



The Chanticleer

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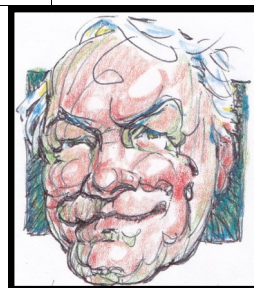
Date February 8, 2018
Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

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

Activities Calendar for February

Date	Event	Contact
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
Feb 6	Poker	Michael Levine
Feb 1, 7, 15, 22	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
	Ladies Date Night	Howard Zinn
Feb 6, 13, 20, 27	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
Feb 6, 20	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
Feb 8	SIRs Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
Feb 13	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
Feb 13	Technology	Roger Deal
Feb 13	Investments	Rich Colby
Feb 21	Men's Luncheon - Four Seasons Resturant	Lee Moy
Feb 21	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis

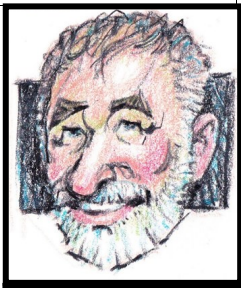
Life never ceases to amaze me. For the most part my seniority has been somewhat sanguine. The lessons I learned early in life seemed to be passed on from decade to decade and I was very comfortable living in the skin that I was born with. That seems to have changed very recently. Well, honestly, it changed when I joined SIR. I checked my ego at the clubhouse door when I started to play golf with the "Warriors," and the Thursday tournaments. It is somewhat humbling to see your name last on the weekly results that Duke regularly (Big SIR continued on page 2)



Big SIR Mike

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

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

So far, so good. Jan ends without a weekly golf tournament being cancelled because of rain. We had a mid Jan and early Feb cancellation in 2017. Why do I mention this? Mainly because we have 13 different activities and golf has by far the largest turnout. While golf is not the only reason retired men join SIR, it certainly gets the most attention. If you want to play more than once a week in Branch 159, you can play in our weekly "Whitmers Warriors" game on (Little SIR continued on page 2)

(Big SIR continued from page 1) cranks out. There is also the rude comparison to my putting stroke as being “spasmatic.” that takes place on the 19th hole. And, the conversation devolves from there. But, two events happened that I choose to draw an analogous lesson in life that I would like to share.

For some reason, Gary Morgan, who does the pairings for our golf tournaments, designated me as the A player in our Scrambles tournament in January at Sherwood Forest despite my relatively high handicap. My immediate image of Gary when I read the pairings was him dressed in red, with a pitchfork, flames in the background, horns on his head, and cackling. As the A player I was expected to contribute a quantity of “shots.” I did not! Instead my team (Boomer, Zoomer, and Bill) put me on their backs, cranked majestic drives, and made putts, forging to the top of the leaderboard. At the end of the round I apologized for contributing so little. One of the team members commented to me that, even so, “You were our cheerleader.” And, we won! I earned \$8.

Just a few days ago I got a call from Jerry Morrow who is the Director of Region 2 which we are a part of. He was effusive in the praise of Branch 159 for it's (Big SIR continued on page 3)

(Little SIR continued from page 1) Mondays, headed up by Steve Chase; the 9 hole game at Airways on Wednesday, headed up by Charlie Barrett and our weekly Thursday tournament in the very capable hands of Golf 159 chairman, Duke Marshall.

We have 244 total Members (197 are active Members) in our branch and 99 of these members renewed their GHIN handicap membership through Branch 159 for 2018

While I have not participated in all the activities, the ones I attended were quite informative and enjoyable with information being shared by all. History Roundtable—Mike Rumley, Technology—Roger Deal, Investing/Economics, (can you believe these markets)—Rich Colby.

The fun and interaction of members at Bowling—Duke Marshall; Horseshoes—Rich Lewis; Dine Out Night—various members, and Men's luncheon (provides information, a good place to have lunch, and interaction of members attending)—Lee Moy.

