

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

**Meeting November 17, 2025 1705 Manzanita Ave., Chico, CA**

**Luncheon at 11:30 am—Executive Committee at 9:30 am**

**Program:** The annual November Veterans Program will be **A Veteran's Story**. This is the important month that involves honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Our speaker will be **Carlos Castle** who was a sergeant in the 101st Airborne Division 3/327 Inf., US Army. He will talk about his military service. He began his service in 1984 and besides impressive assignments in the States he served in Germany and South Korea. He then went on to the 101st Airborne during the Gulf War where he was injured. He is currently very active in local Veteran's organizations.



**Lunch:** **The price of a salad is \$18. The price of lunch is still \$20.**

Lunch Menu	Lunch Attendance Communication
<b>Turkey</b> with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans casserole, bread, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream for dessert.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the <b>November 17<sup>th</sup></b> luncheon. <b><u>Please respond to the survey</u></b> , but if you could not do the survey, and <b><u>if you WILL attend</u></b> , contact Rocky Rockwell at 530-961-3418 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 <b><u>by 6:01 pm on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup></u></b> .

**Branch Executive Council Message:** Gentlemen,

## **New Policy for Luncheon Payments**

Starting with the October meeting, if you reserve a luncheon meal for our SIR Branch 110 meeting, **you are responsible for the payment.**

If your plans change, you must notify the Luncheon Committee (Dave Jones or Rocky Rockwell) of your cancellation by 5 PM on the Friday before the Monday meeting.

**If you do not cancel in time, you will be charged for the meal.** The payment will be due at the next meeting you attend.

**Please note that if you attend the meeting without reserving a meal in advance, a meal will not be available for you.**

Your Luncheon Committee is: Dave Jones at chicore@hotmail.com or (530) 895-1022 and Rocky Rockwell at clrockwell15@gmail.com or (530) 961-3418. (provided courtesy Rocky Rockwell)

**Please check out our website for regular updates.**

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

**Webmaster: Ron Braziel**



## Big Sir Message:

The big Sir Messages will resume next month. *Don S.*

**Please review page 1 for the  
"New Policy for Luncheon Payments"**

## 2025 Officers and Directors

<b>Big Sir: Don Sturt</b>		<b>Little Sir: Ralph Skytte</b>
<b>Secretary:</b> Bob Dinger	<b>Asst. Sec.:</b> Dave Rush	<b>Database Mgr:</b> Rocky Rockwell
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## Health, Memorials and Wisdom




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 notify Don Alger. Let's not miss acknowledging our fellow members.

**Bill Niepoth:** Edward William (Bill) Niepoth passed away on October 28<sup>th</sup> in Chico at age 97. He and his wife were avid sports fans and regularly attended women's and men's basketball games. Bill sponsored a Track and Field/Cross Country scholarship at CSU, Chico for many years.

**All the uglinesses of the world can best be forgotten  
in the beauty of nature.**

## 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.**

<b>Bowling</b>		SIR Bowling took the summer off but started again in September. <b>Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815.</b>
<b>Bridge</b>		The Bridge players played last month. <b>Bob Dinger</b> was the only Branch 110 winner. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. <b>Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for information.</b>
<b>Pinochle</b>		The winners of October's Pinochle day are: Cindy Heffren - 1st; Jenni Boles - 2nd and Charlie Clayton - 3rd. The next two month have date changes due to holidays. <b>NOVEMBER</b> is moved to the 3rd Wednesday, November 19, at 11 am at the BCCC. <b>DECEMBER</b> is moved to the 3rd Wednesday, December 17 <sup>th</sup> at 11 am at the BCCC. Come join the fun group. <b>Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</b>

## Piscatology



The fishing group carried out our trip to Lewiston, CA. We fished Lewiston Lake and Trinity Lake. A few large and fat rainbow trout were caught along with two Kokanee.

It was a successful fun trip. The fishing group will next meet at Cozy Diner on Mangrove Ave. at 7 am, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Come check it out.. **Please check out the pictures below of some fishing activities.**

**Contact Dana Davis at 530-570-1687 if you want to know more about the group**



## Hiking



We'll meet at the Chico Park and Ride (in the lot closest to highway 99) on **Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am.** Then we'll drive to Riverbend Park in Oroville and walk along the Feather River. We'll stop at Boss Burger for lunch then return along the Feather River.

**PLACE:** Hike along the Feather River

**WEAR:** Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots.

**BRING:** Water. Bring a snack, if desired. Suggest bringing sunscreen, eye protection, lip balm, walking poles or staff if desired, a personal first aid kit. Binoculars could come in handy to bird watch. Include in your pack the name and contact information of an emergency contact and medical insurance information. Bring money for lunch (optional) or bring a lunch.

**COMMENTS:** This hike is along a walking path so this is generally even terrain with mostly gradual elevation changes. Surfaces include rocks and potholes and can be slippery from rain and leaves. Be alert to tripping and fall hazards.

**For additional information, please contact Rich Utter, Randy Benson or Jim Hertl.**

### **Pictures from the Paradise Lake Hike**



Left to Right Jim Johnson, Alex Lorenz Mike Gross  
Rich Utter and Randy Benson



lunch at Barney O'Rourke's



## Pickleball



Jay Hanson is laid up from surgery and will not be able to conduct the Pickleball Squad for a month or so however, he encourages all of those players to go out on their own and join in with the other players or with each other.

