



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
 Program: Troy Steiner, Head Wrestling coach,
 Fresno State University

Date April 13, 2017

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$15 and no Buck Bucket

Activities Calendar for April

Date	Event	Contact
April 3, 10, 17, 24	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
April 6, 12, 20, 27	SIRs Golf	Gilbert Matossian
April 7, 14, 21, 28	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
April 4, 14	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
April 13	SIRs Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
April 18	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
April 18	Technology	Roger Deal
April 18	Men's Luncheon	Lee Moy
April 18	Investments	Rich Colby
April 19	Lady's Date Night	Gary Smith
April 21	Fresno State Softball	Terry Byrne
April ?????	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis

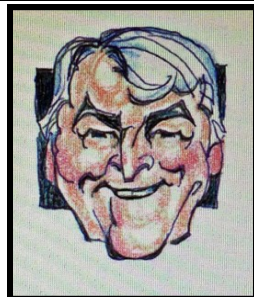
I saw a woman the other day wearing a sweatshirt with 'Guess' on it. I said, 'Thyroid problem?'
 Arnold Schwarzenegger

It was a very good luncheon in March, my compliments to **Mike Rumley** who lined up the manager of the Forrestierre Gardens. We had six guests, most of whom have already filed their applications for membership. Here's hoping we keep up the momentum.

A special welcome to our newest member, **Fred Martinez** and his wife Margaret. Fred, we hope to see you and Margaret at the next date night. If I have not already done so, belated welcome too, to **Ron Goering**.

Terry Byrne has our tour of the gardens lined up for April 1 @ 10:30. I am anxious to take the tour again.

Then there's the picnic (Big SIR continued on page 2)

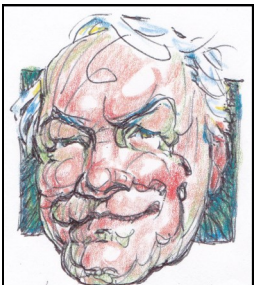


Big SIR Gary

One of the really nice things about SIRs is the chance to "Grow Old Together" not that SIRs could ever replace my wife's affections. But, it is nice to hang out with guys who are in your same age group, suffer from the same afflictions, aches, and pains as you do. There is a sense of understanding among men of a certain age who share similar experiences without judgement setting in. In many ways, it is a relief to know that you are not losing your mind and that other men forget why they opened the refrigerator or entered a particular room in their house. As SIRs we can share our stories without fear of recriminations judgement, or laughter so I feel comfortable sharing my recent "Senior Moment."

On March 16th we were scheduled to play Dragonfly in our weekly SIRs tournament. On the 15th my wife flew out to

South Carolina to (Little SIR continued on page 2)



Little SIR Mike

(Big SIR continued from page 1) at Kearney Park for Ladies Day. The last time I was there for a picnic, was several decades ago, during the Coalinga earthquake. That was the first time I actually saw the earth move. Mike has already been in touch with the seismic center who assured him that Kearney Park would be earthquake free on May 11th, so you have no reason not to be there.

We have a few events, like Ladies Day and Date Night where we get together with our better halves. This month, Date Night will be at **B.J's Brewhouse** at Fashion Fair. These events are not just for couples, they are for all SIRs. No SIR should feel out of place at any of our events because they are single. Just as family and guests are welcome at all of our events, there are no events which are "couples only".

Gary Morgan, our new Webmaster is diligently working on the revised website. It should be up and running very shortly. I have had a chance to review it and it will continue the spectacular website tradition begun by **Butch Evans**. This month or next, he should be able to give a presentation on it for the members.

I want to thank **Gary Becker** who has agreed to be our new historian. First off, I want to assure you that your first name does not have to be "Gary" to hold a position in 159 though it does help I have to admit. Gary will do a wonderful job. He is eager, friendly and outgoing and I look forward to working with him.

