



**SONS IN RETIREMENT**  
**SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102**  
**OCTOBER 2025**

**LUNCHEON MEETING**

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Executive Board Meeting 9:30

Social Hour 10:45 Luncheon 11:30  
Carmichael Elks Lodge

Next Meeting

Tuesday

October 14th

**LUNCH**

**Lasagna, Garlic Bread,  
Salad, Dessert**

**BAR WILL BE OPEN**

**THINGS TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH**

**GOLF EVERY THURSDAY, PLEASE SIGN UP WITH GROUP YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH  
FOR EACH EVENT, OCTOBER EVENTS:**

*Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reno Overnight Trip    Turkey Creek Oct 9<sup>th</sup>    Teal Bend Oct 16<sup>th</sup>*

*Haggin Oaks Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>    Lincoln Hills Oct 25<sup>th</sup>*

*Teal Bend is Members Appreciation Day, Lunch after Golf*

**WINNER OF THE 45<sup>th</sup> RYDER CUP COMPETITION WHICH TOOK PLACE AT  
BETHPAGE, BLACK COURSE IN FARMINGDALE NEW YORK FROM SEPTEMBER  
25<sup>th</sup> THRU THE 28<sup>TH</sup> WAS THE EUROPEAN TEAM. IT TURNED OUT TO BE A  
BETTER MATCH THAN THE FIRST TWO DAYS INDICATED**

**NOTE: SIR 102 DUES FOR NEXT YEAR WILL INCREASE TO \$35. READ  
JOHN SLINGERLAND'S TREASURER REPORT FOR OPTIONS ON PAYING**

**OCTOBER IS A GREAT TIME OF THE YEAR FOR SPORTS. WE HAVE THE START  
OF BASEBALL PLAYOFFS AND LATER WORLD SERIES, THE NFL AND COLLEGE  
FOOTBALL SEASONS ARE IN FULL SWING AND THE GOLFING WEATHER IS JUST  
ABOUT AS PERFECT AS YOU CAN GET, UNLESS IT RAINS!**

***IF* there are items you want to see in the newsletter or things you do not like in the  
newsletter, please let me know at [tmexeloy@yahoo.com](mailto:tmexeloy@yahoo.com) It is the only way I can know to  
make it better for all of you.**



## **BIG SIR COMMENTS FOR THE MONTH:**

### **Greetings to all SIRS:**

At our Sept meeting, **Scott Rodowick** put together a special event to recognize “All the members in our Branch who wore the uniform” from WW II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War and during Peace Time. Every military branch was recognized and each person who served was given a medallion identifying his branch and time of service. It’s the first time in over 30 years, our branch (or any Branch I know) has literally recognized every past member of the armed forces in their Branch. We all **Thank You Scott** for this special moment. It was appreciated by everyone present.

We also announced that at our upcoming October meeting, we will vote for our 2026 officers. While our leadership will be strong with **Tim Ryan** as our Big SIR and **Scott Pinney** as our little SIR, they will still need your support and help to keep us together and even grow our Branch. We still need an Assistant Secretary and Director. It’s only because of the volunteers that help each other that we are able to continue to enjoy our Branch. Over the past five years we have merged with two other Branches who continued to lose membership plus lack of volunteers. For us to thrive we need your help and support.

I can only repeat that volunteering is a great way to know more of the membership and all the great guys who belong to it. Just ask any officer or chairman and they will give you some info and the minimum time it takes to help keep us ticking...

**Something I’ve learned:** The more you laugh, you more you enjoy life.

**Don**

### **QUOTE OF THE YEAR:**

**When you are dead, you do not  
know that you are dead. All of  
the pain is felt by others.  
The same thing happens when  
you are stupid.**



## **LITTLE SIR COMMENTS OF THE MONTH**

### **Greetings Fellow SIRS:**

At our September luncheon we were treated to something very special. I'm sending a big "Thank You" out to Scott Rodowick for his Herculean effort organizing what turned out to be a memorable ceremony honoring all of our SIR Vets for their service to our country. The highlight was the medallion presentation led by guest presenters Retired Chief Master Sergeant Jim Sullivan and Retired Master Sergeant Michael Grabow, both with the Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) Medallions were bestowed on numerous SIR 102 honorees – all veterans from the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force. Perhaps another highlight was listening to each service group sing their particular service songs (some perhaps slightly off key).