Activities I have not attended—Poker—Michael Levine, (they have offered to teach me the fine art of this game—defined as “relieving me of my weekly allowance”) Bridge—Vic Froehmer and Fishing (I know they would not invite me a second time after they see how I fish)—Reg Rosander.

If you attended our monthly lunch at Pardini's on January 11th, you would have heard about activities available at the Clovis Senior Center. A very informative presentation that showed between SIR 159 activities and the Senior Center activities, there is no limit of fun available to keep us Seniors on the go. One just needs to take advantage of what is offered.

Don't forget to pay your 2018 assessment (\$ 15.00) to Stan Day as it is now due. You can send your check to Stan at 9592 N. Ann, Fresno, CA 93720 or pay at the luncheon on February 8th.

The speaker for our Feb luncheon: Office of Independent Review For the City of Fresno Maira Aguilar—Community Coordinator and (Little SIR continued on page 3)

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**

(Big SIR continued from page 2) Membership Directory, Activities, and Retention statistics. He continually remarked that our branch was the best in his District and gave me, as Big SIR, a lot of the credit.

So, this is what I would like to share. *What victories you gain have to be shared with the people that made them possible.* I am so thankful for Duke Marshall and his team for stepping out and making our golf program seamless. It is no easy task and Duke could always use a helping hand. Do not be afraid to volunteer. Jerry Morrow's praise for our branch as "being the best" is dependent on the work of so many others rather than one person. Our BEC, Support Personnel, and Activity Chairmen are the people that make this branch successful and vibrant. Our diverse activities offer the chance for our members to get up and get active. Our Membership Directory lists the phone numbers of our Activity Chairmen so do not hesitate to call.

My lesson that I learned is that as Big SIR I am your cheerleader! So "Get Up and Get Out!" Go Team 159!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Poker

Our next SIR poker game is Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at the home of Steve Cox. The game begins at noon. Steve lives in Madera. His address is 3258 Riverview Dr. Madera 93637. Steve's phone number is (559) 469-3271. Please let Steve or me know if you can make it.

Happy New Year, *Michael Levine*

Computer Group

The next SIR-159 Computer Group meeting is Feb 20'th 1PM at the Woodward Park Regional Library "River Room" 944 East Perrin Ave, Fresno CA 93720. All SIR Branches, Wives and Guests are welcome. We will talk about updates on the

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John A. Gliatta—Independent Reviewer

The OIR works independently of the Fresno Police Department and provides the City's leaders and the public with objective analysis of policing data, actions, and outcomes.

DID YOU KNOW: (Information you just can't live without):

The three-toed sloth moves along the ground at a speed of 2 m/min.

new **Meltdown** and **Septre** Hardware Issues. **WINDOWS USERS BE SURE TO RE-ACTIVATE and set a RESTORE POINT!** Check for out of sequence MS updates, and PC Manufacturer Updates. Bring your Tech Issues you need help with. (The Investment Group meets at 2pm, in the same room).

New Members

Each month when we induct new members we will ask them to give us a little info about themselves and we will put that in the Chanticleer along with their picture. In a group with over 200 members it can be easy to get lost in the shuffle. So please, get to know the newest members, introduce yourselves to them at the next luncheon and help get them involved. Let them know that we consider it a privilege that they have chosen to spend some time with us.



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Investment Group

Stock Market Investing Discussion...Tuesday Feb. 20 at 2:00 PM in the Woodward park Library meeting room (following the Computer/Phone discussions which start at 1:00 PM). Join in and listen and contribute to what's happening in the stock market, where there may be good gains, and what some of the major market resources have to say. Lead by Rich Colby

Statement for Dinner Night out...Wed. Jan.17 at the Shanghai was filled with laughter and good food (of which we all ate way to much). Twenty nine happy SIRs souls enjoyed the evening and several would be fine to do it again and again and again ---- over time of course. Thanks to all who made the evening come alive.. Rich Colby

