



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
 Program : Allyson Brooks, Sierra Foothills

Date October 10, 2019

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$16 per person

Activities Calendar for OCTOBER

Date	Event	Contact
OCT 7,14,21,28	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
OCT 24	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
OCT 3,9,17,24,31	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
OCT 16	Dine Out Night	Ben Tyson
OCT 1,8,15,22,29	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
OCT 1,15,29	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
OCT 10	SIRs Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
OCT TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
OCT 2,9,16,23,30	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
OCT 11,25	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
OCT 18	Cigar Aficionado	Lee Moy 2PM
OCT 2,16	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
OCT 8	Poker	Vic Froehmer
OCT 10	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson
OCT 22	Amtrak/Old Sac Trip	Lee Moy
OCT 30	SIR Training	Rich Lewis

CHECKLIST – 2019 LUNCH DATES

October 2019	Thursday Oct 10
November 2019	Thursday Nov 14
December 219	Thursday Dec 12 – CHRISTMAS LUNCH SIT DOWN [TURKEY & HAM]

Sorry, I caught a bug or should I say it caught me and I didn't make the Sept. luncheon. Will be gone next month also, going on vacation to see what kind of mischief I can get into in Oregon. Just a quick reminder that October 30th will a training session for officers, board members and of course everyone is welcome, so come on out to Yosemite falls restaurant.

Has everyone signed up for the RV getaway in November? Two days of golf and fun. If you don't have an RV, room rates are very reasonable. So come on out and I'll see you there.

Dell Kerns LITTLE SIR

Be a friend and bring a friend

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

HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO ALL YOU SENIOR TRICKSTERS



TRICKSTERS

October marks the beginning of the holiday season. We begin with the sweet treats in October, then to the turkey feast in November and end the season in December and January, by celebrating time with our friends, family and another feast. This special season tends to add to my waistline—many pounds that are not needed.

We are fortunate to live in such a great land and we should take time to be thankful for all we have. I, for one, am thankful for SIR's. I have met a lot of fine gentlemen and made a lot of friends that I, otherwise, would have missed out on.

To quote our **2011 Little SIR, Steve Whitehead:**

“Hello fellow SIR's!!! What a great organization and membership we have. Just stop and think about in just the last year, the people and friends, fun times, great moments and good food we have all shared. I think this is what keeps us young and I'm thankful to be a part of it. I tend to think of the many memories, good and bad, the friends I've made and all that I have and continue to learn. Much of this I owe to SIR's.”

Our membership continues to grow. As of September we have increased membership by 7 NET new members, however, we can't rest on our laurels, but rather, we must continue to bring in new members. There is no secret to growing our branch membership—members need to continue inviting guests to attend our luncheons so they can experience the fun and camaraderie of our branch.

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30—AREA 19, REGION 2 SIR TRAINING 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM at Yosemite Falls Cafe, Northwest corner of Shaw and Blackstone. No host lunch break at noon.

10:30 AM-12 NOON: Training for Officers and Chairmen in this session.

1:00 PM - 3 PM: Training for RAMP Chairmen and committee members. Problem solving and Action Planning will be emphasized in this session.

Jim Hiney and James Noriega, AG 19 for 2019/2020, Lee Moy and Barry Leskin, State Chairman of Training and Development and Big SIR of Branch 171 in Moraga will all team for the training.

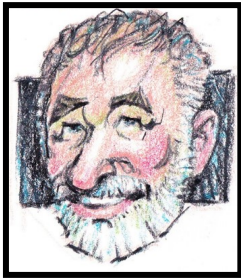
I encourage our Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen and members to attend the training session. Also any members interested in learning what is entailed in serving as an Officer, Director or Committee Chairmen should consider attending.

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You will learn how little time is required and how easy it is to give back to your Branch.



BE A FRIEND AND BRING A FRIEND TO LUNCH



BIG SIR

Farewell_{BS(Big Sir)} LEWIS

**With a history of milking jobs for what they were worth,
BS was his highest post on this earth.**

But now as his reign nears its final bell,

**This is our chance to all wish him well. So, farewell and thank you to our
Mr. Rich Lewis,**

We are all so glad to say that he knew us.

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

	Month: September
Beginning Balance (Checking)	\$7,947.04
Expenses	\$ 2,407.00
	<u>\$5,540.04</u>
Revenues	\$ 1,749.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking)	<u>\$7,289.04</u>
Cash Reserve \$457 Included	\$ -
TOTAL	<u>\$7,289.04</u>
Net Gain / Loss*	(\$658.00)

Submitted by Bruce Corwin - Treasurer



MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Fresno Branch #159, Sept 13,2019

ALL DATA AS END OF AUG.

New Members Inducted: 1 Branch 159

Terminated: 0 Meeting # 295th

Members: 211

YTD New Member (33) YTD Net Membership Change (7) Ref.204 on 12/31/18

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

New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval

Candidates approved by board to be “sworn in” when they attend their next Luncheon

#170-James Meinert #119- Dale Samuelian

#123-Mark Graham #121-Robert Price

#115- Jerry Najarian #102-Gerald Peloian

Respectfully Submitted by, John Crawford

Membership Chairman

You are invited...

Perry Huffman's is being honored through May with a Retrospective Art Show of his art career.

- Third-Thursday evenings 5:00 To 8:00 in The Fresno Armenian Museum in the U.C. Merced building is on 550 E. Shaw Ave. across from Fashion Fair and east of Fresno St.

SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

NEWS in the Golfing Community

In August we had a lot of heat however having an 8:00 am start allowed us to generally beat the hottest part of the day. We started the month at Ridge Creek with an individual stroke play match, which was also the second round of three to comprise the Branch championship. In flight 1 Mark Hofmann took the flight with a net of 62. Stacie Thomas took flight 2 with a net 66 in a tie break with Garry Elliott. In Flight 3 Stan Scott took it with a net 61. While Jerry Poochigian took flight with a net 64. Since not all players complete all three rounds for the Branch Championship the leaderboard can be found on the main golf page under special yearly events. Our overall net leaders are: flight 1, Mike Moyle; flight 2, Dennis Rich is tied with Bob Mattson; flight 3, Gerald Pelioan and flight 4, Bob Moore. Our overall gross leaders are: flight 1, Mike Moyle; flight 2, Dennis Rich: flight 3, Gerald Pelioan and flight 4, Bob Moore. The third and final round is scheduled for Sept. 5 at Madera Muni. Our second event of the month was at Airways where we played a 4Man2BestBall game and the team of Doug Nowlin, Carl Merz, Bill Leavitt and Ken Lindsay smoked the other 9 teams with a 36 under performance. We then moved to Pheasant Run for a 2-Man Scramble in two flights. In Flight 1 Dennis Rich and Brian Nicholson scored a net 59.4 to capture the day while Rick Pezzi and Bill Leavitt took flight 2 with a net 63.3. Moving to Dragonfly for a game of 2ManBestBall we saw Fred Martinez and Steve Hernandez took the field with a 18 under net 55 show. Our last event was an individual flighted event where each player was allowed to toss(or throw) the ball not counted as a stroke, at Riverside. Flight one was won by Mike Moyle, flight 2 by Brian Nicholson, flight 3 by Rick Pezzi and flight 4 by Steve Chase.

On August 26th & 27th a team from branch 159 played in the NCGA 4Man2 BB finals at poppy Hills and Spyglass. The team of Doug Britton, Mike Moyle, Fred Martinez & Dennis Rich had there ups and downs and represented the branch in fine fashion . Another group of three will represent SIR Br. 159 in the NCGA Individual qualifier on Sept 3 at the San Jose Country Club, Mike Moyle, Doug Britton and Duke Marshall. If you see the guys at the luncheon wish them luck. Remember the Branch Championship is a 48 hole total.

I need to collect the perpetual trophies given out last year. If you will bring them to the Luncheon or the first couple rounds of September. In November there is an RV excursion (11th-13th) being planned to Moro Bay. How cool would it be for lots of us golfers to tie together with the RV'ers. Plenty of rooms at a reasonable price, play Moro Bay GC one day and Avila another(aiming at tee time of 10-10:30 each day), hook up for dinner at someplace like the Great American Seafood Co, gather around a fire pit sip a glass of wine and chat with your fellow SIRs in the moonlight at Moro Bay. If YOU are interested in such an outing let me or Lee Moy or Alan Barton know. August's monthly chairman will be John Briceno, 395-4330 or jabriceno72@gmail.com assisted by Rick Pezzi.

5-Sep Thurs. Madera Muni 675-3504 8:00 AM Individual

11-Sep Wed Madera CC 674-2682 8:00 AM 4Man2BB

19-Sep Thurs. Belmont CC 251-5078 8:00 AM Scramble

26-Sep Thurs. Valley Oaks 651-1441 9:30 AM 2ManBB

Duke Marshall , Golf Chair.

PS I would like to thank the person or persons responsible for the gift card and note placed in the money box and the note saying from the "golfing community at SIRS". Again THANK YOU!

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PINOCHLE NEWS

On August 9th with only one table in operation, Steve Chase and Carl Merz took on Bill Laudig and Duke Marshall. A set on the fifth hand propelled Steve and Carl to a ten hand victory. Again on the 23rd we had only one table in operation. This time it was Bill Laudig and Steve Chase vs Carl Merz and Duke Marshall. After a slow start Duke and Carl took a slight lead when safe driver Vic Froehmer arrived and took Carl's chair. A see-saw battle ensued came away with a victory in 12 hands. 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. 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 September nears our play dates should be the 13th & 27th . However since the 13th is the mover luncheon so we will not meet. We will resume on the 27rd. 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.

August's Best Bowling

The new year for bowling begins September 3. Come and join the fun. On the closing day of '18-'19 season

Steve Beveridge rolls a 300. If you see him at the luncheon on the 13th congratulate him for a game well played. This past month we had no one go up north for SIR tournament. At present our next planned travel is to Citrus Heights in early October. Since the start of 2019 we have averaged over 8 bowlers per week. I say to those of you that are not making it **COME ON DOWN and HAVE SOME FUN!** Statistics our kept and posted to the SIR 159 website on the bowling page. We invite any and all SIR member s 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

Aug 06 Hi Scratch Series Steve Beveridge 159 601

Hi Hdcp. Series Dan Pitta 159 695

Hi Scratch Game Hector Leyva 159 232

Hi Hdcp. Game Daryl Derouchey 159 236

Aug 13 Hi Scratch Series Steve Beveridge 159 542

Hi Hdcp. Series James Noriega 159 719

Hi Scratch Game Dan Pitta 159 193

Hi Hdcp. Game Duke Marshall 159 244

Aug 20 Hi Scratch Series Ed Beier 159 583

Hi Hdcp. Series Alan Barton 159 692

Hi Scratch Game Duke Marshall 159 219

Hi Hdcp. Game Steve Beveridge 159 233

DATE NAME SCORE

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Aug 27 Hi Scratch Series/Game Steve Beveridge 159 738/300

Hi Scratch Series/Game Duke Marshall 159 697/266

Hi Scratch Series/Game Dan Pitta 159 578/204

Hi Scratch Series/Game Bill Laudig 159 540/225

Bruce J. Corwin

SIR Biography

Bruce Corwin was born in Lawrence, Kansas back in 1947. This makes him a true “Jayhawk”. It would be five years later that the family moved to Kansas City, Mo. where he grew up. He went through the school years there eventually graduating from Westport High School in 1965.

