



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : Robert Pennal (sas) special agent supervisor
with the DEA

Date January 10, 2019

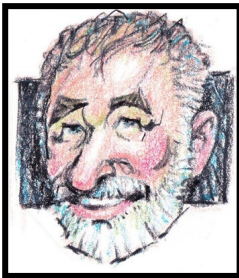
Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$16 per person

Activities Calendar for January

Date	Event	Contact
January 7,14,21,28	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
January 8	Poker	Michael Levine
January 3,9,17,24,31	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
January 16	Ladies Date Night	Gary Smith
January 15,22,29	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
January 15,29	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
January 10	SIRs Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
January 15	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
January 11,25	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
January 23	Cigar Aficionado	Lee Moy
January 2,16	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis



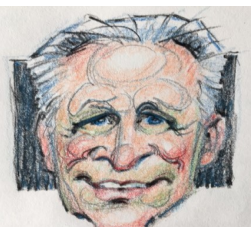
Big SIR Rich

The Mission of Sons In Retirement is to improve the lives of our Members through fun activities and events while creating friends for life. Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man. I trust you and your families enjoyed the holidays. A big shout out goes to Bruce Corwin and Stan Day for all their hard work in putting together the very successful Christmas lunch on December 13. The menu and entertainment was a huge hit and will be hard to follow up for 2019, but I am sure the 2019 committee will put on their "thinking" caps to come up with a great venue. With 2018 now in the rear view mirror, I want to give recognition to those who worked so hard to make branch 159 a success. Big SIR, Mike Rumley, charged our branch to increase Membership in 2018, and they responded with an increase of 6 active Members through the end of the year. A special thank you to Mike Williamson for all his work supplying us with the monthly Chanticleer—Fred Martinez is taking over those responsibilities starting with this issue. This is the type of participation from our Members, we want to see continue in 2019. Mike Rumley has completed his term as our Big SIR and I have some big shoes to fill. I will be looking for assistance from all our Members to help me accomplish this huge task. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Branch Officers (6 Members), Branch Directors (7 Members) Branch Support (14 Members) and Branch Activities Chairmen (16 Members) for their support to Branch 159. A BIG THANK YOU to Mike and our

worker bees for a job well done. Towards that end, I will be asking a mystery question at each of our luncheons that is easily answered if you take some time to review your January 2018/2019 Membership Directory, log on to our website— (www.branch159.sirinc2.org) and read your Chanticleer each month. The person correctly identifying the person or persons I request be identified, will be presented with a “mystery” prize. This leads me to a point I would like to make. We need you, our Members, to help out and agree to volunteer when asked (or don’t wait to be asked—volunteer). As I review past Newsletters of our branch, I see the same names filling the roles needed to make a branch successful, however, it is paramount to our continued success for new blood to step in and let those who have served for so long, step back and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

For those following the stock markets, 2018 was not a very forgiving year. The Dow Jones Industrial Ave.—(-9%), the S & P 500—(-9%) and the NASDAQ—(-8%). I wish my portfolio reflected the above, but alas my fate is sealed! There are a number of acronyms used in the SIR organization and one of those is BEC. I have often heard a number of Members ask what BEC stands for. “The Branch Executive Committee often referred to as the BEC or “The Board”, is made up of 6 Officers (Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer) and up to 6 Directors plus—in our case—1 (HLM) Honorary Life Member—Roger Deal. Their job is to run the business of the Branch. They are the only people that can vote at a BEC Meeting. In order to conduct business, a quorum must be present (half the members +1). Although all special activity Committee Chairmen should attend BEC Meetings, they cannot vote on any motion brought before the board, however; they can present items to the Board for consideration”. Don’t forget your 2019 assessment is now due. Please, be current and make your check out for \$ 25.00 and give it to our Assistant Treasurer (Bruce Corwin) at the January 10th luncheon, or mail your check to Bruce Corwin—7334 W. Portals Ave., Fresno, CA 93723.—7334 W. Portals Ave., Fresno, CA 93723. Lunch, starting at the January lunch, will be \$ 16.00. In the past, tickets for the 50/50 drawing were 5 tickets for \$ 5.00. Starting with January, tickets for the 50/50 drawing will be 5 for \$ 4.00. BE A FRIEND AND BRING A FRIEND TO LUNCH

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a happy new year.



