



# The Chanticleer

New 159 website - [www.branch159.sirinc2.org](http://www.branch159.sirinc2.org)

Program : **PROGRAM CANCELLED**

Date **CANCELLED**

Place Pardini's Restaurant  
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$16 per person

## Activities Calendar for JULY

Date	Event	Contact
JULY TBD	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
JULY TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
JULY 2-8-16-23-30	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
JULY TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
JULY TBD	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
JULY TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
<b>CANCELLED</b>	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
JULY TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
JULY TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
JULY TBD	Pinocle	Duke Marshall
JULY TBD	Cornhole	TBD
JULY TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
JULY TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
JULY TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

### 2020 Speakers

Thursday, July 9, 2020	<b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday, August 13, 2020	David Rodriguez – Pinedale Historian
Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020	Fresno Mayor Lee Brand
Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020	Steve Menchenella former pro at Sunnyside CC
Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020	Michael Lella - Beneath the Scarlett Sky
Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020	TBD

### Do Las Vegas Churches accept gambling chips?

THIS MAY COME AS A SURPRISE TO THOSE OF YOU NOT LIVING IN LAS VEGAS, BUT THERE ARE MORE CATHOLIC CHURCHES THAN CASINOS. NOT SURPRISINGLY, SOME WORSHIPERS AT SUNDAY SERVICES WILL GIVE CASINO CHIPS RATHER THAN CASH WHEN THE BASKET IS PASSED. SINCE THEY GET CHIPS FROM MANY DIFFERENT CASINOS, THE CHURCHES HAVE DEVISED A METHOD TO COLLECT THE OFFERINGS. THE CHURCHES SEND ALL THEIR COLLECTED CHIPS TO A NEARBY FRANCISCAN MONASTERY FOR SORTING AND THEN THE CHIPS ARE TAKEN TO THE CASINOS OF ORIGIN AND CASHED IN.

THIS IS DONE BY THE CHIP MONKS

## LITTLE SIR BRUCE CORWIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hello Roosters and Happy June

Our Big Sir Dell is at home and doing well. Keep him in your thoughts. Also, if you know or hear of anyone else who is ill or needs our attention, please let me know.

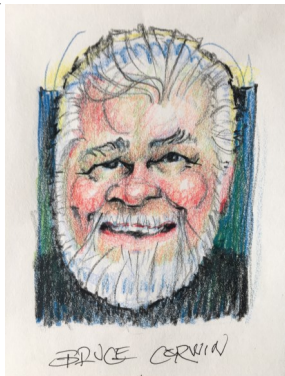
Our lunch for July 9 is **CANCELLED** due to continued COVID-19 concerns. Your Board will meet in July to decide the future for our lunches and activities so stay tuned and stay well. Hopefully, we can meet again for lunch in August, but that is uncertain.

Pardini's is suffering as well due to the closure, but they are offering you the opportunity to make a direct donation via the Pardini's catering site. Let us show them our appreciation by at least donating our individual June lunch costs. They are also offering some take out meal services if you have any interest.

Wishing all our SIR 159 members a Happy 4th of July. Our country is experiencing times like never before, but we can at least celebrate our Independence Day and be thankful to live in a free country.

Our golf activities have started up again and we are observing the safety protocols at each course. Come on out and join us.

Also, if you have any thoughts, ideas or concerns: I ask that you let me know so that we can provide the best the club can offer to each of you.



