



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Date December 13, 2018
Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

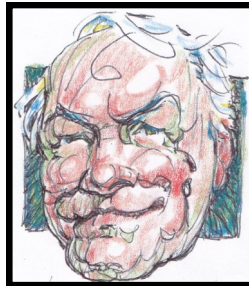
Social Hour 11:00 AM
Luncheon: 12 Noon

Program : Tim Mannix

Activities Calendar for December

Date	Event	Contact
December 3,10, 17, 24,31	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
None this month	Poker	Michael Levine
December 6,12, 20, 27	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
None this month	Dine out Night	
December 4, 11, 18	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
December 4, 18	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
December 13	Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
None this month	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
None this month	Men's Luncheon	Lee Moy
December 5, 19	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
December 14, 28	Pinochle	Duke Marshall

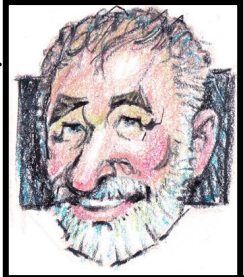
Back in the good old days I can remember the excitement and anticipation my brother and I owned as the calendar flipped to December and the big holiday drew near. Our rooms were kept neater, we were polite to relatives who dropped in, and picked up our toys from the yard before coming in for dinner. Pictures of toys, bikes, a new catcher's mitt, and a pet monkey (which we never got) were left in conspicuous spots around the house so parents could not help but notice them. The night before we could hardly sleep and the actual day was filled with joy and laughter.



Big SIR Mike

As I grew (Big SIR continued on page 2)

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

Dear Santa, this year I'd like a fat bank account and a thin body... please don't confuse the two like you did last time.

Cool Funny Quotes.com

I hope all enjoyed the thanksgiving holiday with family and friends, and I wish you and your family the very best for a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The year is coming to an end and we now look forward to the new year. I have good news and bad news (Little SIR continued on page 2)

(Big SIR continued from page 1) older the holiday season seemed to lose a little of its magic. There were more gripes about the commercialism of Christmas and the worry about the costs to the family budget. I never reached the “Bah Humbug” stage but it seemed like I was increasing dreading the coming of the season.

And then I had grandkids. Being able to view all the old excitement through the eyes of a child that has the same gene pool as you rekindled the old magic of the season. As a Grandpa I know that I am outranked by Grandma, Mom, and Dad in that order but, that being said, my only function then is to spoil them as rotten as I can. And, I do.

In a way I have been spoiled as well. Over the past two years in my leadership positions I have been spoiled by getting a chance to work with some of most unbelievable people I have ever met. These people see that things get done so that we all can have fun. Big Thanks to all our volunteers who give of their time and energy. Rich Lewis is more than ready to step into the driver’s seat and lead us to even higher heights. Dell Kearns has speakers lined up that will entertain and inform us. Stan and Bruce will guard the cash, Vic will keep good notes and our two new Directors, Steve Chase and Pete Openshaw will make sure your concerns are being heard. As for me I will not be sitting up front anymore. Now I will have to wait my turn in the buffet line. But I am looking forward to the challenges of being Area 19 Governor and I am looking forward to the growth and esprit de corps of Branch 159.

Donate to help Paradise SIR Branches

Sometimes we make friends for life and we don’t know that we have done so. Here is your chance to help some fellow SIR in need who you have probably (Paradise continued on page 3)

(Little SIR continued from page 1) for you. First the **good news**—this is the last newsletter you will receive from me as your Little Sir. Now the **bad news**—you will be getting 12 more newsletters in 2019 from me as your Big Sir.

In keeping with past practice, we will be reviewing the 2019 Branch Support personnel and the 2019 Branch Chairmen to see who will continue to serve, and who needs help. These positions can be found on the inside cover of your 2018 Membership Directory. Please review and see which one you would like to volunteer to help or to fill the position in the case of someone wishing to “retire”—I know our new State President, Ed Benson, is not fond of this word but I personally am proud to be a retired senior.

You can respond to me—richlewis918@gmail.com or to Dell Kerns—FresnoSenior@AOL.com to let us know what fits best for you and where you will be willing to help.

We are currently in need of someone with knowledge to run Microsoft Access.

I am looking forward to another year of fun and making new friends in 2019.