Little SIR Dell

Since joining sir 159 I have made many friends and will make many more in the coming years, so I would like to say that it will be my honor and privilege to be your little sir for 2019. I have a really tough act to follow my friend and golfing parter rich Lewis. If I can do half the job he has done I will be a happy camper.

Our January speaker will be Robert Pennal (sas) special agent supervisor with the DEA. Robert has many years of service with various law enforcement agencies. He has trained over 40,000

Law enforcement officers in his career. Make a point to be at the January luncheon because I know that it will be very informative.

New year, new speakers, if anyone knows or has knowledge of a person who be interested in a free lunch just for speaking to a bunch of retired or not gentlemen please get in touch with me.

If you didn’t make it to the December ladies day luncheon you missed a great lunch great entertainment.

I would like to challenge all of my fellow members to step up and help with running 159. Being on committees really doesn’t take a lot of time but what we need are different viewpoints. You will find that it very satisfying to do something for our club.

BRING A FRIEND

**Sons In Retirement, Inc
Branch 159 Financial**

Month: DECEMBER

Beginning Balance (Checking)	\$6,369.44
Expenses	<u>\$ 2,484.09</u>
	\$3,885.35
Revenues	<u>\$ 1,255.00</u>
Month Ending Balance (Checking)	\$5,140.35
Cash Reserve ****	<u>\$ -</u>
TOTAL	\$5,140.35
Net Gain / Loss	(\$1,229.09)

**** Cash deposited to checking 28-Dec-18

January 2019 Birthdays

- Rich Bailey
- Hugh Cox
- John Crawford
- Mike Fair
- Gerry Fields
- Bill Hedman
- Mike Horsley
- Chris Kahn
- Gary Kilgore
- Duke Marshall
- Dan Pitta
- John Rackin
- Alex Ramirez
- Michael Rumley
- Jeff Shahbazian
- Ron Travis
- Ed Williams

January 2019 Anniversaries

Wife First Last

- Sue & Alan Barton
- Judy & Rick Ransom
- Nancy & Allen Teixeira

Sons In Retirement, Branch 159

I have not received your 2019 Membership Assessment. Do you intend to continue your membership in SIR's? If so, please remit your assessment payment.

The assessment is \$25.

You should send your \$25 check, made out to SIR 159 to the address below:

Bruce Corwin
7334 W Portals Avenue
Fresno, California 93723

9 Hole Golf

*Each Wednesday at 10am some of your pals gather at Airways Golf Course in Fresno and wonder "Where is my buddy ****?" They are talking about YOU! Don't disappoint him - join him each Wednesday at 10am for two quality hours of recreational (unstructured) golf with your fellow roosters. Rules are optional, but laughter is mandatory! Our rounds are followed with anything, if anything, that you want...but, having fun is mandatory. (If you have questions, call Charlie at 436-*

NEWS in the Golfing Community

December started with a trip to Chowchilla where we played an individual flighted tournament. Flight 1 went to John Shertenlieb with a net 66 and flight 2 Joe Russo with a net 67. In flight 3 Rich Glover had a net 64 while in flight 4 Steve Chase had the low net of the day and came in with a 61. We next stopped at Madera Muni for an all scramble tournament that was won by the team of Don Laines, Brian Nicholson, Rick Pezzi and Jerry Poochigian with a net 18 under. Next we visited Riverside for a 2ManBestBall game won by the team of Dell Kerns and Steve Chase with a net 15 under par. We ended the month at Dragonfly for a 4Man 2BB tournament that was a COLD cold day. Somehow the team of Dennis Rich, Gerald Pelioian, Dell Kerns and Jerry Poochigian got warm and scored a net 26 under par. In the two last rounds of the year, individuals scores a combined, low gross and low net to form the Holiday Cup. A player must play both rounds to be considered. 2018 Holiday cup winners were low gross, Gerald Pelioian at 176 and low net, Steve Chase at 136. The 2019 schedule of play has now been posted to our website. Also we are still in need of one volunteer to assist the month of October. Our Monthly chairman for January is Mike Williamson assisted by Carl Merz. Contact Mike at 251-3103 or mdw93727@yahoo.com.

