

I don't know about you but I have sung this song numerous times, albeit, with probably too much Champaign clouding my mind. I never really thought about the words and their meaning until this year. In joining SIRs I made so many new friends who are now a part of my life. SIRs presents us an opportunity to preserve old friendships through our activities and to make new ones by adding new "Roosters" to the barnyard. Looking back over the past year I am proud of the fact that our membership had a net growth, new activities were added, and our current activities had a (**Little SIR continued on page 2**)



Little SIR Mike

**The 2017 assessments are now due.
The assessments pay for;
The printing of our Chanticleer and Directories,
administrative meetings, state assessments,
extra lunches & Wine for our raffles
Please make checks for \$15 payable to;
SIR Branch #159
Mail to;
Shane Petersen
3245 E. Sample , Fresno, Ca. 93710**

Be A Friend - Bring a Friend

(Big SIR continued from page 1) later this month to discuss what needs to be done to energize our luncheons and make the SIR experience more satisfying. We will be soliciting your suggestions so I hope you will all give this some thought and let us know what we can do better.

I can't wait to preside over my first luncheon, I had some great ideas. But some think my idea for a SIR Shakespearian Repertory Company doing Hamlet at luncheons would make the luncheons too long. Similarly, the SIR Light Opera Company would suffer from a lack of suitable voices. So, I will let you all come up with the suggestions for new activities. On the other hand a Sir Rap group could be called "Ice Aged".

Christmas was great. Jeanette and I spent a quiet day watching the 400 or so Hallmark Channel Christmas themed movies. Some people find them too similiar to each other, but I find them very instructive. For instance, did you know that there are at least 115 English speaking kingdoms in Europe each of which has a 30 year old batchelor king with a young daughter needing a beautiful governess. They are all engaged to shrews, but don't worry, on Christmas Day they will break up with the shrew and fall in love with the governess. Also, if you plan to fly during the holidays, you will inevitably get stranded in a snowstorm in Buffalo, and wind up in the same hotel as the nasty person woman who sat next to you on the plane. Of course, on Christmas Day you will fall in love with the nasty lady (who is probably a governess) and break up with the shrew to whom you were engaged. So see these movies really are educational.

We are now getting ready to watch 400 bowl games. The season really ended with the Browns having won a game but I feel compelled to watch because the games are educational. I hear that many will take place in Buffalo in a snowstorm.

See you all in January!

An optimist is a man who thinks that the housefly is looking for a way to get out-George Jean Nathan

(Little SIR continued from page 1) growth in participation. To preserve our SIRS friendships that tradition of "good will, friendship, and kind regard, we will drink a "health" to all our SIRs friends present and past at our January gathering.

As I ascend to the role of Little SIR I have the daunting task of preserving the past and building the future. What eases my anxiety somewhat is in knowing that I will not be doing this alone. Our January program will be built around the people who provide leadership and the volunteers who head up our fun activities. We need all Roosters to know what fun activities can be had with your membership in Branch 159.

As Little SIR I will be heading up our branch's RAMP Committee. The goal of RAMP (Recruitment, Activities, Membership, and Publicity) is to grow our chapter and I am looking forward to working with the committee in coming up with new ideas and new activities. I am excited that we will continue the free lunch program started last year giving a free lunch for members who grow our branch.

"For old time's sakes" we will continue the SIRs tradition of featuring luncheon speakers from the community who will address topics relevant and of interest to our body. But, in looking forward we will try some new things. Our May Lady's Day Luncheon will be replaced by a "Family" picnic at Kearney Park. And that is just for starters.

Remember SIR is your club. We are all about having fun, being active, and not devolving into a mass of senile jelly. Take advantage of all the activities that SIRs has to offer. There is something for everyone. So, I challenge our membership with three goals for 2017: GET INVOLVED, STAY INVOLVED, and BRING A FRIEND.

