

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

Meeting November 27, 2023 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

Luncheon at 11:30 am–Executive Committee 9:30 am

**Program:** This month's program will be about one of the most significant and interesting historical chapters of the American fighter pilots in P-51 Mustangs protecting our bombers during WWII.

The 99th Fighter Squadron, known as the Tuskegee Airmen were also known as the Red Tails. The history of this group must be remembered in the context of 1942, there had never been an African American pilot in the US Army Air Corp.

Thirteen African American college graduates comprised the first class in Tuskegee, Alabama. Five of them graduated, including George S. Roberts who became the first black Commander in US history.

You will hear about their training and their combat missions in Europe from none other than the daughters of Commander Roberts. You will learn why a number of bomber squadrons requested the Red Tails for protection on their bombing missions. This is probably one of the most unique historical events at a time of racial segregation, and how these men were able to participate in WWII representing the United States.

Commander Roberts' daughters are part of the Tuskegee Heritage Sacramento Chapter and will present about a one-hour program on the history of these pilots and their participation. They have tables with materials about this history of the Tuskegee Airmen that you can purchase.

Our Branch Executive Committee has approved that if your spouse wants to see the program, they can arrive around 12:15 and there will chairs for them to sit in. If you invite men to have lunch, be sure to notify us because we expect a fairly large turnout for this meeting.

**Lunch:** The food will still be served as it has been recently. **The cost will still be \$17.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
<b>Grilled Tri-tip</b> with zinfandel cream sauce, mashed potatoes, veggies and bread. Dessert will be a surprise.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the <b>November</b> luncheon. <b>Please respond to the survey</b> but if you could not do the survey, and <b>if you WILL attend</b> , contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 <b>by Thursday, November 23.</b>



**Big Sir Message:** We recently enjoyed Halloween and the year end pace increases with Thanksgiving approaching and Christmas and the year end on the horizon. The season is already having an impact with our November hike taking place earlier in the month due to scheduling conflicts later in the month. Check your calendars because the branch Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 4. Tickets are on sale now or you can purchase tickets at the November lunch meeting. Craig Lindquist and helpers are busy planning

and preparing for the Christmas dinner event. (Continued on the next page).

We are enjoying increased attendance at our monthly luncheon meetings. This is a good thing but we are running into challenges having sufficient meals ordered due to last-minute drop-ins. Please respond to Rocky's emails asking if you plan to attend the luncheon meeting. Unexpectedly dropping in puts a strain on the available meals. **Your RSVP is needed!**

I'm looking forward to another excellent lunch meeting in November. Please let us know if you are coming. See you post Thanksgiving at the luncheon meeting. *Rich*

**Please check out our website for updates and lots of humor.**

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

**Webmaster: Ron Braziel**

## 2023 Officers and Directors

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## Health, Wisdom and Memorials

In order to include information about Branch 110 members who have health issues or have passed away, **everyone's assistance is requested**. If you know of a member who has had health issues or has recently died, please provide the information to Don Alger. Let's not miss acknowledging our fellow members.


**Matias Cabral:** "Mat" passed away at the age of 81. He was born in Mexico and grew up in a farming and ranching family before moving to California. He married Concepcion in 1963 and they bought their first home in 1972 in Hamilton City. In 2015, they moved to Chico and he spent his retirement years playing the game he loved-golf. He was a member of SIRS and Bidwell Golf Course.


Let our hearts be full of  
both, thanks and giving.


*Happy Thanksgiving!*

# SIR 110 Activities

**Please remember that when planning SIR activities, it is critical that approval be obtained from the BEC and have it entered into the minutes for insurance coverage.**

<h2>History</h2>		<p>In an effort to revitalize our History <b>Activity</b>, the second meeting is scheduled for <b>Tuesday, November 14, at 10 am</b>. The suggested format will be exploring topics related to Chico's historic buildings, institutions, businesses and people.</p>
<p>Participating in the activity would involve attending a monthly meeting to learn about some Chico history and perhaps contributing to the gathering of information on topics of interest. <b>Please contact Don Alger (<a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> or 530-894-2452) if you would be interested in participating or would like more information.</b></p>		

<h2>Bridge</h2>		<p>There was no report of SIR Branch 110 winners. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. <u>Call Ed Matzdorff at 342-3649 for information.</u></p>
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<h2>Piscatology</h2>		<p><b>September:</b> The fishing group enjoyed a 3 day trip to Lake Almanor. A big "Thank you" to Lynn and Don Phillips for hosting the group at their Almanor West-Cabin. Most fishermen caught one or two fish. However, <b>Larry Kreider</b> landed the largest fish caught so far this year.</p>
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It was a 25-inch German Brown, caught on the Eastside in shallow water. See the picture below. **October:** The last fishing trip of the year occurred on October 24, 25 and 26 at Frenchman Lake and Davis Lake. Both are near Portola on Hwy 70. The first day we fished Frenchman Lake with very poor results. The second day the wind blew everyone off Davis Lake Wednesday night was a low of 24 degrees, with snow on the mountains and ice in the boat. Thursday, the fishing was good with everyone getting a limit. The motel was very accommodating, providing picnic tables and allowing us to set up a kitchen in the parking lot. Good food and good company was enjoyed by all fishermen.



