



## SIR Branch 132 Rohnert Park

### The Friendly Branch

**Newsletter**  
**August, 2023**

Editor: Sir Carl Leivo



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### BIG SIR MESSAGE

Hope you are doing well. Life is full of adventures. My granddaughter had a lead part in a performance at the Petaluma Cinnabar Theater on Friday August 4 called Rock of Ages. She played a boy who was in a rock a roll band trying to prevent the closing of their local hangout. It was set in late 1980's Hollywood. It is amazing what stage acting can do: transforming a very quiet teenager into a rocker.

As you know, I enjoy golf. I shot my lowest golf round of 83 on August 4. A most enjoyable round.

We all need to try new things. For instance, I'm taking an Art Class at the RP Senior Center starting Thursday August 10.



Wishing you all are playing golf, bocce, going to the theater or traveling. The State SIR is sponsoring a trip to Golden Gate Fields on Sept 28. If interested, contact Lee May at [leehealthstudio@gmail.com](mailto:leehealthstudio@gmail.com) or text him at 559-9851.

Installation of the 2024 Branch Executive Committee will be held this August luncheon. Still looking to fill the Little Sir & Assistant Secretary positions. We also need to fill a Director opening. A great big THANKS to all those who volunteered to serve as officers and committee chairmen for another year.

**Big Sir Jim Pekkain**

## SIR LUNCH



The Branch Lunch will be Thursday, August 17th. Social hour will begin at 11:00am and Lunch will begin at 12:00 noon. **Sally Tomatoes will provide a buffet lunch. The cost will be \$25.** The Lunch will be held at Sally Tomatoes, 1100 Valley House Drive, Rohnert Park. (Sonoma Mountain Village).

## August Lunch Speaker

Rohnert Park's Vice Mayor, Susan Hollingsworth, will provide an update on our City's downtown project on former State Farm property. Wives are invited.

## Big Sir Jim Pekkain



from Chaplain Wayne Thush

## PROGRAMS

Planned programs for the next two months are:

September - Amanda Foley, RP  
Community Services Supervisor. Report  
on Senior Center Activities

October – Sir Carl Leivo – Carl's Moab  
Adventures

**Sir Jim Pekkain**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

as of July 31, 2023

Beginning Balance July 1, 2023	\$2,461.66
Income:	358.00
Expenses:	<u>(420.00)</u>
Ending Balance July 31, 2023	\$2,399.66
Checking:	\$2,299.66
Cash on Hand:	\$100.00

Respectfully submitted,  
**Sir Dave Kosmala, Treasurer, Branch 132**

## ROAD RALLY

Five cars participated in the first Branch 132 Road Rally. We met in the Foxtail parking lot. The first car took off at about 9:30 am, the next 5-minutes later & so on. The Rally started off smoothly. Each navigator had directions and we agreed to meet at the Honey Badger when the run was completed. All went well until the sixth turn. There was a typo; 7 miles instead of 1.7 miles. Big oops! I tried to contact everyone, but I had home phone numbers, not cell phone numbers. Dave missed the turn, but he did find the Gold Coast Coffee and Bakery which was the stop in Dunkin Mills. Carl made the loop somehow, but when he arrived at the Honey Badger, he learned like the rest of us, that it was closed on Thursday afternoons. I have not heard from Ron and hope that he completed his own route and is not still driving around the West County.

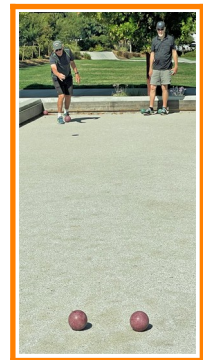


**Sir Fred Brokaw**

## ACTIVITIES

Our Bocce Ball team is still in a tie for eighth place. We are rolling some good games, but cannot put a streak together. We have managed to get a couple of casinos (win all four points of a game) and been able to ring the casino bell.

Rick Hutchison's group meets at 9:30 AM on the courts west of Costco every Tuesday. Five to six players show up and get in two to three games. Rich is shown in the picture throwing a ball to get closer to the pallino than his opponent. Don Velez is the opponent. Join the group on Tuesdays



I saw Transcendence's performance of "The Full Monty" last weekend. The story was interesting, and the performances were great. My seat was not the best due to the low stage and the tall people in front of me. The show runs until August 20<sup>th</sup>. If you get a chance, go see it. I would recommend getting a seat in the side seating area. Much better sight lines.

The play "Stones in His Pockets" will start at Spreckels on August 25<sup>th</sup>. It is the story of two Irishmen who become extras in an American movie. They discover that Hollywood isn't quite what it seems. This is a comedy by Marie Jones.

The weather is nice right now so do get out and enjoy the beautiful area we live in.

**Sir Fred Brokaw**

## SIR BRANCH 132 GOLF

Our usual Wednesday Morning Game includes about a dozen fellow SIRS golfers. Our numbers remain down following the whole Covid experience. We have had several guests join us to boost the number of players and are hoping to bring back several lapsed members.

