



# The Chanticleer

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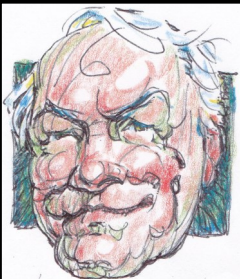
Date January 11, 2018  
Place Pardini's Restaurant  
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

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

## Activities Calendar for January

Date	Event	Contact
Jan 8 15 22 29	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
?	Poker	Michael Levine
Jan 4 10 18 25	SIRs Golf	Duke Marshall
?	Ladies Date Night	Howard Zinn
Jan 2 9 16 23 30	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
Jan 2 16 30	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
Jan 11	SIRs Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
Jan 16	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
Jan 16	Technology	Roger Deal
Jan 16	Investments	Rich Colby
None in January	Men's Luncheon -	Lee Moy
Jan 3 17	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis

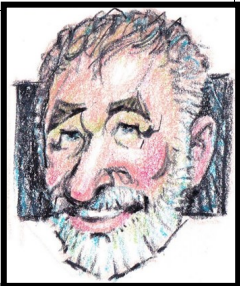
January marks the beginning of a new year and as customary I make a list of resolutions for my self that will transform me into a new and better person. As far as that goes I have mixed results. The weight I resolved to lose last year merely shifted from my waist to my rear. Front to back, so to speak. The resolution was eroded by BBQ and baked goods that presented themselves at inopportune times. There are other resolutions that I have made that dare not be shared with others because the involve my spouse, social interaction, and personal hygiene. (Big SIR continued on page 2)



Big SIR Mike

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FAMILIES**

*The Mission of Sons In Retirement is to improve the lives of our Members through fun activities and events while creating friends for life.*



Little SIR Rich

*We start the new year welcoming three new members to the BEC (BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)—Ron Wilson; Manuel Nunez and Gary Becker, and thanking Mike Moyle and Mike Williamson for their faithful service to our board in addition to the many other ways they have served and continue to serve our SIR organization. (Little SIR continued on page 2)*

(Big SIR continued from page 1) These I will work at.

There is another category of resolutions which I call SIR Resolutions and as Big SIR I feel I have the power to make resolutions for all the roosters in the barnyard. Resolution #1: "I will have more fun this year than last year!" Resolution #2: "I will bring at least 1 visitor to our luncheon." Resolution #3: "I will go out of my way to get to know at least 1 new person in our Branch." These resolutions should not be hard to keep. And, think about the impact of keeping the resolutions on our Branch-Fun loving friendly people working at "Making Friends for Life."

The December Lady's Day Luncheon was a resounding WOW! I was totally blown away by Jeremy Pearce's performance. I thought for a moment I was actually in Vegas. A special thanks to Shane Peterson, Roger McCoy, and Stan Day for making the event a seamless success. There is a ton of work behind the scenes.

No one person can make this branch run as smoothly as a Swiss watch and I am excited about working with our BEC, Committee Chairmen, and Support Personnel to make 2018 the best year yet. Rich Lewis will command the Little SIR (Big SIR continued on page 5)

(Little SIR continued from page 1) While Manuel and Gary are new to SIR service, Ron has been around awhile. Ron was our Big Sir in 2007 and has been serving our organization in many other ways. As you can see, these five members have stepped up to help fill voids in our organization.

SIR is not unlike other organizations in that it takes Members stepping up to be successful. We need others to help us out—for instance, we need someone to help Mike Williamson (editor of the Chanticleer) so that he has a backup for the future. Just last week when Mike was playing golf with Fred Martinez, a new member, Fred stepped forward and offered to learn how to do the newsletter.

Additionally, we have a Nominating committee that will be looking for individuals to fill openings in 2019 on the BEC. The gentlemen serving on this committee will be looking for Members who are willing to commit to 1, 2 or 3 year terms on your Board and as officers of SIR, Branch 159.

Four additional committees are created by RAMP (R=Recruitment; A=Activities; M=Membership and P=Promotion) and is another example how Members can help Branch 159 stay strong by agreeing, when asked, to serve on these committees.

Suffice to say we need to continue the good work of our past Big Sir, Gary Smith, to live up to our mission and goals.

We heard the comments you provided from the last meeting sharing with us the types of speakers and the activities you would like to see in 2018.

