



Sons in Retirement SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102 November, 2022

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
November 8th**

www.sirinc2.org/branch102/

Lunch Menu:

Turkey and Mashed Potatoes etc.

Bar will be open

Benjamin Franklin: "We do not stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing!"



BIG SIR COMMENTS:

Gary Adams

Well, it's over, I have enjoyed it, and except for a few bumps along the way it was a smooth adventure as BIG SIR. It truly was a team effort, considering all the help I received from the Branch Executive Committee made up of mostly previous BIG and LITTLE SIRs as well as the others who have been involved in the Branch for some time. As I said in previous comments, my skills at Roberts Rules in running the meetings, were not very good. I'm sure Robert rolled over in his grave many times this past year. Fortunately, I got help from everyone in the BEC. If you peruse the last page of this **NEWSLETTER**, you can see all the names of the members who are in the BEC. If you have been around SIR102 for any length of time you know those names well. They are truly why SIR102 even exists today. Honorary Life Members (We are only allowed two, but there may be more in the future) are Don Wagner (State), Gary Bohn, and Jeff Dye who are our primary leaders in the Branch, but there are others who fully deserve to be on that list and they will eventually be elevated to that position as well.

Being involved in SIR102 for almost 16 years, I have been extremely impressed with the members who have helped our Branch along the way. Many of them are no longer with us, but if you review the list on our Web page, "In Memoriam", I'm sure you will remember many of those names who were a major part of the leadership of our Branch. Unfortunately, our most recent loss was Jim Reese, who probably worked harder at his job in our Branch than anyone. As Golf Chairman, of course, but he did it all while he was here. Little Sir, Big Sir, and other positions as well. He was an onery character but he stepped up along the way. Fortunately, we have Jim Stevenson, who helped Jim with his Golf chores and is following in his footsteps. No matter what position or job we have in the Branch we need to thank them for their efforts. Thanks Guys!

In 2021, Mike Lorton became BIG SIR, but later in the year became ill. As a result, Dan Maglionico, our Little SIR, stepped up to BIG SIR. Since we no longer had a Little SIR at the end of the 2021 the position of BIG SIR was not an automatic upgrade from the Little SIR. As (Cont. Page 3)



LITTLE SIR COMMENTS:

Gabe Reddig

"Thanks again to our SIRs Membership for giving our October Luncheon Speaker, B/G Dan Woodward a warm and attentive welcome, and asking useful questions too. I'm totally embarrassed for the incredibly poor and inept audio-visual support provided by the Elks Club! I accept full responsibility, but we must do much better if we expect to attract quality speakers and associated, modern audio visual support. I will be looking into providing our own independent support equipment. Nevertheless, General Woodward outlined at the very important mission of the American Battle Monuments Commission, the organization responsible for preserving the heritage and memory of more than 200,000 American Military buried overseas, and the service of millions of others through cemeteries and memorials in this country. A second portion of his remarks were a highly patriotic speech about modern American History (WWII and forward), all seen thru the lens of some great and classic photos. (Before he left, General Woodward offered to return in a year or so we can have an updated briefing, WITH pictures!) So with that, we're finished with luncheon speakers for the year, to be resumed with the January 2023 meeting.

"No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is as formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."

It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first."

- Ronald Reagan"

Gabe Reddig, Little SIR

SIR 102 Treasurer Report

Month of October, 2022 to 10/25/22

BEGINNING FUNDS

\$5,816.31

General Accounts:

Bank Dividends	\$0.23
2023 Yearly Dues (0) ¹	\$240.00
Constant Contact—Hosting	_____ (\$20.00)
Net General gain/(loss)	(\$220.23)

Custodial Accounts:

Luncheon Receipts 10/11/22;	\$1,080.00
Luncheon Elks Club Expense 10/11/22;	(\$968.00)
Luncheon Wine 10/11/22	(\$20.36)
Picnic Receipts 09/20/22; deposit 10/24/22	\$70.00
Picnic 09/20/22 Final Expenses: paid 10/11/22 & 10/22/22	_____ (\$612.89)
Net Custodial gain/(loss)	(\$451.25)

ENDING FUNDS:

\$5,585.29

1) There were eight (8) dues payments this month. This amount does not include the SIR dues payments made through the golf club.

There are 120 active dues paying members in Branch 102.

Next Luncheon is Tuesday, November 8, 2022: Cost is \$25.00 for Eating; \$5.00 for Attending but not eating.

2023 SIR Club dues (\$30.00)

Yearly Dues for 2023 SIR club members have increased to \$30. 2023 Dues will be collected at the November 8th, 2022 luncheon. **This is the last luncheon scheduled for 2022 and is the last chance to pay 2023 dues at the luncheon.** Golf Club Members have the option of paying the SIR Club dues through the Golf Club. A line item will be added to the next golf signup sheet for those members wishing to do so. Non-golf Club Members, Golf Club Members who want to pay their dues directly to SIR, as well as any member who will not be attending the next luncheon can mail the SIR 2023 Dues to:

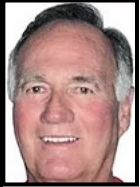
John Slingerland
1100 El Sur Way
Sacramento CA, 95864



BIRDIES AND BOGEY

November 2022

web site: www.sirinc2.org/branch102/



GOLF CHAIRMAN: Jeff Dye

Where has this year gone?

