



Sons in Retirement SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102 November 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
November 14**

www.sirinc2.org/branch102/

Lunch Menu:

Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Salad,
and what goes with Thanksgiving. . .

Bar will be open



BIG SIR COMMENTS:

Gabe Reddig

“Greetings Gentlemen,

The yearend holiday season is upon us, and after the spooky celebration at the end of October, November is here with Thanksgiving, family, food & fun.

“**Thanksgiving is a traditional American Holiday where families all over the United States sit for dinner at the same time --- Halftime!**“

Seriously, it’s a really great time of year to count our blessings and know that we are fortunate to be living in America, where despite it’s many faults and problems, millions from around the world are striving mightily to enter daily.

Sometimes there are even some miscues during preparation of the dinner that can be, in retrospect, a source of great amusement. Like when a friend of mine really burned the bird recently. Ever optimistic, we thought we were pretty darn clever, as we came up with reasons to be thankful even though the turkey was toast-

ed. **OK, You Burnt the Bird, Now How About Thinking Of.....**

A Dozen Reasons to Be Thankful!

- **Salmonella won't be a concern.**
- **No one will overeat for a change.**
- **Everyone will think it's Cajun Blackened.**
- **Uninvited guests will think twice next year.**
- **Your cheese broccoli lima bean casserole will find new appreciation.**
- **Pets won't pester you for scraps.**
- **The smoke alarm was due for a test.**
- **Carving the bird will provide a good cardiovascular workout.**
- **After dinner, the guys can take the bird to the yard and play football.**
- **Uncle George eats less and won't walk around with his pants unbuttoned.**
- **You'll get to the desserts much quicker.**



LITTLE SIR COMMENTS:

Gary Adams

I am about a week from traveling to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico for the Month of November and I can't wait. I will miss the November Luncheon, which by the way, I have never attended. I tell you this because I will still handle the sending out of the messages on Constant Contact for the Luncheon, the Newsletter, Christmas Party and any other messages needed to be sent. The place we stay in has a very good Internet connection for their occupants.

The November luncheon will be just like all others with the exception that there will not be a speaker. Instead, the Golf Club will present their annual awards and announcements for next years tournaments? Unfortunately I have never received any awards, so missing all the November meetings has not been a problem. My game is currently in the tank and getting deeper.

Since we could not find a volunteer for Little SIR in 2024, I will be the Little SIR again. It is not a big job actually, as long as the Big SIR doesn't have any problems during the year requiring the Little SIR to cover for him. Finding a speaker is not a major problem, especially now that the State SIR's Webpage includes a list of Speakers we can choose from. In fact that's how I found our last speaker from the Agency for Aging. I hope everyone was happy about that Speaker, I know I was. The **California Dept. of Aging** and the **Agency for Aging** are there for us, and I know that they can help in many ways. If you get a chance take a look at all their activities available online. I have also received several volunteers to be our speakers for next year. I know that practically all of us have information from their job, or their hobbies, etc., etc. Don't hesitate to let us know if you would like to tell us about it. Tom Hennessy's presentation about his teaching the prisoners at the Prison was great. He saved us that night just minutes before the our deadline. Thanks again, Tom. Come on up guys! .

Gary Adams,

- **You won't have to face three weeks of turkey sandwiches.**

I'm so very thankful every day to be associated with all the SIRs Branch 102 Guys, and it's been my absolute joy, privilege, and pleasure to be your Big SIR for this past year. Happy Thanksgiving to all, and don't forget to sign up for our amazing Christmas Luncheon on December 8th.”

Gabe Reddig,

SIR 102 Newsletter Treasurer Report

Month of October, 2023 to 10/31/23

BEGINNING FUNDS \$12,192.46

General Accounts:

Bank Dividends \$0.52

Constant Contact - Hosting (\$23.00)

Net General gain/(loss) (\$22.48)

Custodial Accounts:

Luncheon Receipts 10/10/23 \$1,565.00

Luncheon Elks Club Luncheon Expense 10/10/23 (\$1,364.00)

Luncheon Raffle/Wine 10/10/23 (\$31.81)

Luncheon Bar 10/10/23; (to meet \$175 Minimum) \$0.00

Net Custodial gain/(loss) \$169.19

ENDING FUNDS: \$12,339.17

Active Membership is 145

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

2024 SIR Club dues (\$30.00); DUES ARE WAIVED FOR FORMER BR. 33 MEMBERS
Yearly Dues for 2024 SIR club members are \$30. Dues will be collected at the October 10, 2023 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 sign-up 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 membership fee to:

John Slingerland

1100 El Sur Way

Sacramento, CA 95864

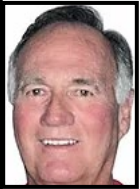
If you do not plan to renew you're your membership, please let me know by email at johnpslingerland@gmail.com or phone at 916-532-0595. **Former Branch 33 Members are requested to confirm their 2024 membership at the dues payment table.**



BIRDIES AND BOGEY

November 2023

web site: www.sirinc2.org/branch102/



GOLF CHAIRMAN: Jeff Dye

Hi Fellow Members,

.We hope to see you at our Golf Awards Ceremony following our November 14th luncheon. We will announce winners for match play, club championship, holes in one, shooting your age, Frank Tischer award and most improved golfer.