Our goal is to work towards meeting those requests.

***DID YOU KNOW: (Information you just can't live without) —whales can't swim backwards***

**The 2018 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; Stan Day  
9592 N. Ann,  
Fresno, Ca. 93720  
If paying at the luncheon,  
please pay by separate check**

## **Attendance Report**

In December, 2017, SIR Branch #159 had 197 active members. This being the Christmas Ladies' Day luncheon 139 SIRs and guests were entertained by the local Elvis impersonator With several songs from Elvis' Christmas Album. I believe one and all (Attendance continued on page 3)

(Attendance continued from page 2) enjoyed the show, especially those ladies who went home with a scarf. The line-up for pictures at the end was a tell-tale sign. 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 277-3971 or send an email to [FresnoSenior@aol.com](mailto:FresnoSenior@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**

### Bridge Results

**December 5** 1<sup>st</sup> Gene Tognazzini  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Lund, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ron Rayburn  
4<sup>th</sup> George Rurik, 5<sup>th</sup> Fred Wrazel  
6<sup>th</sup> Bob Amato, 7<sup>th</sup> Russ Mott  
8<sup>th</sup> Vic Froehmer, 9<sup>th</sup> Hugh Cox  
10<sup>th</sup> Jim Stefanich 11<sup>th</sup> Bob Moore

12<sup>th</sup> John Houlihan

Consolation Janet Wrazel

High table 1,520

Gene Tognazzini Jim Lund

High score

4,590 Gene Tognazzini

**December 19** 1<sup>st</sup> Russ Mott  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Stefanich 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Cleveland  
4<sup>th</sup> Ron Rayburn 5<sup>th</sup> Bob Amato  
6<sup>th</sup> Bob Moore 7<sup>th</sup> Vic Froehmer  
8<sup>th</sup> Gene Tognazzini  
9<sup>th</sup> Hugh Cox 10<sup>th</sup> Jim Lund

Consolation Charles Ratliff

High table 1,240

Russ Mott Jim Stefanich-

High score 4,630 Russ Mott

**Next Games January 2 16 30**

### Anniversaries

Sue & Alan Barton

Carole & Stan Littleworth

Judy & Rick Ransom

Nancy & Allen Teixeira

### Birthdays

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

### **Golf Cruise**

TO ALL SIR MEMBERS:  
JUST A REMINDER TO ALL SIR MEMBERS (ALL BRANCHES) THAT OUR ANNUAL GOLF CRUISE TO CATALINA AND ENSENADA WILL BE FEB 12-16, 2018 ON THE CARNIVAL INSPIRATION. WE CALL IT OUR "VALENTINES LADIES SPECIAL." THERE IS STILL ROOM IF YOU ACT PROMPTLY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY GOLF - SEVERAL OTHER OPTIONS. MANY ACTIVITIES FOR THE WIVES. CALL HOWARD ZINN @ 431-6797 ASAP. ( TOTAL COST - UNDER \$300. PP.)

### Sunshine & 9-hole Golf

We lost some fine pals since my last report. On your behalf, letters of condolence were sent to the widows and families of three departed roosters. We lost Charles Olono, Stan Weinstein, and Ray Phillips. Jone Phillips replied with deep appreciation and thanks while explaining that the friendship of his fellow SIRs was very important to Ray. Also on your behalf, I have expressed your hope that Shane Peterson will have a complete and speedy recovery. HE HAS PROMISED TO DO SO!

“On another note, those interested in investing two hours or so in (Sunshine continued on page 4)

(Sunshine continued from page 3) playing nine holes of golf can join Bob Knebel and Charlie Barrett at Airways GC each and every Wednesday for a 10 AM tee time. Your done by noon. No one enforces the law of golf, or such. We only peruse the Goddess Mirth, and laugh at each other and ourselves. If you are a “stuffed shirt,” come out anyway. We will try to break the starch.”

See you on the red tees,

*Charlie Barrett*

### Technology Group & Investment Group

The next SIR-159 Computer Group meeting is January 16 2018 1PM at the Woodward Park Regional Library "River Room" 944 East Perrin Ave, Fresno CA 93720. All SIR Branches, Wives and Guests are welcome.

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

(The Investment Group meets at 2pm, in the same room).

