



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Date Sept 14, 2017
Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Program: John Alkire, the CEO of the BIG Fresno Fair.

Social Hour 11:00 AM
Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$15 and no Buck Bucket

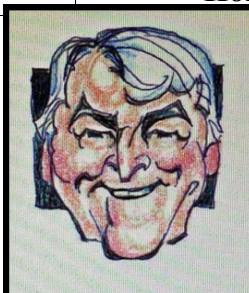
Activities Calendar for September

Date	Event	Contact
Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
Sept 5	Poker	Michael Levine
Sept 7, 13, 21, 28	SIRs Golf	Gilbert Matossian
Sept 20	Ladies Date Night Old Spaghetti Factory	Howard Zinn
Sept 5, 12, 19, 26	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
Sept 5, 19	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
Sept 14	SIRs Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
Sept 19	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
Sept 19	Technology	Roger Deal
Sept 19	Investments	Rich Colby
Oct 24	Men's Luncheon - Shepard's Inn	Lee Moy
Sept 6, 20	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis

When I was a kid, our meals always had two choices, take it or leave it." Buddy Hackett

Once again I sit at the old typewriter trying to beat the 109 degree heat, working feverishly to find words of wisdom for my dear SIR friends. Having failed miserably with the wisdom part, I leave you instead some thoughts.

If you are unaware, the SIR motto is "Make Friends for Life". To me, this is more than a motto or a creed or some clever words strung together. Take a second or two and reflect on it. Think about it and your SIR experience. Read the quote at the bottom of this page. Shouldn't the quest of each SIR be to find those members you don't know, seek (Big SIR continued on page 2)



Big SIR Gary

**SIR - Day at the Races
Monday, October 9, 2017**

Senior Day, Free Admission to the Fair

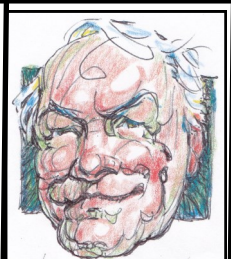
**California SIRs Classic, Race 3,
Sponsored by Fresno Area Branches**

**Free Admission to the Grandstand
if wearing "Derby" apparel**

\$3.00 donation at the September 14th Luncheon

To cover the cost of the sponsorship

When I was a little kid back in the 1950's Fresno was a much smaller place. You had to drive through the country side to get to the small town of Clovis. Not that anyone would really want to go there unless you wanted to see a cow. Speaking of cows, once a year the BIG Fresno Fair rolled around. If you grew up in Fresno (Little SIR continued on page 2)



Little SIR Mike

(Big SIR continued from page 1) them out and make that stranger your friend.

I am usually reluctant to approach strangers and make conversation. Several years ago I decided to speak with elderly strangers especially those displaying military insignias. Since that decision, I have had the pleasure of hearing dozens of stories ranging from the invasions of Normandy, to the Bataan Death March, to the invasion of Inchon and the the Frozen Chosin, to the real Tuskegee Airmen, to Ia Drang and Hue. One guy I met turned out to be Popeye Doyle of French Connection fame. Another acquaintance with whom I had previously shared few words, related his experience during the Battle of the Bulge, his subsequent capture by the Nazis, and his three attempts to escape from a Nazi POW camp.

The greatest pleasure of making new friends is learning who they are. So please, when you see a stranger, go up and talk with him, find out about him, give him a SIR card and pamphlet and invite him to lunch.

Some join SIR for cheap golf, or fine luncheon food or for many other valid reasons. But those who don't make "Making Friends for Life" their cause cerebra are doing themselves a major disservice. Do yourself a favor, look for a strange face, sit at a strange table and maybe you will be able to "**Make a (New) Friend for Life.**" It's who we are and really what we're all about.