Sadly, the SIR singers will not be able to perform at the Ladies Day luncheon- the one in 2020. No one signed up, and my offer to sing myself was not well recieved. Actually, I was heckled (Big SIR continued on page 3)

(Little SIR continued from page 1) visit our son and his family. She gave me specific instructions on what I was to do while I was "Batching" it. I woke up on the 16th and made a list of household responsibilities to perform before my round of golf: feed the dog, cat, make sure the house is locked, etc. So I made a list so I could check off each accomplished task. Dog fed. Yep. Cross off list. Cat fed. Yep. Cross off list. When I reached the end, I turned off the lights, locked the doors and headed to Dragonfly. I parked the car, went in and paid my \$5 entry fee, went back to the car, opened the trunk, got my clubs. . .wait a second. . . there were no golf clubs in the trunk. I immediately thought someone had broken in and stolen my golf clubs because surly I would not have forgotten to load them. But I had!

I went back to the pro shop and asked if I could rent a set of clubs. "Why yes, sir. We rent clubs and that will be \$30.00 plus the \$40.00 green fee." \$70 dollars on the VISA card. I picked up the clubs and headed to my golf cart. I still had time to warm up so I thought I would putt a little. No putter. Back to the pro shop. "We charge a \$5 fee for putters as our rental sets do not have them and we have to take the demo putters off the shelf." The VISA card is now warming up. Back to the putting green to warm up. No balls. By this time I had shared my adventure with a few sympathetic ears who were choking up with what I hope were tears of sympathy and were willing to share their balls with me. But I did not want to be responsible for losing their balls so it was back to the pro shop. It turns out that they do not sell sleeves (3) of golf balls. So for 32.01 I was able to get a box of balls. VISA card is now melting. No tees. At this point I accepted the charity of a fellow SIR. As it turned out the rental clubs were a notch above my own clubs and I played well. The hard part will be telling my spouse/accountant about the \$107.01 charge on our VISA card. I tell this story without fear of being the butt of any jokes because as SIRs we have all forgotten our "golf clubs" a time or two before.

By the time you are reading this we will have completed our tour of Forestiere Underground Gardens. Martin Medina was a great speaker and I know that the people who went on the tour had a great time. Terry Byrne, our Travel/Activity guy has set up a Fresno State Softball trip so be sure and sign up for that. Lee Moy is resuming the Men's Luncheon at the end of the month so check with him for an update on time and (Little SIR continued on page 3)

New Member



Fred Martinez

Wife – Margaret

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(Big SIR continued from page 2) and laughed at derisively when I suggested it. Jeanette thinks this means you don't want me to perform. I told her I didn't think that was the case. My mother explained to me when I was young that heckling and derision are forms of approval in Azerbaijan- so that must be so. Thanks to all you Azerbaijani's out there.

Gladly, the Horseshoe group appears to be a go. We may not be the best horseshoe players in the world, but at least we found out last week that you're supposed to take the shoes off the horse before pitching them. We will most likely do better next time probably won't get so tired. See **Rich Lewis** for details.

(Little SIR continued from page 2) place. The Activity calendar is full of opportunities to get out and have some fun. Check with the Activities Chairmen for time and place.

This month's speaker comes to us via past Big SIR Steve Whitehead. Steve is a big time Wrestling booster and he has landed Troy Steiner, the new FSC Wrestling coach to tell us about the new program. The inaugural season will start in the fall and I know that we will add a Wrestling match to our Activity calendar.

The SIRs 159 Family Picnic is scheduled for May 11th. Ron Goering, a new SIR rooster to our barnyard, graciously volunteered the catering staff at Madera Municipal Golf Course to come to our rescue when we lost our BBQ provider. Isabel Mora who heads up the Restaurant has promised a fantastic BBQ. Our Family Picnic is open to all SIRs and their families and friends. Bring your lawn chair and a Frisbee and prepare to have fun. Please fill out the RSVP form in the newsletter and get your check into Shane Peterson as soon as possible.