Bruce didn't sit around long before he joined the U. S. Navy. That was during the period of the Viet Nam War. While he looked for a career as a draftsman, fate would not take him there. He was soon shunted into the world of Naval Aviation. That was in 1965 when he attended the Aviation School in Memphis, TN. He soon became proficient in servicing jet aircraft. Guess where? At the Lemoore Naval Air Station! He became proficient working on the A4-E Skyhawk with Attack Squadron VA-155. Those planes were used for attack off aircraft carriers. That took Bruce to the USS Constellation serving off the coast of Viet Nam. He soon became a Plane Captain practically living on the flight deck of the carrier which meant he took care of the plane while on board putting the pilots in and out and servicing aircraft.

After some 7 months, Bruce Corwin returned to Lemoore, CA. His stay there would serve him a new direction. He would now serve as a 3rd Class Petty Officer Jet Mechanic. This would take him aboard the U.S.S. Coral Sea. He now worked above and below the flight deck, servicing aircraft jet engines.

It was in that period in 1968 that North Korea captured the U.S.S. Pueblo. Corwin's carrier sailed up from Viet Nam, poised to strike North Korea. The threat posed by the U.S. Navy helped serve to release the Pueblo. While serving on these aircraft carriers, Bruce traveled to Hawaii, Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong and off the coast of Viet Nam.

Bruce Corwin was released from service at age 21. Life took him back to Kansas City. There he was able to get a job in a local engineering firm, Black & Veatch (B&V). That job was able to permit him to enroll in the University of Kansas. There, aided by the GI Bill, he studied civil engineering eventually achieving a BS degree in Civil Engineering. It only took 8 years as he worked full time while attending the University. But he did it. Bruce was also the first member of his family to graduate from college.

In his engineering work, he focused on water and wastewater treatment. Over the years, 1969 to 1981, while employed at B&V, his work took him all over the mid-west and even overseas to Saudi Arabia, Columbia and Brazil, working on projects focused on Water and Waste Water. In 1981, he joined a small engineering firm in Alaska, again working in his specialty field. This company was started with 4 employees and grew to 70 showing great success over this period. He then started his own company in 1983. It was called Corwin & Associates, Inc. He was able to travel all around Alaska. He was most noted for his work designing the water and sewer expansion for Nome, Alaska which has 29.5 degrees permafrost underground. That project was the first one in the State to use pre-insulated high-density polyethylene (HDPE) piping systems. The beauty of this system was it would allow the pipe to freeze without breaking. The pipe could then be recovered if somehow it did freeze. His work in Alaska even allowed him to travel to the then Soviet Union in a consulting roll on water and wastewater.

Corwin left Alaska in 1990. He rejoined his old company Black & Veatch, this time in San Francisco Bay Area. In that period, he had occasion to open an office here in Fresno; that was in 1995. In that period, he was also able to win large contracts in Sacramento and in San Jose. In fact, he was able to literally open a new office in Sacramento to where he moved in the year 2000. He was promoted to Vice President in 2004. It was this that led to his joining the engineering firm, CDM, in 2004 as Vice President.

He finally decided to ‘hang up his hat’! He retired in 2013 – this after a half a century of busy, enterprising, innovative and industrial efforts; the key was WATER! He decided to head back to Fresno in 2014. Tagging along with him was his wife, Ida, who is from Fresno and has family here. They have six children, fifteen grandchildren and soon to be 12 great grandchildren between them. Bruce still works as a consultant on projects during his retirement. But mostly plays golf.

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BRUCE COWIN [LITTLE SIR]

Bruce Corwin could never sit still. He became engaged in the “Water Environment Federation” not only being active but holding several lofty positions including that of ‘Fellow’. He was even honored to serve as National Chairman for the ‘Collection Systems Specialist Conference’. He was a member of the ‘California Water Environment Association’ and served as Board Member of the Sacramento Section. He also even served as President of the ‘Central San Joaquin Section’ here in Fresno. Bruce is also a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He used to take one of his sons to play in Little League Baseball, here in Fresno in 1995. There, in the grandstands, he met a long-time friend who, too, was fielding a son. When Bruce had returned to Fresno in 2014 they were reunited. He was told by this friend about an organization called ‘Sons in Retirement’, designed to furnish avenues of sports – golf, bowling, etc. – and other social activities such as poker, bridge, travel, baseball games, and more to the idle retiree! He took to it in 2016. So here he is, Bruce Corwin, about to leave his ‘Treasurer’ position and enter the ‘Little SIR’ roll right here in Chapter #159.

Bruce Corwin brings a lot to this SIR Chapter #156. He has demonstrated his leadership capabilities in his working life; he now brings this capability to us. We know we will be the benefactors of this enormous capability. We welcome him! We wish him the best!

Interviewed & Written by

George Gianopulos

Sons in Retirement #159 Fresno, CA

Ron Travis – Biography

Ron Travis was born in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1931. He grew up there in Honolulu. By the time he was 10 years old, his father was in construction over on Midway, Island. His mother was a telephone operator. You do remember that in those earlier day of telephone communication, operators made the connection between the caller and the destined receiver of the call. That’s what she did. It was on a memorable Sunday morning that Ron learned that something different was going on. Yes, he was told. Look over in the direction of Pearl Harbor, there’s lots of smoke billowing out there. It would not be long before he/they learned that Pearl Harbor was under attack and being bombed by Japanese aircraft. His mother had to go back to work immediately. He hung around the house, watching, trying to learn and understand what was going on. Here, over his house, he spotted an airplane sweeping over the town, over his neighborhood. As it passed over, he spotted a big red circle painted on the side of the plane. It was Japanese. From this vantage point, he watched Pearl Harbor burn.

For Ron, things moved fast after that memorable day. His father returned from Midway Island in Mid-January and prepared his family to head for ‘the mainland’. They were advised to pack lightly; they could not bring their pet cat with them. They boarded a passenger ship in mid-March and sailed in convoy to San Francisco. Time took them to San Leandro where his father returned to construction - that was during the war. His father, entrepreneur that he was, bought a dairy, yes one with cows that produce milk. That was in a community called Hilmar, a small farm community. Of course, he, Ron Travis, milked cows, 82 of them – morning and evening!