In case you have been on vacation to Mars over the last several months you may not know about **Day at the Races**. Branch 159 is sponsoring a race at the Big Fresno Fair on October 9. **Carl Merz** approached me with the idea back during the last (Big SIR continued on page 3)

(Little SIR continued from page 1) you will recall that we kids got a day off of school for Kid's Day. All the elementary schools, I think there were 10, got the day off to go to the BIG Fresno Fair. This was a BIG deal! We got to go to the Fair and see farm animals up close. I actually petted a cow! I was envious of the farm kids who got to sleep at the Fair while showing their cows. We got to eat Fair food like Corn Dogs, fried Lard on a Stick, and soft tacos. You could only eat Fair food once a year my Mom said, otherwise you would end up toothless like the people who worked there. There was even a hill that you could ride down on a piece of cardboard. Then there was an Arcade. You could only go to the Arcade if your Mom was a chaperone and went with you. God forbid you might stray off and for a penny see a movie of a "dancing lady." As I transitioned into Teendom, the Fair was always a place to take a date, get your first kiss on the Ferris wheel, and projectile vomit in front of your Junior High girlfriend after consuming way too many corn dogs and riding the "Hammer." (Which I never did again. OK, there was some more projectile vomiting but I never rode the Hammer again)

As I grew into Adulthood, the Fair became a place where I could show off my Barbecuing skills and most importantly, whether I won or lost, I got free parking and free admission to the Fair for myself and family. I also picked up some nice trophies and Gas Grills. And, my boys got to recreate the fun I had as a kid at no charge. The Fair provided me with a creative outlet in food preservation as I transitioned into becoming an "active senior." I know that other SIRs have entered, demonstrated, and showed in many of the categories and Exhibits that the BIG Fresno Fair offers. If you have a passion for arts, crafts and cooking come see me and I can get you set up to show off your skills.

The elementary (Little SIR continued on page 3)

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.



• **Stan Day**
Phone 299-1853



Bill Hadcock
Phone – 269-3894

• **Email : stanleyday@comcast.net** **Email : wehmd@comcast.net**

(Big SIR continued from page 2) Mexico cruise. He did the initial legwork, contacting the fair and working to see if it was feasible. I got the okay from the state. **Reg Rosander** came on board to assist Carl and has continued to work on the project since early summer. **Little SIR Mike Rumley**, RAMP Coordinator has worked very hard nailing down the details. They have put in many, many hours on a complicated project and deserve all your praise.

So here's the deal. In October 9, on Senior Day at the fair, Race #3 will be the "**California SIR Classic.**" I won't elaborate, please see Mike's Little SIR article in this Chanticleer for details. It's not a horse race, it's a SIR all-day party.

I attended the Annual SIR Meeting in Sacramento earlier this month and met with our new officers. **Derek Southern**, the incoming President, is an outstanding person whose leadership will be a tremendous asset. Branch 159 also received an award for our efforts in implementing the RAMP program over the past two years. I had the opportunity to address the assembled grand poohbahs and tried to instill an optimism for the direction of SIR and RAMP. The Day at the Races, Whitmer's Warriors Bench, Senior Living Committee, our new activities and our "SIR branding campaign" prompted lively interest.

Well I just got back from the hospital and the anesthetic seems to be wearing off so I'll close. See you all in September, in the meantime, remember...

***There are no strangers here, only friends you haven't yet met."**William Butler Yeats*

Poker

Our next SIRs poker game is at Stan Weinstein's home on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Stan's address is 5550 North Figarden Dr. #114, Fresno CA 93722. The game will begin promptly at noon. Please call or text Stan or Michael that you are coming. Stan's number is 559-779-9816, Michael's 559-250-4137.

We tried this new structure listed below in August and found the game was fun and moved quicker. Steve Whitehead will host our October game. Terry Byrne and Dennis Rich were the big winners. Terry claims to be a novice at playing; **warning** his poker skills are quite good. (Continued on page 4)

(Little SIR continued from page 2) schools no longer get a day off to go to the Fair and I think that is a shame. Some kids will never get to pet a cow! But, given the size of Fresno/Clovis I guess it just isn't feasible. But for the SIRs generation karma follows us. The circle of life completes itself. Once we had a "Kids Day" and got in free and now as seniors, we get a special day at the BIG Fresno Fair. October, 9th is Senior Day at the Big Fresno Fair and it will be a special day for SIR Branch 159. We are going to sponsor a horse race that day. Thanks to Carl Mertz we made contact with the governing body of the Fair and we, Branch 159, are going to be allowed to have our own section in the Grandstand, fly our Banners, and hand out promotional literature. Plus, you will hear SIRs on "The Voice of the Fair." We are tentatively scheduled to sponsor the 3rd race that day-The California SIR Classic. And, if you wear some kind of Kentucky Derby garb you get into the Grandstand free plus free admission to the Fair. What a deal!