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 275-5900 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.

POKER NEWS

Gentlemen:

Happy New Year, in less than a week we will be in 2019. Are you ready to play **poker**? Our Next tournament will be January 8th at noon at the home of Michael Levine. The address is 877 East Woodhaven Lane, Fresno, CA 93720.

Please call, text or email me if you will be there. Look forward to seeing you in the New Year. We're hoping to see our SIRs brother Terry Byrnes walking with gusto with his new hip and playing as sharply as ever.

Happy New Year.

Michael Levine

rmikelev1@comcast.net

December's Best Bowling

We began a new bowling year (2018-19) on September 4. That means all statistics began anew. Statistics are kept and posted to the SIR 159 website on the bowling page. 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 or just show up and we will get you started. See you there. Since the SIR bowling tournaments up north all use 90% or 100% of the difference of an average and 240, I will begin using that at the beginning of January..**DATE NAME SCORE**

Dec 04 Hi Scratch Series Duke Marshall 159 571/207

Hi Hdcp. Series Duke Marshall 159 625

Hi Scratch Game Daryl Derouchey 159 194

Hi Hdcp. Game Daryl Derouchey 159 221

Dec 11 Hi Scratch Series Alan Barton 159 646/247

Hi Scratch Game Ed Beier 159 236

Hi Hdcp. Series Daryl Derouchey 159 568

Hi Hdcp. Game Terry Schneider 159 203

Dec 18 Hi Scratch Series Ed Beier 159 634/236

Hi Hdcp. Series Merle Knapp 175 511

Hi Scratch Game Duke Marshall 159 203

Hi Hdcp. Game Alan Barton 159 191

There was no bowling on Christmas and New Year days in addition no bowling on Jan 8th as Ed and I again head north to another SIR tournament Bowling will resume on Jan. 15th. See you then.

Bridge results for December 4

1st Vic Froehmer

2nd Russ Mott

3rd Nancy Ratcliff

4th Jim Stefanich

5th Robert Moore

6th Hugh Cox

7th Charles Ratcliff

8th Ron Rayburn

9th Roni Grove

10th Gene Tognazzini

Consolation

Bob Amato

High table 1,350

Nancy Ratcliff Roni Grove

High Individual

4,480 Vic Froehmer

Next Games 12PM

Dec 18 Jan 15 29

Clovis Senior Center

Bridge December 18

1st Chuck Elkins

2nd Russ Mott

3th Charles Ratcliff

4th Gene Tognazzini

5th Ron Rayburn

6th Hugh Cox

7th Jim Lund

8th Nancy Ratcliff

9th Robert Moore

Consolation

Vic Froehmer

High table 1,270

Russ Mott

High Individual

3,150 Chuck Elkins

Next Games 12PM

Jan 15 29

Clovis Senior Center

PINOCHLE NEWS

The Pinochle group meets every 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, 1 to 3:30 pm and meet at my place for now at 3434 W Menlo , just off of

Sierra & Valentine. We met once this past month as the Friday after the luncheon everyone seemed preoccupied with Christmas preparation.

After Christmas we had 8 players so we had two tables of double deck partners . Our next meeting dates are Jan. 11th and 25th. We are now

inviting wives and SOs to join in. We currently have 10 Sirs members in our group. More are welcome. Contact me, Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 if you would like to join us.

