



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : *George Boyadjian, CEO of 420 College, the Premier National Cannabis Institute.*

Date March 8, 2018

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

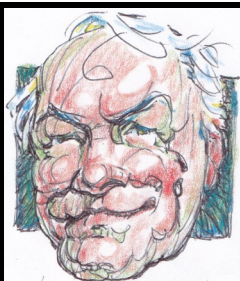
Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$15 and no Buck Bucket

Activities Calendar for March

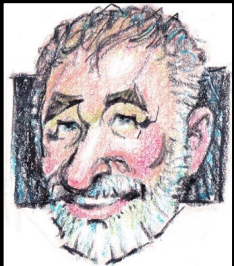
Date	Event	Contact
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
Mar 6	Poker	Michael Levine
Mar 1, 7, 15, 22, 29	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
Mar 14	Dine out Night	Howard Zinn
Mar 6, 13, 20, 27	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
Mar 6, 20	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
Mar 8	SIRs Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
Mar 13	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
Mar 13	Technology	Roger Deal
Mar 13	Investments	Rich Colby
Mar 21	Men's Luncheon -	Lee Moy
Mar 21	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis

This year is the 60th anniversary of Sons in Retirement. It was started on July 23, 1958 in San Mateo by nine founding members. Every year the state organization has an Annual Meeting in August that is attended by all Big Sirs. This year, in honor of the anniversary, they would like to do something special. They are planning a three-day event at Thunder Valley Resort and Casino in Lincoln on August 6 – 8 and most of the events will be open to all Sirs. The tentative plan is to have a golf challenge and no host dinner, open to all (**Big SIR continued on page 2**)



Big SIR Mike

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

No one said it would be easy!!!! Your BEC is certainly feeling the heat over the State By-Law regarding "Active/Inactive" members. As of January 31, 2018, we had 47 inactive members and 194 active members for a total club membership of 241 members. The State says that inactive members are included in the cost of insurance (insurance is (**Little SIR continued on page 2**))

(Big SIR continued from page 1) Sirs, on Monday, August 6. The Annual Meeting, for Big Sirs and Little Sirs only, will be on Tuesday, August 7. I know most of you will not be able to make it but Rich Lewis and I are bound to attend. Since it is being held at a Casino I think that it is only appropriate that I collect a \$5.00 donation from each SIR to ensure that I am able to hold my own at the Black Jack table for at least 1 hour against all the Big SIRs in the state. I promise to return and divide all my winnings upon my return. Past Big SIR and reigning Carnival Cruise Black Jack champion Gary Smith, will be tutoring me before I leave.

Speaking of the Carnival Cruise a big thanks to Mike Moyle and Howard Zinn for a successful organizational feat. Everyone had fun! Me, not so much. The gentle rocking of the boat, while to some is relaxing, only instilled a 4-day feeling of nausea in yours truly. Ok, maybe there was some alcohol involved but I am saying that on land I (Big 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**

**To maintain active status
assessments must be paid by Mar 8**

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(Little SIR continued from page 1) about 50% of the State budget). However, a branch does not include inactive members when they pay the state \$ 6.00 yearly assessment AND branch 159 does NOT impose our yearly \$ 15.00 assessment on our inactive members.

State by-laws are very specific on inactive members.

RULE 90. A member who is unable to attend luncheon meetings due to prolonged illness, acting as a caregiver to a spouse or companion, or an extended absence from the Branch locale, may be moved from active to inactive status by action of the Branch Executive Committee after conferring with the member when possible. (Revised 6/10/08)

RULE 91. An inactive member may be a one-time guest at a regular monthly luncheon meeting or an in lieu function such as a special luncheon, dinner or picnic, but cannot be a guest in any other SIR activity. When he does attend such a function, he should be pressed to become reinstated to active membership. He shall have no other rights or privileges of membership except to receive the Branch bulletin. (Revised 6/10/08)

RULE 94. An inactive member may be requested to make a voluntary contribution to assist in defraying the cost of the Branch bulletin.