In his remarks, Scott noted that – while he never served on active duty – he comes from a family with a strong military tradition: Scott's father was an Army helicopter pilot (with 28 years of service) including WWII, Korea, plus 3 tours to Vietnam. Scott continues the tradition by serving on both his local NCOA Auxiliary Board and the Auxiliary International Board of Directors.

Scott's presentation reminded us of a few sobering facts: less than one percent of Americans serve in the Armed Forces protecting the other ninety-nine percent of our countrymen. Again, many thanks go out to Scott for putting together a fine program.

Next month, we will have local realtor Andrea Duane as a guest speaker. Andrea will come ready to talk about the real estate market, including reverse mortgages. So please come armed with all your real estate questions.

**Tim**

**THE FACT THAT KEITH RICHARDS  
AND WILLIE NELSON HAVE  
OUTLIVED RICHARD SIMMONS,  
SHOULD HAVE EVERYONE  
RETHINKING THE WHOLE EATING  
RIGHT, EXERCISE, NO DRUGS OR  
ALCOHOL THING.**

**DO YOU ALL REMEMBER, BEFORE  
THE INTERNET, PEOPLE THOUGHT  
THE CAUSE OF STUPIDITY WAS  
THE LACK OF ACCESS TO  
INFORMATION?  
WELL, I GUESS IT WASN'T THAT!**

**SIR 102 Newsletter Treasurer Report**  
**Month of September, 2025 to 09/30/25**

<b>BEGINNING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,988.30</b>
<b>General Accounts:</b>	
Bank Dividends August	\$0.50
2026 DUES (43 payments)	\$1,505.00
Eloy Herrera Refund Constant Contact (August)	<b>(\$35.00)</b>
<b>Net General gain/(loss)</b>	<b>\$1,470.50</b>
<b>Custodial Accounts:</b>	
Luncheon Receipts 09/09/25	\$1,465.00
Luncheon Elks Club Luncheon Expense 09/09/25	<b>(\$1,700.00)</b>
Gary Adams Luncheon Raffle/Wine (09/09/25)	<b>(\$51.27)</b>
Bella Bru - Deposit for 11/25 Golf Luncheon	<b>(\$600.00)</b>
SIR Golf Club - Reimbursement for Bella Bru Deposit for 11/25 Golf Luncheon	\$600.00
Luncheon Bar 08/12/25; (to meet <b>\$200</b> Minimum)	\$0.00
<b>Net Custodial gain/(loss)</b>	<b>(\$286.27)</b>
<b>ENDING FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$13,172.53</b>

2025 Active Membership is 103.

Yearly Dues for 2026 SIR club members have been increased from \$30 to \$35. Yearly dues were \$30 for both 2024 and 2025. Dues will be collected at the October 14, 2025 luncheon. Any member who pays dues by this luncheon will receive a \$15 lunch discount. Discount is only good for the October luncheon. Golf Club members have the option of paying the SIR Club dues through the Golf Club. 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 2026 membership fee

John Slingerland  
1100 El Sur Way  
Sacramento, CA 95864

If you do not plan to renew your membership, please let me know by email at johnpslingerland@gmail.com or text/phone at 916-532-0595.

## 2026 DUES PAID

Print: 9/24/2025

NAME	2026 SIRS DUES PAID
Baker, Bob	1
Beck, Jim	1
Blythe, Gary	1
Campbell-Craven, Fred	1
Chapman, Frederick	1
Danz, Phil	1
Duplantier, Robert	1
Dye, Jeffrey	1
Eto, Dallas	1
Fitzgerald, Robert	1
Gaspari, Dick	1
Gilmore, Jack	1
Hamilton, Richard E.	1
Hubbs, Thomas	1
Idica, Henry	1
Jones, Cliff	1
Kinsey, Max	1
Kreiser, Norm	1
Lasiter, James	1
Lopez, Art	1
Lorton, Mike	1
Lunsford, Jim	1
Maffei, Bill	1
Mason, Frank	1
Mohler, George	1
Moore, Mike	1
Morinelli, Tony	1
Murillo, Ramon	1
Olsen, Jim	1
Patch, David	1
Pinney, Scott	1
Rodowick, Scott	1
Salazar, Carlos	1
Sheetz, Robert	1
Slingerland, Johannes	1
Stephenson, Jim	1
Sweeney, Terry	1
Torres, Ralphael	1
Van Sommeren, Steve	1
Vassey, Dante	1
Wagner, Don	1
Wiest, Dale	1
Wulf, Joe	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43</b>