In 1948, Ron joined the Air National Guard. Remember, back then, military air functions were performed by the Army Air Corps! So, this led to his going through a typical ‘basic training program’ complete with marching, uniforms, the salute and carrying the M1 rifle - and more.

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Ron Travis – Biography

Now in his late teens, he took a job working for Montgomery Wards, then a well-known company of home and personal products. However, he was given a job in the company print shop. Remember, printing was a lot different than it is today. Back then, type setting by hand was crucial. There, he produced all kinds of printed material for the company. He was good at it. He tells of printing all kinds of ‘stuff’, even producing Christmas Cards for the company. Eventually, he was promoted to ‘Shop Foreman’. He had now reached the ‘ripe old age’ of 19. After about a year, he left the print shop and went to work for the National Guard. His job there was ‘Gun Plumber’ one who services guns on a P51. They call it ‘harmonization’; that is, the bringing several of the guns carried on the aircraft to focus on a single target when preparing to fire.

Ron Travis came to Fresno in 1955, serving in the Air National Guard as a civilian. He went to Radar School. He soon became Radar Supervisor and in time worked on the F86A, a fighter plane with jet engines. It would not be long before the National Guard transitioned to the F86L, a far more sophisticated version of the ‘A’. Travis soon moved into the world of aircraft simulators. Now simulators replicated the movements and actions of the F86L. He operated and serviced these very sophisticated devices. Simulators were used to train pilots, sharpen their skills at ‘flying’ these new and most complicated devices. But soon, he transitioned to the F102 simulator. And the inevitable happened. Ron Travis learned to fly an Air Force jet fighter plane by learning to fly the aircraft on a simulator! And it would be about 10 years before the Guard transitioned to the F106. He talks of many experiences in this role. While not in the military, Ron actually flew with a pilot, in jet trainers, sometime in F102B, sometime in 106.

Ron even found time to go to school. That would be Fresno City College. Along the way, he was advised by his counselor that he had just one more unit to meet the requirements for two (2) AA degrees. He took a class, got the one unit, received the AA’s. He also attended various military, i.e. Air Force, schools. He even served in an ‘Active Duty’ capacity while attending electronic schools. At the same time, Ron, as an instructor, was charged with A-Flight which consisted of 465 men

Ron Travis retired from this ‘life experience’ when he turned 56. That was in 1986. To keep busy, he took a job working in the California Correction Department for some 9 years. But back in his days in the National Guard, he was swept into the leisure of play golf. This he had done for some 50 years. His love of golf led him to playing golf with many different military officers, from Lt. Colonels to Two Star Generals. Now, while working in this prison system, some old military connection got him into playing golf again. You know what that led to. Happenstance thrust him into what was just then being formed. Yes, a brand-new organization serving a men’s post-retirement function. Sons in Retirement! Ron Travis was here from the start. He joined this Branch, #159, upon it being founded; that was back in 1990! He’s been a SIR Rooster since then. The position he has held from virtually the beginning is “Head Caller”! He’s a real regular. Never misses a meeting. And he plays golf!

So, to Ron Travis, we thank you for all you do for SIR and for what you did for our country. We congratulate you!

- - George Gianopulos - -

Branch 159 Officers, Directors

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Picture of 2020 SIR 159 officers.

2019-10 Anniversaries

Wife Nickname First Last

Barbara Kent Billeter
 Shirley Hugh Cox
 Debbie Jeffrey Curtin
 Sue Scott Dye
 Leslie Garry Elliott
 Cathy Butch Bruce Evans
 Lydia Nick Fierro
 Angie Alex Alexander Flores
 SYLVIA RICH Richard Glover
 Connie Paul Gonzales,
 Chris Mark Hoffmann
 Carol Dave Loewen
 Mary Jim James Lund
 Diana Bob Robert Moore
 Lynn John Pokorny
 Floy BILL William Ranells
 Mary Don Reitz
 Valerie Robert Swindle
 Ronnalie Mel Melvin Welch
 Theresa Ron Ronald Wilson

OCTOBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS

Nickname First Last

Ron Ronald Branam
 Stan Stanley Day
 Carlos Fernandez
 Dell Delton Kerns
 Dave Loewen
 Monte Joe Montejano
 Pooch Jerry Poochigian
 Bob Robert Price
 George Rodriguez
 Ben Benjamin Romo
 Bob Robert Sexton
 Terry Eugene Woolf
 Bob Robert Zoldoske

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED FOR

MEMBERSHIP 9-2019

#109 – Carl Freeman

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HUMOR

A man was brought to Mercy Hospital, and went in for coronary surgery. The operation went well, and as the groggy man regained consciousness, he was reassured by a Sister of Mercy waiting by his bed. "Mr. Smith, you're going to be just fine," the nun said white patting his hand. "We do have to know, however, how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you covered by insurance?"

No, I'm not, the man whispered hoarsely.

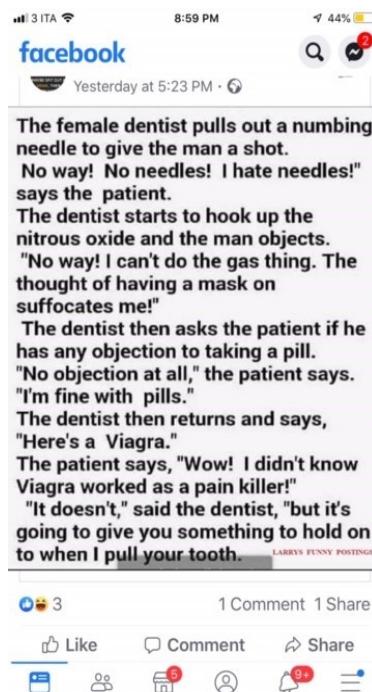
Can you pay in cash?

I'm afraid I can't, Sister. Do you have any close relatives.

Just my siser in New Mexico, he replied. But she's a spinster nun.

Nuns are not spinsters, Mr. Smith, the nun replied. They are married to GOD.

"Okay," the man said with a smile. "then bill my brother-in-law".