On Aug. 1 we played a game of Mulligan Management, a variation of "One Man Scramble". Each player is allowed 2 mulligans (do overs) per hole and must use the mulligan. The highest score recorded is a Double Bogie. The winners are determined by the Net score (Gross score less handicap). Players were divided into 2 flights, handicap below 18 and 18 and above.

Flight 1 - Jim Pekkain 31, Phil Jennings 32, Marc Basso 64, and Joe Drescher (guest), 65.

Flight 2 - Carl Nommsen 59, Rich Hutcheson 63, John Umland 63, Dave Carlson 68, Jack Siddeley 68, and Steve Fisher 70.

The schedule for the remainder of August and September is:

Wed. 8/16/23, Foxtail South - 123/321

Wed. 8/23/23, Foxtail North - Low Net/Low Putt

Wed. 8/30/23, Foxtail South - 2 Man/Best Ball

Wed. 9/06/23, Foxtail North - Quota

Wed. 9/13/23, Foxtail South - Low Net

Wed. 9/20/23, Foxtail North - Odd/Even

Wed. 9/27/23, Foxtail South - Stableford

**Sir John Umland, [jtумland@aol.com](mailto:jtумland@aol.com) or 707-799-7963.**

## SUNSHINE

Sir Barry Ivers and his wife Gwen celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 24<sup>th</sup>.



Sunday morning, Aug 6, I ran into Bill Sweigard, age 101 (11-23-1921). Bill has been unable to attend SIR meetings since before Covid, but still gets out to lunch at Peppers with his caregiver every Sunday after Church. I told him he was missed and he said he misses the SIR group and to send his best. - **Sir John Umland**

“When we long for life without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure.”

— PETER MARSHALL

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submitted by Chaplain Wayne Thush

## MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE MEMBERS – 30

Our Attendance chairman has actively reviewed our roster. We hope to have an updated list of active members. The best way to recruit new Branch members is to invite a friend to enjoy a lunch with us. The branch will reimburse you for your guests luncheon if they become a member.

**Sir Jim Pekkain, Membership Chairman**

## JULY LUNCH



Nineteen year old Jack Siddeley didn't know much about the Merchant Marines. He chanced into the Sailors Union of the Pacific Office in 1961. After an interview and receiving his seaman's papers from the Coast Guard, he began his adventures at sea. His first port-of-call was Vancouver but soon Jack was visiting ports around the world.

While on a 9-month voyage, he missed his military draft call-up. Jack was ready to join but the doctor gave him a 4F rating. “We need men like you at sea.” Ten days later Jack crewed on an ammunition ship to Vietnam.

Jack was a seaman for 6 to 7 years. He went to navigation school, took the exam and became a pilot for 30 years.

During his career at sea, Jack has been almost everywhere on the Globe.

Merchant Marine Memorial, Photo by Ian Hutchinson on Unsplash



**Sir Carl Leivo**

ON TOUR **FLEET WEEK** 2023 MARITIME FESTIVAL  
presents



Join **SIR Branch No. 58**

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

Round Trip from  
Petaluma Fairgrounds Parking Lot  
Depart: 11:00am (board 10:45am)  
Return time: Approx. 6:00pm

Escorted by

**Bruce Scheibach**

**FEATURES Include**

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**Deluxe Private Motor Coach Transportation**

**Gourmet Hosted Champagne Luncheon Buffet Cruise aboard HORNBLOWER's "Belle"**

*Hornblower Cruises sails some of the most storied vessels on California waters.*

*The 292-foot San Francisco Belle sternwheeler is the largest private chater yacht on the West Coast.*

*The Belle's classic lines, stern paddlewheel and ornate detailing recall the elegant riverboats of the late 1800s.*

*Come aboard for a lavish lunch buffet including free-flowing sparkling wine, and DJ entertainment.*

*Then step out onto the deck, where you'll have a front row seat to .....*

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*The Blue Angels, first performed in 1946 and offer more than 70 shows at 34 locations throughout the United States each year, where they still employ many of the same practices and techniques used in their aerial displays in 1946. Since their inception, the "Blues" have flown a variety of different aircraft types, with jaw-dropping precision for millions of spectators worldwide.*

**COST**  
**\$190 Per Person**

**Taxes and Gratuities**  
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**FLEET WEEK Maritime Festival**  
**SIR Branch 58**  
**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**APPLICATION**

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Another one bites the dust...the closing of the legendary Golden Gate Fields

## SIR Day at the Races

September 25, 2023

Turf Club Buffet \$76 pp

noon



*Good  
bye*

Send  
personal check  
to:

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127 N. Helm Ave  
Clovis, CA 93612



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An outstanding way to enjoy a Ladies Day Luncheon by the Bay; our Ladies Swan Song Farewell Horse Race ever.

"Thanks" for the fond memories.

deadline 9/20/23  
\$76 per person