Rule 90, above, defines who is eligible for inactive status but does not define how long one should be eligible for inactive status. Our BEC must define what a fair length of time would be for a member of 159 to remain on inactive status. That decision should take into consideration the Members' reason for applying for inactive status.

So much for business—The month of March brings us much to (Little SIR continued on page 3)

(Big SIR continued from page 2) should have been able to tee up my golf ball without assistance. Definity make plans to go next year.

March, (the month the BIG Caesar bit the big one) is also the month that I need our membership to be aware of monies to be paid. Our \$15.00 Branch dues/assessment comes due. Thanks to the diligence of our Treasurer, Stan Day, we have almost 90% of our active members who have paid. Currently, we do not charge our inactive members the assessment until they return to active status. If you have not paid your dues please do so as we would hate to have to move you to inactive status. Or, (gasp!) face termination.

Speaking of Inactive Members: Currently there is a big push from the State to reduce the number of members on Inactive Status. "Our 47 Inactive members is among the highest in the State," according to our regional director. Faced with a declining membership of 4% a year and with rising insurance costs (Our insurance is based on both active and inactive members) it makes sense to purge our rolls of members who no longer qualify to be "Inactive." Rich Lewis has covered the qualifications for Inactive status in his Little SIR column. I would think that everyone would agree that there needs to be process where a member takes a "break" for a personal reason. Also, I would think everyone would agree that the Inactive status was not meant to be a warehouse for members for time on end.

I have challenged our Board of Directors to be our "pulse checkers." Each meeting they should be circulating through the room to check with you, "How are we doing." "What can we do better and what can we do to improve our Branch." They report back to the BEC so that your concerns are heard. (Big SIR continued on page 4)

(Little SIR continued from page 2) celebrate—St. Duke's, oops, I mean St Patrick's Day—March 17th—(we all know Duke is not a saint), looking forward to the green beer, corn beef and cabbage; Daylight savings March 11 and the official start of spring-March 20. I, for one, look forward to the longer daylight hours and warmer weather, but also know we really need the rain or face the consequences in the months to come.

I hope to see you at the March 8th lunch—green is the color of the day. Remember to bring a friend, who will, hopefully, become a Branch 159 member. You can also include your guest to participate in our many activities. Some of you may not have attended any of our activities in the past but give them a chance, you will find them to be fun, interesting and informative.

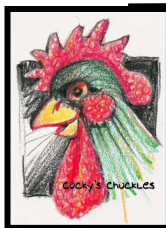
You can find the activities and dates they occur listed on the top of the front page of the Chanticleer, as well as who to contact so you know where they meet.

At our last lunch a number of members showed an interest in having a Model Railroad group. We will follow up by confirming who will chair this activity as well as getting it approved as a branch 159 activity, by working with our activity chairman, Terry Byrne.

THE DROP DEAD DAY FOR YOUR 2018 YEARLY ASSESSMENT IS THURSDAY, MARCH 8.

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

On average there are 8 peas in a pod.



The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.

He acquired his size from too much pi.

(Big SIR continued from page 3) For the month of March, I would like your input on the issue of Inactive Members. To wit:

“How long should a member be on Inactive Status before termination?”

“Should Inactive Status be renewable on a yearly basis?”

Make you view known to a Director. They are:

Roger Deal, Del Kerns, Duke Marshall, Stuart Poytress, Gary Becker, Manuel Nunez, Ron Wilson

Track them down and let them know how you feel.

As I am typing this column it is raining outside. The weather has been frosty and Spring seems so far away. Yet, the blossoms have burst on the almond trees, bee hives dot the orchards, and the days get incrementally longer. While it seems a long way away it is time to start making plans for our May picnic out at Kearney Park. Everyone who went last year had a great time and the consensus vote is that we do it again. Put it down on your calendar, May 10, 2018. Check the flyer for more information.

Attendance report

In February, 2018 Sir Branch #159 had 219 active members with 131 of those members attending the February luncheon at Pardini's. This represents 66% of the active membership. Total attendance was 133 members and guests. Of the 63 members absent, 33 were Excused. Members are expected to attend the monthly meeting or to notify the attendance chairman or callers to be excused. Three consecutive unexcused or six unexcused absences in a twelve month period constitutes a jeopardy to membership.