To cover the cost of this great promotion we will be selling \$3.00 vouchers at the luncheon. **This is a donation.** If you choose not to wear some kind of Kentucky Derby attire you will have to pay \$5.00 to get into the Grandstand. This is a great opportunity to promote SIRs and all that we do.

To that end, our luncheon speaker will be John Alkire, the CEO of the BIG Fresno Fair. A few years ago, John spoke at our luncheon promoting the Fair and all that it does for the community. He will be updating us on all the new Exhibits and changes that have taken place.

So get ready for a day at the races. Dust off a Derby style hat. Rumor has it that Carl Mertz might be putting together a SIRs "pick um" tournament for that day. I know I'm in!

Attendance Report

In August, 2017, SIR Branch #159 had 198 active members of which 125 were in attendance at Pardini's for the luncheon on the 10th. This represents 63% of the active membership. Of the 73 members absent, 47 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 (Attendance continued on page 4)**

s(Attendance continued from page 3) 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

tween his legs, and Steve Chase show his skills in the pits.

We have the shoes and the pits-- just need a few more participants **Rich Lewis**

(Poker continued from page 3)

SIR Tournament Structure

September 2017

Each round will be 20 minutes. After round 3 the tournament will break for lunch. At the end of lunch the tournament will resume at level four and continue till there are three players left or if less then six two players. The last players may choose to split the pot or play down to first place.

Each player will start with \$3000 chips. The buy in is \$20. If you bust out before Lunch you may rebuy again for \$20 and receive \$3000 chips. Remember you can only rebuy if you are all-in and busted before lunch. **At lunch everyone may get a \$2000 chip add-on for \$20. There is only one add-on during lunch.** This is not a rebuy. **(Poker continued on page 5)**

HORSESHOES:

Join us the first and third Wednesday at 8:30 AM for an enjoyable early morning SIR activity. Location is 84 N Sunny-side, Clovis. We removed the shoes from the horses to make the shoes lighter and easier to throw.

Come out and match your skills with the likes of Rich Colby, Mel Wyatt, Ed Beier, Rich Fimbres, Reg Rosander and Robert Rathburn. Watch Del Kerns throw ringers from be-



SIRS # 159, July 2017

VETERANS QUESTIONNAIRE- Our Local SIR Club will be soon be honoring it's Military Veterans. We request you fill out this questionnaire to properly honor you.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone: _____

Military Branch: _____ Division/ Squadron/Ship _____

Total Years in the Service: _____ The years you served, (i.e. 1967-74) _____

Please check: WWII ___ Korean War ___ Vietnam Era (1955-1975) ___ Mid.East ___

Other _____ Highest Rate/ Rank _____

Your specialty / Rating/ Mos _____

Awards: _____

Phone: 559-515-6129. Any special stories you can share here for future sharing:

(Poker continued from page 4) Chip values \$25 (red), \$100 (black), \$500 (green) and \$1000 chip (value on chip).

For further information or clarification contact Michael Levine, 559-250-4137 or rmikelev1@comcast.net

. A certain little girl, when asked her name, would reply, "I'm Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter." Her mother told her this was wrong, she must say, "I'm Jane Sugarbrown." The Vicar spoke to her in Sunday School, and said, "Aren't you Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter?" She replied, "I thought I was, but mother says I'm not."

A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF RAY F. ENSHER

Check this list: Board Member Heritage Fresno, Advisor Member CSUF Alumni Assoc. (Arts and Humanities), Advisory Board African-American Cultural Museum, Past President Retired Teachers Assoc, Madera, CO., Founder "Squirrel Cage Theater" in Madera, Fresno City Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Committee, Board of the Fresno County Democratic Women's Club - - - and the list goes on and on and on. Let's throw in 'Town Crier' for Fresno's Town Hall. And don't forget 'Teddy Tree' to make youngsters aware of the importance of trees and the environment aimed at Kindergarteners and Elementary School grades. It doesn't stop there. But I think you get the picture. This is a man who has been active, challenged, innovative, concerned and seeks solutions. This is SIR Ray Ensher of Branch #159.



with the Peace Corp. Ray Ensher heard the call; "Do something for your Country" said President John F. Kennedy. And Ray did! Talk about adventure, Ray Ensher was sent to Nigeria where he spent most of his obligation. There was virtually no government there at the time. There was no official language there at the time. Conflict prevailed. And Ray Ensher was in the thick of it. He survived it! Get him to talk about it. This is adventure!!