## Branch 159 Officers, Directors

### 2020 BRANCH OFFICERS

BIG SIR: Dell Kerns 559-277-3971  
LITTLE SIR: Bruce Corwin 559-375-1689  
SECRETARY: Vic Froehmer 559-270-4354  
ASST. SECRETARY: Robert Scott 559-696-2158  
TREASURER: Brian Nicholson 559-285-8928  
ASST. TREASURER: Brett Bayley 619-507-0357

### 2020 BRANCH DIRECTORS

Roger Deal (HLM) 559-297-7022  
John Crawford [2020] 559-779-2484  
Thomas Simpson (2022) 559-432-2787  
Gary Morgan (2020) 559-277-1249  
Ron Wilson (2020) 559-960-8294  
Steve Chase (2021) 559-252-2600 :  
Pete Openshaw (2021) 559-674-7211

### 2020 State Officers

Director, Region 2 Rick Kindle  
Area Governor Lee Moy

## 2020 BRANCH SUPPORT PERSONEL

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN: Rich Lewis 559-392-9950  
CHAPLIN: Charles Barrett 559-439-8388  
HISTORIAN: Gary Becker 559-251-7408  
LIBRARIAN: Paul Gabrielson 559-269-2030  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: John Crawford 559-779-2484  
MEMBER RELATIONS: Bob Moore 559-322-6909  
NEWSLETTER: Fred Martinez 559-432-1864  
ROOSTER: Gary Morgan 559-277-1249  
SUNSHINE: Charles Barrett 559-439-8388  
TELEPHONE CALLERS: Pete Openshaw 559-674-7211  
WEB MASTER: Gary Morgan 559-277-1249



Picture of 2020 SIR 159 officers.

### The Golden Rule

Therefore, all things whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. [Mt.7-12]



Our Nominating Committee has established a list of proposed officers for 2021. **The Board has approved this slate at their June meeting. Please review and be ready to vote for the slate in August:**

- Big SIR - Bruce Corwin
- Little SIR - Stuart Poytress
- Secretary - Vic Froehmer
- Asst. Secretary - Robert Scott
- Treasurer - Brian Nicholson
- Asst. Treasurer - Brett Bayley
- Director - Pete Openshaw
- Director - Steve Chase
- Director - John Crawford
- Director - Tom Simpson
- Director - Richard Glover
- Director - Javier Rodriquez
- Honorary Director - Roger Deal

Thanks

Bruce Corwin

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

	Month:	June 2020
<b>Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		\$9,610.65
<b>Expenses</b>	\$	346.50
		<u>\$9,264.15</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$	-
<b>Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		\$9,264.15
	\$	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>\$9,264.15</u>
Checking 8,814.15 + Cash Drawer 450.00=9,264.15		
<b>Net Gain / Loss</b>		<b>(\$346.50)</b>

**SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee  
Zoom Meeting June 10, 2020**

The meeting opened at 9:00 am utilizing the Zoom meeting format. BEC members present were Little Sir Bruce Corwin, Secretary Vic Froehmer, Assistant Secretary Robert Scott, and Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley. Directors present were Roger Deal (Honorary Director), Gary Morgan (2020), Ron Wilson (2020), Steve Chase (2021), Pete Openshaw (2021), and John Crawford (2022). Excused from the meeting were Big Sir Dell Kerns, Director Tom Simpson, and Treasurer Brian Nicholson. Secretary Vic Froehmer announced that a quorum was present (10 of 13).

The minutes of two meetings were discussed. First, the minutes of the May 13, 2020 BEC meeting were presented. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be accepted, and Ron Wilson seconded the motion. The May 13, 2020 minutes were approved unanimously. Next, the minutes of the BEC meeting on May 27, 2020 were reviewed. Steve Chase moved the minutes be accepted and his motion was seconded by Ron Wilson. The minutes of May 27, 2020 were approved unanimously.

Pete Openshaw reported that callers had contacted members to determine how they were feeling and how they were dealing with the coronavirus isolation. The calls were also used to announce there would not be a luncheon in June. It was announced that two members had surgery recently. Harry Buchakjian and Bill Hedman will be referred by Bruce Corwin to Charlie Barret, our Chaplin, to check in on them.

Next, Bruce Corwin reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). Cash on hand was pronounced to be \$9,610.65. It was stated that there was minimal financial activity during the month because we are not meeting. Steve Chase moved that we accept the report as submitted, John Crawford seconded the motion, and the vote to accept the Monthly Cash Report was unanimous.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford stated this month would be our 302nd meeting, and no change in membership numbers had occurred. Steve Chase moved that the report be accepted, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was accepted unanimously. Membership Form 27 was also discussed. Again, there was not any change in the membership total during the month of May. Steve Chase made a motion to accept the report, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was unanimously accepted.