The Upcoming Near Future

October will go down as one of the most memorable months in our Branch. How about wearing a Hawaiian/“crazy” shirt for our October meeting. It’ll make for a festive, colorful time for our membership. After all it is Halloween this month.

State SIR Trainer Barry Leskin has accepted our Fresno invitation to conduct the RAMP workshop. This session will be opened to our general membership along with our BEC members, especially the Directors.

If you have a “knack”; have comments; offer suggestions, or can come up with ideas on how to:

- 1) R: recruit new members,
- 2) A: develop new activities,
- 3) M: excite our present membership base
- 4) P: publicize our organization

then we would appreciate your attendance to this all-important training scheduled for **October 30th-Yosemite Falls Cafe-10am-3pm,Blackstone/north of Shaw. 10am-Officer training; 12:30pm-RAMP.**

A video of the workshop will be produced by our State SIR videographer working with photographer Lee Moy. Also in attendance President Ed Benson “forefather of RAMP”, Regional Director Rick Kindle, as well as the other Fresno area SIR Branch leaders & officers.

LEE MOY Activities Director

The Future is Now

We've had the good fortune of having had our members bring in so many good new members. Your refreshing thoughts are certainly most welcome as we seek ways to continue our vibrant organization for men.

Please attend. It'll be only 2 hours out of one day to participate in an engaging discussion. Sir Leskin's approach allows the participants to voice their opinions (as long as it stays on topic), limits long talkers, allows for an abundance of ideas to be considered, and finally ends with a collection of contributions proposed. This will be the first ever Branch based training workshop. Chuck Joyce produced all of the SIR State videos; he worked at KGO for over 30 years. We're fortunate to have his video abilities here, too.

According to the latest tally, we have at least a half-a-dozen RVers and 2 golf foursomes planning on playing on the Central Coast. There's room for one more foursome. Sign-up with Golf Chairman Duke Marshall.

We have 6 adventurous souls who wish to visit Ole Town Sacramento. There's room for more to board Amtrak as we travel back in time. Everyone can "do your own thing". Looking forward to a tour of the Railroad Museum, ribs at FireHouse, and just plain ole window shopping all the while walking the expansive wooden planked sidewalks.

Looks like we will once again see the revival of poker and craps. More details forthcoming. October is indeed a month to remember. Aloha.

LEE MOY Activities Director

The Black Bra

The Black Bra (as told by a woman)

I had lunch with 2 of my unmarried friends.

One is engaged, one is a mistress, and I have been married for 20+ years.

We were chatting about our relationships and decided to amaze our men by greeting them at the door wearing a black bra, stiletto heels and a mask over our eyes.

We agreed to meet in a few days to exchange notes.

Here's how it all went.....

My engaged friend:

The other night when my boyfriend came over he found me with a black leather bodice, tall stilettos and a mask.

He saw me and said, 'You are the woman of my dreams...I love you.' Then we made passionate love all night long.

The mistress:

Me too! The other night I met my lover at his office and I was wearing a raincoat, under it only the black bra, heels and mask over my eyes.

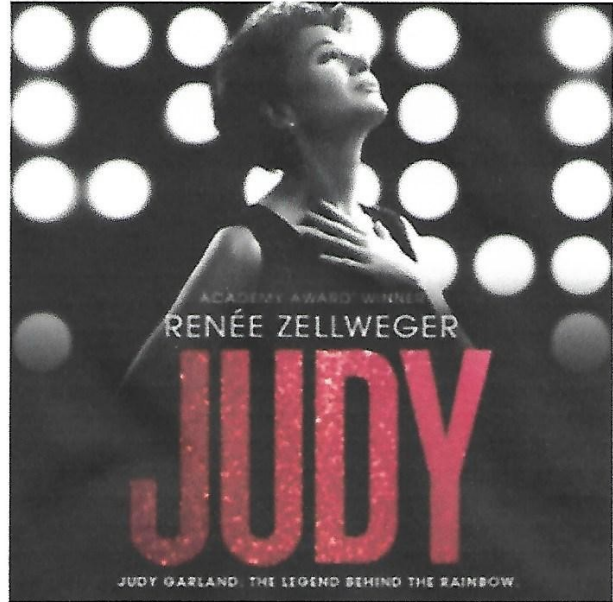
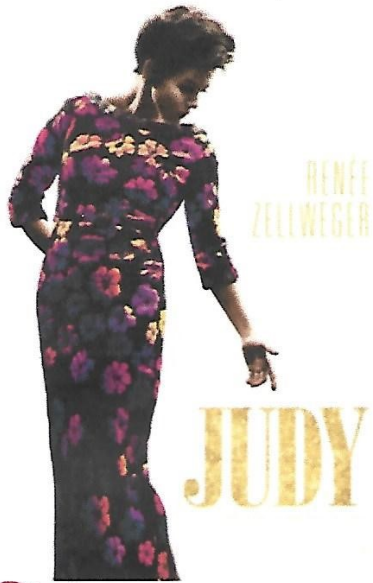
When I opened the raincoat he didn't say a word, but he started to tremble and we had wild sex all night.

Then I had to share my story:

When my husband came home I was wearing the black bra, black stockings, stilettos and a mask over my eyes. When he came in the door and saw me he said,.....

(you are going to love this..)

" What's for dinner, Zorro?"



