

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110 **No November Meeting!!**
1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA – **No Luncheon – No Executive Committee Meeting**

SIR Luncheon and Program Update

No luncheon or speakers are planned for the near future.

 **But hope springs eternal!**



Big Sir Message:

Good Day to all our SIR members Bidwell Branch 110. I am looking forward to our Thanksgiving Dinner and all the festivities and would like to thank you all for your support during this Thanksgiving Holiday. I want to send a November Birthday Message to all our SIR members born in November. Happy Birthday!

I can't believe it is November and we still have not had any rain. I have noticed that the cool mornings have been welcomed in the past couple of weeks and am looking forward to our cooler days. I am so looking forward to our SIR luncheons and guest speakers again. Just wanted to remind you that November 3rd is our election day and wanted to remind you all to vote. Restaurants in Butte County are starting to re-open and we look forward to enjoying a great meal and supporting our community. I am certain that most of you all have been sheltered in place and looking forward to getting this COVID -19 virus gone. I have noticed that most establishments have required masks to be worn in public places. I am certainly looking forward to our Holiday Season! I would like to thank all our SIR members Branch 110 for supporting our membership and look forward to our luncheons and guest speakers again. Hope you all have a great Thanksgiving and look forward to resuming our meetings once again.

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Lunch Menu

**No Meeting
No Lunch
No Menu**

Attendance

**No Meeting
No Lunch
No Survey**

No need to contact Don Curtis

Branch 110 Website: <http://www.branch110.sirinc2.org>

Webmaster: Ron Brazier



Check out our Webmaster's humor on the Branch 110 website.



Chaplain's Corner: Health, Wisdom and Memorials

It has been decided to endeavor to include more information about Branch 110 members who have health issues or have passed away. It is often found that information of this sort is not known to those who would be responsible for informing the membership at large. Therefore, **everyone's assistance is requested**. If you know of a member who has or has had health issues or has recently died, please inform either Tom Shifflet or Don Alger. It is important to not miss acknowledging any fellow members.

Judge a man by his questions
rather than by his answers.

Voltaire

Chaplain's Message:

In the midst of these troublesome days, brought on by the coronavirus and subsequent social distancing, you may be a SIR (Bidwell Branch 110) with an unmet need. If so, feel free to email **TomShifflet@aol.com**. Likewise, if you are a SIR 110 member that is willing to volunteer some time and energy towards helping a fellow SIR with a specific need, please contact me, **TomShifflet@aol.com**. I will try to match SIRs with needs and SIRs who are willing to help. We can get through this pandemic together.

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*



November 4, 1970: Test pilot André Turcat of France's Sud Aviation company flew the prototype of the **Concorde** supersonic airliner over the Atlantic Ocean at a record speed for a commercial aircraft, reaching Mach 2 and averaging 1,370 miles per hour for nearly 50 minutes. Flying at 52,500 feet over the ocean,



he reached a maximum speed of 1,404 miles per hour before returning.

The Concorde began regular service in 1976 by British Airways and Air France. Twenty aircraft were built, including six prototypes and development aircraft. Air France and British Airways were the only airlines to purchase and fly the Concorde. All other airlines canceled their orders for Concorde jets because of environmental concerns.

It had seating for 92 to 128 passengers. The aircraft was used mainly by wealthy passengers who could afford to pay a high price in exchange for the aircraft's speed and luxury service. For example, in 1997, the round-trip ticket price from New York to London was \$7,995 (equivalent to \$12,700 in 2019), more than 30 times the cost of the cheapest option to fly this route.

On April 10, 2003, Air France and British Airways simultaneously announced they would retire the Concorde later that year. They cited low passenger numbers following a July 25, 2000 Concord crash, the slump in air travel after the September 11 attacks, and rising maintenance costs.



SIR 110 Activities

There were of course no official SIR activities due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions. However, some members pursued related activities on an individual basis.

For contact information for leaders of any of the activities, please refer to a Rooster's Tale edition prior to May.

Travel

Most tours have been canceled but there are a few available.

- **Feb 8-23, 2021, Panama Canal aboard Emerald Princess Cruise**
- **April 22-May 9, 2021, Adriatic and Aegean Princess Cruise**
- **May 2-10, 2021, Columbia River Cruise aboard the American Empress**
- **July 11-19, 2021, Canadian Rockies by Train**

For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.

Nature Notes and Quotes

The word **nature** is a commonly used word. Its beauty resulting mainly from the wonderful diversity of living organisms that exist in various parts of the earth, as well as the unique terrain of mountains, water, plateaus and forests leads to a sense of solace for many folks.

Perhaps in these trying times a little sojourn into nature will help take your minds off some of the sense of stress.



Sometimes Nature is the Best Art



The Red Shanked Douc is one of the most beautiful primates. It is native to Indochina; Vietnam, Southern Laos and possibly Northeastern Cambodia. Before 1967, the douc was completely unstudied. Doucs are found in a variety of habitats: from lowland to mountainous terrain up to 2,000 m (6,600 feet), semi-deciduous, primary and secondary rainforests, in the mid to upper levels of the canopy. They occasionally get on the ground to drink water or eat dirt that contains minerals.

MEMBERSHIP

There are currently 173 active members.

Membership brochures and applications are normally available at the membership table or you can call Don Levensaler at 891-1045 to get one via the postal service.

Even though we are not meeting face-to-face, SIR membership is still open to accepting new applications. Anyone wishing an application can e-mail me at dlev29@comcast.net. The completed application can be returned by USPS or E-MAIL.

If your name is on this list below, please send the \$24 ABC fee to Don Levensaler, 1492 Keri Ln, Chico, 95926. Payable to Sir Branch 110.

If you have already paid, please excuse the inclusion of your name again.

064 Barger Jim	187 Emmons Steve	090 Marple Larry	059 Shippen William
025 Bingaman William	004 Fromer Michael	255 Matthews Paul	168 Shook Doug
221 Bollinger John	029 Giberson Richard	012 McNamara Dennis	047 Sorger Neil
083 Carlson Ernie	026 Hagen Lyman	205 Merrill Fred	118 Spooner Daryl
092 Ciapponi Fred	019 Hansen Raymond	206 Musgrave Mike	282 Van Houtte Edward
231 Cohea William	034 Herman Craig	169 Prewitt William	263 Wilbur Richard
234 Costa Peter	036 Kandler Art	037 Scott Troy	125 Wilson Terrance
074 Day Jeff	174 Kreider Larry		

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** Deadline for the **December** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, November 26**. Send your articles by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone him at: (530) 894-2452.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>
- **Future Programs:** Whenever we can have another normal luncheon meeting, we will have another interesting program. As always, your ideas are welcome.
- **Annual Basket Collection (ABC):** Just another reminder that our annual **ABC fee** was due. Please see the information above.
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The Official Flag of 2020



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If you have a November Birthday, we are sorry we will not be able to celebrate with you. Here's hoping you had or will have a great day.

Mike	Musgrave	Nov	2	Dennis	Bruggman	Nov	15	Paul	Matthews	Nov	22
David	Barnum	Nov	4	Neil	Schwertman	Nov	17	Richard	Matt	Nov	22
Kyle	Glaziner	Nov	4	Wayne	Chapman	Nov	17	Jack	Skibo	Nov	26
John	Marks	Nov	7								

It is possible to get a free lunch card without being a Birthday Boy. There is a free lunch winner at every meeting from a name badge drawing. Also both the sponsor and his guest receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.

Please plan on bringing a friend to the next SIR meeting!