Fresno Branch No. 159

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The Chanticleer

Date December 12, 2019 Place Pardini's Restraurant 2257 W. Shaw Avenue New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org Program : Christmas Luncheon

Social Hour11:00 AM Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$16 per person

Activities Calendar for DECEMBER

Date	Event	Contact
DEC 2,9,16,23,30	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
DEC TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
DEC 5,11,19,26	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
DEC TBD	Dine Out Night	
DEC 3,10,17,24,31	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
DEC 6,20	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
DEC 12	SIRs Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
DEC TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
DEC 4,18	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
DEC 13,27	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
DEC 18	Cigar Aficionado	Lee Moy 2PM
DEC 4,18	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
DEC 10	Poker	Vic Froehmer
DEC 12	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

CHECKLIST – 2019 LUNCH DATES

December 219

NCH DAIES

Thursday Dec 12 – CHRISTMAS LUNCH SIT DOWN

2020 Speakers

Thursday, January 9, 2020 Cpt. Robert Castillo – Fresno Fire - Status and Safety Thursday, February 13, 2020 Matthew Grundy – Habitat for Humanity Thursday, March 12, 2020 - CORNED BEEF & HASH
Dr. Chelsey Juarez, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, FSU -Cold Cases and Forensic Pathology
Thursday, April 9, 2020 SIR 159 30 year celebration

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.



The Mission of SIR is to enrich the lives of our members through fun activities and events—while making friends for life.

WISHING YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 2020.

While my tenure as your Big SIR is up, I want you all to know how much I enjoyed the time spent—I appreciate the support and help all of you give to make our branch so great. I would encourage all of you to consider serving on the Board and then on to Little SIR and Big SIR if you are so inclined. I know you will find it as interesting and enjoyable as I did.

I want to especially thank Dell Kerns for all of his support and help this past year as our Little SIR, and to our Officers, Directors and all who served on the various committees that make our Branch so vibrant and so much fun.

Also, an **EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS** go to you, our members, for all you do to make our branch a special place in our retirement. Without you this would be all for <u>naught</u>.—THANK YOU ALL, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

You are members of a very special branch and your officers want you to participate in as many activities as you can so that you can enjoy all that our branch offers.

While this is my last newsletter as Big SIR, I will from time to time, send Fred (**the man with the voice as smooth as silk**) information called "*CONSUMER TIPS*" that I hope you will find interesting, informative and useful.

While I will not be serving on your Board, I will be serving on the nominating committee with Brett Bayley and Richard Glover. We will be approaching various members for consideration for nomination to serve as officers of our Branch. Please give us the time to inform you of the duties

and time involved to serve—It is not as hard or time consuming as one might think. YOU CAN RUN—BUT YOU CAN' HIDE.



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.

It's time to celebrate and give thanks for all that we have. I would like to thank the entire group of roosters who make this club the greatest club in SIRS.



What a great presentation by our own Gary LeMaster. It really made me think and appreciate all the sacrifice that the men made to stop WW 2. The next time you see Gary tell him how much you enjoyed his presentation with a pat on the back or a handshake (no hugs and kisses—Perry) you don't want to embarrass Gary.

I'm really looking forward to the Christmas luncheon, time to spend time with loved ones and friends. Sounds like we're going to have great entertainment, so get your dancing shoes on and join the party. You need to get in touch with Bruce Corwin to sign up.

Next year I'll be your new BIG SIR so any help will be greatly appreciated. Hopefully I can do half the job that Rich Lewis did.

REMEMBER BE A FRIEND AND BRING A FRIEND



LITTLE SIR

Sons In Retirement, Branch 159

2020 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 beginning with the November luncheon on November 14th. Checks are preferred rather than cash.

If your assessment is not paid by our lunch on February 13th 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

9 HOLE GOLF

"Hey! Charlie Barrett here to remind you about how very pleasant (and inexpensive) it is to stroll (or ride) around nine holes of golf at Airways on a fall morning. It is positively charming, satisfying, and wholesomely relaxing (unless you chunk every swing like I do).

"Join us! The boys moved it up to 9:30 each Wednesday morning of the year, to give us a bit more time in the clubhouse. Affordable golf with invaluable wholesomeness, a doable pace, and priceless camaraderie.

"I will see you there!"