Lunch and Movie

Bon Chon-Korean fusion-11am
Judy-the movie-Maya Cinema

Tuesday-October 15-Campus Pointe



Oscar buzz show

delicious
fried chicken
lightly battered

great combo

Lee Moy
Entertainment
Mens' Luncheon
Activity Director

**Enjoy the Music of
John Pemberton**

**Clays Country Radio-
Music Awards—2014
Male Country Artist
of the Year**



**December 12, 2019
SIR 159 Special Lunch
Social 11:30 am
Lunch at 12:00 pm**

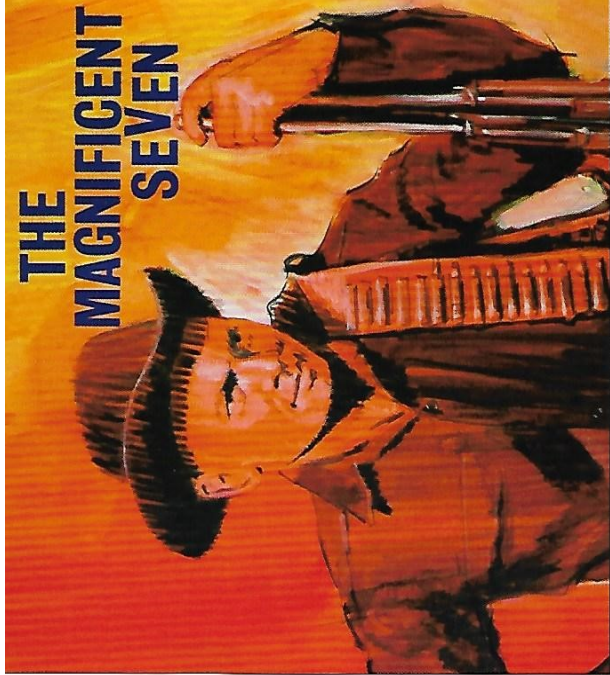


All Members, Wives, Friends and Other Guests Welcome
Come one come all and have a Great Time

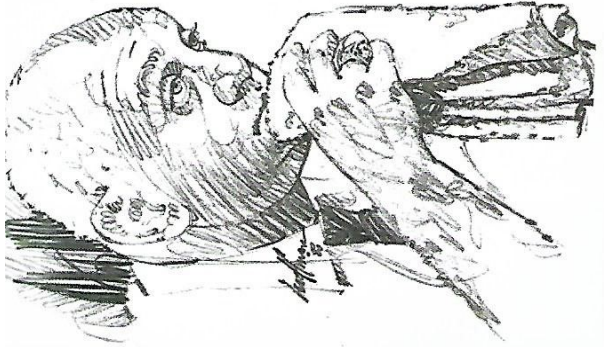
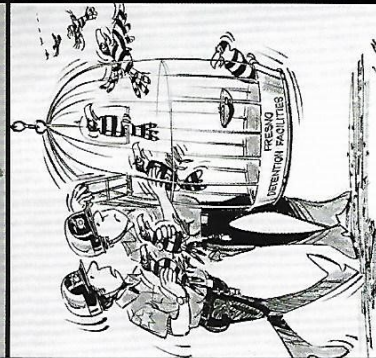
For Reservations, please complete the information below and mail with check made out to SIR 159 for \$20 per person to: Bruce Corwin, 7334 W. Portals Ave., Fresno, CA 93723 - **ALL RESERVATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2, 2019**

Name: _____ Turkey/Ham Name: _____ Turkey/Ham
Email _____ Phone _____

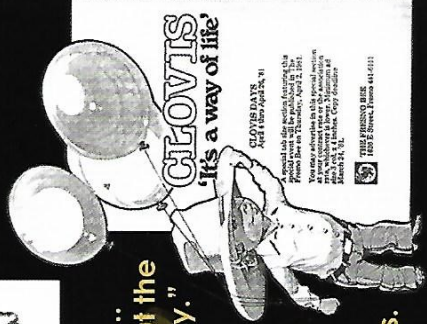
THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN



**Educational
seasons
and group
tours will be
available
for students
and adults.**



**You heard the saying...
"Bears love honey, but the
museum needs money."
Your tax deductible
contribution will help
sustain the museum
and carry out
educational programs.**



**This exhibit
presents
valley's
history and
the social,
economic
and
political
make up
of our
community.**

Perry Huffman

contributed whimsical, serious, and satirical illustrations to the Fresno Bee from 1963 - 1995. For over 60 years he provided original art on topics ranging from sports, to global and local politics, from civic and social issues to film, music, entertainment, agriculture, and nature.

He illustrated celebrity and political figures such as Will Rogers, Flip Wilson, Ronald Reagan, James Garner, and the extensive list can go on. Prior to working for the Bee, Huffman submitted covers for the Saturday Evening Post. Nationally recognized and award winning artist, Huffman has made signed prints of his artwork available to the public for fundraising. Various sizes of your choice are available for purchase.

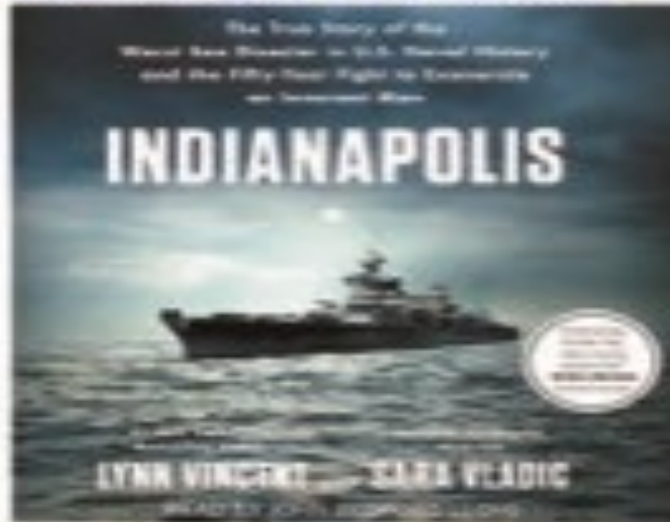


CENTRAL VALLEY VETERANS DAY PARADE

GALA
November 2, 2019

Featuring

The Survivor and The Authors



LIVE
AUCTION

SHERIFF DEPT.
HELICOPTER RIDE

MULTIPLE GUNS

MILITARY
SIGNATURE
PRINTS

CLOVIS VETERANS MEMORIAL DISTRICT
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COCKTAILS FOR ALL 5PM

\$200/VIP TICKETS MEET THE SURVIVOR & AUTHORS

\$125/per person, \$200/per couple, \$800/per table

THIS IS A SUIT & TIE TO FORMAL EVENT

CALL VIRGINIA AT (559) 289-3417 TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

WE PLAN TO SELL OUT QUICKLY. DON'T WAIT!