Ray returned to this area, and resumed his career in the classroom, this time at North Fork in Madera County. In the K thru 8th grades, he taught drama and theater. And there he would spend the next 28 years. He even conducted an adult program in 'Current Events'. And it was there in this period that the 'Squirrel Cage Theater' was founded. Yes, he, Ray Ensher, founded it! It still exists!

So who is Ray Ensher? Well, first of all, he is a native of Fresno. Born here, grew up here and spent a good part of his life here. In the beginning, Ray went through local schools winding up with Roosevelt High School back in the '50s. He went on to Fresno State - that's the old campus - and got his BA in Theater Arts. In the course of his studies, he received the Wilson Scholarship Award for Radio Performance. And remember, that the \$50 he received as a result was big money back then in the 1950s.

The U.S. Army called in 1957. Off to Ft. Ord he went for his Basic Training. Remember, he had a Teaching Credential from CSFU. That pushed him in the direction of some sort of Clerking position. Off to Ft. Lee, VA he went. However, there was nothing available there in that MOS; so they trained him to be a Military Policeman - an MP! In this Military law enforcement area, he moved into 'Stockades Management' and then into the Judge Advocate Office. He eventually became the Company Clerk of the 515th Military Police Company. And it was there that Ensher would end his 2 years career in the Army.

Since he had originally planned for a career in education, he landed a position in the Sanger High School. There he taught Drama and oversaw the Debate Squad. A two year stint there was followed by a 2-year engagement

"When did you retire?" I asked. "When I was 56!" he responded. "Why so early, Ray?" "I wanted to travel." And travel he did. His travels have taken him to Thailand, China, the Scandinavian Countries, Mexico and European countries. Did Ensher settle down when he got the 'travel bug' satisfied? Not quite. That's when he actually continued his volunteering; participating in just causes, some of which were mentioned earlier. But there are more. That complete list is long - and continues to be an important part of his life today. Add to that list the fact that he was awarded - three times - a national award by the Freedom Foundation. Congratulations, Ray!

Sons in Retirement became part of Ray's life 10 years ago. Since 2007, he has enjoyed the camaraderie, the luncheons, the speakers and all that SIR does and stands for.

But just think of what this man had accomplished in his lifetime and what he brings to us here at #159. Its just a matter of time before he gets involved in the inner workings of SIR Branch #159. And he has a lot to give. So yes, welcome Ray Ensher! We're glad you're aboard.
George Gianopulos -

159 Officers

Big SIR – Gary Smith
Little SIR – Mike Rumley
Secretary – Vic Froehmer
Secretary – Carl Merz
Treasurer –Shane Petersen
Treasurer – Roger McCoy

Directors

Roger Deal (Hon. Dir.)
Mike Williamson (2017)
Mike Moyle (2017)
Dell Kerns (2018)
Rich Lewis (2018)
Duke Marshall (2019)
Stuart Poytress (2019)

Birthdays

Philip Angelillo, Rod Ashley, Gary Becker, Harry Buchaklian, Bruce Corwin, Steve Cox, Larry Daniels, John Devlin, Ray Ensher, Butch Evans, Nick Fierro, Phil Fullerton Steve Hernandez, Gary Kazarian, Gilbert Matossian, Len Mazorra, Carl Merz, Ray Phillips, Bill Ranells Bob Rathburn, Dan Rodriquez, Jim Ruhl, Sal Salcido, Reg Salsman, Gary Smith, Lynn Streit, Jim Suddath Ted Vogt, Don Von Berg, Mel Welch

Anniversaries

Earlene & Rod Ashley
 Diana & David Barredo
 Kathy & John Brechmann
 Dorothea & George Gianopulos
 Darlene & Cliff Henderson
 Sue & Dana Kahler
 Vernita & Earl Medeiros
 Gaila & Jerry Peloian
 Lynn & Larry Psaltis
 Mary & Bill Valk

Golfers Corner

The 2017 Branch 159 Individual Championship will be the lowest 2 out of 3 scores to be played at Pheasant Run (9/28, Gold tees), Riverside (10/11, Red tees) and Airways (10/19, White tees). Check our website latest news for more info.