Also, members of the golf club will receive a free lunch.

If you didn't pay your BEC dues, golf club dues and NCGA dues in October please be prepared to pay our tournament director, Jim Stephenson, at the luncheon.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Jeff



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Jim Stephenson

On October 19th we had a great turnout out at the Teal Bend Golf Course for our annual Member Appreciation Day. More than forty golfers enjoyed a round of golf in perfect weather and a lunch buffet immediately afterwards. It was rewarding for me to see the tables full of our Sir 102 guys telling tall tales of their golfing day: the long putts made and the short putts missed; drives down the middle and balls that wandered off into the forest or lake for no rational reason.

Regardless of how the golfing went, the buffet was a hit with everyone. I'm considering doing a buffet more than just once a year. Stay tuned for 2024.

I will create the December Signup Sheet prior to the November Luncheon. It will include a second opportunity for golf members to pay all 2024 dues (Sir 102 Golf Club/NCGA/Sir 102 Branch Dues). Forty-five golfers have already paid these 2024 dues, so thank you, and please don't pay a second time. If you are unsure if you paid, email me at Sir102TD@gmail.com and I'll get back to you on your paid/unpaid status.

See you at the luncheon.

Jim

Happy Birthday



November

John Hulsebus	85	James Beck	79	Jim Lasiter	76
Tom Hubbs	82	Mike Lorton	77	Steve McFaul	69
Ken Brown	81	Roger Siler	77	Steven Adams	55



Don Wagner, HLM

Each year we ask everyone to consider helping your Branch by volunteering to fill a position that keeps our Branch running. Without help we will need to consider joining with another Branch to keep us afloat. While we do have a lot of guys who have stepped up for 2024, we do have several positions open. One key position is secretary...we have a need for a secretary and assistant secretary. Our little SIR position is being filled by Gary Adams who already has held this position two times. That tells you that many of your volunteers are stepping up again to keep our Branch going.

At our last meeting Larry DeZonia who was our Big SIR in 2019 made a farewell comment since he was moving out of state in a couple of weeks. Larry held several positions while he was a member: Director, Little SIR, Big Sir and Membership Chairman. When we asked him to say a few words, *Larry stated that his role in these various positions with our Branch gave him a greater opportunity to get to know more of the members than if he just attended the meetings. He was able to know and interface with many members. He stated that as a volunteer he enjoyed our Branch even more and encouraged us to consider volunteering to get more out of just being a member.*

The health of our Branch is dependent on new faces volunteering to fill our openings. Us old timers can help but you do need new blood for a lot of reasons. None of the positions are a 9-5 position and there is a network of us to help anyone in any position.

Please consider volunteering by letting any BEC officer (including me) know you are interested or come to our November BEC meeting (9:30am) before the general meeting and let us answer any questions you may have. The opportunity to get to know more members and support them is much greater than the little time you will spend in the position.

Larry DeZonia gave you the same reason I have enjoyed my volunteer roles with Branch 102.

Sincerely

Don Wagner, HLM



MEMBERSHIP: Ramon Murillo

No new members to report.

The membership is 145, two less than last month.

Larry DeZonia bid farewell at the October Luncheon and is moving to Arizona.

Pat Dwyer bid farewell in an email and said “thanks for all the good times”.

We wish Larry and Pat the best and thank them for their participation and contributions to SIR 102.

As always, we encourage you to bring new members to further our fellowship.

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 experiencing an illness. I will also report on a member’s wife or significant other. 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.

1. I talked with Don Anido at the October SIR 102 meeting and he advised he is having skin cancer being removed from various parts of his body. One of the removals has caused his right shoulder to be very soar and he currently can not play golf. I told him that we wish him well and hope he will be able to join the golf club again.

2. Talking to Mike Moore about Bob Hays and he advise he is having to go to the Dialysis treatment facility at least 3 times a week. Bob is having all kinds medical issues and not sure if he will be able to play golf again.