Our 3 most Recent Big SIR (Perry Huffman, Charlie Barrett, and James Noriega) receiving their service awards



Big SIR Gary Smith awarding former Big SIR John Pokorny with Senior SIR Award

Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

NEW MEMBER DERBY

START	1	2	3	4	5	6
FINISH						



Alex Ramirez, Jim Morgan, Gerald Peloian, Al Carlson, John Crawford, Gilbert Matossian

Crawford and Matossian join in at the 1/4 pole and now we have six in a dead heat with one each. Russ Wyatt is eager to join in when his recruit comes back to town.

Attendance

In March, 2017, SIR Branch #159 had 199 active members of which 132 were in attendance at Pardini's for the luncheon on the 9th. This represents 67% of the active membership. Of the 67 members absent, 28 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 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.

For Ladies' Day (May & December) contact Shane Petersen @ 916-1821.

Duke Marshall, Attendance Chairman

Anniversaries

Karen & Gerry Fields
Vera & John Leal
Helen & Bob Sexton
Linda & Lou Shuemaker
Connie & Stan Silva

Birthdays

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

Bridge Results

March 7 1st Ron Rayburn , 2nd Fred Wrazel , 3rd Vic Froehmer , 4th Russ Mott, 5th Jim Lund , 6th Charles Ratliff , 7th Janet Wrazel, 8th Nancy Ratliff, 9th Gene Tognazzini, 10th Hugh Cox, 11th Bob Amato
Consultation Bob Cleveland
High table 1,400 Fred Wrazel & Russ Mott
High score 4,580 Ron Rayburn

March 21 1st Charles Ratliff, 2nd Fred Wrazel, 3rd Vic Froehmer 4th Gene Tognazzini, 5th Jim Lund 6th George Rurik, 7th Bob Moore 8th Hugh Cox, 9th Russ Mott, 10th Ron Rayburn, 11th Janet Wrazel, 12th Bob Amato
Consultation Bob Cleveland
High table 2,110 Charles Ratliff & Vic Froehmer
High scores *awesome*
6,470 Charles Ratliff
6,000 Fred Wrazel
5,740 Vic Froehmer

COMPUTER GROUP

We will meet 04/18/17 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. **Come see Huffman's old rescued newspaper art**

Roger Deal's Tech group will feature a power point of Perry Huffman's artful variety of handmade impressions that documented thirty-three years of news makers of all kinds in moments of history...up to 1995.

All are welcome to attend, interact and critique the power point produced on a cell phone and computer at no expense...Perry is open to improving the show with your help. (*with no pay*) **Roger Deal**

The Investing Group

The Investing Group will meet at 2:00 PM following the Computer Group in the same room on 4/18/17.

Woodward Park Library, River Room 944 East Perrin Ave, Fresno.



Considering a new activities—HORSESHOES.

We are looking for members to participate in horseshoes. We are considering either Tuesday or Wednesday mornings to play. If you are interested please email me at richlewis918@gmail.com and let e know the day and time you would like. I will poll all interested members to see which day and time works for the majority. We would like to start this activity sometime in April.

It still has to be approved by the board at the next meeting—April 13.

There will be another sign up sheet at this meeting so I can include all interested.

The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.



**Big SIR Gary Smith presenting service award to
2014 Big SIR James Noriaga**

March Bowling Scores

The fall league continues 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.

Due to a trip to spring training the last 3 weeks of March are missing.

DATE		NAME	SCORE	BRANCH
3-Mar	Hi Hdep. Series	Tom Simpson	661/231	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Jim Peterson	541/210	169
	Hi Hdep. Game	Terry Schneider	209	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall	195	159
10-Mar	Hi Hdep. Series	Merle Knapp	609/237	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier	565/217	159
	Hi Hdep. Game	Rich Lewis	202	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Tom Harlan	205	175

History Roundtable

Saint Patrick’s Day has come and gone along with a lot of Corned Beef and Cabbage. Not to mention some green beer. Actually, Corned Beef was an American addition to the menu honoring the Saint. In the USA in the 19th century, brisket was considered an almost uneatable cut of meat reserved for the poor Irish and Jewish immigrant population. Corning was a way of preserving and tenderizing meat and Cabbage was cheap. In Ireland, the popular dish was “Salt Pork”, or “Pork Belly” which would be simmered until tender and then added to the Cabbage. Beef was way to expensive.