**Jay Hanson can be reached at [jbirdhanson1@gmail.com](mailto:jbirdhanson1@gmail.com)**

## Wood Working



Due to a lack of participation, there are no longer regular meetings. If someone has a project that needs a little help, call Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.

## Humor


My doctor said now that I'm older I need to install a bar in the shower




One thing no one ever talks about when it comes to being an adult, is how much time we debate keeping a cardboard box because it's, you know..... a really good box.

**I THOUGHT THE DRYER MADE MY CLOTHES SHRINK.**

**TURNS OUT IT WAS THE REFRIGERATOR.**

<b>History</b>		<p>The next meeting will be <b>Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am at 6 Stratford Way.</b> We will have reviews of our projects on Chico's Historic Grocery Stores, Flour Mills and Flumes, Bio Sketches of</p>
<p>Notable Chico Residents and discussion of a new project on History of the Origin of Chico Street Names. We may also have an introduction to the History of Chico's Fires and Fire Department.  <b>If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Don Alger (<a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> or 530-894-2452).</b></p>		


<b>More History</b>		<p>There will be an endeavor to keep members informed about upcoming history related community events.  <b>Contact Don Alger (<a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> or 530-894-2452) for more information about these history activities.</b></p>
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### **Chico History Museum Events**

**Saturday, November 8:** "Veterans Voices: A Celebration of Service and Community"


**Saturday, November 15:** "Rebuilding the Honey Run Covered Bridge"

**Saturday, December 6:** "Chico in the 50's"

<b>Book Exchange</b>		<p><b>SIR BOOK EXCHANGE at the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting</b>          Stop by the SIR Book Exchange table to put out your books and to see what is available.          The book exchange starts during the social time before our lunch meeting.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Please contact Rich Utter or Randy Benson with any questions</b></p>		

<b>Golf</b>		<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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Due the cancellation of one tournament and the prior October one covered previously there is no golf report this month.

<b>ABV 110</b>		<p>A well attended October ABV activity was held at <b>Farmers Restaurant and Taproom.</b> Please see the pictures of ABV activities on the Branch 110 website.          The ABV Activity will take a break for November and December because of the holidays and time to ponder and plan the next activity. Suggestions are always welcome.</p>
<p><b>To be on the ABV email list, contact Don Alger (<a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> or 530-894-2452).</b></p>		

## **RANDOM THOUGHTS**

**What's another word for Thesaurus?**

## MEMBERSHIP

**There are now 130 members including 8 on Attendance Relief.**

Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call **Sam Smith** at 530-720-1041 to get one via the postal service.

## Roster Updates

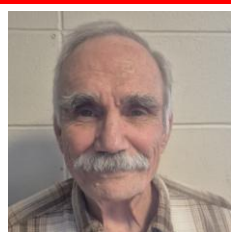
Since the preparation and printing of the 2025 Roster, some changes have occurred.

The "Roster Updates" will help keep members informed of **current membership**.

If you need to communicate with a new member, contact Rocky Rockwell (530-961-3418).

<b>New Members Not in the 2025 Roster</b>	Mick Grey	Robert Minton	Warren Locke	Tim Hill
	Mark Frey	Scott Brogden	Mike Bates	Don Krysakowski
	Mike O'Malley	Larry Spencer		

### New Member in October



Name: **Larry Spencer**

Wife: Janice

Occupation: Auto Parts Sales for Ford in Richmond CA

Interests: Baseball & Football Day, Biking, Bocce, Photography, Dine out,

Dominoes, Bowling, Hiking, Poker, Pickleball

Sponsored by: Sam Smith

### Guest in October

**Frank Condon** - guest of Jose Lopez

## Announcements

**Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **December** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**. Send your information by email to [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu).

**Future Programs:** **December 15<sup>th</sup>** will feature Christmas music. Our **January 26<sup>th</sup>** program will be about activities of the Big Chico Ecological Reserve.

On **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we will hear about an interesting soccer coaching career.

**State SIR Bulletin:** (SIR Happenings) is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>.

**Our Branch Officers for 2026:** After spending countless hours fussing and fretting about finding a Little Sir and then finding we also needed a Big Sir for 2026 at the October meeting **Jose Lopez** and **Al Romero** volunteered to fill those positions. That left the position of Assistant Treasurer empty and our current Treasurer **Charles Staser** volunteered to do that. In our November meeting, we will need to have an election to confirm those changes. Shown below is our slate of 2026 Officers and Directors. When you see these three gentlemen, please offer them a huge thank you.

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**SIR Branch No. 110**  
**2025 Christmas Dinner Party**  
**will be held at**



**Monday, December 8, 2025**  
**5:00 PM Social -- 6:00 PM Dinner**

**MENU CHOICES**

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

**Cost: \$35.00 per person.**

**Children's**  
**Choir**

**Prizes!!**

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



**Prizes!!**

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

**Tickets will be sold at the October and November luncheon meetings.**



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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

If you have a November birthday, please join us at the November 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon and see what you might win.

David	Barnum	Nov	4	Jan	Loring	Nov	12	Steve	Kodad	Nov	17
Kyle	Glaziner	Nov	4	Kenneth	Glaziner	Nov	13	Mike	Bates	Nov	21
Michael	Gross	Nov	12	Frank	Willis	Nov	17	Kurt	Himmler	Nov	23

It is possible to get a free lunch. Both the sponsor and his guest will receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.

**Please, be a friend and bring a friend to the next SIR meeting!**

**RANDOM THOUGHTS**

**Self checkout should include an employee discount.**