ONLY 50 VIP TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!



Come out of the dark
Get outta your Lazy Boy

Take an adventurous train trip to
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Lee Moy
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DineOutNite

LogansRoadHouse

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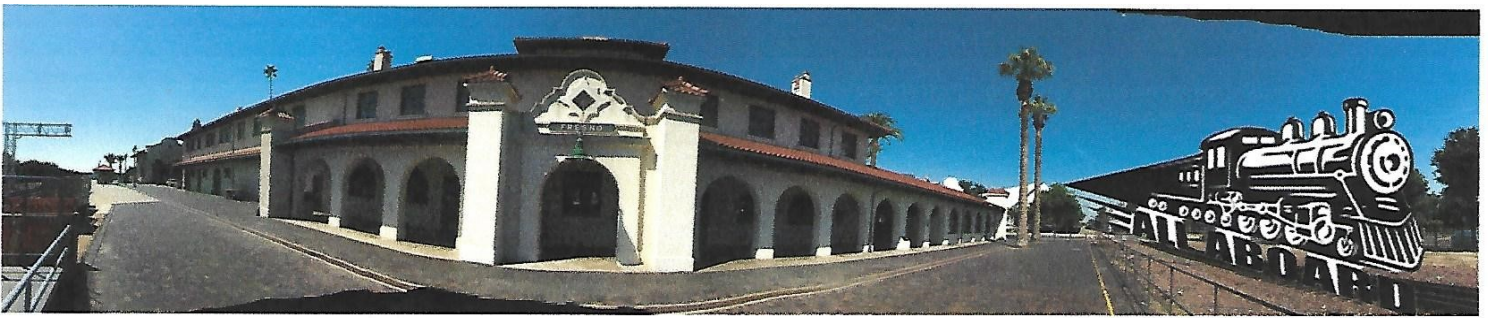
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October16,2019

5pm DrinkTime

5:30pm Dinner

Hosts:Ben and Paulette Tyson



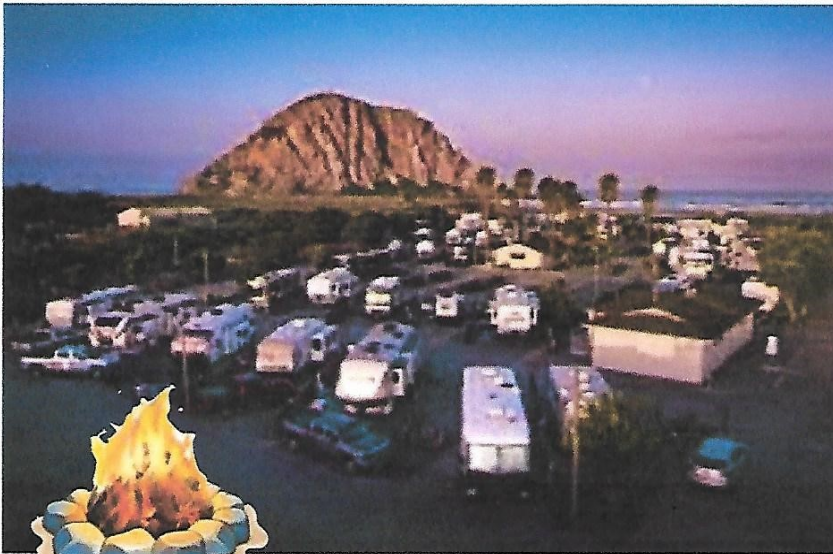
FRESNO AMTRAK TERMINAL
“SACRAMENTO, HERE I COME”

OCT 22, 2019-TUESDAY

8am-9:45pm

Deadline: Sept 12, \$ 55

Q/A: rdsexton57@gmail.com



RV Camping-Morro Bay Dunes
 2-days Golfing:
 Avila Beach GC
 Morro Bay GC

Fire-side chatter-Bring wood
 Fine dining
 Beach

wave after wave
 comes lapping upon the shore.

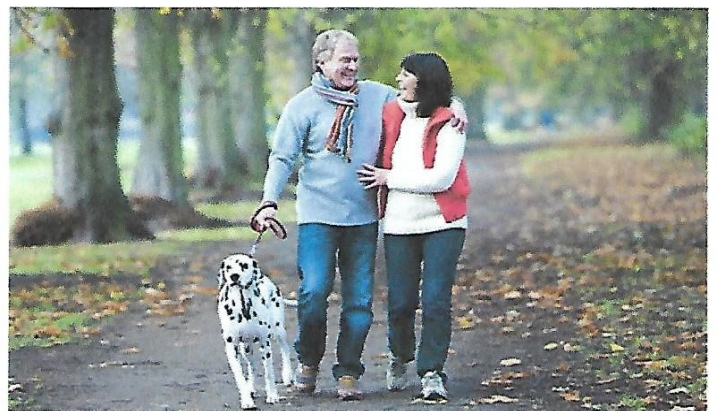
Morro Bay Dunes-Nov 11-13, 2019
 Camp: ClovisBartons@sbcglobal.net
 Golf: DukMarshal@aol.com

Here's to your Health !!

