



# Sons in Retirement

## SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102

### March 2023

#### LUNCHEON MEETING

2nd Tuesday of the month  
Executive Board meeting 9:30 A.M.  
Social Hour: 10.45—Luncheon: 11:30  
Carmichael Elks Lodge

#### Next Meeting

**Tuesday**  
**March 14th**  
[www.sirinc2.org/branch102/](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch102/)

#### Lunch Menu:

Corned Beef and Cabbage for  
Irish Day, with Salad and Dessert.

**Bar will be open**



#### BIG SIR COMMENTS:

##### Gabe Reddig

“Our February BEC and Luncheon Meetings were important, and hopefully pacesetting for the new year. Thanks to our Area 4 Representative Jack Reefer, for bringing our BEC good words about the possibility of SIRs Branch 33 merging with us - more on that later. Also visiting on Valentine’s Day was Kevin King, from Branch 95, who gave us an excellent presentation after lunch regarding “How to Attract New Members”, a briefing he has given to the State SIRs officers. Kevin is also the skilled technician who has been so very helpful with our Webmaster duties, for which we are most grateful. Kudos also to Don Wagner who quietly updated our Thursday Golf Brochure, which has proven to be a good recruiting tool for new members.

As you know, I’ve been noting the somewhat urgent need to start filling vacancies in current and future leadership positions in SIRs 102. With that in mind, I’ve appointed a Standing Nominating Committee consisting of Don Wagner, Gary Bohn, Jeff Dye, and Dallas Eto. If you’re approached by these guys to volunteer for a position, hear them out, and know you were intentionally picked as a prospect, with good forethought.

Now for some very good news! Jack Reefer’s report to us in the BEC was that SIRs Branch 33 seems like an ideal match for a merger with us. They too have a declining membership, but now are firm at approximately 53. Branch 33 also meets at the Carmichael Elks on the 2nd Monday of the month, the day before our meeting. They have a very strong financial status, and a majority of their members are from Carmichael and surrounding area. They have some golfers, and other similar social activities, as well as some unique ones, including a men's choral group. I have chatted several times with the Niles Christopherson, the Big Sir from Branch 33, and he and his folks seem very positive and enthusiastic about the merger possibilities. I’ve invited him and some of his leadership to our 14 March meeting so we can better assess how we want to proceed.”

*Gabe Reddig,  
Big SIR*



#### LITTLE SIR COMMENTS:

##### Gary Adams

Several weeks ago I was driving home from somewhere and I was listening to 1380 am radio, my choice of radio talk shows. The discussion at the time happened to be about Trusts, and the person who was discussing this topic was Dustin MacFarland, an Attorney and the owner of "California Probate and Trust". The information about Trusts was very interesting, however, I have to admit, it was a little over my head, but something very important. However, as many of you probably know, I can't drive and chew gum at the same time.

At the end of his show he made a comment about being available for making presentations to organizations who might be interested in Trusts and Probates. Since it happens to be my responsibility for SIR Branch 102, I decided to call him for making his presentation to us in Feb. Unfortunately he was unavailable for Feb. but we were able to schedule him for Mar. 14, 2023. I am looking forward to hearing more about Trusts, which I have, and since I won't be driving I might be able to understand it. I'm looking forward to the presentation and I hope you will make it to the meeting as well. As you know, one of our past speakers was about "Active Shooters", and unfortunately it was very timely. See you at the meeting.

As you know, Gabe Reddig and I switched jobs from last year. I was Big SIR and he was Little SIR. It's truly an honor to be a Big or Little SIR and I admit, I was great at it! It's almost like being the President of the United States, which by the way, I am considering throwing my hat into that ring too. But I can't do it because we need someone to replace Gabe and I next year. I understand the reluctance to get involved in doing things like badges, books, websites, golf tours, newsletters, Christmas parties, Picnics, Bocce ball, Wine tasting, Bowling, etc., etc. I avoided it for many, many years. I didn't want to do anything but come to the meetings and go home. It's not in my nature to get involved in stuff like that. But about 10 years ago an opening occurred because someone was leaving, and out of 150 members, at the time, no one stepped up for the position. Actually, I was appalled that someone didn't step up. Even at myself. So I pushed myself into it and the rest is history. I have enjoyed being involved again after retiring and it has been truly uplifting and a pleasure to have been associated with virtually all the activities in the Branch. Enough said, but we can always use more help