SIRS 159
YEARLY GOLF CRUISE
"A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE"

As we prepare for our 7th annual golf trip to Catalina and Ensenada on board the Carnival "Inspiration" in February of 2017, I would like to share some fond memories of years passed. It all started back in February of 2011 when Sir Mike Moyle and Sir Howard Zinn said "Lets go play golf in Mexico and take a Cruise ship to get there." So the day after "Super Bowl" , the "TWO" packed bags with of course Golf Clubs and headed south on 99 to San Pedro where they boarded the Inspiration for a 5 day get-away. The rest is History with many memories and lots of stories. ! Cruise 2011 brought Mike and Howard closer together. We shared divorce stories and renewed our friendship through Golf and a "couple" of drinks each night as we enjoyed the evenings on board the ship. Great times and good scores were shared on the golf courses on Catalina Island and Bajamar Country club, "The Pebble Beach of Mexico". At this time, we decided to make this an annual trip.!

Cruise 2012 brought on new participants. Mike talked

Jim Morgan into sharing a room with him and Howard invited Roger Oliver, a new member to SIRs, to join him if they both wore ear plugs at night to tolerate evening snoring. Mike Fair and his wife also joined us for the trip. As Moyle, Morgan and I were sitting up by the pool, waiting for our cabins to be ready, TWO ladies approached us and said "Police or Fire men"? We looked at each other and simultaneously said Policemen". The women said "I told you so- We will be in good hands on this Cruise". Roger joined us later as the women were leaving us and asked who the girls were. We told him, they were his new best friends for the rest of the cruise. "NOT". More on this later . Roger was new to golf. I think he lost every ball he brought with him the first day. We headed right to the discount store after the round to purchased more balls for the next day. On the 10th tee, Mike asked Howard if Roger had enough balls to finish the round. On the 10th tee, Roger hit 2 balls out of bounds and said "I'm through". 'I have no more balls". Mike and I said "there is a worker at the bottom of the hill - He might have some" Sure enough, He did and Roger bought every ball he had for \$10 dollars. He was thrilled and said "move on". On the 18th tee, Roger had 3 balls left - you guess it - He putted out on 18 with one ball left. He was thrilled and said "Can't wait until next year." Unfortunately , Roger passed a few months later at a Athletic Directors meeting where he was planning for the following years activities and League schedule. He is truly missed and remembered!

Cruise 2013 welcomed more new participants. John Crawford brought his grown daughters and shared an "inside" cabin. "Never again he said" Crowded & Seasickness". Phillip's, Ramirez's, Rosander and Bryant joined Zinns' and Moyles' to make a group of 13. Hospitality at both courses improved, as well as golf scores. Not to mention the attention we received on board the ship. Third year - more perks. Complimentary drinks!

Cruise 2014 honored couples. Five Sir members brought their wives and seven individual gentlemen joined us for a pre-party honoring our group on board the ship. The golf was just as fun. Some of the wives played golf, others spent a lot of money shopping in Catalina and Ensenada. Golf was as great as always. Five or more holes on the back side of Bajamar has the view of the Pacific Ocean. At one hole, I think #15 or #16, We honor Roger Oliver, by "Teeing up a ball and sending it out into the ocean." We love and miss you Roger! This act of fellowship happens each & every year!

Cruise 2015 was a great mixture of folks. Ten couples attended with 13 male individuals. The word got out that Ladies were more than welcome. It was the largest group so far. The cruise line loved us and gave us a Free pre-

party welcome the first night on board. Once again, some wives played golf, other shopped till they dropped. All enjoyed the Shipboard activities, the casino, shows and on-board shopping. Those who golfed in the mornings met early for breakfast and were the first ones off the ship in order to make tee-times and back in time for afternoon cocktails before dinner and show time. Weather has always been great. Absolutely calm waters every day!

Cruise 2016. "O MY GOSH" THE WORD IS OUT" Forty four folks joined us this year. We had the regulars who haven't missed a cruise yet. We had new folks join us. We had SIR Zinn's High School reunion group with us. Everybody had a ball. Eating, Drinking, Dancing, Movies, Daytime activities, not to mention great weather, fellowship and outstanding Golf. At least two members performed on stage (YOU GO GUYS - Kearns & Marshall) Dennis Rich was busy with his Camera. Thanks Dennis! So many memories to share!

Cruise 2017. Its not to late to join us BUT you better hurry ! 21 people have committed. Where are you ?