History Roundtable

The History Roundtable is more than just boring facts, dates, and names. One of the more fascinating aspects of the Table is our ability to move from one topic to another. Think of it as the "Time Warp" song. In January we talked about how ancient civilizations were able to master the path of the stars and accurately predict the "solstices." This explains why many ancient civilizations set their new year on December 22 or 23. Our February meeting will take place on February 8th at the Yosemite Falls Café just north of Shaw on Herndon at 11:00 AM. Our opening salvo will deal with the history of immigration into the USA. Where it was and where is it going. 1920's Immigration and Quota Acts. Come on by for a senior lunch and stimulating conversation

Attendance

In January 2018 Sir branch #159 we had 194 active members with 129 of those attending the January luncheon. Total attendance was 131 members and guests. Members are expected to attend the monthly meeting or to notify the attendance chairman when you 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 When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER.

Dell Kerns, Attendance chairman

Golfing News

As the first month of the new year draws to an end and hopefully the frost ends we find our first winners of the year, Alfred Martinez, Bob Jones and Bob Moore taking top honors in their respective flights at Pheasant Run. The following week at Ridge Creek the four man team of Dennis Rich, Bob Price, Dana Hamparzoomian and Ed Beier took top honors in a close competition. In week three we moved to Sherwood Forest for a scramble tournament which was won by the team of Gary Morgan, Dana Hamparzoomian, John Shertenlieb and Bill Leavitt. Our final competition of the month was a game of 2 man best ball at Madera Muni with Mario Guidi and Larry Henricksen on top. Throughout the month we averaged 40+ players per week.

Branch 159 February Golf Schedule

*Chairman John Briceno 395-4330
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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
Thur	3/1	9:AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Wed	3/07	9:AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur	3/15	9:AM	SG	Ridge Creek
Thur	3/22	9:AM	SG	Valley Oaks
Thur	3/29	9:AM	SG	Riverside

February brings new courses to play as we visit Dragonfly GC on Feb. 1, Riverside GC on the 7th, followed by Airways on the 15th and Belmont CC on the 22nd. By the way also on the 22nd at **(Golfing News continued on page 5)**

(Golfing News continued from page 4) Belmont we will be kicking off our annual Ron Rich match play tournament. Our monthly chairman for February is John Brieno. If you missed the sign-up board call him or e-mail him at 395-4330 jabriceno72@gmail.com

Duke Marshall

Horseshoes

Ed Bier and Dell Kerns continue to show their considerable talents in the "pits", while the rest of us struggle to catch up.

Newcomer Mike Moyle and consistent players Steve Chase, Robert Rathburn, Rich Fimbres and Mel Wyatt are showing signs of dethroning those mighty champions. The next contest will not be until February 21 since the golf tournament is on the 1st Wednesday of February

Bridge Results

January 2 1st Jim Stefanich, 2nd Hugh Cox, 3rd Bob Amato 4th Bob Moore, 5th Ron Rayburn 6th Gene Tognazzini, 7th Russ Mott, 8th George Rurik, 9th Vic Froehmer, 10th Chuck Elkins
Consolation Jim Lund

High table 1,840

Jim Stefanich Ron Rayburn

High score 5,160 Jim Stefanich

January 16 1st Nancy Ratcliff, 2nd Chuck Ratcliff, 3rd Bob Moore, 4th Vic Froehmer, 5th Hugh Cox, 6th Chuck Elkins, 7th George Rurik, 8th Bob Cleve-

land, 9th Ron Rayburn, 10th Jim Lund
Consolation Bob Amato

High table 2,020

Vic Froehmer George Rurik
(George & Vic bid & made Grand Slam)

High score 5,290 Nancy Ratcliff

January 30 1st Gene Tognazzini 2nd Chuck Ratcliff, 3rd Fred Wrazel 4th Jim Lund, 5th Nancy Ratcliff 6th Russ Mott 7th Vic Froehmer 8th Janet Wrazel 9th George Rurik 10th Bob Moore 11th Hugh Cox 12th Chuck Elkins 13th Bob Cleveland