*Gary Adams,  
Little SIR*

## SIR 102 Treasurer Report

Month of February, 2023 to 02/28/23

**BEGINNING FUNDS** **\$7,243.38**

**General Accounts:**

Bank Dividends	\$0.32
2023 Yearly Dues (5 deposits this month) <sup>1</sup>	\$150.0
Constant Contact—Hosting	<u>(\$20.00)</u>
<b>Net General gain/(loss)</b>	<b>\$130.32</b>

**Custodial Accounts:**

Luncheon Receipts 02/14/23	\$1,055.00
Luncheon Elks Club Luncheon Expense 02/14/23	(\$1,034.00)
Luncheon Wine 02/14/23	(\$29.03)
Luncheon Bar 02/14/23; (to meet \$175 Minimum)	(\$32.00)
Holiday Party 2023 Deposit (Refund to Gabe Reddig)	(\$300.00)
<b>Net Custodial gain/(loss)</b>	<b>(\$340.03)</b>

**ENDING FUNDS:** **\$7,333.67**

Next Luncheon is Tuesday, March 14, 2023: Cost is \$25.00 for Eating; \$5.00 for Attending but not eating.

**If you have not paid your SIR 2023 SIR membership dues, you can mail \$30.00 to:**

John Slingerland  
1100 El Sur Way  
Sacramento, CA 95864

If you do not plan on renewing your club membership, please let me know by e-mail at [Johnpslingeland@gmail.com](mailto:Johnpslingeland@gmail.com) or call me at 916-532-0595



# BIRDIES AND BOGEY

## March 2023

web site: [www.sirinc2.org/branch102/](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch102/)



### GOLF CHAIRMAN: Jeff Dye

Hi Members,

Well, our golfing season appears to be rolling after a lot of rain and cold conditions this winter.

As a result, we had our first hole in one at Empire Ranch on February 16th. Congratulations to Mike Easton for acing the 18th hole. He used his 9 iron for the 110 yard shot. It was our first hole in one since Tom Hennessy performed the feat at Haggin Oaks last year.

A reminder that signups for Rolling Hills begin at the March luncheon. It will be held on May 1st and 2nd in Corning which is about 125 miles north of Sacramento on I-5. Refer to the flyer that Don Wagner made for us. Guests are always welcome to our out of town events. This is a great way to introduce prospective members to our branch too.

There will be a golf meeting following the next luncheon, so we hope to see you there. If you get lucky you may win a free round of golf!

*Jeff*

### *Happy Birthday*



### March

Pete McDonough	92	Jerry Houpt	78	John Ludington	76	Ed Roberts	70
Greg Lazaga	92	Dave Cleveland	77	George Mohler	76	John Slingerland	70
Val Kobza	85	Pat Dwyer	76	Ramon Murillo	73	Scott Rodowick	65
Dick Gaspari	80	Russ Kidd	76	Scott Pinney	70		



### TRAVEL : Bill Maffei

SIR 102 Future Travel News:

1. Friday, March 24th at 10:30am The California State Auto Museum, located at 2200 Front Street, Sacramento, CA 95818.

Plenty of free parking in their lot.

Admission: Seniors \$9.00, Adults \$10.00, Children 6-17 \$5.00.

Some restaurants in the area Selland's Broadway Cafe, Tower Cafe.

2. Monday, April 17th at 10:30am The California State Railroad Museum, located at 125 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Parking: Two Parking garages at both ends of the Old Sacramento Waterfront:

Old Sacramento Garage -- Entrance at I Street between 3rd and 2nd Street.

Tower Bridge Garage -- Entrance on Capitol Blvd. and Neasham Circle near the Tower Bridge

3. Working on a possible Rivercats game and the trip to Alameda to see the *USS Hornet*

*Bill*



### **ACTIVITIES: Norm Steinbach**

Branch Members create branch Activities to provide social, physical and mental engagement for all members and partners. Let's create more Activities for more enjoyment. If you don't start new activities - Who will? Ben Franklin stated "Well done is better than well said"

And now for a little bit of humor - I don't let my age define me, but the side effects are getting harder to ignore. "Today, I asked my phone "Siri, why am I still single?" and it activated the front camera."

*Norm*



### **MEMBERSHIP: Ramon Murillo**

Greetings,

Our current membership is 110.

We wish the following members the best as they depart Branch 102. Their camaraderie and participation will be missed.

