



# The Chanticleer

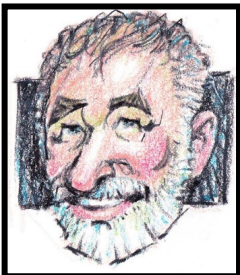
New 159 website - [www.branch159.sirinc2.org](http://www.branch159.sirinc2.org)  
 Program : John Alkier—CEO, Fresno Fair

Date March 14, 2019  
 Place Pardini's Restaurant  
 2257 W. Shaw Avenue

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

## Activities Calendar for March

Date	Event	Contact
March 4,11,18,25	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
March 27	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
March 7,13,21,28	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
March 20	Dine Out Night	Hector Leyva
March 5,12,19,26	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
March 5,19	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
March 7	SIRs Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
March 12	History Roundtable	
March 13,27	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
March 8,22	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
March 13	Cigar Aficionado	Lee Moy
March 6,20	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.



Have a happy corn beef and cabbage day.

GREAT JOB!!!!

## Message from the BIG SIR: [continued]

Congratulations to you, our members. In 2018 you increased our membership by a net of 6 members, and you are off to a great start for 2019. You are doing a fantastic job in recruiting and increasing our membership. Let's keep it up—and a big thank you for your support and efforts. Our goal should be to increase by a net of 10 new members or plus 5% this year. Let your officers know how we can help in the efforts to get new members and retain the current members we have.

Final 2018 SIR branch numbers are in and all the following information can be found on the State website.

Total branches in the SIR organization is 117. From a numbers standpoint, 39 of the branches increased membership in 2018. From a percentage of branches increasing membership, that equates to 33% of branches increasing membership.

Comparing the top ten branches:

Reviewing the top ten branches, only 9 branches had more members than our branch.

Comparing the top nine branches to our branch, ONLY one branch increased at a numbers and percentage rate higher than our branch—our branch increased by 6 members or 2.94% and branch 128 increased by 14 members or 4.9%.

Reviewing the top ten branches with the most members—6 branches decreased membership and of the remaining 4 branches we had the second highest increase from both a numbers and percentage standpoint. Numbers from the top ten branches ranged from a minus 2 members to plus 14 members.

I attended a State Little & Big Sir meeting on the 12th of February and I believe that our State Leaders have the best of intentions to help increase membership and make SIR an organization with interests that will attract gentlemen with leisure time to improve our lives through fun activities, luncheons and events, while making Friends for Life. We may not agree with all their methods, but we should not question their intentions.

Major areas covered at the meeting:

1—Budget. While they presented 2018 financials showing a net income, they also presented a 2019 budget projecting a slight loss. However, even with a decline to income and an increase to costs, they feel that 2019 will not see an increase to branches in the state assessment—overall they feel the projection for 2019 is a “conservative” budget number.

2—Insurance. We were assured, at the meeting, that our policy was put out to bid and we received the best deal possible. Insurance is about 50% of the State budget.

3—Bylaws. For those who log onto the state website, you can find a great deal of information on our SIR organization. Members of the rules committee are in the process of finalizing a welcome change to the bylaws. The new version of the bylaws will be available in the next few months. A lot of work has gone into this project and those involved should be congratulated for a job well done.

4—The current logo and emblem. While State intends to implement the new logo and emblem, they have agreed that branches are free to choose the logo and emblem we currently have OR use the new one.

Don't forget your 2019 assessment is now due. The window for payment runs through the March luncheon, after which your account is considered delinquent. You can make your check out for \$ 25.00 and give it to Bruce Corwin at the March 14th luncheon, or mail your check to: Bruce Corwin—7334 W. Portals Ave., Fresno, CA 93723.

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

Everyone had a great time on the cruise this year and every year I've gone, I think it's five years now. If you haven't gone yet, think about next years cruise. You don't have to be a golfer to enjoy it. It's very affordable and you have plenty to do, dining, dancing , gambling, shows and you can go ashore and just explore.