Whitmer's Warriors

We have good news from the IT department. The IT boss says our IT team has finally figured out how the Email List works and that we can Now add players to the weekly mailing list. If that less than competent Steve Chase told you in the past that he would add you and yet you didn't receive our mailing, we now can add you. Please **email Steve at steve.chase@att.net** and we will get you hooked up. Thanks for your patience. Down the middle, Whitmer's Warriors Team

NEWS in the Golfing Community

In November we again had some great golfing weather and having moved to a 9:00 am start allowed us to sleep in a little later than the summer months as the days cooled. We started the month playing an Individual stroke play at Ridge Creek. Flight 1 was won in a tie break by Mark Hofmann over Dennis Rich as they finished with a net 1 under par. Flight 2 went to Bruce Corwin also with a net 1 under par. Bob Price took flight 3 with a net 3 under par, while in flight 4 Robert Ying won with an impressive 7 under 65. Finally in Flight 5 Bob Rathburn also shot a net 6 under par. We then moved to Madera G&CC for a game of 4Man2BB . The Team of John Volkman, Brett Bayley, Jeff

Boatman, and Robert Ying pulled away from the field shooting with a 22 under par performance. Next we took on Sherwood Forest for a 4 Man Scramble where the team of Dennis Rich, Rich Glover, Rick Pezzi, and Ed Beier beat the field with a net 54.4. Our last event of the month was scheduled for Dragonfly and had to be cancelled due to the rain.

Open renewal period for NCGA membership & handicap begins the 1st of October through the December luncheon. We still have a few members who have not renewed. \$45 check made payable to SIR 159 Golf and given to Roger McCoy our Treasurer.

Remember the last two rounds of December constitute the Holiday Cup. You must compete in both rounds to be the 159 Holiday Champ. If you want to know how it is done ask Gerald.

I just have a few loose ends to tie up before posting next year's calendar. I also still have need of one more monthly chair (October) for 2020 as well as four assistance, May, July, August and November. Once again I would like to thank all of you who volunteered in 2019 and 2020. SIR is a volunteer organization and so is our associate golf club. All these weekly tournaments could not run effectively without YOU.

December's monthly chairman will be Alfred Martinez @ 365-4123 or ajm7pc@hotmail.com , assisted by Scott Dye.

5-Dec Thurs. Pheasant Run 665-3411 10:00 AM Individual

11-Dec Wed Lemoore 924-9658 10:00 AM Scramble

19-Dec Thurs. Madera Muni 675-3504 10:00 AM 4Man2BB

26-Dec Thurs. Riverside 275-5900 9:00 AM 2ManBB

Duke Marshall, Golf Chair

November's Best Bowling

The new year for bowling began September 3. Come and join the fun. This past month five of our branch members plus a guest headed to Modesto on November 1st for another tournament. They are Alan Barton, Dan Pitta, Hector Leyva, Ed Beier and Duke Marshall. Four of the six came back with cash awards. 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 Nov 05	NAMESCOREHi Scratch SeriesHector Leyva 159 711/277Hi Hdcp. SeriesDan Pitta 159 792Hi Scratch GameJoe Huizar 159 224Hi Hdcp. GameDuke Marshall 159 263Bill Laudig 159 263
Nov 19	Hi Scratch Series Ed Beier 159 763/248 Hi Hdcp. Series Daryl Derouchey 159 705 Hi Scratch Game Bill Laudig 159 217 Hi Hdcp. Game joe Huizar 159 238
Nov 26	Hi Scratch Series Daryl Derouchey 159 559/202 Hi Hdcp. Series Duke Marshall 159 682 Hi Scratch Game Merle Knapp 179 180 Hi Hdcp. Game Duke Marshall 159 228

PINOCHLE NEWS

In November we took an hiatus from the game due to several different reasons.

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 November turns the corner our play dates should be the 8th & 22th. 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.

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial					
Month:	No	ovember 2019			
Beginning Balance (Checking)		\$7,885.04			
Expenses	\$	2,431.45			
		\$5,453.59			
Revenues	\$	5,508.00			
Month Ending Balance (Checking)		\$10,961.59			
Cash Reserve \$459 Included	\$	-			
TOTAL		\$10,961.59			
Net Gain / Loss*		\$3,076.55			
Submitted by Bruce Corwin - Treasurer					
*Includes 2020 assessments and Christmas Lunch					

HUMOR

Understanding Engineers #3

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!"

The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!" The priest said, "Here comes the greenkeeper. Let's have a word with him." He said, "Hello George, What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The greenkeeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime!"

The group fell silent for a moment.

The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything she can do for them."