**PRICE: UNDER \$ 100.00 PER DAY PP!
DON'T PAY MORE THAN THAT !
(CALL HOWARD)**

Details: !

CARNIVAL INSPIRATION

FEB 6 THRU FEB 10 2017

(MONDAY - FRIDAY)

CATALINA AND ENSENADA

CONTACT: HOWARD ZINN 559 431-6797

MIKE MOYLE 244-9872

CAROL SMITH 824-2168

TRAVEL SHOPPE

MORRIE FRAZIER 299-4336

DREAM VACATIONS

History Round Table

Branch 159's History Roundtable met on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at the Yosemite Falls café. The Roundtable shared personal histories of childhood Christmas traditions. It was interesting to learn about the different traditions that were seemingly based on what religion you were raised in. The tradition of giving presents stems from Roman and pagan times where the Winter Solstice was celebrated. Santa Claus has undergone many transformations over the centuries. The jolly rotund gent started out as St. Nicholas of Myra, a real-life, 4th-century Byzantine monk who handed out bags of money to the poor. It is interesting to note that the Byzantine Empire

was in modern day Turkey and that good old Saint Nick was probably Turkish. The conversation also swerved to Bonobo (pigmy) Chimpanzees and their social and mating habits. I guess they mate continuously with the female the dominate one. Scientists are studying them to learn why.

The Roundtable suggested that our next topic center on the Ottoman Empire. Our next session will be on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Yosemite Falls Café, Shaw and Blackstone. All points of view are welcome. See you then.

COMPUTER GROUP

We will meet Tuesday 1/17/17 1 PM at the Woodward Park Library, River Room 944 East Perrin Ave , Fresno. All SIR Branches, Wives and Guests are welcome. Bring your computer, smartphone, media, photography, etc. issues. Demonstration of a free Dual Pane File Manager. Following our 1pm meeting Rich Colby's Investing/Economic Group will meet at 2 pm; will the new administration change things?

Roger Deal, Chairman



Economics & Stock Roundtable

The next meeting of the Economics and Stock Market Roundtable will be Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017 at 2 PM—immediately following Roger Deal's computer group meeting at the Woodward Park Regional Library located at 944 E Perrin Ave., Fresno, CA 93720.

Our meeting will review the markets in relation to economic conditions since the election and the beginning of the new year. Please bring your computers as we will be looking at a website that will allow “stock market simulation” games that allow one to participate in. We especially want to encourage those of you actively trading in

the market, to attend and participate in the meeting. We believe you will find this meeting fun and informative.

Terry's Travel Tidbits

SIR 159

A club named SIR One Five Nine
Has members who like beer and wine
Some golf and some bowl
Active fun is the goal
So that everyone's life is most fine.
HAPPY NEW YEAR

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FRESNO STATE

V

SAN DIEGO STATE

Wednesday February 22, 2017

7:00 PM

Interested? Contact Terry at

tjbyrne952@gmail.com or

559 341-8776

BEFORE February 10, 2017

Tickets are approximately \$11.00

Birthdays

Rich Bailey, Ron Copp, Hugh Cox, John Crawford, Mike Fair, Gerry Fields, Bill Hedman, Gary Kilgore, Duke Marshall, John Rackin, Alex Ramirez, James Rodgers, Michael Rumley, Ron Travis , Ed Williams

Anniversaries

Sue & Alan Barton

Dian & Larry Cox

Carole & Stan Littleworth

Jackie & Merle Petersen

Judy & Rick Ransom

Sunshine Committee

Ahh, January, a new year and a new commitment to excellence. Guess I'm feeling reflective about my 22 years in Branch 159. I've seen a lot of really good men come and go and quite a few that are still sticking around. Speaking of sticking around, Jim Whitmer is in Horizon Care but not ready to come home yet. Russ Hewer is re-

covering from surgery and may be ready to hit the golf course by March. Stan Littleworth had a tumble but he is playing golf again. It has been reported that John Price is having balance problems and has had to give up golf.

Remember to send me an e-mail or phone call if you know about a fallen SIR or his lady. Maybe I can cheer them up a bit in the name of the entire branch. My address is; ronwilson7777@outlook.com, or my phone # is; 960-8294.