Our February speakers presentation on the keyboard concert series was very informative. I had no idea that you can attend performances of world class concerts right here in Fresno at affordable prices and who would have thought that we have one of the longest concert series in the country.

Next months speaker will be John Alkire who is the CEO of the big Fresno fair. He can tell us about everything the fair will be having this year.

Don't forget March 10th to turn your clocks forward. I usually forget so I'm reminding me too.

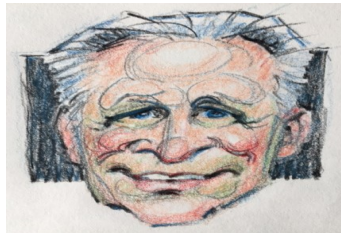
If you enjoy our club as much as I do, you should think about helping out. We need help on our committees, monthly chairmen for our golf and just your input really helps us out. Several of the guys have really helped me finding speakers. We have the best men's club in Fresno and to keep it the best we could use you, or as uncle says I want you.

Has everyone paid their assessment, if not see Bruce Corwin and he will be glad to take your money.

Last but not least, my telephone number in the front of the directory is wrong. The right number is 559-277-3971 or 559-593-1298 cell.

Remember to bring a friend to the luncheon.

Little Sir Dell Kerns



Fellow SIR Leaders,

Well, and the end of our Town Hall Meeting I promised to get the following information into your hands shortly. Well, a bit of life got in the way, so here it is now – a little late.

The Town Hall link with all the slides is on <https://sirinc.org/MemInfo/TownHall20190212/>. If you need to get to it and don't have the link above handy, go to sirinc.org. On the left hand side, click on the Member's Information button. Once in the Member's Information section, go to Branch Officer Training Information in the middle column and click on the Town Hall Big Sir Mtg 2//12/19 link. It will take you to the Town Hall Meeting page.

The Town Hall Meeting page also has links to the SIR Introductory Video we recommended that you place on your Branch website to quickly inform visitors of what SIR is about.

There is also a link to the second video, What Can a Member Do? This is the video that explains the four Member Expectations. We recommend that you show this video at an upcoming luncheon. Those in attendance at the Town Hall meeting felt that it could improve volunteerism and members bringing guests.

These videos can also be linked directly from YouTube. The direct links are:

- SIR Introduction <https://youtu.be/IA2GnBpuwfg>
- What Can A Member Do <https://youtu.be/yi2jSeTjfkI>

At the Town Hall, Stu Williams, our Growth and Membership Chairman, spoke about raffles, and promised to get complete compliance information on the sirinc.org website. That has been done, and it can be found at <https://sirinc.org/MemInfo/RaffleInstructions.pdf>. Again, it's on the Member's Information page under the “How To Information” section.

For all of you who took the time to attend the Town Hall, thank you. I hope you found it interesting, useful and a bit of fun. The feedback I have received has been quite positive, and we'll do it again next year. For those of you who were unable or didn't want to attend, check with Sirs who did. I think you'll find that you missed something worthwhile. Hopefully, next year...

Best regards,  
Ed Benson, State President

## Minutes of SIR Branch # 159

Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Thursday February 7 at 10 am At Pardini's

Present were: Big Sir Rich Lewis, Little Sir Dell Kerns, Secretary Vic Froehmer (excused), Assistant Secretary Carl Merz, 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, Perry Huffman, Gary Becker, Terry Byrne, and others.

Big Sir Rich Lewis at 9:45AM called the meeting to order. Carl Merz confirmed a quorum was present.

Little Sir: Dell Kerns announce today's speaker is Robert Wickes from Fresno State University.

Secretary: Vic Froehmer and Carl Merz's minutes for January 9, 2018 were approved as presented. Motion made, Seconded, discussed and Passed (MSP)

Telephones: Ron Travis reported today's luncheon estimate is 150.

Treasurer: Bruce Corwin reviewed form 28, Monthly Cash Report December balance \$8,186.15 which includes \$500 in cash. **Bruce will call members that have not paid by the March luncheon after the luncheon.** We have 150 paid members 75%. Bruce has received a copy of our audit. A proposal was discussed to sell 2 advertisements in Chanticleer for \$300, no action was taken.