If you are unable to attend a further meeting, please call 277-3971 or send a email to fresnosenior@aol.com when you call or email please include your name and badge number.

Dell Kerns, Attendance Chairman

New Member

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.



Paul Gonzalez

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Email -

Homer194711@yahoo.com

Men's Luncheon

For the past three years our focus has been to try a variety of foreign cuisine. Members and their guests have tasted Indian food, Italian meals, Peruvian taste, Japanese teppanyaki, Lebanese-Mediterranean flavors, group sharing Basque food, and another feast for the annual Chinese New Year's celebration.

Additionally, we've eaten out at several American-style restaurants. Combined with a movie outing, we have enjoyed each other's company at Famous Dave's/Yard House/ Dunkirk, and Black Angus/Mad Duck/Hostile.

This year we are spotlighting the cultural/historical diversity within our Branch 159. Mark your calendars and attend luncheons at House of JuJu-Clovis-Thursday, 22 March (plus the Clovis Museum); AJ (Armenian cuisine)- Wednesday, April 25 (plus UC Merced-art exhibition; FSU

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(Guy's Luncheon continued from Page 4) Armenian Memorial) and Wahoo's Fish Taco (Mexican fare), Wednesday, May 23 (perhaps a movie at senior rates).

All dining commences at 11 a.m.

Many of us do not travel as extensively as we may have before. These luncheons provide members the adventure to go worldwide with leaving Fresno san passports. Please join us for some that good 'ole fun, food & fellowship

ANNIVERSARIES

Tina & Wayne Adams
Carolyn & Allan Baxter
Shirley & Ron Branam
Barbara & Larry Calvert
Judith & Daryl DeRouchey
Alice & Larry Duba
Carol & Bill Ellsworth
Phyllis & Hank Gomar
Carla & Ron Jones
Nancy & Gary Kilgore
Debbie & James Noriega
Marilyn & John Rackin
Yolanda & Jeff Shahbazian
Joyce & Bob Stenberg

BIRTHDAYS

Wayne Adams, Tom Canar, Carrol Dahl Mike Farley, Alex Flores, LeRoy Foote George Gianopulos, Jose Haro, Bob Kayajanian, Bill Larkin, Jim Lund Robert Mikell, Jerry Peloian, Preston Petersen, Raymond Porter, Gino Roberti, Larry Rosander, Don Smith

Bridge

Feb 6 1st George Rurik, 2nd Gene Tognazzini, 3rd Bob Moore, 4th Russ Mott, 5th Jim Lund, 6th Fred Wrazel
7th Hugh Cox 8th Ron Rayburn 9th Chuck Ratcliff
10th Vic Froehmer 11th Bob Amato 12th Nancy Ratcliff

Consolation Chuck Elkins

High table 1,180

Russ Mott - Fred Wrazel

High score 4,810 George Rurik

Feb 20 1st Vic Froehmer, 2nd Russ Mott, 3rd George Rurik, 4th Charles Ratcliff, 5th Gene Tognazzini, 6th Hugh Cox, 7th Chuck Elkins, 8th Ron Rayburn, 9th Bob Moore, 10th Jim Lund, 11th Fred Wrazel, 12th Janet Wrazel

Consolation Bob Amato

High table 1,630

Vic Froehmer Charles Ratcliff

High score 5,160 Vic Froehmer

Next Games Mar 6 20

Nine Hole Golf

For many of us, two hours spent playing nine holes of golf in the middle of the week is a perfect punctuation to place in a Wednesday morning. Start walking or riding the front nine at Airways at ten AM, and you are finished at noon! Perfect! Join Ed

Keneble, Ron Wilson and Charlie Barrett each Wednesday at Airways for a ten o'clock tee time!
The Perfect Use of Time!

And please. At this hour, let us hold our Friend and brother Ray Allen -and his family -

Poker

Our next SIRS poker game will be at Terry Byrne's home on March 6, 2018 at noon. The game will begin at noon. For those that are new the cost of the game is \$20 buy-in plus \$5 for food provided by host. There are rebuys if you are all in before lunch and an add-on when we break for lunch. The game is usually over at 3pm.