### December's 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	NAME	SCORE
5-Dec Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva	630/222
Hi Hdcp. Series	James Noriega	595
Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall	189
Hi Hdcp. Game	Merle Knapp	196
12-Dec Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva	225
Hi Hdcp. Series	Vic Froehmer	597
Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton	199
Hi Hdcp. Game	Duke Marshall	212
19-Dec Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva	586/227
Hi Hdcp. Series	Duke Marshall	606
Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton	180
Hi Hdcp. Game	Merle Knapp	210
26-Dec	No scores to report	

### **NEWS in the Golfing Community**

Happy New Year to all SIRs with a extra \\_/ to my golfing buds. As I prepair this note we have finished the first leg of the Holiday Cup at Dragonfly. As we head into the concluding round at Riverside The leaderboard is topped by Gary Morgan with an 83 and Alan Barton with a net 64. Can they hold onto their leads? Results will be in time for the Jan. luncheon. Speaking of January the monthly chairman and schedule is:

#### Branch 159 January Golf Schedule

*Chairman Mike Williamson 251-3103*

*mdw93727@yahoo.com*

Thur	1/4	9:30	SG	Pheasant Run
Wed	1/10	9:30	SG	Ridge Creek
Thur	1/18	9:30	SG	Sherwood
Thur	1/25	9:30	SG	Madera Muni
Thur	2/1	9:AM	SG	Dragonfly
Wed	2/7	9:AM	SG	Riverside
Thur	2/15	9:AM	SG	Airways
Thur	2/22	9:AM	SG	Belmont CC

Just a reminder to use the sign up board we have at each event as well as the luncheon to get on the roster. If you miss that opportunity call the monthly chairman before 7 pm on Sunday prior to the event you wish to play. If you miss the initial pairings you can still call the monthly chair to be added.

As of today we have a complete field for the annual Ron Rich Match Play Tournament with one alternate in standby. I will be posting the seedings after the Jan 15 GHIN update. Matches will commence the last of Feb. at Belmont CC using current GHIN and 90% of CH .

*Duke Marshall , Golf Chair.*



A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, 'Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!'

After a few seconds, Little Larry stood up. The teacher said, 'Do you think you're stupid, Larry?' 'No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!'

(Big SIR continued from page 2) role and head up the RAMP Committee. He has already lined up some dynamic speakers for the coming year. Stan Day will be our new Treasurer. He is super organized and I know our money will be accurately accounted. Del Kearns will take over from Duke Marshall the role of Attendance Chairman as Duke assumes the role of Golf Chairman. Del will not lose your badges. New Branch Directors Gary Becker, Ron Wilson, and Manual Nunez will bring energy and fresh ideas to the BEC. Our RAMP Committee will welcome some new members including: Dana Hamparzoomian, Richard Neilson, and Gerald Peloian. Bob Moore will continue with Orientations but now become Membership Relations Chairman.

During December the BEC met and established the goals for our Branch for 2018. We all agreed that we are doing well but as always there is room for improvement.

**Goal #1: Have more fun this year than last**

By increasing attendance at our “fun” activities

By adding activities that our membership wants-

By making new friends and welcoming visitors

**Goal #2: Increasing our active Annual Membership by 3%**

By continuing our “free lunch” and “membership race” incentives

By monitoring our inactive members

**Goal #3: Increase our luncheon attendance to 70%**

By publicizing our luncheon speakers

By arranging for speakers our membership wants-

By providing “rides” for those who can’t drive themselves

**Goal #4: Continue our Fiscal health into 2019**

By facing the reality of an increase in the cost of luncheons in 2019 and having a plan in place to meet this challenge.

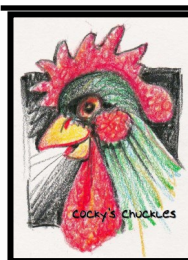
By continuing to limit the unpaid lunches through coordinating our callers with Pardini’s.

As Big SIR I will continue to need your support and advice. And, speaking of New Year’s Resolution I resolve to “Listen More” and “Talk Less.” Let’s all have a great year!