Since the 2017 Fall Classic has been cancelled, due to lack of signups, Branch 159 will have a regular weekly event Thursday Sep. 21st, at Madera Muni, 8 am shotgun, 4man2BB. Sign up as usual.

GHIN 2018 Golf Season starts 10/1/17. Renew or Join now !

The fee for the 2018 SIR 159 GHIN handicap membership is \$45 if paid by 11/30/2017, then increases to \$55 after 12/01/2017. Our Treasurer, Rich Lewis will collect your payment (cash or check payable to SIR 159 Golf) at the September luncheon. You can also mail your check to Rich Lewis, 573 W Muncie Ave, Clovis, CA 93619.

We'd like to get everybody on board early.

Branch 159 Sept Golf Schedule

Chairman Stuart Poytress 298-4323

Thur 9/7 8AM SG Dinuba
Wed 9/13 8AM SG Valley Oaks
Thur 9/21 8AM SG Madera Muni
Thur 9/28 9AM SG Pheasant Run
Thur 10/5 9AM SG Belmont
Wed 10/11 9AM SG Riverside
Thu 10/19 9AM SG Airways
Thu 10/26 9AM SG Madera Muni

Long Time Member

ED GAVIGAN is Remembered



Ed Gavigan, a member of Sons in Retirement over 25 years is gone. Although he left Fresno with his lovely wife Pat back in 2012, he

is still well remembered.

Ed was born and grew up in San Francisco. That was back in 1922. Local schools prepared him for what he would face in the decades to follow. When WWII came around, he joined the Navy. Of that he spoke of as a life-time adventure. Most of his service was spent aboard aircraft carriers. His service took him through campaigns with familiar names such as Guadalcanal, New Guinea, the Gilbert Islands, the Aleutian Islands and the Philippines. He was released in 1945.

Ed went in to the newspaper printing world there in San Francisco. Over those 40-plus years, he served the San Francisco Examiner and the Chronicle. When he finally retired, he stumbled on an organization there in his Bay Area city called 'Sons in Retirement'. He joined up; that was in 1985. When he/they moved to Fresno, guess what? He found a new branch of SIR forming here in Fresno. He transferred his membership and attended the 2nd meeting of Branch #159. Yes, he was here from the beginning.

Ed Gavigan served in so many capacities. Some include Attendance Chairman. He pioneered the Bowling League and bowled nearly the rest of his member years here.. He introduced the role of Photographer and held it in nearly his entire stay. Honors he received
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(Ed Gavigan continued from page 6) included HLM, later the Senior HLM. When he turned 90, he was awarded the SIR President's Award. There were more.

Ed and Pat found it necessary to move from Fresno to Reno, Nevada in 2014. He missed his friends in SIR #159; there, of course, is no SIR branch in Reno. He followed the comings and goings of our SIR Branch #159 through the web site, kept informed of us here in Fresno. Ed Gavigan passed away August 10, 2017. He was missed when he left us here in Fresno; he will be missed as a onetime avid Fresno SIR Branch #159 member. As we say, 'May His Memory be Eternal!' - *George Gia-*

History Roundtable

The History Roundtable scheduled for last August had to canceled due to doctor's appointments, vacations, and illness. Our stimulating luncheon discussion will resume on Tuesday, September 19th at the Yosemite Falls Café on Blackstone just north of Shaw. We begin at 11:00. SIR Tim McCullum has been circulating a fascinating research paper on the impact of gunpowder on the history of the Middle Ages and how it is covered by historians. Good stuff and Tim will be there to share his findings. Even if you are not a History buff this topic should be inter-

Technology Group

The Computer Group will resume and meet September 19, 2017 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. We will have a Print Shop demo on making Business Cards, Greeting Cards, and Posters. Follow-

ing our 1-2pm meeting, Rich Colby's Investing/Economic Group will meet at 2-3 pm in the same River Room.