Terry lives at 5518 North La Ventana, Fresno CA 093723. His phone is 559-341-8776.

Horseshoes

Dell Kerns and Ed Beier continue to win in the pits. They were undefeated at 4-0 at the most recent contest. Someone needs to knock these fine gentlemen off their "horses" and show them some real competition. Come out and join us in unseating the champions. No shoes on the first Wednesday of March since that will be golf due to our 2nd Thursday lunch, so come on out on Wednesday March 21 at 10:00 AM—84 No Sunnyside Ave, Clovis

NEWS in the Golfing Community

As I write this update for the March Chanticleer we have completed 13 of the 16 first round matches in our annual Ron Rich Match Play Tournament. This tournament starts out with 32 players and is single elimination. Last years champion was Gary Morgan. Before the end of May we will have a new branch champion. In February we have had our ups and downs with the weather and as I look to the last event of the month the weather forecast is foreboding calling for rain to begin at 3 am on Thursday and continuing throughout the day. But then I am getting ahead of myself as that is the start of March. Speaking of March Joe Hushek is our monthly chairman and can be reached at 438-5343 or Husheks@comcast.net. The new interactive sign-up on our web page seems to be going fairly smooth with a few problems. It should be noted that the sign-ups are locked down (no more changes on the web page allowed) at 7 pm on Sunday. After this time call or email the monthly chairman. Back to February, individual flight winners on the 1st at Dragonfly were flight 1 Roger McCoy, flight 2 John Shertenlieb, flight 3 Rich Lewis, and flight 4 Ed Beier. The following week at Riverside in a 4Man2BB competition, Charlie Jaurique, Gerald Peloian, Rick Pezzi, and Rich Fimbres swept the field away. The following week we parted ways as about 20+ of us went cruising. As we played Baja Mar with four great holes along the Pacific Ocean, those left behind played a scramble at Airways. The 3-person team of Don Avakian, James Noriega and Vic Froehmer managed to surpass the rest of the field. As for the winners at Catalina and Baja Mar everyone who played felt they were the winner. Last week we were reunited at Belmont CC, fifty strong. In a 2ManBB competition Dennis Rich with the aid of a blind draw beat out the team of Alan Bynum and Perry Huffamn as well as the rest of the field. At the same time 13 of us said

farewell to the Ron Rich tournament. Just hit 'em down the middle!
Duke Marshall , Golf Chair.

Branch 159 March Golf Schedule

Chairman Joe Hushek 438-5343

husheks@comcast.net

Thur	3/1	9:AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Wed	3/07	9:AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur	3/15	9:AM	SG	Ridge Creek
Wed	3/21	9:AM	SG	Valley Oaks
Thur	3/29	9:AM	SG	Riverside
Thur	4/5	8:30	SG	Sunnyside CC
Wed	4/11	11AM	SG	Fig Garden
Thur	4/19	9:AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur	4/26	7:30	SG	Airways

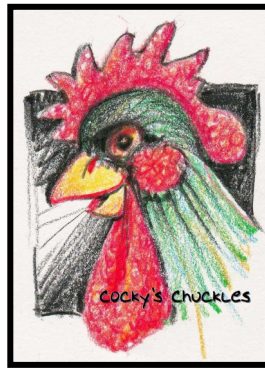
February's Best Bowling

The Fall-Spring league has begun.. We invite any and all SIR members 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

DATE	NAME	SCORE
6-Feb	Hi Scratch Series Alan Barton 159	573/210
	Hi Hdcp. Series Terry Schneider 159	639/225
	Hi Scratch Game Merle Knapp 175	173
	Hi Hdcp. Game Joe Huizar 159	196
13-Feb	Hi Scratch Series Joe Huizar 159	504/189
	Hi Hdcp. Series Vic Froehmer 159	587
	Hi Scratch Game James Noriega 159	160
	Hi Hdcp. Game Terry Schneider 159	201
20-Feb	Hi Scratch Series Hector Leyva 159	584/228
	Hi Hdcp. Series Merle Knapp 175	598
	Hi Scratch Game Alan Barton 159	191
	Hi Hdcp. Game James Noriega 159	222
27-Feb	Hi Scratch Series Alan Barton 159	578/206
	Hi Hdcp. Series Vic Froehmer 159	610
	Hi Scratch Game Duke Marshall 159	181
	Hi Hdcp. Game Merle Knapp 175	207