Consolation Ron Rayburn

High table 2,030 Gene Tognazzini

High score 4,340 Gene Tognazzini

Next Games **Feb 6 20**

Anniversaries

Mary Ann & Al Baez
Lety & Carlos Fernandez
Britt & Russ Hewer
Lois & Allen Layne
Kathryn & Bob Price
Patty & Alex Ramirez
Nancy & Don Smith
Geneva & Russ Wyatt

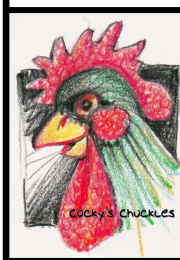
Birthdays

Joe Bencivengo, Bud Burrows, Alan Bynum, Steve Chase, Michael Cunningham, Roger Deal, Ted Feasel, Mike Grady, Joe Hushek, Bob Jones, William Laudig, Roger McCoy, Randy Morris, Lee Moy, Danny Munoz, Abel Parra-Gutierrez, Rick Ransom

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.)



• Bob Hill and his new wife Betty were vacationing in Europe...as it happens, near Transylvania

They were driving in a rental car along a rather deserted highway. It was late at night and raining very hard with thunder and lightning. Bob could barely see the road in front of the car. Suddenly, the car skids out of control! Bob attempts to control the car. To

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(Humor continued from page 5) no avail! The car swerves and smashes into a tree.

Moments later, Bob shakes his head to clear the fog. Dazed, he looks over at the passenger seat and sees his wife unconscious, with her head bleeding! Despite the rain and unfamiliar countryside, Bob knows he must get her medical assistance. Bob carefully picks his wife up and begins trudging down the road. After a short while, he sees a light. He heads towards the light, which is coming from a large, old house.

He approaches the door and knocks. A minute passes and a small, hunched old man opens the door. Bob immediately blurts, "Hello, my name is Bob Hill, and this is my wife Betty. We've been in a terrible accident, and my wife has been seriously hurt. Can I please use your phone?"

"I'm sorry," replied the hunchback, "but we don't have a phone. But my master is a doctor; come in, and I will get him!"

Bob brings his wife in. An older man comes down the stairs. "I'm afraid my assistant may have misled you. I am not a medical doctor; I am a scientist. However, it is many miles to the nearest clinic, and I have had a basic medical training. I will see what I can do. Igor, bring them down to the laboratory." With that, Igor picks up Betty and carries her downstairs, with Bob following closely. Igor places Betty on a table in the lab. Bob collapses from exhaustion and his own injuries, so Igor places Bob on an adjoining table.

After a brief examination, Igor's master looks worried. "Things are serious, Igor. Prepare a transfusion."

Igor and his master work feverishly, but to no avail, and Bob and Betty Hill both passed away. The Hills' deaths upset Igor's master greatly.

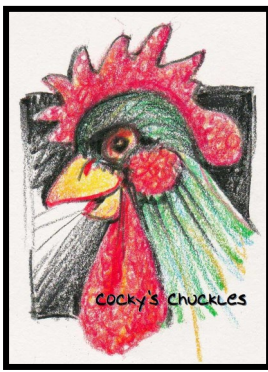
Wearily, he climbs the steps to his conservatory, which houses his grand piano. For it is here that he has always found solace. He begins to play, and a stirring, almost haunting melody fills the house. Meanwhile, Igor is still in the lab tidying up. His eyes catch movement, and he notices the fingers on Betty's hand twitch, keeping time to the haunting piano music. Stunned, he watches as Bob's arm begins to rise, marking the beat! He is further amazed as Betty and Bob both sit up straight! Unable to contain himself, he dashes up the stairs to the conservatory.

He Bursts in and Shouts to his Master, "Master, Master"

"The Hills are Alive with the Sound of Music!"



Little SIR Rich centered by January speakers from the Clovis Senior Center



God visited a woman and told her she must give up smoking, drinking and unmarried sex if she wants to get into heaven.

The woman said she would try her best.