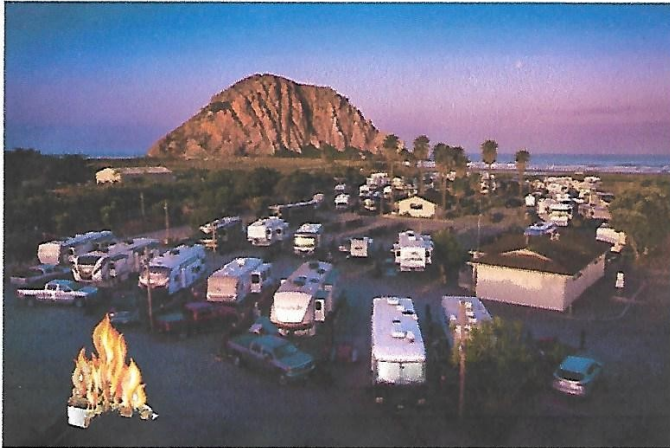
Dogs, Companions, SIR
 Members, Friends & Family
 Bicyclists are ALL welcome

Leisure Get-Together
 Fresno Fresh Air for FREE

9/25/2019-9am-Railroad Park



Lee Moy, former
 Branch 159 Director
 AG, Travel Chairman



MORRO BAY DUNES

RV CAMPING

NOVEMBER 11-13, 2019
Mon-Wed

\$50/night site; 3 spots
available w/ hook-ups;
Limited bookings-Act Now



***EVENING FIRESIDE CHAT** **(bring wood)**

- *GOLF-AVILA BEACH**
- & MORRO BAY GC**
- *4 pm-HAPPY HOURS**
- *RESTAURANT DINING**
- *AM COFFEE FIRESIDE**
- *RELAX ON THE BEACH**
- *CASUAL WALK TO**
THE ROCK

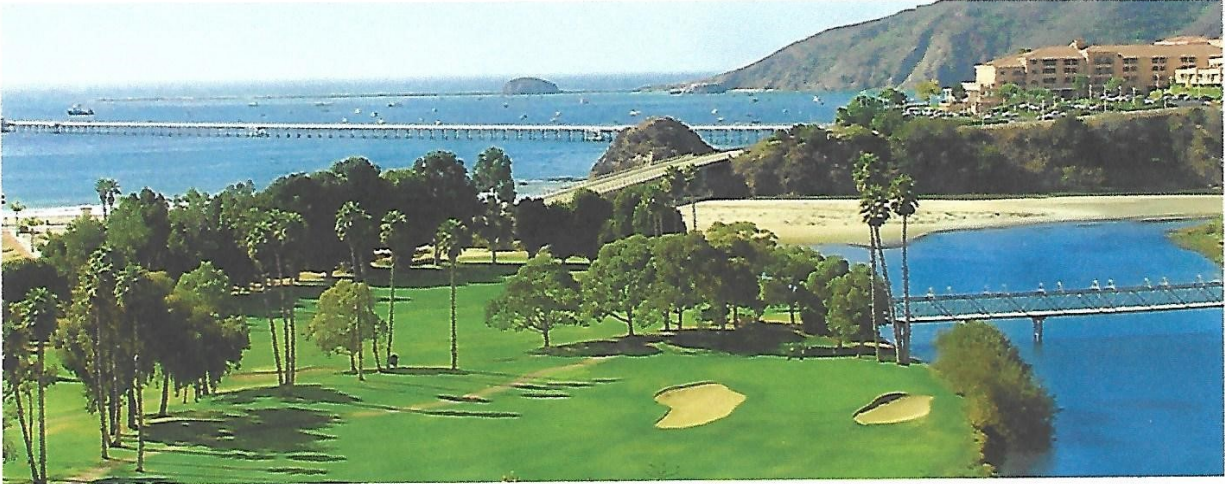


Need to know: Size of Rig; Type of Rig; Rig Length.

Non-RVers welcome to stay in a Morro Bay motel.
Other local RVers are also welcome to drop-in.

Q/A: Allan Barton, ClovisBartons@sbcglobal.net

Lee Moy
Activity Director
LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com



GOLF ON THE COAST

AVILA BEACH

MOTTO BAY

2 DAYS OF GOLF



RV Camping
Fireside Chats
Motel Accommodations

Fine Dining
Wine Tasting
Beach Walks

Nov 11-13, 2019

RV Wagon Master-ClovisBartons@sbcglobal.net
Golf-DukMarshal@aol.com



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Morro Bay Motels 3-star rated

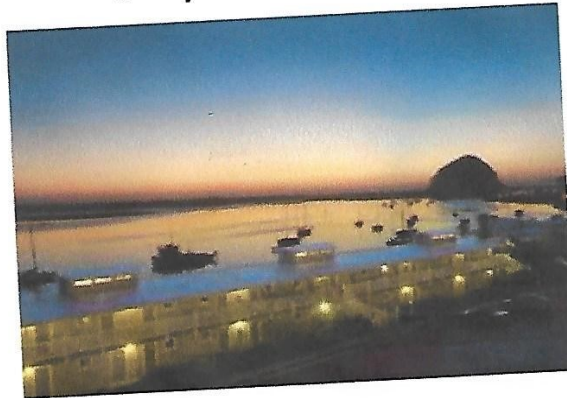
Ascot Inn at the Rock
\$134/free breakfast

Inn at Morro Bay
\$98

456 Embarcadero Inn
\$135/free breakfast

Best Western San Marcos Inn
\$76/free breakfast

Comfort Inn Downtown
\$104/free breakfast



stay-n-play

Beach-Golf-Fireside Chats-Fine Dining
November 11-13, 2019

- GOLFERS: Play Tuesday/Wednesday. Q/A Duke Marshall.
Be part of the action. Setting up foursomes.
- ROOMS: These are the rates/day according to Kayak.
Let's plan on staying at one hotel; group rate.
- RV CAMPERS- Contact wagon master Allan Barton, 287-3045.
Limited spaces available. Book your space.

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April 25-May 2, 2020

Group name----SIR4252020

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Inside cabin 4E midship Deck 6 ==Total \$745.52pp

Ocean View 6M midship Deck 1==Total \$890.52pp

Balcony 8A Deck 6 aft and front ==Total \$1000.52pp

May 6th, 2019 Deposit \$25.00pp----will hold spot

Nov. 27, 2019 Due \$250.00 pp including deposit----**CAN**

DECLARE CABIN LOCATION ONCE \$250 pp PAID

Feb. 10, 2020 Final payment

Questions or need help booking--- Hector 559-970-3197

Thanks all, Hector and Karyn Leyva