The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

Branch 159 Officers, Directors		2019 BRANCH SUPPORT PERSONEL		
		ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN: Ken Linds	say559-284-6486	
2019 BRANCH OFFIC	CERS	CHAPLIN: Charles Barrett	559-439-8388	
		LUCTODIAN. Com Dockor	559-251-7408	
BIG SIR: Rich Lewis	559-392-9950	HISTORIAN: Gary Becker LIBRARIAN: Paul Gabrielson		
	550 055 0051	MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: John Craw	559-269-2030	
LITTLE SIR: Dell Kerns	559-277-3971	MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: John Craw	/10rd559-779-2484	
SECRETARY: Vic Froeh	nmer 559-270-4354	MEMBER RELATIONS: Bob Moore	559-322-6909	
		NEWSLETTER: Fred Martinez	559-432-1864	
ASST. SECRETARY: Car	rl Merz 559-875-2088	ROOSTER: Gary Morgan	559-277-1249	
TREASURER: Bruce Corwin 559-375-1689		SUNSHINE: Charles Barrett	559-439-8388	
ASST. TREASURER: Brett Bayley 619-507-0357			55 0 200 1000	
ABST. TREASORER. Dieu Dayley 017-507-0557		TELEPHONE CALLERS: Ron Travis	559-322-1898	
2019 BRANCH DIRECTO	ORS	WEB MASTER: Gary Morgan	559-277-1249	
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		3	
Steve Chase (2021)	559-252-2600			
Pete Openshaw (2021)	559-674-7211			
			APA	

Picture of 2020 SIR 159 officers.

December 2019 Annivrersaries

Wife Nickname First Last Joellen Roger Anthony Peggy Rick Henry Aranjo SR SHIRLEY HAL Harold Berg Karen Jim James Bowman Beth Ron Ronald Goering Barbara Perry Huffman Mike Michael Lambert BECKY SCOTT LANG Judi Rich Lewis Lasara Manuel Nunez Debbie Rick Richard Pezzi Phyllis Michael Rumley

December 2019 Birthdays

Nickname First Last Blackbird Don Avakian Don Blosser Jeff Boatman Jerry Brady Russ Conrad Jeffrey Curtin Scott Dye Vic Froehmer GIBBER Jim Gibbs Larry Henricksen Mike Michael Lambert Bob Robert Mattson Jerry Najarian Vernon Thomas

HUMOR Understanding Engineers #2

To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be

HUMOR

Understanding Engineers #4

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers? Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.

HUMOR

Understanding Engineers #1

Two engineering students were biking across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?"

The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want."

The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice: The clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."

HUMOR

Understanding Engineers #7

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT Fresno Branch #159, November 14, 2019

ALL DATA AS END OF OCT.

New Members Inducted:3Terminated:1Members:215

Branch 159 Meeting # 297th

YTD New Member (38) YTD Net Membership Change (11) Ref.204 on 12/31/18

Members to be Terminated (Transferred, Resigned, Deceased) Pending BEC Approval #160 – Ray Ensher - Deceased #6-Kent Billeter – Doesn't wish to pay assessment for 2020. #145-Stan Day-Wishes to resign now.

New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval

#175-Roger McEvoySponsor;#159-Stuart Poytress#155-Mark Potter#9-Gary Morgan#111-Sal Martinez#9-Gary Morgan

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

#170-James Meinert #123-Mark Graham Sponsor:

#119-Dale Samuelian #121-Robert Price

Note

Respectfully Submitted by, John Crawford Membership Chairman-

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP 11-2019



#175 – Roger McEvoy 3992 Flint Ave, Clovis, CA 93619 Phone: 905-7362 Email: rogermcevoy@hotmail.com

> #155 – Mark Potter [No picture] 2681 Morris Ave. , Clovis, CA 93611 Phone: 392-3773 Email: mdpotter4u@yahoo,com



#111 – Sal Martinez 2720 Goshen Ave., Clovis, CA 93611 Phone: 760-401-2156 Email: martinez417@att.net



#115 Jerry Najarian 7359 N. Gilroy Ave., Fresno, CA 93722 Phone: 287-0875 Email: raisintrays@gmail.com

Sarah was in the fertilized egg business. She had several hundred young pullets and ten roosters to fertilize the eggs.

She kept records and any rooster not performing was replaced. This took a lot of time, so she bought some tiny bells and attached them to her roosters. Each bell had a different tone, so she could tell from a distance which rooster was performing.

She could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report by just listening to the bells.

Sarah's favorite rooster, old Butch, was a very fine specimen but, this morning, she noticed old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all. When she went to investigate, she saw the other roosters were busy chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing, but the pullets hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover.

To Sarah's amazement, old Butch had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job, and walk on to the next one.

Sarah was so proud of old Butch that she entered him in a show and he became an overnight sensation among the judges.

The result was the judges not only awarded old Butch the "No Bell Peace Prize", they also awarded him the "Pulletsurprise" as well.

