



# The Chanticleer

New 159 website - [www.branch159.sirinc2.org](http://www.branch159.sirinc2.org)  
 Program : Dr. Robert Ware—Keyboard Concert Series

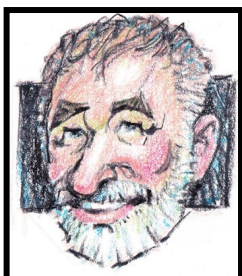
Date February 7, 2019  
 Place Pardini's Restaurant  
 2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM  
 Luncheon: 12 Noon  
 \$16 per person

## Activities Calendar for February

Date	Event	Contact
February 4,11,18,25	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
February 27	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
February 6,13,21,28	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
February 20	Ladies Date Night	Terry Schneider
February 5,19,26	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
February 5,19	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
February 7	SIRs Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
February 12	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
February 13,20,27	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
February 8,22	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
February 13	Cigar Aficionado	Lee Moy
February 6,20	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis

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



Big SIR Rich



**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY**

*Baseball had not even started and we were served a “change-up” at our January luncheon by “relief pitcher” SIR Ron Wilson, when he led us in singing the National Anthem instead of God Bless America—and just when I had finally learned all the words.*

*The saga continues with State looking to change the look of SIR. If you want to see the latest prototype website titled “We are SIR,” just go to the link below. Also notice, in the prototype, the proposed new rooster—upper left hand corner. However, State has agreed to allow branches the option of using the current rooster or transitioning to the new one.*

<https://parsnip-owl-3xdw.squarespace.com/>

*What a turnout for the January lunch—70% attendance. Thanks to all in attendance and let’s keep it going. The luncheon activity is the greatest way to get to know your fellow SIR members so lets all make it a priority to attend lunch each month to see your friends and meet and greet our new members.*

***Branch activities update:***

Model Railroading is run by SIR member Robert Sexton. The Model Railroad group meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The meeting location is at Old Town Waffles in Clovis, 1484 Clovis Ave. We will discuss the joys and problems of model railroading and plan possible excursions by rail to rail museums and visits to our layouts or others. Contact Bob Sexton at 559-325-7528 or email him at [rdsexton57@gmail.com](mailto:rdsexton57@gmail.com) for more details.

*SIR Michael Levine has informed us that he is no longer available to run the SIR Poker group. We need someone to volunteer to take over as chairman of this activity.*

*SIR Ron Wilson has also informed us that he is not going to be able to continue as the Chairman of the Activities committee so we will also need someone to volunteer as the chairman of this activity—Dell Kerns will be actively seeking someone to fill this need.*

***SIR statistics as of 11-1-18:***

*Statewide there are 13,563 members in 117 branches—60 branches with 100 plus members—largest branch has 346 members—our branch has 204 members and is the 10th largest branch.*

*Don’t forget your 2019 assessment is now due. Please, be current and make your check out for \$ 25.00 and give it to Bruce Corwin at the February 7th luncheon, or mail your check to Bruce Corwin—7334 W. Portals Ave., Fresno, CA 93723.*

***BE A FRIEND AND BRING A FRIEND TO LUNCH***

I would like to thank the membership for their help this past month, I've had several members suggest ideas and people to speak at our luncheons and I'm looking forward to speaking with them.

Our January luncheon was a great success with 140 members and 10 guests. That's over 70% of our membership, but I'm sure we can do better the rest of the year so bring a friend and show them what we're all about.

If you missed the January luncheon you missed a great speaker, Bob Pennal was informative, enthusiastic and funny. I've had several of our members tell me that he was one of the best speakers we have had in a while. Our February speaker will be Dr. Robert Ware. He's going to tell us about the keyboard concert series which is something that I've never even heard about so I guess that tells you I don't get out much.

Hey guys, Valentine's Day is almost here so make sure to do something special for your significant other.

I'm sure you've heard about Stan Day resigning but we have such a great group of guys that his position was taken by Bruce Corwin without a bit of hesitation and Brett Bayley stepping up to take Bruce's job, thanks guys.

I'm really looking forward to the golf cruise in February, I think this is the fifth time for me and I've had a great time every time. The price is right and the people are great so all you golfers might think about the cruise next year.