**Larry Kreider**



**Lake Davis Success**

**SIR Branch No. 110**  
**2023 Christmas Dinner Party**  
**will be held at**

**MANZANITA**  
*Place*  
1705 Manzanita Ave.

**Monday, December 4, 2023**  
**5:00 PM Social -- 6:00 PM Dinner**

**MENU CHOICES**

**ROAST BEEF**  
**TURKEY**  
**VEGETARIAN**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person.**

**Holiday**  
**Entertainment**


**Happy Holidays**  
**to**  
**Everyone!**

**Prizes!!**

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**Please make checks payable to**  
**SIR Branch No. 110.**

Thanks to Ray Rolls for the nice graphics.

<p><b>Golf</b></p>		<p>Branch 110 Golf is a very popular activity not only for our members but also for other local SIR Branches. There are tournaments usually twice a month on Mondays with a variety of entertaining formats at different courses. Call <b>Darrell Hands</b>, the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.</p>
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On Monday, October 16, a tournament was played at Bailey Creek.


First Place Net = 58.3	Second Place Net = 58.5	Third Place Net = 61.7
BRUGGMAN, DENNIS	ATKIN, NORM	GLAZINER, KYLE
QUINTO, RAY	BROWN, WAYNE	KNOWLTON, JACK
VAN PATTEN, ALEX	VELASCO, STEVE	PARSONS, DICK
	VELASQUEZ, JOE	GLAZINER, KEN


CLOSEST TO PIN 4: GROSS, MIKE - 1' 11"; PORTERFIELD, CAP - 26' 11"


CLOSEST TO PIN 8: HYDER, MARK - 4' 3/4"; BAKER, KEN - 4' 11"



CLOSEST TO PIN 13: BRUGGMAN, DENNIS - 9' 4"; VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 9' 6"

CLOSEST TO PIN 16: VELASCO, STEVE - 3' 3"; VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 16' 4"

<p><b>ABV 110</b></p>		<p>About twenty people participated in tours of the Sierra Nevada Brewery. It was a very interesting and thorough tour. Due to the upcoming holidays, <b>no ABV activities will be planned for November and December.</b></p>
<p>To be added to the email distribution list, contact Don Alger (<a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> or 530-894-2452).</p>		

<p><b>Pinochle</b></p>		<p>Pinochle report for October: Clay Zigler - 1st; Charles Clayton - 2nd; Jenni Boles - 3rd. <b>DATE CHANGE:</b> Due to Thanksgiving, the pinochle date will be changed to the 3rd Wednesday. We will be lunching and playing cards at the BCCC at 11 am on <b>Wednesday, November 15.</b> At this time, the December date will remain the 4th Wednesday which is <b>December 27.</b> Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</p>
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<p><b>Bowling</b></p>		<p>SIR Bowling meets Tuesdays at 6 pm, at Bowlero. This is a drop-in league that meets each week, so you can attend every Tuesday or when the mood strikes you. If you decide to show up near a holiday or as summer approaches, you might want to check to make</p>
<p>sure the bowling night is happening. The cost is \$17 for three games plus shoe rental. There is a \$25 league enrollment fee so your first time to bowl will be \$42 then \$17 each time thereafter. Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815.</p>		

<p><b>Hiking</b></p>		<p>The SIR hike in November was at Paradise Lake on November 7. The group hiked north from the Boat Launch #2 area to the end of the walking trail for an out-and-back hike of five miles. We enjoyed the fall colors and pleasant fall weather. The picture is the group on the trail. Photo credit: Randy Benson.</p>	
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### Wood Working



**Due to a lack of participation, the woodworking shop has closed.** Should someone have a project that needs a little help, call Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.

## SIR 110 Information Resources

This is information related to History and Travel that does not represent official SIR Activities, but does provide information about other history and travel events.

### History



There will be an endeavor to keep folks informed about upcoming history related activities. Please contact Don Alger at [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) for more information on the following events.