CONSUMER TIPS

NEW TO OUR CHANTICLEER

From time to time I will be publishing an article called "CONSUMER TIPS" in your monthly Chanticleer. I found the information published in a monthly newsletter by SIR member Jim Quon of Branch 128—San Ramon Valley. I contacted Jim and he has given his permission for us to use his publications in our newsletter. Let me know if you find the various tips useful and I will continue publishing CONSUMER TIPS (with Jim's permission).

CONSUMER TIPS

Costco Hearing Aids

Last month I mentioned the cost difference for the same or similar instruments elsewhere can cost over \$2500 more. Last week, I was in for a cleaning and an adjustment and discovered that the price of the Kirkland Brand 9.0 Premium model has been reduced even further. The current price is now just \$1500/pair! While I was there, one of our members was getting fitted for a pair. He told me that he had just come from Kaiser where he was quoted \$4200 for the same brand, Rexton. The Kirkland model is made by Rexton and the only difference is the Kirkland does not come with rechargeable batteries, about a \$40 accessory item. Plus, I don't like the rechargeable batteries as I found it a nuisance to have to charge them every night.

And while I was there, Nick, in the Hearing Aid Center cleaned my instruments and replaced the plastic line and tips that go into the ear – at no charge. He also demonstrated to me the proper way to clean them at home. It has made a big difference in their performance!

I can't stress how important the Audiologist is in getting new instruments.

One more thing, those of you that have hearing aids and don't wear them or wear them only for special occasions – you're missing the point and still allowing life to pass you by. Put them on in the morning and leave them on until it's time for bed!

REMEMBER THAT THIS INFORMATION IS FROM SAN RAMON VALLEY AND ALL REFERENCES ARE FOR THAT AREA. YOU WILL NEED TO CHECK OUR LOCAL MERCHANTS TO SEE WHAT IS AVAILABLE HERE.

I did check at our Costco's here in Fresno and they do not have Audiologist's in our stores.

Reduce Food Waste

What do those dates printed on food package labels really mean?

BEST IF USED BY/BEFORE = Indicates when product will be of best flavor or quality. This is not a purchase/ safety date.

SELL BY = Tells store staff how long to display product for sale and inventory management. This is not a safety date.

USE BY = Last date recommended for use of the product while at peak quality. Not a safety date except when used on Infant Formula.

Note: CR recommends you use your nose and eyes to determine if food is still good for human consumption. It's very simple and safe – if it smells bad or you can see visible signs of mold/spoilage and then throw it out. Nature was good enough to give us these warning signs so we should use them. BTW, this is the way the food banks in your local area do it!

Food tips to extend the life of your food:

Wilted vegetables – soak in ice water 5 - 10 minutes may crisp up wilted veggies. Stale Food – Toast stale chips, crackers, cookies, etc. for a short time in a regular oven, toaster oven, convection oven or air fryer to crisp them up. Salty Food – Add vinegar, lemon juice or brown sugar – or dilute a soup or sauce with water, crushed tomatoes or unsalted broth.

Watch for Mail/I.D. Theft

Did you know that anyone can go to the post office and fill out a Change of Address form and submit it without any supporting documentation or personal I.D.? This means bad folks could easily divert your mail, complete with all kinds of monetary instruments, financial data and personal I.D. information to their location. The only defense is to monitor your daily, incoming mail. Anytime your mail suddenly ceases to arrive at your home, immediately check with your local USPS center



BRANCH 159 GOLF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

PICTURED: RICHARD FIMBRES AND HARRY KUTUMIAN

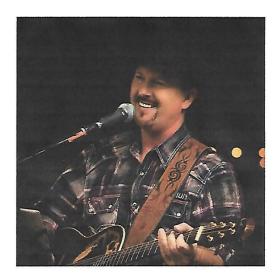


GUEST SPEAKER: GARY LEMASTER

LITTLE SIR: DEL KERNS.

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	

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

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

WIEDWIRS Its a way of life' 'his exhibit history and al tab the section featuring this event will be publiched in The Bee on Thursday, Aged 2, 198 he social, economic thay selverties in this special se-sur contract rate or the association whichever is lower. Meanum a 3 col, a 4 inches. Copy deadline 5, 54, a 4 inches. CLOVIS DAYS make up THE PRESSO BEE commur oresents valley's political of our and "Bears love honey, but the You heard the saying... educational programs. museum needs money contribution will help Your tax deductible sustain the museum and carry out tours will be Educational for students SEVEN and adults. and group available seasons MAGNIFIL



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CRUISE 2020



7 day Mexican Riviera: Cabo San Lucus, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta Only \$25 pp will hold spot 7 days on new ship Panorama--133,500 tons. April 25-May 2, 2020 Group name----SIR4252020 Password-----SIR Booking #7DWC94 phone # 1-800-227-6482 EXT. 70232 or 70229

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