Ron Wilson, chairman

Bridge Results

Dec 6 1st Hugh Cox, 2nd Bob Amato,
3rd Gene Tognazzini, 4th Jim Lund
Consultation Russ Watt
High table 1,270 Bob Amato Hugh Cox
High score 4,190 Hugh Cox

Dec 20 1st Fred Wrazel 2nd George Rurik 3rd
Bob Amato 4th Russ Watt 5th Gene Tognazzini
6th Hugh Cox 7th Charles Ratcliff 8th Jim Lund
Consultation Ron Rayburn
High table 1,170 Fred Wrazel Russ Watt
High score 3,560 Fred Wrazel

Attendance Report

In December, 2016, SIR Branch #159 had 200 active members of which 49 were in attendance at Pardini's for the Ladies'(Christmas) Day luncheon on the 8th along with 46 guest. This represents 25% of the active membership. Members are expected to attend the monthly meeting or to notify the Attendance Chairman when the wish to be excused with the exception of the Ladies' day events. 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! Our callers begin making those calls on the Thursday-Sunday prior to the luncheon. Please do your part.

Duke Marshall, Attendance Chairman

Ladies Date Night Out

Wed. 1/18

Social 5:00, Dinner: 6:00

Seven Café & Grill

25 Shaw / Minnewawa

Clovis, Ca

559-322-1605

Reserving for 20 Couples

Pay your own bill

Hosted by Alex & Patty Ramirez

Reserve at 291-4133

or losramz@comcast.net

(Alex will pass out menus at Jan luncheon or you can look-up in internet)

December Bowling Scores

The new fall league has started and we invite any SIR member to come join us – Friday afternoons, 1 PM Sierra Lanes. Anyone interested please contact Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 or just show up and we will get you started. See you there.

DATE		NAME	SCORE	BRANCH
2-Dec	Hi Hdep. Series	Dana Hamperzoomian	637	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl DeRouchey	537	159
	Hi Hdep. Game	Dana Hamperzoomian	249	159
9-Dec	Hi Scratch Game	Dana Hamperzoomian	212	159
	Hi Hdep. Series	Bill Ripley	640	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Leroy Foote	192	159
16-Dec	Hi Hdep. Game	Bill Ripley	227	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Leroy Foote	525	159
	Hi Hdep. Series	James Noriega	634	159
23-Dec	Hi Scratch Series	Jim Peterson	540	169
	Hi Hdep. Game	James Noriega	230	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Jim Peterson	194	169
23-Dec	Hi Hdep. Series	Tom Harlan	629	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall	546	159
	Hi Hdep. Game	Bill Laudig	226	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Bill Laudig	205	159

Golfers Corner

Our Ron Rich Single Match Play tournament will kick off January 5th at Dragonfly. With 32 players, this is one of our most popular tournament, and 2017 is no different. What a great field ! You'll find the Tournament rules and the master flight bracket on our website.

A few reminders: Our branch 2017 golf schedule is on our website, with a lot more info than on previous years. Check it often, as it is subject to updates. For the last minute tournament changes, the weekly information is the most accurate. And, if you want to be added or dropped to a tournament, always contact the Monthly Chairman (his info is available under Roster and on the 2017 Golf Schedule).

In 2017, expect to play from time to time a 2man scramble, and 2man alternate shots (in our Novelty) which seem to draw interest from many players.

Branch 159 January Golf Schedule

Chairman Mike Williamson 251-3103

Thur	1/5	9:30	SG	Dragonfly
Wed	1/11	9:30	SG	Madera CC
Thur	1/19	9:30	SG	Ridge Creek
Thur	1/26	9:30	SG	Pheasant Run
Thur	2/2	9:AM	SG	Belmont CC
Wed	2/8	9:AM	SG	Airways
Thur	2/16	9:AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur	2/23	9:AM	SG	Lemoore