3. Jeff Dye at our last SIR 102 meeting said that Jerry Ontiveros wife is having some medical issues. I have sent an email to Jerry since I do not have a phone number to find out how she is doing. Will provide more info as I hear anything new.

4. If any one from branch 33 that joined us has any information about their members that are now members of SIR 102 please let me know so I can report this to the news letter.

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 “Breakfast Buddies” at Lido Café - 10/18/2023
PBS Don Sparks, Group Coordinator



Norm Steinbach, Bob Fitzgerald, Don Sparks Bill Kishi, Tom Hubbs
 Bob Baker, Gabe Reddig | Vic Mershon, Jules Gruen, Alex Hoffner
 Niles Christopherson, Jack Gilmore & Dale Wiest



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 Jack Gilmore, Dale Wiest | Norm Steinbach, Bob Fitzgerald,
 Don Sparks, Bill Kishi, Tom Hubbs, Bob Baker & Gabe Reddig

The SIR “Breakfast Buddies” meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8am at Lido Café in Carmichael.
 If you are not already on Don “Sparkie” Sparks contact list to join this fine group, Email sparksdonlerov@gmail.com.
 (Photos & text by Bob Fitzgerald, HLM – SIR 102’s Audio/Video Guy)

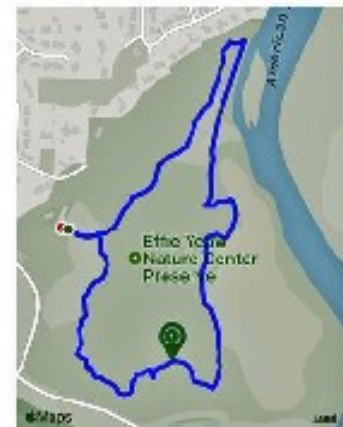
SIR 102 “Lite Hiking Group” at Effie Yeaw Nature Area – 10/26/2023
Fred Chapman, Group Leader



Bob Fitzgerald, Fred Chapman, Bob Baker, Brian Gangler,
 Jack Gilmore & Alex Hoffman, at the trailhead after our ‘lite’ hike.

(Photos & text by Bob Fitzgerald, HLM – SIR 102’s Audio/Video Guy)

Effie Yeaw Nature Loop



0:58:44

DURATION (approx)

1.49

DISTANCE (Miles)

(Screen shot of the GPS tracking app on my iPhone after the hike.)

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

Dallas Ito (2025)
Cal Conley (2026)
George Wheeler (2023)
Dan Maglionico (2023)
Jim Morgan (2024)
Niles Christopherson (2024)
Jack Gilmore (2024)
Don Wagner (State HLM)
Gary Bohn (HLM)
Jeff Dye (HLM)
Bob Fitzgerald (HLM)
Vic Mershon (HLM)

STATE OFFICERS

State President: Dale Decker
Area 4 Representative Jack Reefer
Director Region 1 Hugh Thompson

BRANCH DISTINGUISHED

SERVICE AWARD

Jack Gilmore
Vic Mershon

SIR 102 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

AUDITOR Don Lewis
ATTENDANCE Ramon Murillo
ACTIVITIES Norm Steinbach
BOOK EXCHANGE Tom McKinley
CHAPLAIN Vic Mershon
GOLF Jeff Dye
MEMBERSHIP Ramon Murillo
NEWSLETTER George Wheeler
SUNSHINE Gary Bohn
TRAVEL Bill Maffei
WEBMASTER Gary & Steve Adams
BOWLING VACANT
CONUTRY CLUB AIRES DIR. Robert DuPlantier
RAMP Recruitment VACANT
RAMP Activities Norm Steinbach
RAMP Membership Ramon Murillo
RAMP Publicity John Owens

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
Bob Fitzgerald 11/11/2019 4.0yrs

SENIOR SIR

Senior SIR Pete McDonough

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 Dezonias 2019
Don Wiles 1998 Mike Lorton 2020
Tom Eyman 1999 Dan Maglionico 2020/21
Bob Simowski 2000 Gary Adams 2022
Stan Spalding 2001 Gabe Reddig 2023
Chuck Shoemaker 2002
Lloyd Browning 2003
Bob Baker 2004
Don Wagner 2005
Frank Mason 2006

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**SIR 102 PRESENTS:
AN OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**FRIDAY: DEC 8TH
TIMBERCREEK "BALLROOM", ROSEVILLE
TIME: 11:00AM-2:00PM R MEN
PRICE: \$50**



**COUNTRY CLUB AIRES
CHORUS & BAND**



**"CHICKEN PICCATA"
"SLICED TRI TIP"
"PAN SEARED SALMON"
LUNCH SERVED AT TABLE
NO HOST BAR**



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