April is a busy month. Besides Easter did you know that Daylight Savings Time ends in Australia; Queen Elizabeth’s birthday is on the 21st; Earth Day is on the 22nd,

Saint George’s Day is on the 23rd; and Arbor Day is on the 28th. We may have to go plant a tree.

The Roundtable will meet again at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Yosemite Falls Café at Blackstone and Shaw. The topic could be any of the above. Please come by for stimulating discussion, friends, and lunch.



**Big SIR Gary Smith presenting service award to
2015 Big SIR Charlie Barrett**

Branch 159 April Golf Schedule

Chairman Terry Byrne 341-8776

Thur	4/6	8:30	SG	Sunnyside CC
Wed	4/12	9:AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur	4/20	9:AM	SG	Riverside
Thur	4/27	9:AM	SG	Fig Garden
Thur	5/4	9:AM	SG	Valley Oaks
Wed	5/10	9:AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur	5/18	9:AM	SG	Ridge Creek
Thur	5/25	9:AM	SG	Pheasant Run

Don’t mess with seniors A retired older couple returned to a Mercedes dealership where the salesman has just sold the car they had been interested in to a beautiful, leggy, busty blonde in a mini skirt and a halter top.

The old man was visibly upset. He spoke to the salesman sharply, "Young man, I thought you said you would hold that car till we raised the \$55,000 asking price. Yet I just overheard you closed the deal for \$45,000 to the lovely young lady there. And if I remember right, you had insisted there was no way you could discount this model."

The salesman took a deep breath, cleared his throat and reached for a large glass of water. "Well, what can I tell you? She had the cash ready, didn't need any financing help, and, Sir, just look at her, how could I resist?", replied the grinning salesman sheepishly.

Just then the young woman approached the senior couple and gave the car keys to the old man.

"There you go," she said. "I told you I could get that idiot to lower the price. See you later Dad, Happy Father's day."

Sunshine

Our pal SIR Pete Berman is home from the hospital after having three lumbar vertebrae fused. Our 80 year old buddy is sore, but determined to get better. With the aid of pain pills, he was able to walk the sidewalk in front of his home. It hurts, but he is pretty tough. He hopes to get back to SIR for the June Luncheon. Get well soon, Pete!"

Larry Psaltis was involved in a hit and run accident and suffered injuries to his shoulder, hip and back and is doing rehab and is on the road to recovery. His truck fared much worse (over \$7000 damage). We all wish Larry well and hope to see him soon at the links and luncheons.

Editors Note – Fellow Roosters, I had something happen to me this month that I want to share with all of you. You have all I'm sure, seen Terry Bradshaw in the commercial about shingles. It is true for I got a rash on my back on a Friday this month and my wife said I should go to the doctor because it might be shingles. I didn't think so because I had had shingles before when I was in my 30's, and I thought that made me immune. NOT SO! I found out at the walk-in clinic; the doctor took one look at the rash and it was shingles. It was quite painful and itched as well. They prescribed antibiotics that I took for a week, and I found in Wikipedia that it could last more than a month. If you have had Chicken Pox you can get shingles because the virus is still in your body. The good news is that there is a vaccine that reduces the odds of getting shingles by 50% and it is covered by insurance. Don't wait because as you get older the risk increases.



Big SIR Gary Smith presenting service award to 2016 Big SIR Perry Huffman

A trucker came into a Truck Stop Café and placed his order.

He said, "I want three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards."

The brand new blonde waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, went to the kitchen and said to the cook, "This guy out there just ordered three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards. What does he think this place is, an auto parts store?"

'No,' the cook said. 'Three flat tires... mean three pancakes; a pair of headlights... is two eggs sunny side up; and a pair of running boards... Are 2 slices of crisp bacon!

'Oh... OK!' said the blonde. She thought about it for a moment and then spooned up a bowl of beans and gave it to the customer.