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## History Roundtable

For new members the History Roundtable is a group of like minded SIRs who share a love of history. Since we are a diverse group the Roundtable topics have ranged from Scottish, Irish, Roman, Fresno, and California’s history. It is amazing how much collective knowledge we all share and are willing to share with others. Usually, we send out a topic, spend some time researching, and then share our findings at the Roundtable. For January I feel it is only right to research New Year’s traditions both historical and ethnic. The History Roundtable meets on the first Tuesday following the Luncheon at 11:00 AM at the Yosemite Falls Café on Blackstone just north of Shaw. The senior menu provides a good selection of lunch items. Hope to see you there.



A nun gets into a cab, and notices that the VERY handsome cab driver won't stop staring at her.

She asks him why he is staring.

He replies: "I have a question to ask you but I don't want to offend you."

She answers, "My son, you cannot offend me. When you're as old as I am and have been a nun as long as I have, you get a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm sure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive."

"Well, I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me."

She responds, "Well, let's see what we can do about that: #1, (Humor continued on page 6)

SIR 2018 COMMITTEES	
COMMITTEE	MEMBERS
<b>NOMINATING</b>	<b>REG ROSANDER (CHAIR)</b>
	RICH COLBY
	STEVE WHITEHEAD
	LEE MOY
<b>RAMP</b>	<b>GARY MORGAN</b>
	<b>RICH LEWIS (CHAIR)</b>
	<b>GERALD PELOIAN (CHAIR)</b>
	DANA HAMPARZOOMIAN
<b>RECRUITMENT</b>	ED BEIER
	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
	<b>TERRY BYRNE (CHAIR)</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	MIKE WILLIAMSON
	RICHARD NEILSON
	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>
	<b>JOHN CRAWFORD (CHAIR)</b>
<b>PROMOTION</b>	STAN DAY
	BOB MOORE
	RICH COLBY
	CHARLES BARRETT
	<b>PROMOTION</b>
<b>PROMOTION</b>	<b>RON WILSON (CHAIR)</b>
	GARY MORGAN
	HOWARD ZINN

(Humor continued from page 5) you have to be single and #2, you must be Catholic."

The cab driver is very excited and says, "Yes, I'm single and Catholic!"

"OK" the nun says. "Pull in to the next alley."

The nun fulfills his fantasy, with a kiss that would make a hooker blush. But when they get back on the road, the cab driver starts crying.

"My dear child," says the nun, "why are you crying?"

"Forgive me but I've sinned. I lied and I must confess, I'm married and I'm Jewish."

**The nun says, "That's OK. My name is Kevin and I'm going to a fancy dress party."**

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DEAR DIARY - DAY 1

All packed for the cruise ship -- all my nicest dresses, swimsuits, short sets. Really, really excit-

ing. Our local Red Hat chapter - The Late Bloomers decided on this "all-girls" trip. It will be my first one - and I can't wait!

DEAR DIARY - DAY 2

Entire day at sea, beautiful. Saw whales and dolphins. Met the Captain today -- seems like a very nice man.

DEAR DIARY - DAY 3

At the pool today. Did some shuffleboard, hit golf balls off the deck. The Captain invited me to join him at his table for dinner. Felt honored and had a wonderful time. He is very attractive and attentive.

DEAR DIARY - DAY 4

Won \$800.00 in the ship's casino. The Captain asked me to have dinner with him in his own cabin. Had a scrumptious meal complete with caviar and champagne. He asked me to stay the night, but I declined. Told him I could not be unfaithful to my husband.

DEAR DIARY - DAY 5

Pool again today. Got sunburned, and I went inside to drink at piano-bar, stayed there for rest of day. The Captain saw me, bought me several large drinks. Really is quite charming. Again asked me to visit his cabin for the night. Again I declined. He told me, if I did not let him have his way with me, he would sink the ship... I was shocked.

DEAR DIARY - DAY 6

Today I saved 2600 lives.  
Twice ...

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Larry watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. 'Why do you do that, mommy?' he asked. 'To make myself beautiful,' said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. 'What's the matter, asked Larry 'Giving up?'



**SIR 159 Veterans' Day Visit**

- Major Ted Feasel & Son
- Gary Decker
- Randy Morris
- Reg Rosander
- Peter Openshaw
- Mr/s Lee Moy



**SIR Lee Moy, former Travel Director**  
[LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com](mailto:LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com)

# Pictures from SIR Branch 159 December 2017 Ladies 'Day Luncheon



SIR Branch 159 Current Honorary Life Members