STATEWIDE SIR TRAVEL

Hawaiian Cruise Jan/Feb or Apr; Panama Canal Cruise Jan/Feb; Yellowstone Park Feb; Cruise SF to Ft. Lauderdale Feb/Mar; Spring Training Scottsdale; Mediterranean Cruise May; Golden Spike 150th Utah May; Nashville May; Alaska Cruise May/June or July/Aug or Aug/Sep; Machu Picchu/Galapagos May/June; European Rivers Cruise June; Shakespeare Oregon June; Alpine Swiss Villages July/Aug; U.S./Canadian Nat'l Parks Aug; Iceland/Norway Cruise Sep; Italy Sep; Niagara Falls Oct; MUCH, MUCH MORE! Viet Nam, Munich, Prague. For more details, go to www.sirinc.org and then click on the "Travel" box, and the click again where indicated to see the full menu of opportunities.

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SIRS (A SOCIAL SOCIETY FOR MEN), and

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History Roundtable January 2019

The History Roundtable will convene for a spirited discussion on the issues facing the nation for the coming year. This will be a chance for you to express your thoughts on the most pressing issues we face today whose origins are based in history. As we know, most issues have a root in a historical past. This is a chance to do some research and present your findings to the Roundtable. Some interesting facts have always been shared about how our modern world has its roots in the past. Our next Roundtable will be on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Yosemite Falls Café on Blackstone just north of Shaw. Hope to see you.

Final Presidential Message of 2018

Greetings

Here we are at the end of 2018, so this is my last message as your President.

The major topics are:

The improvement in the 2018 membership trend

Fund-raising for the Sirs who were victims of the Camp Fire

Setting up a Foundation to administer the funds we raise

New Form 27

Warning about raffles

An Idea: Branches can leverage their Activities via social media

My personal thanks to the Leadership team for 2018

Improvement in the 2018 Membership trend

The latest 12-month rolling membership report available on the State website (http://sirinc.org/MemInfo/MembershipStatistics/ActLst12ByBrnch_20181220.pdf) shows a membership count of 13,563 as of November 1st which is a loss of 248 members since November 2017. This loss is -1.8% which is a great improvement over the multi-year average of around -4%. This improvement is due to the hard work of Branch Leadership assisted by your Area Governors and Regional Directors. Let's challenge ourselves to do even better in 2019 - can we break even or better yet, grow just a little?

Fundraising for the Sir victims of the Camp Fire in and around Paradise

As I write this message on December 31, I am pleased to report that so far we have raised \$33,553, but this is not the end. We are asking Branches to continue their lunch meeting collections through at least February. I'd also like to suggest that Branches continue to explain the situation to their members via information in both their monthly newsletter and on their website. As an example see what Branch 98 says on the front page of their website at <https://sir98.org/> and on page 6 of their January 2019 newsletter, The Rooster Tale. Please continue your fundraising actions so we can offer more to our Friends in Branches 52 and 135 who have lost so much. Thank you.

The total so far comprises \$13,553 collected through the GoFundMe website, plus \$20,000 collected via donations at Branch luncheons. These funds will be paid into a bank account set up by The Sons In Retirement Foundation (SIRF), a new non-profit which is being set up to distribute the collected funds.

The Foundation is being created as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. To make this happen we have to register the name of the Foundation with the Secretary of State for California, obtain an EIN number from the IRS, register with both the CA Franchise Tax Board and the CA Attorney general, create bylaws and define a governance structure. The registrations have commenced, which allows us to open a new bank account for the Foundation, so the donated funds can be transferred to the Foundation early in the New Year. I thank Stu Williams and Roy Hodgkinson for driving this process towards completion in record time.

The GoFundMe organization only transfers online donations to one payee or organization, so we cannot make payments to the Sirs who are fire victims directly from that online account. Instead, we have set up the Foundation as the recipient of the donated funds and we will make grants to the affected Sirs from the Foundation bank account. We will appoint a local team in the Chico area to offer

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The main business of the initial Board Meeting for the Foundation will be to approve the Bylaws and Officer appointments. We will then discuss and approve procedures for distributing the funds to the Sir Camp Fire victims. After completing these steps we can officially announce the start of Foundation operations to the membership of SIR, probably mid to late January.