The trucker asked, 'What are the beans for, Blondie?' (I love this one...!)

She replied, 'I thought while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights and running boards, you might as well gas up!

Since it was such a crappy day, I sat in my recliner and started thinking about life. I came to realize that as I have grown older I've learned that pleasing everyone is impossible, but pissing everyone off is a piece of cake.

Drive By ... Someone broke into my house last week. They didn't take my TV, just the remote. Now they **drive**

by and change the channels. Sick bastards!

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."

Video Scam ... Just got scammed out of \$25. Bought Tiger Woods' DVD entitled "My Favorite 18 Holes." Turns out it's all about golf. Absolute waste of money! Pass this on so others don't get scammed.



**Little SIR Mike and March Speaker Martin Medina
Director of Forestiere Gardens**



**Guests and Little SIR Mike & Big SIR Gary
honoring the flag**

□ Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy -

As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

□ Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.



Above and below

Members singing "God Bless America"



"Have you ever seen a twenty dollar bill all crumpled up?" asked the wife.

"No," said her husband.

She gave him a sexy little smile, slowly reached into her cleavage and pulled out a crumpled twenty Have you ever seen a fifty all crumpled up?" she asked.

"Uh, no," he said.

She gave him another sexy little smile, seductively reached into her panties and pulled out a crumpled fifty dollar bill.

"Now," she said, "Have you ever seen 40,000 dollars all crumpled up?"

"No," he said, now really intrigued...

"Well, go look in the garage . . . "

I very quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair.

She turned to me and asked, 'Are you having it catered' ?

I don't want to brag or make anyone jealous or anything, but I can still fit into my ball cap I wore in high school.

DATE NIGHT:REDUX

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FRESNO, CA 93710

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Produced by: Gary Smith

Directed by: Jeanette Faria

559-832-9202 cptsmith45@gmail.com

FUTURE GIANTS

SEE THE SF GIANTS OF THE FUTURE
WHEN THE

FRESNO GRIZZLIES

PLAY THE SACRAMENTO RIVERCATS ON

FRIDAY MAY 5

AT 6:35

DODGER FANS ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND

If interested, contact Terry Byrne at Tjbyrne952@gmail.com

Before 4/25/17

FRESNO STATE SOFTBALL

\$5.00 / seat

FRESNO STATE v. SAN JOSE STATE

April 21, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Margie Wright Diamond

Barstow and Cedar

If you are interested, contact Terry Byrne at

Tjbyrne952@gmail.com

Welcome to Casa Corona

Since 1999, Valley residents have enjoyed the original Casa Corona location on the NE corner of Cedar and Herndon. It is with pleasure that we now have a second location on the NE corner of Bullard and West.

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MEN'S LUNCHEON
APRIL 18, 2017
TUESDAY, 11:45 am
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SIR 159 FAMILY DAY BBQ AND PICNIC

COME CELEBRATE

“FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FOOD”

MAY 11, 2017

11:00 AM KEARNEY PARK

ADDRESS: 6725 W KEARNEY BLVD, FRESNO, CA 93706

BBQ CATERED BY ISABEL MORA OF MADERA CLUB HOUSE RESTAURANT

WITH A SPECIAL THANKS TO FELLOW SIR RON GOERING AND THE MADERA MUNICIPAL STAFF

MENU: BBQ TRI TIP ROAST AND/OR BBQ CHICKEN, GRILLIN' BEANS, RICE PILAF, GREEN SALAD, ROLLS, AND LEMONADE.

You Bring: Table Settings, Dishes, Lawn Chairs, your own Beverage of choice, and Hors d'oeuvres. Wine is allowed in Kearney Park

We Provide: Great Food, Fun Games, Prizes, and Entertainment by the Central Valley Harness Association

Please Note that there is a \$5.00 fee to enter the park

Mail RSVP to Shane Peterson, Treasure by Monday, May 8, 2017
3245 E. Sample Ave
Fresno, CA. 93710-5910

SIR _____ Guest(s) _____

Total number of lunches _____ X \$18.00 = _____ Please put check # _____