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**Bob Baker, SSS Business Manager**  
**[BusinessMgr@SinginSwinginSirs.org](mailto:BusinessMgr@SinginSwinginSirs.org)** (ph 916-944-8070)

*(Please visit our website for more in-depth information about the SSS.)*

**\*Sons In Retirement (SIR) is a men's social organization.**  
**Performing with SSS requires membership in SIR.**  
**Visit <https://WeAreSir.com> for information regarding SIR membership.**



## BIRDIES AND BOGIES

### FOR THIS MONTH

web site: [www.sirinc2.org/branch](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch) 102

Hi Fellow Golfers,

Well, Fall has finally arrived. I've already driven over a couple of golf balls because of the glare but I usually find them when I turn around. Don't forget to apply the leaf rule if you can't find your ball if it's reasonable that it's in play. As of this writing it is expected to be about 100 degrees today but I look forward to cooler weather, wearing some different clothing and hiding my varicose veins!

Just a reminder about our Member Appreciation Day on October 16<sup>th</sup> at Teal Bend. Lots of good food and camaraderie should be had and I hope that you can make it.

We're still on schedule to have our Awards Banquet/Luncheon at the Milagro Center on November 11<sup>th</sup>. All members are encouraged to attend and participate in our golf games too. There will be prizes for all winners.

By the time you read this we will have completed our 1<sup>st</sup> out-of-town tournament in Reno. Signups indicate that Reno will be quite popular as opposed to Rolling Hills in Corning. Results of the tourney will follow soon.

Look forward to seeing you at the October 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon

*Thanks, Jeff*



### OCTOBER RENO TRIP UPDATE

#### GOLF TRAVEL CHAIRMAN – DON WAGNER

At the time of this writing our final golf trip of the year is ready to go with 36 players heading to Reno. (Since completed at time of publishing of Newsletter). We are playing two new courses, Sierra Sage and Red Hawk (Lakeside). These overnight trips give everyone a chance to play a challenging golf course plus time to relax in addition to enjoying the company of our membership. We've had great participation in our golf overnight trips this year and I encourage our new members to ask anyone who has done them and then take the opportunity to join us. Our golf overnight trips schedule for next year will be established by the November meeting and included in our 2026 golf schedule.

*Don*



## SIR ACTIVITIES

Book Exchange Every Meeting, Please Bring a Book and Take ones of your choosing.

Instead of throwing the book away, bring it in for exchange or someone else's enjoyment

Breakfast Buddies, every Third Wednesday at 8:00AM  
Lido Café and Bakery, 7907 Fair Oaks Blvd, Carmichael

### Poker

Each poker event will be held the LAST Wednesday of each month at 12:00 to 4:00 PM at Cal Conley's home.

Contact Cal if you want to play at [sviconley@hotmail.com](mailto:sviconley@hotmail.com)



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

*Gary Adams 86, 10/4   Don Anido 79, 10/17   Mike Egstad 63, 10/27*

*Ray Guertin 82, 10/14.   Rick Hamilton 79, 10/7   Max Kinsey 87, 10/30*

*Bill Kishi 89, 10/5   Jim Miller 81, 10/15   Archie Noriega 84, 10/12*

*Jim Olson 78, 10/20   Don Wagner 86, 10/31*



## JULY MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Ramon Murillo**

September Membership News:

Greetings, Membership is 103

**No losses to report**

**No New members to report**

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

**Ramon, Membership Chair**



## **SOME NOTABLE OCTOBER HISTORICAL EVENTS**

**October 1, 1908** - Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

**October 3, 1863** - President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. (Always one of my favorite holidays)

**October 13, 1775** - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

**October 19, 1781** - As their band played *The World Turned Upside Down*, the British Army marched out in formation and surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown. More than 7,000 British and Hessian troops, led by British General Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington. The war between Britain and its American colonies was effectively ended. The final peace treaty was signed in Paris on September 3, 1783.

**October 26, 1881** - The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, occurred between the feuding Clanton and Earp families. Wyatt Earp, two of his brothers and "Doc" Holliday gunned down two Clantons and two others.

**October 28, 1919** - Prohibition began in the U.S. with the passage of the National Prohibition (Volstead) Act by Congress. Sales of drinks containing more than one half of one percent of alcohol became illegal. Called a "noble experiment" by Herbert Hoover, prohibition last nearly 14 years and became highly profitable for organized crime which manufactured and sold liquor in saloons called speakeasies. (Wonder what they were thinking to do that)

**October 31, 1941** - Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. The memorial contains 60-foot-tall sculptures of the heads of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt - representing America's founding, political philosophy, preservation, and expansion and conservation.