Golfers gabbing before Awards Breakfast



Trophies & Prizes for the Winners



**Don Avakian & Roger McCoy
Winner Two Man Team Flight '1**



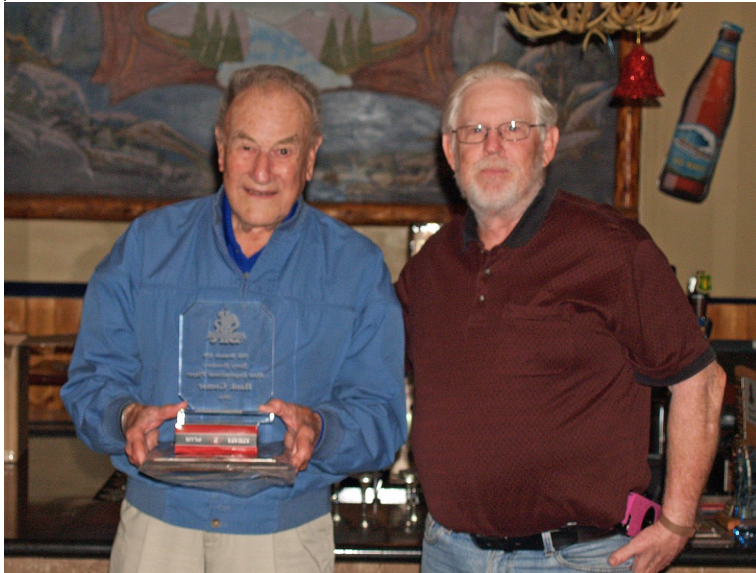
Dennis Ensminger - Most Improved Player



Golfer of the Year
Steve Chase - Winner - Ray Phillips - Second



John Briceno - Branch Champ Flight 3
Rich Lewis - Flight 3 Second Place



Most Inspirational Player — Hank Gomer
Presenter — Duke Marshall



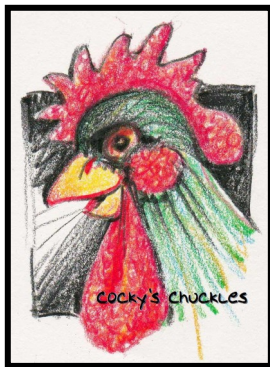
Steve Chase - Branch Champ Net Flight 4
Vic Froehmer - Flight 4 Net Second Place



Paul Gabrielson — Branch Championship
2nd place , Flight 2



Dell Kerns Branch Champ Gross Flight 4
Dana Hamparzoomian Flight 4 Gross 2nd Place



Italian Cruise ... A young New York woman was so depressed she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the ocean.

Just before she could throw herself from the docks, a handsome young man stopped her. "You have so much to live for," he said. "I'm a sailor and we are off to Italy tomorrow. I can

stow you away on my ship. I'll take care of you, bring you food every day, and keep you happy. When we get to Italy you will be SO GLAD you're alive"

With nothing to lose and always wanting to see Italy, she accepted. That night, the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a small but comfortable compartment in the ship's hold. From then on, every night, he would bring her sandwiches, a bottle of red wine, and make love to her until dawn.

Two weeks later she was discovered by the captain during a routine inspection. "What are you doing here?" asked the captain.

"I have an arrangement with a sailor," she replied. "He brings me food and I get a free trip to Italy."

"I see," The captain says.

Then her conscience got the best of her, and she added, "Plus, he's screwing me."

"He certainly is," replied the captain. "This is the Staten Island Ferry."

A cowboy, who just moved to Wyoming from Texas , walks into a bar and orders three mugs of Bud. He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time."

The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Arizona , the other is in Colorado . When we all left our home in Texas , we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there.

The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer

my condolences on your loss."

The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs.

"Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking."

"Hasn't affected my brothers though

A couple were in a busy shopping center just before Christmas. The wife suddenly noticed that her husband was missing and as they had a lot to do, so she called him on the mobile.

The wife said " Where are you, you know we have lots to do."

He said "You remember the jewelers we went into about 10 years ago, and you fell in love with that diamond necklace? I could not afford it at the time and I said that one day I would get it for you?"

Little tears started to flow down her cheek and she got all choked up...

"Yes, I do remember that shop." she replied.

"Well I am in the gun shop next door to that."

After being married for thirty years, a wife asked her husband to describe her.

He looked at her for a while, then said, "You're an alphabet wife A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."

She asks ... "What the hell does that mean?"