BE A FRIEND AND BRING A FRIEND TO LUNCH

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial	
Month: NOVEMBER	
Beginning Balance (Checking)	\$5,123.77
Expenses	\$1,567.33
	\$3,556.44
Revenues	<u>\$2,813.00</u>
Month Ending Balance (Checking)	\$6,369.44
Cash Reserve (Luncheon Change Fund)	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$6,869.44
Net Gain / Loss	\$1,245.67

** Includes \$1880 ticket sales for X-mas party.

(Paradise continued from page 2) never met and probably never will. Paradise, CA. has two branches, #52 and #135. They were in the middle of the Camp Fire and are in the process of sorting out who is missing and who is alive. Branch 52 has around 65 active members and Branch 135 has about 61 active members. Both Branches have web sites that have updated their status regarding safety and property lost. To that point I'd like to challenge you as the members of our Branch to help show our 13,800 plus members we are in full support of our fellow SIRs by making a donation. The size of the donation is irrelevant, no need to match any others donation. It's more a matter of stepping up to support others in our organization, "We Are ALL SIR's".

Here is the link to a GoFundMe page. If you would like to use this method **please note** select "Other" when it prompts for a tip as part of the donation transaction. That tip is to offset GoFundMe's operation expenses as their normal fees are not be charged.

<http://bit.ly/Donate2ParadiseSirs>

Mike Rumley, Area 19 Governor, elect

***Editors Note* See letter at the end of the Chanticleer from SIR President Derek Southern on how to donate to the SIR victims.**

History Roundtable

The History Roundtable will not be meeting in December this month because of the Holiday Season. People will be traveling. We will reconvene in January 2019 with a discussion on the New Year traditions from around the world. In November we had a discussion on the Mid-Term Elections and it's impact on the future of our country.

NEWS in the Golfing Community

November took us first to Sunnyside CC where we played a flighted Individual tournament. In flight 1 Ron Goering took Gary Morgan in a tie-break at 3 under par. Flight 2 went to Russ Conrad at -2, Flight 3 was Brett Bayley's at -8 and flight 4 was Rick Ransome's. Flights 5 & 6 went to foreigners from the other branches. Next we moved to Fig Garden which was the last time we will play there as group as their closing was announced the day before. It was at Fig that Earl Medeiros scored a hole-in-one on the par 3 3rd hole with his 9-iron. In our 4Man2BB the team of Mark Hofmann, Mark Isonio, Guy Tulp & Jerry Brady took the field. At Airways we played a flighted 2 man scramble. Flight 1 went to Roger McCoy & Bob Jones while flight 2 went to Rich Fimbres and Harry Kutumian. The next week we had the novelty scramble called a Florida Scramble or Step Aside at Sherwood Forest where the team of Gary Morgan, Don Avakian and James Noriega took the second place team by a 0.1 differential in handicap. The final tournament was to be at Visalia's Valley Oaks, however Mother Nature stepped in with much needed rain to force a cancellation. The 2019 schedule of play has now been posted to our website. Also, we are still in need of three volunteers one monthly chairman for June and assistants for November & December.

On October 30th we held our annual awards luncheon at Yosemite Falls Café where there were door prizes for all attendees. Awards were presented for several tournaments held throughout the year. Earlier recognized winners were Gerald Peloian and Gary Morgan 2018 Holiday Cup winners, and Bob Jones the Ron Rich winner.

Some of the (Golf continued on page 4)

New Members

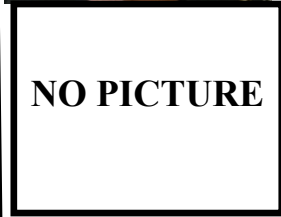
Each month when we induct new members we will ask them to give us a little info about themselves and we will put that in the Chanticleer along with their picture. In a group with over 200 members it can be easy to get lost in the shuffle. So please, get to know the newest members, introduce yourselves 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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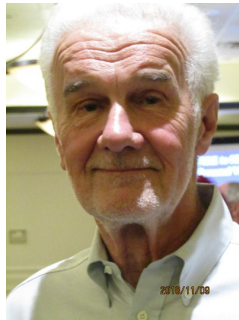
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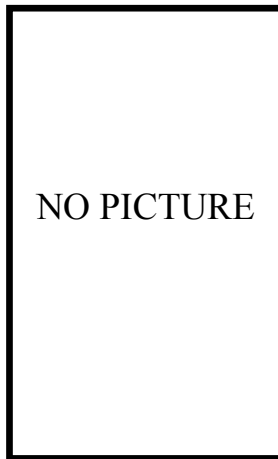
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(Golf continued from page 3) winners attended and are photographed on the picture page (page 5). This year's most improved was Scott Dye.