History Roundtable

The History Roundtable will convene again on Tuesday, March 13th at 11:00 AM at the Yosemite Falls Café on Blackstone just north of Shaw Avenue. There is a lot of history associated with March. From Saint Patrick's Day to the Vernal Equinox on March 20. On that date there will be 12 hours of sunlight and 12 hours of darkness. Everyday after March 20th daylight increases, hence it is called the first day of Spring. Daylight Savings time comes a few days before on the 17th so people would not get confused. Please come on by and enjoy a good lunch and fun conversation. Everybody learns something new each time.



The Navy found they had too many officers and decided to offer an early retirement bonus. They promised any officer who volunteered for Retirement a bonus of \$1,000 for every inch measured in a straight line between any Two points in his body.. The officer got to choose what those two points would be.

The first officer who accepted asked that he be measured from the top of his head to the tip of his toes. He was measured at six feet and walked out with a bonus of \$72,000.

Computer Group

The SIR-159 Computer Group meets on the third Tuesdays, and our next meeting is 3/20/18 at 1:00 PM 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. "We will talk about Country Codes in address links, related to your internet safety."

RANSOMWARE (primarily spread by email). Beware of PS Be very careful what you click on!!! I just got a text to click on [https—goo.gl/FFKGCb#GwvQxe](https://goo.gl/FFKGCb#GwvQxe). That is not Google, gl is the country code for Greenland, and https means you can securely get messed up with a VIRUS or Unsubscribe and other links, rest your mouse on it and read what the link is, not what is printed.

Following our 1-2pm meeting, Rich Colby's Investing/Economic Group will meet at 2-3 pm in the same River Room. You can leave or stay and get two SIR groups.

Roger.Deal@Comcast.net

The second officer who accepted was a little smarter and asked to be measured from the tip of his outstretched hands to his toes. He walked Out with \$96,000.

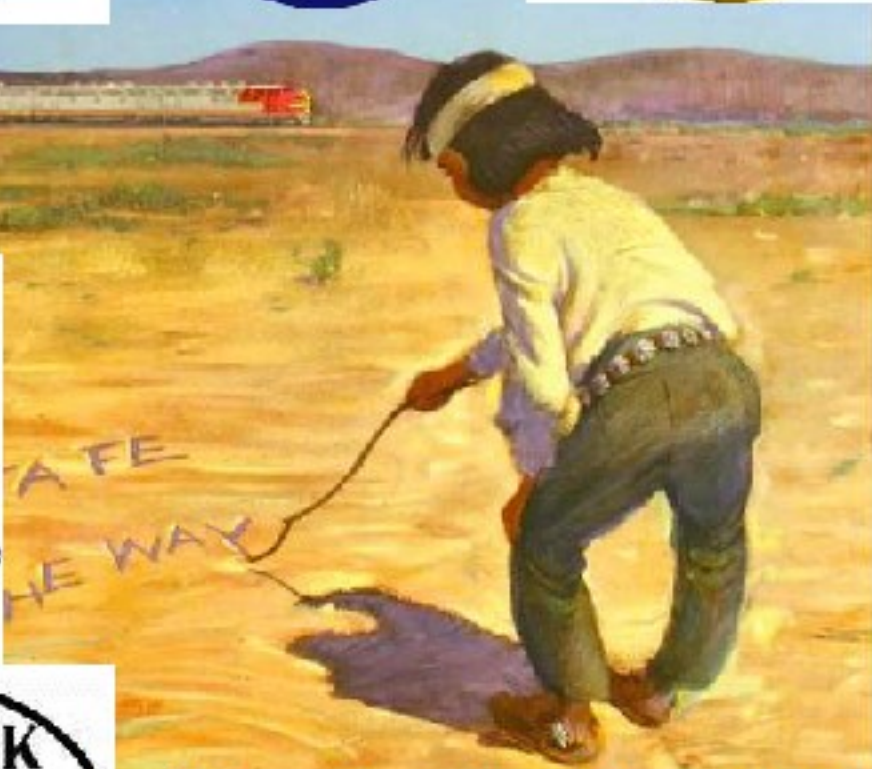
The third one was a non-commissioned officer, a grizzly old Chief who, when asked where he would like to be measured replied, 'From the tip of my weenie to my testicles.'