Remember that our luncheon is February 7th so I will see you then.

Dell Kerns Little Sir



### 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 436-8338.)*

*Be*

*there!*

## NEWS in the Golfing Community

The new year started with us playing an individual flighted tournament at Madera Muni. We had 4 flights according to handicap With the following winners: flight 1- Russ Conrad @ -2 for net 70, flight 2- Martin Beaza @ -8 net 64, flight 3- Rick Pezzi -6 net 66 and flight 4- Ken Lindsay -6 net 66. We then traveled again to Madera but to the Country Club for a 2-man best ball tournament which was won by the team of Don Laines & Gerald Peloian in a tie break over Bob Mattson & Mike Williamson at 11 under par. And once again Bob Mattson again shot his age. At Riverside in the third week we were interrupted by rain. We then headed south to Dinuba's Ridge Creek for a team scramble where the team of John Shertenlieb, Brett Bayley, Guy Tulp and Perry Huffman took the field of 11 teams with a nice 7 under par. We finished the month at Pheasant Run and the Chairman's novelty where everyone was allowed 1 toss(throw) per hole which did not count as a stroke. 25 of 43 brave souls faced the overnight 6 rain in Fresno and found the course very playable with just a couple soft spots and sunny and 63 degree weather. Flight 1 was taken by Dennis Rich at 28 under par and flight 2 went to Robert Ying at 30 under par. February's schedule has a couple of important changes to make note of. Also at the Feb. 21 tournament we will begin our annual Ron Rich match play first round for a tournament within a tournament. February's monthly chairman will be Bill Leavitt @ 917-0025 or bluebyeu@att.net assisted by Gary Lemaster.

6-Feb Wed. Lemoore 924-9658 10:00 AM Individual

7-Feb Thurs. Sir Luncheon 12:00 Pardini's on W. Shaw

13-Feb Wed Airways 291-6254 9:00 AM Scramble

21-Feb Thurs. Madera Muni 675-3504 9:00 AM 4Man2BB

28-Feb Thurs. Belmont CC 251-5078 10:00 AM 2ManBB

Duke Marshall , Golf Chair.

## Attendance

What a great way to begin the year. In January. Sir branch #159 had 209 active members with 140 of those members attending the Jan. luncheon at Pardini's. This represents 66.9% of the active membership. Of the 69 members absent 75.3% were excused. Members are expected to attend monthly meeting's or to notify the attendance chairman or their callers with the wish to be excused. If you are unable to attend a future meeting please call 559-284-6486 or send a email to Lindsayrealtor1@gmail.com When calling, texting or emailing please include your name and badge number.

## Minutes of SIR Branch # 159

Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Thursday January 10, 2019 at 10 am At Pardini's.

Present were: Big Sir Rich Lewis, Little Sir Dell Kerns, Secretary Vic Froehmer, Assistant Secretary Carl Merz (excused), Treasurer Bruce Corwin, Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley, and Directors: Joseph "Duke" Marshall (2019), Stuart Poytress (2019), Gary Morgan (2020), Ron Wilson (2020), Pete Openshaw (2021), Steve Chase (2021), and Roger Deal (Hon Dir) (excused) total 11 of 13 for a quorum (at least 7 required). Others present included John Crawford, Ron Travis, Fred Martinez, Rich Colby, Ken Lindsay, Gary Smith, Allen Baxter, Perry Huffman, Gary Becker, Mike Rumley, Terry Byrne, Howard Zinn, and others.

Big Sir Rich Lewis at 9:45AM called the meeting to order. Vic Froehmer confirmed a quorum was present. Rooster of Walk will go to Shane Petersen and Gary Becker.

Little Sir: Dell Kerns announce today's speaker is Robert Pennal DEA.

Secretary: Vic Froehmer and Carl Merz's minutes for December 18, 2018 were approved as presented. Motion made, Seconded, discussed and Passed (MSP)

Telephones: Ron Travis reported today's luncheon estimate is 139.