Roger Deal - Technology Group
Rich Colby - Investors Group

Rehab Golf

Nine hole golf is two hours of fun with your pals at Airways Golf Course. Join us each Wednesday at 10 am for 9 holes of relaxed, recreational and enjoyable golf. Emphasis is on fun and fellowship. Improve your golf skills between laughs with your buddies. Fifty two Wednesday's a year, the 9 hole guys will tee off at 10am. (By the way, if you want to play the back nine as well, all the better.)
Charlie Barrett

Ladies Date Night Out

Wed. September 20

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 September 18

Bridge Results

August 1 1st George Rurik , 2nd Vic Froehmer , 3rd Nancy Ratliff , 4th Hugh Cox , 5th Gene Tognazzini 6th Jim Lund , 7th Robert Moore , 8th Janet Wrazel , 9th Fred Wrazel 11th Russ Mott , 12th Bob Amato,

13th Charles Ratliff , 14th John Houlihan 15th Bob Cleveland

Consolation Ron Rayburn

High table 1,190

Russ Mott Hugh Cox

Janet Wrazel Vic Froehmer

High score 4,210 George Rurik

August 15 1st Ron Rayburn 2nd Vic Froehmer , 3rd Jim Lund, 4th Fred Wrazel , 5th Hugh Cox 6th Janet Wrazel, 7th Gene Tognazzini , 8th Bob Amato, 9th Charles Ratliff , 10th Robert Moore 11th Bob Cleveland
Consolation Russ Mott

High table 1,200

Janet Wrazel Ron Rayburn

High score 3,940 Ron Rayburn

August 29 1st Jim Lund, 2nd Charles Ratliff , 3rd Hugh Cox 4th Robert Moore , 5th Bob Amato 6th Gene Tognazzini , 7th Fred Wrazel , 8th Nancy Ratliff 9th George Rurik , 10th Janet Wrazel , 11th Vic Froehmer
Consolation Bob Cleveland

High table 2,040

Jim Lund Fred Wrazel

High score 5,070 Jim Lund

2018 CRUISE ALERT !!!

Just a quick note. Our 8th annual Catalina / Ensenada cruise set for FEB 12 - 16 next year already has 40 SIR, family and friends booked to sail. This fun cruise leaves Long Beach on Monday, visits Catalina on Tuesday, docks in Ensenada on Wednesday, spends a day at sea Thursday and is back in Long Beach by 6 AM on Friday. Golf is planned for both Catalina and Ensenada along
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(Cruise continued from page 7) with any of the possible excursions in both ports.

Our travel agent Carol just advised us that the last date to book into our SIR Group Rate and be guaranteed the group amenities (cabin credit, 1 bottle of wine per cabin, and a 1 hour cocktail party) will be next Friday, SEP 8th. Starting on Mon., 9/11, people can still book a cabin, but it will be outside the group booking and with the best available rate at the time of booking.

Deposits to reserve a stateroom are \$150 each when you call Carol on her cell at (559) 824-2168. By paying the deposit by SEP 8th, you'll have your cabin locked in with the SIR group. You can always cancel later (up until early December) and get your deposit back.

For those who've been on this trip, you know how much fun it is. For those who are inclined...we play golf, have happy hours and dine together. If you prefer more to be on your own...that is fine also. It's all good and the more the merrier.

So for those who haven't done so yet, think hard on pulling the trigger to book this relaxing, fun Valentine's cruise.

Questions? Give organizers Mike Moyle or Howard Zinn a call.

outlined on the Fresno County Library web site as to how to get overdrive on your computer. Once you have Overdrive on your computer, you can go to the Fresno County Library web site and click on the e-books & downloads tab which bring up another e-book/audio book tab; click on that and you will get a bar at the top that will give you broad topics so you can begin your search for e-books or audio books you might want to borrow. (I personally pick subjects). Then I get another screen and I select audio books which narrows your search; now you can sort by type of book and general subject. You can continue to narrow your search until you find a book you like. You then borrow or reserve it. (I could go on with the details of what you need to do to download to your computer then transfer to your MP3 player which is what I do, but that would be too much detail at-this-time.) If you decide you want to try this system I will be glad to help you with it, and the Library has a staff that has many who are knowledgeable about the e-book/audio book system.

Another matter that was brought up to me by some of you members is – not getting our newsletter. If you do not get you newsletter for some reason, you can go to the 159 web site and get any Chanticleer back to 2011. Click on the newsletter then follow the prompts to get the one you want..

2017 SIR State Individual Championship

Division 5 Qualifier Results for Area 29

Congratulations to the following players:

Vic Froehmer Flight 7 2nd Place. Vic advances to the State Championship @ Laguna Seca in October.

Vic was one of the 36%,.. who had net scores below Par for the day.