Membership: John Crawford reported that we have 205 active members. He requested BEC approval of 9 new members #8, #16, #60, #82, #94, # 108 #112, #119, #120, 1 member for termination #63. MSP As inactive members pay dues; they will be added as active during transition.

Attendance: Ken Lindsay reported our January luncheon was a great success with 140 members and 10 guests. That's over 70% of our membership.

RAMP & Activities: We need volunteers to fill open positions, area golf, area governor, poker chairman, and a chairman for Special Activities like May & December ladies luncheon. Horseshoes played February 6 at 8:30 am.

Dine out Night: Wednesday, February 20 hosted by Terry and Chris Schneider at ANDIAMO, RISTORANTE ITALIANO 5:00 pm social, 6:00 pm dinner.

The Chanticleer: 2019 directory were printed without pictures.

Golf: Duke Marshall Ron Rich tournament will start February 21.

Old Business: New Business:

Adjourned at 10:50 AM ---- Secretary Vic Froehmer and Carl Merz

Sons In Retirement, Branch 159

If you have not paid your 2019 Membership Assessment.

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

Or, you may bring your check to the March luncheon on March 14th. Checks are preferred rather than cash.

**If your assessment is not paid by our lunch on March 14th your membership in SIR 159 may be in jeopardy, unless you contact me or another officer with other arrangements.**

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Bruce Corwin

SIR INC, Branch 159 Treasurer

Sons In Retirement, Inc

Branch 159 Financial

Month:	JANUARY
Beginning Balance (Checking)	\$8,264.25
Expenses	<u>\$2,635.73</u>
	\$5,628.52
Revenues	<u>\$3,173.00</u>
Month Ending Balance (Checking)	\$8,801.52
Cash Reserve \$431 Included	<u>\$ -</u>
TOTAL	\$8,801.52
185 Members have paid assessments	
Net Gain / Loss	\$537.27

Submitted by Bruce Corwin - Treasurer

## **Branch 159 Officers, Directors**

### **2019 STATE OFFICERS PHONE NUMBERS**

PRESIDENT: Ed Benson 925-943-7011  
VICE PRESIDENT: Jim Johnson 209-536-1595  
SECRETARY: Ron Flagel 209-338-8109  
TREASURER: Roy Hodgkinson 925-408-2210  
DIRECTOR Region 2: Rick Kindle 209-652-8608  
REGIONAL DIRECTOR AREA 19:

### **2019 BRANCH OFFICERS**

BIG SIR: Rich Lewis 559-392-9950  
LITTLE SIR: Dell Kerns 559-277-3971  
SECRETARY: Vic Froehmer 559-270-4354  
ASST. SECRETARY: Carl Merz 559-875-2088  
TREASURER: Bruce Corwin 559-375-1689  
ASST. TREASURER: Brett Bayley 619-507-0357

### **2019 BRANCH DIRECTORS**

Roger Deal (HLM) 559-297-7022  
Duke Marshall (2019) 559-447-5388  
Stuart Poytress (2019) 559-298-4323  
Gary Morgan (2020) 559-277-1249  
Ron Wilson (2020) 559-960-8294  
Steve Chase (2021) 559-252-2600 :  
Pete Openshaw (2021) 559-674-7211

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## 2019 BRANCH SUPPORT PERSONEL

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN: Ken Lindsay	559-284-6486
CHAPLIN: Charles Barrett	559-439-8388
HISTORIAN: Gary Becker	559-251-7408
LIBRARIAN: Paul Gabrielson	559-452-1432
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: John Crawford	559-779-2484
MEMBER RELATIONS: Bob Moore	559-322-6909
NEWSLETTER: Fred Martinez	559-432-1864
ROOSTER:	
SUNSHINE: Charles Barrett	559-439-8388
TELEPHONE CALLERS: Ron Travis	559-322-1898
WEB MASTER: Gary Morgan	559-277-1249