Old Business was next on the agenda. Bruce Corwin announced the Nominating Committee's list of candidates for our election in August. Bruce Corwin has been nominated to become Big Sir and Stuart Poytress to be Little Sir. Also, Javier Rodriguez and Richard Glover are proposed as new directors. If we are still not having our monthly luncheon, the suggested ballot will be presented in the July Chanticleer. In addition, Branch 159 members will be notified by email in July about the ballot. Our election will be held during August at our luncheon or by email if our luncheon does not occur.

Regarding New Business, Bruce Corwin indicated that Pardini's is still not allowed to open their facilities to our group. He suggested we wait until the end of June to decide if we will have our July luncheon meeting. If at the end of June a meeting in July is not possible, members will be notified by our callers.

Next, Bruce Corwin asked if the BEC had any nominations for Area Governor. After a short discussion, it was decided the board would not offer a nomination.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Secretaries Vic Froehmer and Robert Scott

**2020 Birthdays—July**

Nickname First Last

Doug Britton  
Terry Terrance Byrne  
Larry Lawrence Calvert  
Larry Duba  
Garry Elliott  
Paul Honkavaara  
Joe Joseph Huizar  
Charles Jaurigue  
Bill Leavitt  
Michael Levine  
Bob Robert Moore  
Richard Neilson  
Ronald Quickel  
Don Reitz  
Dennis Schlundt  
Joe Joseph Smith  
Mike Tinnin  
Jim James Wulf

**7-2020 Anniversaries**

Wife Nickname First Last

Donna Philip Angelillo  
Patricia Jerry Brady  
Rosie Russ Conrad  
Jeanne LeRoy Foote  
Barbara Chico Garcia  
Maureen John Hayes  
Marjie Larry Hodges  
Kathleen Joe Joseph Hushek  
Margaret Fred Alfred Martinez  
Sally Mike Robinson  
Nancy Bill Royer  
Janice Ron Shanoian  
Holly Tom Thomas Simpson  
Beverly Joe Joseph Smith  
Helen Stacey Thomas  
Delfina Douglas Wisener  
Mary Terry Eugene Woolf

**I'm not that old yet, but.**

***It's Sad, But As I Get Older, I Think Differently.***

***After a long day on the golf course, I stopped***

***in at Hooter's to see some friends and have***

***some hot Wings and ice tea.***

***After being there for a while, one of my friends***

***asked me which waitress I would like to be stuck***

***in an elevator with.***

***I told them "The one who knows how to fix elevators".***

***I'm old, I'm tired, and I pee a lot.***



**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
**Fresno Branch #159, June 8, 2020**

**ALL DATA AS END OF MAY.**

**New Members Inducted: 0                      Branch 159**  
**Terminated: 0                                      Meeting # 302nd**  
**Members: 198**

**YTD New Member (10)      YTD Net Membership Change (-17)      Ref.215 on 12/31/19**

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

New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval  
Sponsor:

**Candidates approved by board to be "sworn in" when they attend their next Luncheon**  
#106-Douglas Wisener                                      #130-John Hayes

**Note**

**Respectfully Submitted by John Crawford**  
**Membership Chairman**

## 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](mailto:steve.chase@att.net) and we will get you hooked up. Thanks for your patience.

Down the middle,

Whitmer's Warriors Team

## June's Best Bowling

Our branch BEC voted to approve reopening bowling with a month lag time. As of today Bowlero at Sierra Lanes has just opened. I plan to give them a visit within the next few days. I will get their protocols and hopefully we will start July 7. I will send an email to the present bowler, so watch for it! Even though Dell is home and on the road to recovery we could still shout out a prayer, please help Dell to continue on his road to recovery and also give him a better sense of humor. I say to those of you that are not making it **COME ON DOWN and HAVE SOME FUN!** 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.