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeou, and Hot".

She smiled happily and said ...

"Oh, that's so lovely, but what about I, J, K?"

He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"

The swelling in his eye is going down and the doctor is fairly optimistic about saving his testicles.

SAYING THE CORRECT THING..... Jack wakes up with a huge hangover after attending his company's Christmas Party. Jack is not normally a drinker, but the drinks didn't taste like alcohol at all. He didn't even remember how he got home from the party. As bad as he was feeling, he wondered if he did something

Jack had to force himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he sees is a couple of aspirins next to a glass of water on the side table and, next to them, a single red rose!! Jack sits up and sees his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed. He looks around the room and sees that it is in perfect order, spotlessly clean.

So is the rest of the house. He takes the aspirins,

cringes when he sees a huge black eye staring back at him in the bathroom mirror.

Then he notices a note hanging on the corner of the mirror written in red with little hearts on it and a kiss mark from his wife in lipstick:

"Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left early to get groceries to make You your favorite dinner tonight. I love you, darling! Love, Jillian"

He stumbles to the kitchen and sure enough, there is hot breakfast, steaming hot coffee and the morning newspaper. His 16 year old son is also at the table, eating.

Jack asks, "Son... What happened last night?"

"Well, you came home after 3 a.m., ratted out of your mind, you fell over the coffee table and broke it, and then you puked in the hallway, and got that black eye when you ran into the door. All in all, one hell of a performance, Dad."

Confused, he asked his son, "So, why is everything in such perfect order and so clean? I have a rose, and breakfast is on the table waiting for me??"

His son replies, "Oh THAT... Mum dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your trousers off, you screamed... "Leave me alone, I'm married!!"

Broken Coffee Table \$239.99
Hot Breakfast \$4.20
Two Aspirins \$0.38

An atheist was seated next to a little girl on an airplane and he turned to her and said, "Do you want to talk? Flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with your fellow passenger."

The little girl, who had just started to read her book, replied to the total stranger, "What would you want to talk about?"

"Oh, I don't know," said the atheist. "How about why there is no God, or no Heaven or Hell, or no life after death?" as he smiled smugly.

"Okay," she said. "Those could be interesting topics but let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat the same stuff - grass. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, but a horse produces clumps. Why do you suppose that is?"

The atheist, visibly surprised by the little girl's intelligence, thinks about it and says, "Hmmm, I have no idea."

To which the little girl replies, "Do you really feel qualified to discuss God, Heaven and Hell, or life after death, when you don't know shit?"

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."

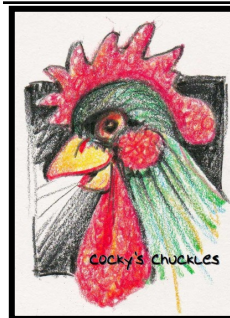
"Oh, really? Darn it!" said the little old lady. "I'd better go back and see if I can find them. Thanks for telling me officer."

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 backyard 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. 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," said the cop, laughing. "Ok. Good luck! Oh, by the way, what's in the other bag?"

"Not everybody pays."



Editors Note Some months you see a lot of humor and some months very little; this month you get more than normal. **UNIVERSAL LAWS** : **Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee. **Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers. (I saved the best till last!! **Happy New Year all you Roosters**)

A fifteen year old Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again.



last number... and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blond stepped out.



**The boy asked, 'What is this Father?'
The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, 'Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is.'**



The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son....'Go get your Mother'

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat old lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small numbers above the walls light up sequentially.



They continued to watch until it reached the



Holiday Luncheon for Our Special Ladies and Awarding Significant SIR for Service.



**Reg Rosander - Gary Smith - Ron Wilson
at the Luncheon; all Big Sirs**



Big Sir - Perry's Last Stand



**President Don Dill pinning Reg Rosander
With HLM Award**



**Carolyn Baxter (spouse) pinning Allan
with HLM Award**



Chef welcomed guests. Lily explaining Peruvian cuisine at our Single SIR Guys Luncheon



Photos by AG
Lee Moy

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Senor Aji

SIR members:

Hank Gomar
Ron Travis
Doug Duke
Lee Moy
Ted Feasel
(absent)