## MARCH 2019 BIRTHDAY LIST

### First Last

Wayne Adams  
Carrol Dahl  
LeRoy Foote  
George Gianopulos  
Rich Glover  
Gary Lemasters  
Jim Lund  
Robert Mikell  
Jerry Peloian  
Raymond Porter  
Gino Roberti  
Don Smith  
Robert Swindle

## 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](mailto:hecramsey@sbcglobal.net)



### **Bridge February 5**

1st Gene Tognazzini

2nd Jim Stefanich

3th Chuck Elkins

4th Tess Mott

5th Robert Moore

6th Ron Rayburn

7th Bob Amato

8th Russ Mott

9th Bob Lehman

10th Donna Rayburn

11th Hugh Cox

Consolation

Vic Froehmer

High table 1,340

Gene Tognazzini

Jim Stefanich

High Individual

4,150 Gene Tognazzini

Next Games 12PM

March 5 19

Clovis Senior Center

### **Bridge February 19**

1st Fred Wrazel

2nd Tess Mott

3th Jim Stefanich

4th Carolyn Neumark

5th Robert Moore

6th John Houlihan

7th Vic Froehmer

8th Gene Tognazzini

9th Donna Rayburn

10th Russ Mott

11th Rex Rothe

12th Chuck Elkins

13th Bob Amato 1

4th Hugh Cox

15th Ron Rayburn

16th Janet Wrazel

High table 1,310

Fred Wrazel & Tess  
Mott

High Individual

4,650 Fred Wrazel

Next Games 12PM

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSIERS**

Wife First Last

Tina & Wayne Adams

Carolyn & Allan Baxter

Shirley & Ron Branam

Barbara & Larry Calvert

Linda & Dwaine Chambers

Judith & Daryl DeRouchey

Alice & Larry Duba

Mary Ann & Jim Gibbs

Carla & Ron Jones

Nancy & Gary Kilgore

Debbie & James Noriega

Marilyn & John Rackin

Yolanda & Jeff Shahbazian

Joyce & Bob Stenberg

## **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-*

## **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 Feb. 8th and 22th. On both occasions we had two tables with 7 or 8 players. When playing double deck partners we manage to get in one game to 500 and if we have three players single deck cut-throat to 100 allows for three games. Just about everyone comes out a winner on the month. As March 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.

## **NEWS in the Golfing Community**

Was February ever a mixed bag of playing conditions. We started the month with 29 players traveling south to Lemoore where we found fair weather and played an individual flighted tournament. Honors were earned by Fred Martinez in flight 1 with a net 70, Dale Samuelian in flight 2 with a net 67 and Rich Neilson in flight 3 with a net 72. The following week at Airways was called due to rain while 20 + of our golfers were on the "Golf Cruise" and yes we did also get some rain on the last two holes of the day. Our next scheduled round had to be moved from Madera Muni to Pheasant Run due to flooding at Muni. What looked to be a nice day quickly turned to a completely overcast COLD and very WINDY for a miserable day. We started Ron Rich match play as well as a 4Man 2BB game. I think Gary Morgan was the only player to really heat up as he carried his team, Steve Herz, Gerald Peloian and Gary Lemaster to a first place in a tie break over two other teams. Our last round is on the 28th at Belmont. As I write this it looks as though the rain will allow us to play in a warmer environ. At Belmont we played a game of flighted 2manBestBall. Flight 1 went to Fred Martinez and Brett Bayley who were 13 under par or net 59. Flight 2 went to the team of Perry Huffman and Dana Hamparzoomian with a net 56, 16 under par. The second round of our Ron Rich Match play is on tap for March 13 at Dragonfly. March's monthly chairman will be Pete Openshaw 871-5816 or pbacup@aol.com and assisted by Perry Huffman.

7-Mar Thurs. Sunnyside CC 255-6871 9:00 AM Individual or Scramble

13-Mar Wed Dragonfly 432-3020 9:00 AM 4Man2BB

21-Mar Thurs. Riverside 275-5900 9:00 AM Scramble

28-Mar Thurs. Valley Oaks 651-1441 9:30 AM 2ManBB

Duke Marshall , Golf Chair.