God visited the woman a week later to see how she was getting on

"Not bad" said the woman, "I've given up smoking and drinking but then I bent over to get some stuff out of the freezer and my boyfriend caught sight of my long slender legs, he pulled up my skirt, pulled my panties to one side and made love to me right then and there.

"They don't like that in heaven," said God.

The woman replied, "They're not too happy about it in Costco either!"

Have you ever wondered who first uttered the phrase "You Gotta Be Shittin Me?"

Well I did some research and this is what I found !

Well, it originated through the Father of Our country, way back when George Washington was crossing the Delaware River with his troops. There were 33 (remember this number) in Washington's boat. It was extremely dark, cold and storming furiously and the water was tossing them about. Finally, Washington had to find a place to pull over so he grabbed Corporal Peters (remember this name) and stationed him at the front of the boat with a lantern. He ordered him to keep swinging it, so they could see where the hell they were heading.

Corporal Peters, with driving rain and cold, continued swinging the lantern back and forth, back and forth. Up came a large gust of wind and a wave hit the boat with such force that it threw Corporal Peters and his lantern into the Delaware.

Well after hours of searching Washington and his troops did not find Corporal Peters, All that searching was to no avail. All of them felt terrible, for the Corporal had been one of their friends. Cold, wet and Exhausted

Sometime later, Washington and his troops landed on the other side of this great river. He rallied the troops and told them that they must go on. Another hour later, one of his men yelled out, 'General, I see lights ahead.'

They trudged toward the lights and came upon this huge house. Totally unknown to them was the fact that this was a house of ill repute, hidden way, away in the forest to serve all who came. Washington pounded on the door, his men crowding around him anticipating the warmth within. The door swung open, and much to his surprise stood a very beautiful woman. As a huge smile came across her face to see so many men standing there.

Washington was the first to speak, 'Madam, I am General George Washington and these are my men. We are tired, wet, exhausted, and desperately need warmth and comfort.

Again, the Madam looked at all the men standing there, and with a broad smile on her face, said, 'Well General, by golly ! You have come to the right place. We can surely give you warmth and comfort. Now how many men do you have?

Washington replied, 'Well Madam, there are 32 of us without Peters.'

The Madam gasped all choked up and declared, '[You gotta be shittin me.](#)'

Always REMEMBER this: You don't stop laughing because you grow old, You grow old because you stop laughing !

January'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-Branch	SCORE
2-Jan	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall 159 442
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Merle Knapp 175 555
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall 159 169
16-Jan	Hi Hdcp. Game	Merle Knapp 175 202
	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton 159 530
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Duke Marshall 159 571
23-Jan	Hi Scratch Game	Merle Knapp 175 188
	Hi Hdcp. Game	James Noriega 159 186
	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall 159 481
30-Jan	Hi Hdcp. Series	Terry Schneider 159 566
	Hi Scratch Game	Rich Lewis 159 205
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Daryl DeRouchy 159 206
30-Jan	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall 159 531
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Hector Leyva 159 512
	Hi Scratch Game	Merle Knapp 175 204
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Joe Huizar 159 194



3RD ANNUAL SIR CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCH
TENTATIVE MENU

Chinese Shrimp Salad
Hong Kong Style Whole Peking Duck
Seafood Winter Melon Soup
Steam Whole Fish
Singapore Style Chow Fun
Fried Rice w/ Chinese Sausage & Taro
Sizzling Black Pepper Beef Short Ribs
White Rice, Ohlong Tea

February 21, 11am, Wed
Four Seasons Restaurant,
342 N. Clovis Ave, Clovis

Table of 8 only-RSVP-SIR Lee Moy-Men's Luncheon
ASAP 709-9851 LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com



3rd Annual SIR 159

Happy Chinese New Year



What Chinese New Year lunch
When Feb 21, 11 am, Wednesday
Where Four Seasons 342 N. Clovis Ave
Who Table of Eight-Call **ASAP**

Cost \$23 per person
includes many traditional
custom dishes + tea, rice,
tax and tip all included



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