In the Team Championship, Gary Morgan, Brett Bayley, Rich Lewis and Mike Williamson were the winners.

In the Individual Branch Championship, 54 holes, the Low Gross was Joe Hushek and Low Net was Mark Hofmann both in flight 1.

Other winners: in Flight 2 low gross Gerald Peloian and low net John Briceno, in Flight 3 low gross Rick Pezzi and low net Rick Ransom, in Flight 4 low gross Jerry Brady and low net Bob Rathburn. Most Plays was Bob Rathburn.

And Most Inspirational was Bob Rathburn.

Our Monthly chairman for December will be Fred Martinez assisted by Carl Merz. Contact Fred at 432-1864 or ajm7pc@hotmail.com

6-Dec Thurs	Pheasant Run	665-3411	9:00 AM Individual
12-Dec Wed.	Madera Muni	675-3504	9:00 AM Scramble
20-Dec Thurs	Riverside	275-5900	9:00 AM 2ManBB
27-Dec Thurs	Dragonfly	432-3020	9:00 AM 4Man2BB
3-Jan Thurs	Madera Muni	675-3504	10:00 AM Individual
9-Jan Wed.	Madera CC	674-2682	10:00 AM 2ManBB
17-Jan Thurs	Riverside	275-5700	9:00 AM 4Man2BB
24-Jan Thurs	Ridge Creek	591-7055	10:00 AM Scramble
31-Jan Thurs	Pheasant Run	665-3411	10:00 AM Novelty

Duke Marshall, Golf Chair.

Pictures from Golf Luncheon



Various Winners

Jerry Brady Bob Rathburn Alex Pezzi
Rick Ransom Gerald Peloian



Team Championship

Brett Bayley Rich Lewis Gary
Morgan Mike Williamson (not shown)



Low Net Champion
Mark Hoffman



Club Champion
Gary Morgan



Most Improved Player
Scott Dye



Most Plays & Most Inspirational
Bob Rathburn

Delton Kerns SIR Biography

Of course, you know him as Dell, **Dell Kerns**. Dell has been a member for 6 years. But let's not get ahead of ourselves. We learn that Dell was born in El Centro, CA. He was born the fourth of four boys to Marvin and Edith Kerns in 1945 shortly after WW2. It was about the time Dell reached 4 years old that his family re-



located to the Los Angeles area after a brief stay in Weedpatch and Bakersfield. They settled in the Beach area of Southern California and then Torrance. Dell attended Leuzinger High School (they dropped the name Adolph when WW2 ended). He graduated in 1963. Among other things, Dell became proficient in operating various machines in his shop classes and later at a trade school in Ontario, CA. He later completed a tool and Die apprenticeship in Oklahoma City.

On Dell's 19th birthday, his father was involved in an automobile accident which left him with brain damage. Dell's dad was a musician and singer. After the accident, Dell's father needed constant care and supervision. So Dell took him back to Oklahoma where he and other family members were able to care for him. While in Oklahoma, Dell met and married his first, now ex-wife. Before returning to California, Dell bought a class A motor home and traveled the U.S. for two years. They saw all 48 continental states.

Around 1974, Dell and family returned to California and got busy with life. After buying a home in Inglewood, the city started deteriorating. Dell sold his home and moved to the Fresno area. He was a single father now and was raising three

boys. This was one of the most challenging things he had ever done. He wanted to make sure the boys went to better schools.