## February's Best Bowling

We rolled three times in Feb as I was on the "Golf Cruise on the 12th. During the month we had new members Ron Quickel Jim Link join us as well as the return Dana Hamparzoomian and Hector Leyva from injuries and operations. We are also looking to form a four person team to take up to Carson City for a SIR tournament in early April. 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. .

### **DATE NAME SCORE**

**Feb 05** Hi Scratch Series Daryl Derouchey 159 508/192

Hi Hdcp. Series Terry Schneider 159 703

Hi Scratch Game James Noriega 159 184

Hi Hdcp. Game Tom Simpson 159 254

**Feb 19** Hi Scratch Series Duke Marshall 159 557/192

Hi Hdcp. Series Tom Simpson 159 690

Hi Scratch Game Dan Pitta 159 174

Hi Hdcp. Game Terry Schneider 159 233

**Feb 26** Hi Scratch Series Ed Beier 159 689/251

Hi Hdcp. Series Merle Knapp 175 746

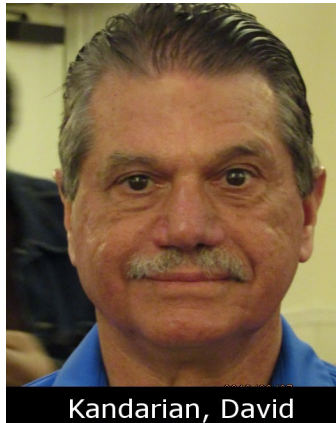
Hi Scratch Game Dan Pitta 159 209

Hi Hdcp. Game Bill Laudig 159 270

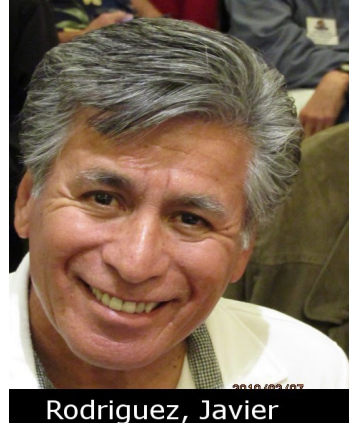
# NEW MEMBERS



Gibbs, Jim



Kandarian, David



Rodriguez, Javier



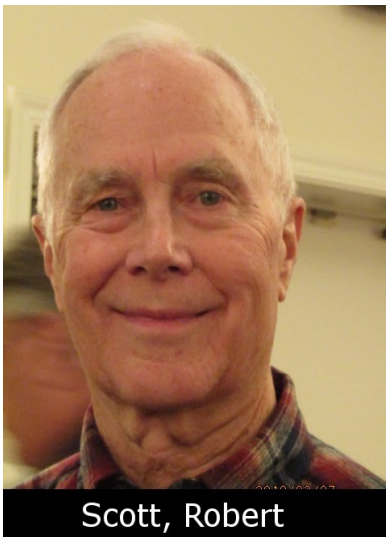
Sahatdjian, Bill



Samuelian, Dale



Scott, Stan



Scott, Robert



THOMAS, VERNON



YOSHIMURA, MYRON

## NEW MEMBERS



Swindle, Robert



**All around fun**

**Cigar Aficionado**

“Mid-Month  
Mid-Week  
Mid Day”

March 13, Wed, 2 pm.

**That's how we roll 'em.**



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Turf Club-\$41/person  
March 29, 2019  
Friday



Make check: Pacific Racing Association  
Send to: Golden Gate Fields  
1100 Eastshore Highway  
Berkeley, CA 94710

Q/A: Sheri Espique (510) 559-7549  
Group Sales Assistant Manager

Trip to the Winner's Circle  
*Free* Parking/Entrance  
*Free* Racing Program  
Prime Rib Buffet  
(tax & gratuity included)

State-wide Event  
State Board Approved  
All SIR Branches Invited

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