Revised Form 27

Because your State Board has deleted the category of ‘Inactive’ members we needed to edit the Form 27 to take this into account. The new Form 27 and instructions (Form 27A) have been posted on the State website at <http://sirinc.org/sirforms/>

Please discard your old Form and use the new Form 27 dated 12/17/2018.

Raffles

Raffles are a controversial topic, but as State Rule 45 states “No Branch or Branch Activity shall conduct a raffle or lottery in violation of California State or Federal laws. (New 11/18/03)”. We should remember that under CA law nonprofit organizations are required (pursuant to California Penal Code Section 320.5) to expend a minimum of 90% of the raffle gross proceeds to directly conduct beneficial or charitable activities. There is an exemption for sports teams which allows (under very specific conditions) a 50:50 split, but this is not applicable to non-sports teams. SIR State advice is to **NOT run raffles.**

Focus on Activities to Improve Recruiting

We have seen some Branches successfully using Social Media such as Facebook, Patch and NextDoor to promote and advertise their upcoming (or recent) Activities. This can include the speaker at their luncheons too! Use this opportunity to invite guests to activities which they enjoy before they attend their first luncheon. Show the guest the benefits of the activities your Branch offers – it is a potent selling tool as they can start making New Friends immediately.

The State Leadership team

I have had an interesting year serving as your President. It has been an honor, and privilege, to visit your Branches to make Honorary Life Membership awards. The men who earned these awards are the true heroes of our organization, but there are so many others who volunteer at all levels who rarely gain recognition. Without their input, the organization would cease to exist. My final suggestion of the year to every Branch is to find some way to recognize some members at every meeting. Give some appreciation and who knows, it might result in more volunteers! Your Branch may already be doing this, in which case a short article in Happenings telling of the benefits might help Branches which are doing less than yours.

This year’s achievements have depended a great deal on my Leadership Team, so I want to recognize them and thank them for their support and help. I have received valuable suggestions both privately and publicly which have made a great difference.

The 2018 Leadership Team:

Ed Benson..... Vice President

Ron Flagel..... Secretary and Certificate Creator

Dennis Imhoff..... Form 27 Administration - (rarely recognised)
Craig Hoffhines..... State Insurance Committee
Alan Melnicoe..... Legal Advisor
Jerry Strain..... Chairman, State Golf Committee
Jerry Sabo..... Chairman, State Bowling Committee
Jack Meylink..... Chairman, State Bocce Committee
Stu Williams..... Chairman, State Growth and Membership Committee
Lee Moy..... State Sporting Events
Nat Lord..... Rooster hardware

The team of Officers which put The SIRF together with me as Acting President:

Stu Williams..... Acting Secretary
Roy Hodgkinson..... Acting Treasurer
Ed Benson..... Acting Development Director
Mark Stuart..... Acting Disbursement Director

That's a LOT of people who made things happen this year, not to mention the enormous number of volunteers who performed quietly and diligently in every Branch..

I thank you all for making my job easier, and for making your Branch a better place to Make New Friends.

Please remember Past President Sir Don Dill, a personal friend and supporter, who recently passed away. He introduced the focus on Making New Friends. We will miss him.

With best wishes to all Sirs for the New Year, and especially the Leaders you have elected for 2019

Sincerely
Derek Southern

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CIGAR AFICIONADO

SIR Fresno Branch #159 members:
Richard Fimbres, Fred Martinez, Ed Beier,
Dana Hamparzoomian, Harry Kutumian,
Bob Moore, Mike Horsley



Special "thanks" Micah Johnson, owner of Cigars, Ltd.
Let's support the locale business.
Next event: Jan 23, 2019, 2 pm, Cigars, Ltd.

Lee Moy, Director
Cigar Aficionado