Dell had time and money. So he went to Fresno City College to see if he would like to change professions. He started selling RV's for Paul Evert. However, after about a year, he decided machine shops were more suited to his talents. Through the years, Dell worked at several machine shops such as the PNM Company, Rand Machine Works and finally Elliot Manufacturing where he was the shop foreman. That occupied him for the last eighteen years there. Some of the projects that Dell worked on were Indy 500 race car parts, atomic missile launchers, and building two wheelchairs for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Dell Kerns retired in 2008. He finally decided to get off his lazy butt (these are his words!) and do something that he'd never done before – GOLF! While at Islewood driving range, a friend was trying to teach Dell to hit a golf ball – the key work is *trying*. A stranger, Dick McDonough, walked up and started talking about some club call SIR. He told Dell about all the activities and sold him. Dell has been a member ever since. Over time Dell Kerns has been a monthly golf chairman several times, been a caller, attendance chairman, taken care of banners, passes out badges at luncheons and handles microphones, and is currently on the Board of Directors. **Today, Dell Kerns is slated to be the next 2019 Little SIR. We thank you, Dell, and we wish you the very best!**

--George Gianopulos--

159 Officers

Big SIR – Mike Rumley
Little SIR – Rich Lewis
Secretary – Vic Froehmer
Secretary – Carl Merz
Treasurer – Stan Day
Treasurer – Bruce Corwin

Directors

Roger Deal (Hon. Dir.)
Dell Kerns (2018)
Gary Becker (2018)
Duke Marshall (2019)
Stuart Poytress (2019)
Gary Morgan (2020)
Ron Wilson (2020)

Bridge Results

November 6

1st Jim Stefanich 2nd Vic
Froehmer 3rd George Rurik
4th Jim Lund 5th Bob Amato
6th Robert Moore
7th Chuck Elkins

Consolation Hugh Cox

High table 1,210

Jim Lund - Jim Stefanich

High Individual 4,220

Jim Stefanich

November 20

1st Vic Froehmer 2nd Russ
Mott 3rd Jim Stefanich
4th Ron Rayburn 5th Hugh
Cox 6th Bob Amato
7th Chuck Elkins

Consolation Jim Lund

High table 1,750

Vic Froehmer Russ Mott

High Individual 4,860

Vic Froehmer

Next Game 12PM Dec 4 18

Clovis Senior Center

Attendance

At the November luncheon Sir 159 had 91 of the 204 active members attend the November luncheon which represents 45% of the active membership. This will be my last report because Ken Lindsay will be doing the attendance starting in January. Ken # is 559-284-7486. Please give Ken your support. Thank you

Dell Kerns, Little Sir 2019

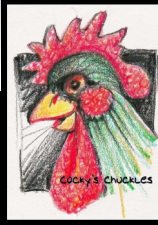
9-Hole Golf

I know that many of you guys face the same conundrum every Wednesday morning- **what am I going to do with the time before lunch.**

Boys, despair no more, cause ol' Charlie has the answer: **bring your clubs to Airways Golf Course at 10am, for a quick nine holes with your pals at SIR.** It's quick, loads of fun, and a reasonable amount of exercise at a reasonable cost. Now, to make full disclosure, you may be exposed to bad jokes and rough humor, but take it from me, the reward is well worth that risk. So, join us each Wednesday morning at 10am, rain or shine, for 9 holes of golf with laughter (which, somehow, does not appear to be optional).

Poker

No poker this month but there will be a game next month on Jan.8 at a location to be named later.



The math teacher saw that Larry wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, 'Larry! What are 2

and 4 and 28 and 44?'

Larry quickly replied, 'NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!'

Larry's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals.

One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. 'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him.

Larry asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture ? "

Little Larry attended a horse auction with his father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs and rump, and chest.

After a few minutes, Larry asked, 'Dad, why are you doing that?' His father replied, 'Because when I'm buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy. Larry, looking worried, said, 'Dad, I think the UPS guy wants to buy Mom!'



TIM MANNIX

COMEDY MAGIC & MENTALISM

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON — DECEMBER 13, 2018

SOCIAL 11:30 AM LUNCH 12:00 NOON

ALL MEMBERS, WIFES, AND OTHER GUESTS ARE WELCOME

Pardini's, 2257 W Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA 93711

"You were wonderful. I loved every
minute of it! ." - Roseanne Cash

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND MAIL WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO SIR 159 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20 PER PERSON TO: BRUCE CORWIN, 7334 W. PORTALS AVE., FRESNO, CA 93723

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY 12/3/2018

NAME: _____ HAM/TURKEY _____ GUEST: _____ HAM/TURKEY _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____



A message from President Derek Southern

24 November 2018

Here's how you can help...