## Rudeness vs Kindness

I was in the McDonald's drive-through this morning and the young lady behind me honked at me; very upset because I was taking too long to pay.

Wow. “Take the high road,” I thought to myself. So, I paid for her food.

As I moved up, she leaned out the window looking all crazy at me, because the cashier told her I paid for her food. She felt embarrassed.

When I got to the second window to get my food, I showed them both receipts and took her food too. I paid for it --- it was mine!

Now she has to wait even longer.

She's going to learn today you just don't mess with us old people.



## NEWS in the Golfing Community

As June comes to a close, we managed to kick-start our golfing program putting 64 players onto the grasses and fairways of Belmont Country Club on the 25th of June. We choose the game of 4Man-2BestBalls for the competition. It was a warm day but we were finished by playing and on our way home by 12:45 pm. The game was won by the Team of Bob Davis, Mike Davis, Butch Evans and Bill Leavitt with a team score of 22 under par. The closest to the pin contest were won by James Noriega on hole 13 where his ball came to rest 4 feet from the hole. Then over at hole 2 Joe Cabral's shot came to 2 ft., 8 inches of the hole. July starts off with a pre fourth tournament at Madera muni on the 2nd .

In the meantime prayers are still needed for Big Sir Dell, who is at home displaying improvements by the day. If only we could improve his humorous side.

The monthly chairman for July is [Bruce Corwin, 375-1689 or corwinbj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:corwinbj@sbcglobal.net) assisted by [Ron Travis](#).

2-Jul	Thurs.	Madera Muni 675-3504	9:00 AM	Individual/Ron Rich-rd2
8-Jul	Wed	Airways GC 291-6254	8:00 AM	2ManBB
16-Jul	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC 591-2254	8:00 AM	Scramble
23-Jul	Thurs.	Riverside GC 275-5900	8:00 AM	4Man2BB/RonRich-rd3
30-Jul	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC 665-3411	8:00 AM	Novelty

## PINOCHLE NEWS

You've probably already read our BEC adopted the protocols presented to them by the chairmen to reopen activities after a month delay. **Pinchle is on hold for now unless we can find another place to play. Jan is not comfortable with opening the home.** 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.

Bill and Frank are quietly sitting in a boat fishing, chewing tobacco and drinking beer when suddenly Bill says, "Think I'm gonna divorce the wife - she ain't spoke to me in over 2 months."

Frank spits overboard, takes a long, slow sip of beer and says, "Better think it over....women like that are hard to find."



## **\*THE ITALIAN WEDDING TEST\***

I was a very happy man.

My wonderful Italian girlfriend and I had been dating for over a year, and so we decided to get married.

There was only one little thing bothering me....It was her beautiful younger sister.

My prospective sister-in-law was twenty-two, wore very tight mini skirts, and generally was bra-less.

She would regularly bend down when she was near me, and I always got more than a nice view.

It had to be deliberate.

Because she never did it when she was near anyone else.

One day her 'little' sister called and asked me to come over to check the wedding invitations.

She was alone when I arrived, and she whispered to me that she had feelings and desires for me that she couldn't overcome.

She told me that she wanted me just once before I got married and committed my life to her sister.

Well, I was in total shock, and couldn't say a word.

She said, 'I'm going upstairs to my bedroom, and if you want one last wild fling, just come up and get me.'

I was stunned and frozen in shock as I watched her go up the stairs

I stood there for a moment, then turned and made a beeline straight to the front door.

I opened the door, and headed straight towards my car.

Lo.. And behold, my entire future family was standing outside, all clapping!

With tears in his eyes, my father-in-law put down his shotgun and hugged me and said, 'We are very happy that you have passed our little test. We couldn't ask for a better man for our daughter. Welcome to the family.'

**And the moral of this story is:**

**Always keep your condoms in your car! ..**