Calvin Blair, Bob Blake, Jack Dennison, Michael Dillon, Paul Fillo, Ed Hills, Dennis McCauley, Pete McDonough, Phil Quinley and Bill Stephens

Several indicated that they may return in the future once they are ready.

*Ramon Murillo*



### **SUNSHINE REPORT: Gary Bohn**

As your Sunshine person I will try to report on our SIR 102 Members that have been in or out of the hospital or are expiring an illness. I may also report on a member that has passed away and this may include those that may have left the branch but were long time members. I will also report on a member of the branch that lost a loved one.

Talked with Pat Crocker on Wednesday February 13, 2023. Pat caught the COVID 19 Virus about 3 days after Christmas in 2022 and has been having trouble ever since. He is getting better but is still having breathing problems. He lost apatite during the early stages of the Virus and lost some weight which he said was ok for now. It has been a slow process for him to get over this VIRUS. He is still coughing and having the breathing problems and hopes to get back in about a month or two. He was given a breathing device but was having trouble using it for the breathing purposes and had to try to breath from his mouth. He said he has not even picked up a golf club for several months and does not even know where they are at. Pat said he misses every one and I told him that the branch misses him as well

- 2 Met Bob Hayes and his lovely wife at the February Home and Garden Show at Cal Expo. Bob was using a cane to get around the exhibits at that time. Talking with one of his golf club mates Bob seems to be having some medical problems and hopes to get back to the Branch soon and be able to play golf again.

That is all I have right now so if anyone knows of some one that has a medical problem. You can call me at (916) 722-4446 or email at [garybohn1@comcast.n](mailto:garybohn1@comcast.n)

*Gary Bohn*

**SIR 102 2021 OFFICERS**

BIG SIR.....Gabe Reddig  
LITTLE SIR ..... Gary Adams  
SECRETARY.....Jim Lasiter  
ASST. SECRETARY...Tom Hennessy  
TREASURER.....John Slingerland  
ASST. TREASURER.....Eloy Herrera

**DIRECTORS**

Larry DeZonia (2022)  
George Wheeler (2023)  
Dan Maglionic (2023)  
Jim Morgan (2024)  
Don Wagner (State HLM)  
Gary Bohn (HLM)  
Jeff Dye (HLM)

**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Dave Gonzales  
Area 4 Representative Jack Reefer  
Director Region 1 Hugh Thompson

**SIR 102 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

AUDITOR Don Lewis  
ATTENDANCE Ramon Murillo  
ACTIVITIES Norm Steinbach  
BOOK EXCHANGE Tom McKinley  
CHAPLAIN VACANT  
GOLF Jeff Dye  
HARDWARE VACANT  
MEMBERSHIP Ramon Murillo  
NEWSLETTER George Wheeler  
SUNSHINE Gary Bohn  
TRAVEL Bill Maffei  
WEBMASTER Gary & Steve Adams  
BOWLING VACANT  
RAMP Recruitment VACANT  
RAMP Activities Norm Steinbach  
RAMP Membership Ramon Murillo

**HONARARY LIFE MEMBERS**

As Of  
Donald (Don) A. Wagner 2/23/2012 9.7 yrs  
Gary Bohn 12/9/2014 7.2 yrs  
Jeffrey Dye 8/9/2022

**PAST 102 BIG SIR**

Gordon Nielson 1983 Bill Drake, 2007  
Pete Tapella 1984 Speedy Sheetz 2007  
Roy Bostic 1985 Joe Virga 2008  
Don Johnson 1986 Mickey Wagner 2009  
Paul Siglin 1987 Bob Lamora 2010  
Wesley Fisk Jr. 1988 Jim Johnson 2011  
Ray Nyman 1989 Dick Larsen 2011  
Don Gaylord 1990 Jim Reese 2012  
Les Jones 1991 Gary Bohn 2013  
Don Gaylord 1992 Don Whalen 2014  
Rock Sorgman 1993 Dick Coleman 2015  
Bill Spencer 1994 Jeff Dye 2015- 2016  
Tom Warburton 1995 Norm Steinbach 2017  
Don Neudeck 1996 Cliff Jones 2018  
Don Gayner 1997 Larry Dezonion 2019  
Don Wiles 1998 Mike Lorton 2020  
Tom Eyman 1999 Dan Maglionic 2020/21  
Bob Simowski 2000 Gary Adams 2022  
Stan Spalding 2001  
Chuck Shoemaker 2002  
Lloyd Browning 2003  
Bob Baker 2004  
Don Wagner 2005  
Frank Mason 2006

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