### **RANDOM THOUGHTS I CAME ACROSS THIS MONTH:**

**NO, I CAN'T DO SNAPCHAT, INSTAGRAM OR TIKTOK, BUT I CAN WRITE IN CURSIVE (READ IT TOO), DO MATH WITHOUT A CALCULATOR AND TELL TIME ON A CLOCK WITH HANDS.**

**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STUPIDITY AND GENIUS IS THAT GENIUS HAS ITS LIMITS**

**AS A KID, I WATCHED THE WIZARD OF OZ AND WONDERED HOW SOMEONE COULD TALK IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE A BRAIN, NOW THAT I HAVE ACCESS TO SOCIAL MEDIA I NO LONGER WONDER.**

**SIR 102 2025 OFFICERS**

**BIG SIR..... Don Wagner**  
**LITTLE SIR ..... Tim Ryan**  
**SECRETARY... Fred Campbell-Craven**  
**ASST. SECRETARY..... Jim Lasiter**  
**TREASURER..... John Slingerland**  
**ASST. TREASURER..... Eloy Herrera**

**DIRECTORS**

**Dallas Ito (2025)**  
**Gabe Reddig (2026)**  
**Robert Duplantier (2026)**  
**Cal Conley (2027)**  
**Gary Adams (HLM)**  
**Gary Bohn (HLM)**  
**Jeff Dye (HLM)**  
**Bob Fitzgerald (HLM)**  
**Don Wagner State (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 Fred Campbell Craven**  
**ATTENDANCE Ramon Murillo**  
**ACTIVITIES Vacant**  
**AUDIO/VIDEO Bob Fitzgerald**  
**BOOK EXCHANGE Tom McKinley**  
**CHAPLAIN Vic Mershon**  
**GOLF Jeff Dye**  
  
**MEMBERSHIP Ramon Murillo**  
**NEWSLETTER Eloy A. Herrera**  
**SUNSHINE Gary Bohn**  
**TRAVEL Bill Maffei**  
  
**WEBMASTER Eloy A. Herrera**  
**THE SINGIN' SWINGIN' SIRS Robert DuPlantier**  
  
**RAMP Recruitment Vacant**  
**RAMP Activities Cal Conley**  
**RAMP Membership Ramon Murillo**  
**RAMP Publicity Jeff Dye**

**HONARARY LIFE MEMBERS**

**As Of**  
**Donald (Don) Wagner 02/23/2012**  
**Gary Bohn 12/09/2014**  
**Jeffrey Dye 08/09/2022**  
**Bob Fitzgerald 11/11/2019**  
**Gary Adams 2024**

**SENIOR SIRS**

**Hank Price. Greg Lazaga Jim Dillon**  
**Evans Warne**

**PAST 102 BIG SIR**

**Gordon Nielson-1983 Pete Tapella-1984**  
**Roy Bostic-1985 Don Johnson-1986**  
**Paul Siglin-1987 Wesley Fisk Jr.-1988**  
**Ray Nyman-1989 Don Gaylord-1990**  
**Les Jones-1991 Don Gaylord-1992**  
**Rock Sorgman-1993 Bill Spencer-1994**  
**Tom Warburton-1995 Don Neudeck-1996**  
**Don Gayner-1997 Don Wiles-1998**  
**Tom Eyman-1999 Bob Simowski-2000**  
**Stan Spalding-2001 Chuck Shoemaker-2002**  
**Lloyd Browning-2003 Bob Baker-2004**  
**Don Wagner-2005. Frank Mason-2006**  
**Bill Drake-2007 Speedy Sheetz-2007**  
**Joe Virga-2008 Mickey Wagner-2009**  
**Bob Lamora-2010 Jim Johnson-2011**  
**Dick Larsen-2012. Jim Reese-2012**  
**Gary Bohn-2013 Don Whalen-2014**  
**Dick Coleman-2015 Jeff Dye-2015-16**  
**Norm Steinbach-2017 Cliff Jones-2018**  
**Larry Dezonias-2019 Mike Lorton-2020**  
**Dan Maglionico-2020-21 Gary Adams-2022**  
**Gabe Reddig-2023 Cal Conley (2024)**

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