Our golf club has had its trials and tribulations but we came out with flying colors. Thanks to Jim Stephenson taking on the duties of Tournament Director and Randy Howery as Handicap Chairman we did very well. Don Wagner has filled in admirably for Calvin Blair with the secretarial duties. Dan Johnson and Don did a great job working as Travel Chair and Asst. Travel Chair to set up our out of town tournaments. John Thomas did a great job managing the treasurer position and keeping track of our golf funds. Also, a big thank you goes out to Dan Maglionico for the thankless job of scheduling our weekly golf events. As our Nov. 8th golf banquet nears please consider volunteering to help out with the golf club. We have openings for Secretary and Asst. Secretary. All you have to do is take notes at our golf meetings and send them out to the golf club. Our awards banquet follows the luncheon. All SIR members are welcome to attend and all golf club members will receive a free lunch. We will have a skills competition prior to the banquet. Also, various awards will be presented to our golfers. Hope to see you then.

Jeff

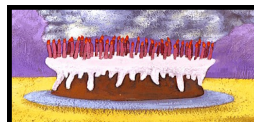
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a result, we scrambled a little bit to find a BIG SIR. Initially, Gary Bohn, who had already been a BIG SIR, stepped up to do the job. My personal opinion was that a person who had already been a BIG SIR should not have to do it again, so I volunteered. Since I was not a Little SIR before becoming a BIG SIR, I have decided to become the Little SIR for Gabe Reddig, our BIG SIR in 2023. The problem with this is that I will not be able to move automatically into BIG SIR in 2024 since I have already held that position. So, if anyone would like to become Little SIR in 2023 or BIG SIR in 2024, please let me or anyone know if you are interested. It's easy/peasy and fun! I did it!

One last thing. The State SIRs has been considering adding Women to our membership. Although many Branches have opposed this, several Branches have already implemented Women to their Branch memberships. Either allowing membership or just allowing Women to attend their luncheons has been very successful to many Branches. Several Branches have indicated major opposition to allowing Women to participate in the Branch, however, as you know we have Women participating in both our Bocce Ball, our Picnics and our Christmas Parties. Why not our luncheons? I guarantee that our most recent Speakers, the first Woman to fly a jet airplane, hearing aids, and scams against old folks, would be very interesting topics for Women as well as us old guys. I personally like the idea of inviting our Wives to our meetings and I know that they would love to mingle with others. My recommendation would be to lower the luncheon cost to \$10.00-\$15.00 for them and they can enjoy the excitement of our meetings. I would like to have the Wives come to our meetings and add a little more, maybe a lot, of good looks to our meetings and I know that they would enjoy being there with us. Thanks a lot!

Thanks, Gary

Happy Birthday



November

John Hulsebus	84	Mike Lorton	76	Steve McFaul	68
Bob Moos	84	Roger Siller	76	Steve Adams	54
James Beck	78	Jim Lasiter	75		



ACTIVITIES: Norm Steinbach

Travel Chairman Bill Maffei has been working on future Travels. He has set up two non-sponsored events. On December 5, 2022 at 10:30 he has scheduled a tour of THE CALIFORNIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM. On February 6, 2023 he has scheduled a tour of THE CALIFORNIA STATE AUTO MUSEUM. He is working on USS Hornet tour and a Rivercats game. Thank you for your dedication to keep Travel a branch Activity.

A little humor:

A journalist heard about a very old Jewish man who had been going to the Western Wall to pray, twice a day, every day, for a long, long time. The journalist asked him what he prayed for and he said I pray for peace between the Christians, Jews and the Muslims. I pray for all the wars and all the hatred to stop. I pray for all our children to grow up safely as responsible adults and to love their fellow man. I pray that politicians tell us the truth and put the interests of the people ahead of their own interests. How do you feel after doing this for all these years? Like I'm talking to a wall!

Norm



MEMBERSHIP: Larry DeZonia

I want to thank Ramon Murillo for stepping up and volunteering to take over the membership chair. I have been thru the ranks from Asst. TD to Little Sir, Big Sir, and Membership. I really enjoyed the ride and highly recommend if you have not helped our branch, you are really missing out on getting to know what's going on and help making discussions to improve our branch. Thanks again Ramon! Our total membership today is 120.

Larry DeZonia



SUNSHINE REPORT: Gary Bohn

November 2022 Sunshine Report

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 Jerry Houpt on Thursday October 20, 2022 and he is recovering from spinal Back Surgery that he had 6 months ago. The doctors are advising that he may begin to play in early spring in 2023. This was a very major surgery that required cutting of 4 bones in his back and then placing a medical device to fuse the bones back into place. He is doing well in his recovery and seems to be taking his recovery quite well. He has not taken up a golf club in at least 6 months.

Gabe Reddig had a polyp found in his colon and was found to be cancerous. Gabe was at our last BEC meeting and is waiting for further test to determine when to have some surgery.

Evans Warne was on a European cruise with his wife and they both contacted the virus on the cruise and were forced to stay in their room for 5 days. Evans said he was glad that they had the TV channel that carried the Queen of England funeral so they had something to watch. There food was given to them in the room. He and his wife have recovered and Evans was at the October SIR 102 meeting with no ill effects.

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.net

Gary Bohn

SIR 102 2021 OFFICERS

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

DIRECTORS

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

STATE OFFICERS

State President: Rick Kindle
Area 3 Governor: Kevin Mahoney
Director Region 1 Hugh Thompson

SIR 102 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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

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 DeZonia 2019
Don Wiles 1998 Mike Lorton 2020
Tom Eyman 1999 Dan Maglionico 2020/21
Bob Simowski 2000
Stan Spalding 2001
Chuck Shoemaker 2002
Lloyd Browning 2003
Bob Baker 2004
Don Wagner 2005
Frank Mason 2006

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