It was suggested by the pension man that he might want to reconsider, explaining about the nice big checks the previous two Officers had received.

But the old Chief insisted and they decided to go along with him providing the measurement was taken by a Medical Officer.

The Medical Officer arrived and instructed the Chief to 'drop 'em,' which he did. The medical officer placed the tape measure on the tip of the Chief's weenie and began to work back. "Dear Lord!", he suddenly exclaimed, "Where are your testicles?"

The old Chief calmly replied, " Vietnam ".



How about it, fellow SIRs?
Shall we have a Model
Railroader interest group?
Interested? Contact
Bob Sexton
559-325-7528 or
rdsexton57@gmail.com

CULTURAL

DIVERSITY

EVENTS

Men's Luncheon

March 22, 2018-Th-11 a.m.-Lunch
House of JuJu-565 Pollasky #101

docent tour of Clovis Museum



Armenian Recognition

April 25, 2018-Wed-11 a.m.,
AJ Cuisine-Lunch
5048 N. Maroa, nr Shaw

UC Exhibit Hall-Museum
FSU Genocide Monument

Hispanic Heritage

May 23, 2018-Wed-11 a.m.
Wahoo's Fish Taco
3053 Campus Dr

Campus Pointe-nr Maya Cinema



SIR Lee Moy
State SIR Sports

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY APRIL 13, 2018 6:05 PM

FRESNO STATE v. SAN JOSE STATE

BASEBALL

BEIDEN STADIUM

MORE DETAILS LATER

If you are interested, email Terry at Tjbyrne952@gmail.com

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A BALLGAME

LET'S PLAY TWO

Ernie Banks

Fresno State Softball Doubleheader

March 9, 2018

5:30 p.m. v. Cleveland State

8:00 p.m. v. Cal

Just show up, buy your own general admission seats, and join the group on the third base side. Margie Wright Diamond.



“THE POSSE”

SIR MEMBERS GATHERING FOR THE MOVIES AND THE LATE LUNCH AT BLACK ANGUS

OTHERS MISSING ARE CAMERA SHY OR BASHFUL WESTERN LOVERS

Pictured from left to right: Former Big SIR Reg Rosander, jazz performer Randy Morris
Canadians Mike & Jean Wagg, Telephone Chief Ron Travis, Peter Openshaw and
neighbor Mike McGuire, Larry Calvert, former International GYRO Chairman Larry
Duba, and centered SIR 159 Men’s Luncheon Director Lee Moy. Not pictured:
Bob Kayajanian, Jim & Marjorie Wulf, Alice Duba, Mi Moy, and Doug Duke.



Menu



March 14, 2018

Dining Out Night

hosts Mike and Phyllis Rumley
RSVP: mrumley1066@gmail.com



The Elephant Lounge
80 W. Shaw Avenue
Clovis, CA. 93612



Happy Hour:

5:00 to 6:00 PM

Dinner at 6:00 PM



Northern Indian Cuisine

Many American food options

<http://theelephantlounge.com/menu/>

Order from the Menu

Pay your own tab





SIR 159 FAMILY DAY BBQ AND PICNIC

COME CELEBRATE

“FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FOOD”

MAY 10, 2018

11:00 AM KEARNEY PARK

ADDRESS: 6725 W KEARNEY BLVD, FRESNO, CA 93706

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

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

Mail RSVP to Stan Day, Treasure by Monday, May 7, 2018
9592 N Ann Avenue
Fresno, CA 93720

SIR _____ Guest(s) _____

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