Steve Chase CTP Hole 7 1st Place 170 yards 7' 3"

Gary Smith CTP Hole 17 1st Place 118 yards 3' 9"

Thanks, **Butch Evans**

SIR Division 5 Golf Chair-

man [SIR Division 5 Program](#)

http://www.golf.sirinc2.org/state_golf.htm

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Editor's Note...Last month our speaker was Mr. Richard Mann, Fresno County Librarian and he talked about many things that are available at our county library system. I want to point out to you a system that I use a lot and enjoy. It is called Overdrive; there is a procedure



**Little SIR Mike & August Speaker
Richard Mann, Fresno County Librarian**



A small boy is sent to bed by his father. Five minutes later....."Da-ad"
 "What?"
 "I'm thirsty. Can you bring drink of water?"
 "No, You had your chance. Lights out."
 Five minutes later: "Da-aaaad.."

"WHAT?"
 "I'm THIRSTY. Can I have a drink of water??"
 I told you NO! If you ask again, I'll have to spank you!!"
 Five minutes later.. "Daaaa-aaaad....."
 "WHAT!"
 "When you come in to spank me, can you bring a drink of water?"

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An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him
 "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

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One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room."

A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

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It was that time, during the Sunday morning service, for the children's sermon. All the children were invited to come forward. One little girl was wearing a particularly pretty dress and, as she sat down, the pastor leaned over and said, "That is a very pretty dress. Is it your Easter Dress?"

The little girl replied, directly into the pastor's clip-on microphone, "Yes, and my Mom says it's a bitch to iron."

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. When I was six months pregnant with my third child, my three year old came into the room when I was just getting ready to get into the shower. She said, "Mommy, you are getting fat!"

I replied, "Yes, honey, remember Mommy has a baby growing in her tummy."

"I know," she replied, but what's growing in your butt?"

An Irishman's First Baseball Game

An Irishman moves to the USA & finally attends his first baseball game. The first batter approached the batter's box, took a few swings and then hits a double. Everyone was on their feet screaming "Run, Run".

The next batter hits a single and the Irishman watched and listened as the crowd again cheered "Run, Run"!!

The Irishman enjoyed watching the game and began screaming with the fans. The fifth batter came up and four balls went by.

The umpire called "walk" and the batter started his slow trot to first base. The Irishman stood up and screamed, "Run, Run ye lazy bastard, run!" The people around him began laughing. Embarrassed, the Irishman sat back down.

A friendly fan noted the man's embarrassment, leaned over and explained "He can't run -- he's got four balls."

The Irishman stood up and screamed, "Walk with pride, me lad, walk with pride!."

August Best Bowling

The Fall-Spring league has begun.. We invite any and all SIR member s to come join us – Tuesday afternoons, 1 PM at Bowlero Lanes (formerly Sierra Lanes) at the corner of Blackstone & Sierra. Anyone interested, please contact Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 or just show up and we will get you started. See you there. NOTE THE NEW DAY BUT OLD TIME.

DATE		SCORE	BRANCH
4-Aug	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier 675/246	159
	Hi Hdep. Series	Bill Laudig 594	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Hector Leyva 235/659	159
	Hi Hdep. Game	Duke Marshall 218	159
11-Aug	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier 611/215	159
	Hi Hdep. Series	Rich Lewis 602	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl DeRouchev 182	159
	Hi Hdep. Game	Hugh Cox 229	159
19-Aug	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl DeRouchev 604	159
	Hi Hdep. Series	Bill Laudig 610	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Ed Beier 255	159
	Hi Hdep. Game	Hector Leyva 230	159
22-Aug	Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva 700/255	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl DeRouchev 190	159
29-Aug	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton 565/203	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Merle Knapp 199	179



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MEN'S LUNCHEON

PRE-VETERANS DAY
OCTOBER 24, 2017
11 A.M.

2. SHEPHERD'S INN
935 SANTA FE AVE
(FRESNO TRAIN STATION)

HISTORIC TOURS

10 A.M.

1. OLD WATER TOWER
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AFTER LUNCH
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**3. NATIONAL LEGION OF
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Thursday, December 14, 2017

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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 -

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Guest: _____

Turkey Ham

Turkey Ham

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**one for the money
two for the show
three get ready
now go cat go!!!**

name
that
tune



Lee Moy