Motion: Appoint Bruce Corwin as Treasurer Branch 159. MSP

Motion: Appoint Brett Bayley as Assistant Treasurer Branch 159. MSP

Treasurer: Bruce Corwin reviewed form 28, Monthly Cash Report with a January 2, 2019 balance \$5,140.35 which includes \$500 in cash. We had approximately same balance last year. MSP Audit committee will conduct an audit after today's luncheon. Dues have been paid by 30 members. Bruce needs a committee formed to coordinate May and December Ladies Day Luncheon and entertainment.

Membership: John Crawford reported that we have 204 active members plus 15 inactive. Sir has eliminated inactive status. He requested BEC approval of 2 new members #25, #33, 5 members for termination #8, #82, #203, #298, #313, 4+3 members returned to active status #19, #165, #236, #302. MSP As inactive members pay dues; they will be added as active during transition.

Attendance: Dell Kerns reported everyone enjoyed our Christmas Luncheon. Ken Lindsay is our new Attendance Chairman and he was present today.

Director's Report: State Sir ask all branches review terms for directors. Our Directors are elected for 3 Years with 2 leaving every year and our branch will continue this rotation. MSP

Dine out Night: Wednesday, January 16 at The Sequoia Brewing Company in Tower District at 5:00 p.m. hosted by Gary Smith and Jeanette Faria.

The Chanticleer: A committee is looking into 2019 directory with pictures or without. If without this year, pictures and names of members may be added to our Branch 159 Web Site. Fred Martinez produced January's Chanticleer.

Golf: Duke Marshall will present award at luncheon.

Old Business:

New Business: (covered above)

Adjourned at 10:47 AM ---- Secretary Vic Froehmer and Carl Merz

## January's Best Bowling

We resumed bowling on January 15th after a three week holiday break. 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. There will be NO bowling on Feb. 12 since I will be on the cruise..

### DATE NAME SCORE

**Jan 15** Hi Scratch Series Alan Barton 159 624/223

Hi Hdcp. Series Terry Schneider 159 721

Hi Scratch Game Ed Beier 159 220

Hi Hdcp. Game Dan Pitta 159 255

**Jan 22** Hi Scratch Series Alan Barton 159 571

Hi Hdcp. Series Dan Pitta 159 755

Hi Scratch Game Daryl Derouchey 159 214

Hi Hdcp. Game Duke Marshall 159 260

**Jan 29** Hi Scratch Series Alan Barton 159 596/246

Hi Hdcp. Series Terry Schneider 159 735

Hi Scratch Game James Noriega 159 195

Hi Hdcp. Game Duke Marshall 159 248

## 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 twice this past month on Jan. 11th and 25th. On both occasions we had two full tables. As February approaches I see the 8th and 22nd as our play dates. As everyone becomes reacquainted with the various game formats someday soon we will play a tournament. 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.

### Bridge January 29

1st Kent Billeter  
2nd Jim Stefanich  
3th Gene Tognazzini  
4th Ron Rayburn  
Br175  
5th Russ Mott  
6th John Houlihan  
7th Chuck Elkins  
8th Jim Lund  
9th Hugh Cox  
10th Vic Froehmer  
11th Deep  
Consolation  
Bob Amato  
High table 1,620  
Kent Billeter  
Gene Tognazzini  
High Individual  
5,480 Kent Billeter  
Next Games 12PM

### Bridge January 15

1st Russ Mott  
2nd Hugh Cox  
3th Jim Stefanich  
4th Jim Lund  
5th Robert Moore  
6th Gene Tognazzini  
7th Vic Froehmer  
8th Chuck Elkins  
9th Bob Amato  
Consolation  
Ron Rayburn  
High table 1,510  
Russ Mott Hugh Cox  
High Individual  
4,730 Russ Mott  
Next Games 12PM  
Jan 29 Feb 5 19  
Clovis Senior Center

### Birthdays for Feb 2019

First Last  
Joe Bencivengo  
Alan Bynum  
Steve Chase  
David Crow  
Michael Cunningham  
Roger Deal  
Ted Feasel  
Mike Grady  
Joe Hushek  
Bob Jones  
Harry Kutumian  
William Laudig  
Roger McCoy  
Jerry Moreno  
Randy Morris  
Lee Moy  
Danny Munoz  
Abel Parra-Gutierrez  
Rick Ransom