Donate via our new GoFundMe account

We have set up a Sir GoFundMe (GFM) online account to accept donations from individual Sirs by credit or debit card at:

<http://bit.ly/Donate2ParadiseSirs>

If you have any questions about GFM there is a Donor Help Page at

<https://support.gofundme.com/hc/en-us/categories/360000158447>

When you log in to GFM to make a donation, they advise you that they have a 0% platform fee and rely on donors to leave a tip so they can continue to operate this service. The default suggested is 10%, but by clicking the little down arrow (see screenshot at the end of this message) you can select 'OTHER' and choose any percent you wish.

After completing your donation you are invited to post a message to FaceBook, send an email to other members and friends, or just 'skip' the step. We encourage all contributors to take the time to complete this additional step and "not skip it". We might get additional donations from non-members who are FaceBook Friends or email buddies of the contributor who also just want to help out.

Can we donate using PayPal?

Unfortunately GFM does not allow individual do-

nors to contribute through PayPal.

Donate through your Branch

We are asking Branches to collect donations by cash or check from members who don't want to use the online system. We will provide guidance about the procedure to follow in a few days. We are setting up an independent bank account for this purpose and this takes some time (especially around holidays!)

We have been asked if a Branch can make a donation from its Treasury?

The answer is **NO**. The legal opinion is that Branches cannot contribute funds from their Treasury due to restrictions on a 501-C(4) non-profit organization and by our Articles of Incorporation.

Update: Fire Damage as it relates to Sirs

We have two branches in Paradise: #52 with 75 members and #135 with 61 members.

Dave Moore, Big Sir of Branch 52 lives in Chico and has suffered no loss. He has been able to contact 68 of their members and knows that 39 of their homes have been lost, the status of the homes of 11 of those members is undetermined. 7 members have not yet been contacted, but public records show 4 of them have lost their homes, and the rest are undetermined. They are requesting members to contact the branch through their website at <http://www.sirparadise52.com/>

The Big Sir of Branch 135, Gary McElroy is in Oregon building a new house and must set up a new computer system. The Little Sir, Ernie Weber whose house is in Magalia (condition unknown) is working with Dave Moore and the Big Sirs of the Chico Branches 84 and 110 to contact members of (Message continued on page 10)

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his branch. Thanks to Mark Stuart we now know they have published information about some members on their website and have asked remaining members to update their status and location, you can see their site at <https://sirs135magaliacalifornia.weebly.com/>

The 2 Paradise Branches meet for luncheon at different facilities, both have been burned down and the Branches have lost equipment stored at those facilities. The 2 Chico Branches have invited members of the Paradise branches to join them at their luncheon meetings. Unfortunately, the Chico Elks Club where they meet is full of evacuees from Paradise and Magalia, so it is unclear when regular luncheons can resume.

Actions

I have asked the State Board Legal Advisor (Alan Melnicoe) and G&M Chairman (Stu Williams) who are both attorneys, plus Roy Hodgkinson (incoming State Treasurer) to recommend a procedure which will allow us to track and audit all donations and their disbursement.

What else we can do?

In the aftermath of the fire, Sirs may need legal assistance, help in making insurance claims, filing Tax returns, getting architectural advice, obtaining building permits, counseling, and more. If you are willing to share your expertise, please go to the url at the end of this message and give the details via a short questionnaire. I'm sure these needs will occur over many months, so when offering your help please note which time periods you will be available.

Other suggestions have included offering a room in your house to a Sir returning for just a day or two to attend to the necessary bureaucratic processes. Since there is little or no spare accom-

modation in Chico, members in nearby towns are asked to consider this possibility as well. We know evacuees are spread out from Colorado to San Diego, Oregon and elsewhere, so a temporary local bed could be very welcome. Expanding on that idea, do you have a RV or camper where a Sir could sleep? Please fill out the short form at the url at the bottom of this message if you can help. I will forward all responses to the leaders of the Chico and Paradise branches.

Ideas?

If you have any suggestions please also use the url at the bottom of the page, or email me directly.

The email address for comments, suggestions and offers of help

[Bitly.com/CampFireSupport4Sirs](https://bitly.com/CampFireSupport4Sirs)

I hope you have all enjoyed a joyful Thanksgiving with your family or friends. Now would be a great time to support our Sirs who have lost their homes and possessions in the worst fire in recorded State history.

Thank you

Derek Southern

President, SIRinc

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