#### Chico History Museum Presentations

**November 18 10 am:** *A Special Event: Days Of Gold In Butte Creek Canyon*

#### Butte County Historical Society Activities

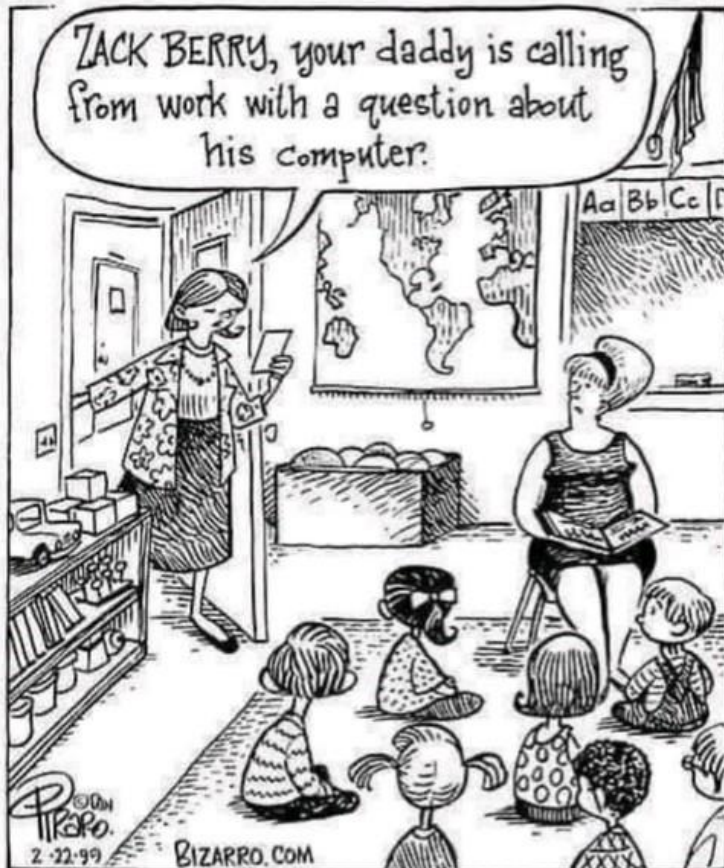
**November 18, 1 pm:** *Historic Women of the Old West*

### Travel



There were no reported SIR travel opportunities. For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.

## Do we live in an age of technological PROGRESS?





**There are currently 126 active members.**

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

### New Members Inducted in October.



Name: **Kenneth Glaziner**  
 Wife: Janet  
 Occupation: Sales Manager – California Renovation  
 Interests: Golf, RV's, Hunting  
 Sponsored by: Kyle Glaziner



Name: **Richard Parsons**  
 Wife: Jane  
 Occupation: Electrical Contractor – All Seasons Electric  
 Interests: Fishing, Golf, Wine Tasting, Dining out  
 Sponsored by: Kyle Glaziner



Name: **Mike Morgan**  
 Wife: Sandra  
 Occupation: RE Property Mgmt. – Self Employed  
 Interests: Antique Cars, Economic Studies, Veterans  
 Sponsored by: Jim Braziel

### Guests in October

**Bill Knudsen**-guest of Alex Lorenz

**Jim Williams**-guest of Jim Braziel

## Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2023 Roster, several changes have occurred. The Roster Updates will keep members informed of **current membership**.

For privacy reasons, typical Roster information on new members will not be published in the Rooster's Tale but if you need to communicate with a new member, contact Don Alger at 530-894-2452 or [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) for a contact procedure.

<b>New Members</b>	Gary Wolf	Steve Kodad	Lou Mione	Clay Dalrymple
	Les Julian	Gene Rideout	Alex Lorenz	Bill Hopson
	Steve Nay	Gary White	Jan Loring	Keith Martinson
	Mike Gross	Norm Whitehurst	Mike Morgan	Richard Parsons
	Kenneth Glaziner			
<b>Reinstated Members</b>	Dennis McNamara	Michael Lim		
<b>Members Dropped</b>	Alex Van Patten	Harold Reck	Neil Sorger	Frank Zebley
	Mat Cabral			

## Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **December** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, November 30**. Send your information by email: [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Future Programs:** On **December 18** we will have Christmas music by the familiar Sounds of the Valley group. The **January 22** program will be on the Honey Bee Discovery Center in Orland.
- **Christmas Party:** Tickets will be sold at the November meeting for the **Monday, December 4, event**. The cost will be \$25 per person. **Please save the date and get your tickets.**
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

If you have a November Birthday, please join us at the November 27<sup>th</sup> luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!\*\***

Dave	Barnum	Nov	4	Kenneth	Glaziner	Nov	13	Jan	Loring	Nov	12
Kyle	Glaziner	Nov	4	Mike	Gross	Nov	12	Larry	Willis	Nov	17

**\*\*It is possible to get a free lunch without being a Birthday Boy. There has been a free lunch winner at some meetings from a random selection process. Also both the sponsor and his guest will receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.**

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