## Dine out Night

**Wednesday March 20th**

### Sakura Chaya

Tokyo Cuisine—Teppan-Yaki

690 East Nees Avenue, Fresno

We will be ordering from the menu with individual paying

Social 5:30, Dinner 6:00

(Happy Hour 4:30-6:00, \$5 on Draft beer, Well drinks  
and House wine)

Hosted by Hector and Karyn Leyva

Reserve at 559-970-3197 or

hecramsey@sbcglobal.net

## Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

Month: JANUARY

Beginning Balance (Checking) \$5,140.35

Expenses \$2,863.60

\$2,276.75

Revenues \$5,910.00

Month Ending Balance (Checking) \$8,186.75

Cash Reserve \$415 Included

TOTAL \$8,186.75 1

44 Members have paid assessments

Net Gain / Loss \$3,046.40

Submitted by Bruce Corwin - Treasurer

## February dine out nite

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH**

HOSTED BY: TERRY AND CHRIS SCHNEIDER

ANDIAMO, RISTORANTE ITALIANO

1275 SHAW AVE., SUITE 120, CLOVIS

ON NORTH SIDE OF SHAW ACROSS FROM SIERRA  
VISTA MALL

5:00 TO 6:00 PM COCKTAILS – DINNER 6:00 TO ???

RSVP TO: HOME PHONE: 291- 6630 OR CELL PHONE:  
978-5820

**SIGN UP DEADLINE-MONDAY, FEB. 18, 2019**





New Member:  
Kenny Melkonian



New Member:  
Steven Herz

### **NOTICE OF FEBRUARY LUNCH DATE CHANGE**

OUR FEBRUARY LUNCH DATE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019 HAS BEEN CHANGED TO:

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS—WE WILL CONFIRM AT THE LUNCH ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH.

WE WILL ALSO PUBLISH THE NEW DATE IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE CHANTICLEER AS AN ADDITIONAL REMINDER.

Rich Lewis,  
2019 Big SIR

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT Fresno Branch #159, January 10, 2019**

ALL DATA AS END OF DEC.

New Members Inducted: 0 Branch 159 Terminated: 0 Meeting # 288th

Active Members: 204 Inactive Members: 15 Total Membership: 219

YTD New Member ( 0) YTD Net Active Membership Change (0) Ref.204 on 12/31/18

### **Members to be returned to Active Status by the BEC.**

#302 – Al Baez #19 – Al Carlson #165 – Dwaine Chambers #236- Fred Stein

Plus 3 to active

### **Members to be Terminated (Transferred, Resigned, Deceased) Pending BEC Approval**

#8 – Randy Miles – moved to Paso Robles. #313- Art Rice – Inactive #298 – John Wright – Inactive

#203-Jim Peterson – After 5 years not interested in coming back. Inactive

#82-Tom Gallardo- Inactive- Conflict with luncheons

### **New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval**

#33 – Kenny Melkonian Sponsor #149 – Jerry Poochigian #25 – Stanley Scott #9 – Gary Morgan

### **Candidates approved by board to be Inducted when they attend their next Luncheon**

#106 – Jim Gibbs Sponsor - #28 Reg Salsman #87 – Brian Nicholson #23 – John Crawford

Note: I have not been able to contact 5 Inactive members (Each have been called 3 times), so I will carry them as shadow members until April. If they have not paid their assessment by that time, they will be terminated, but not reported on the Form 27, therefore not changing our total active membership. Should they be contacted and pay their assessment, they will be activated to the membership roster.

Respectfully Submitted by, John Crawford

### **POKER**

There will be no SIR's poker tournament in February or in foreseeable future. Finding a place to host the game has become more difficult with no one willing to step up and host a game.

I am stepping aside as chair of the poker activity and encourage anyone willing to take over to call the activity chair Ron Wilson (960-8294) or the Big Sir Rich Lewis (392-9950). The poker game will be on temporary hiatus until a new chair for the Poker group and a place can be found to host the game. I've enjoyed playing with you these past years and look forward for another Sir's member to step up and take over.

Sincerely Yours,  
Michael Levine



I'm attaching pix of 2 bald eagles who swooped in along the 17th hole at Dragonfly 2 weeks ago. Submitted by Brett Bayley.