

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110 **No December 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.



Big Sir Message: Good Morning Bidwell Branch 110. I just wanted to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday. Hope you all celebrated with family and friends. I can't believe it is almost Christmas, and I am looking forward to all the festivities associated with this Christmas Holiday Season. The weather has been very nice the past month or so. The cooler weather has been welcomed, and I am looking forward to some rain in the near future. The beautiful trees are turning autumn colors and the leaves are starting to fall. I am looking forward to our winter season. I hope you all are sheltered in place and hope you are well and safe. This has been a really tough year with the Covid-19. I am hoping that the vaccine will be happening soon. I just wanted to Wish You all a Wonderful Holiday Season! I am looking forward to our New Year 2021. Hope you all enjoy your Holiday Season!

2020 Officers & Directors

Big Sir – Steve Laird	Little Sir –Norm, Stump
Secretary – Bob Dinger	Asst. Sec. – Richard Matt
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Attendance Sec. – Don Curtis	
Director – Jim Amis	Director – Dave Jones
Director – Ken Tietz	Director – Mike Nicholas
Director –Jose Lopez	Director – Ken Edson

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 Braziel



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 our fellow members.

Thanks to Ray Rolls and Ken Edson for providing some of the information which follows.

Charles R. Fullmer "Chuck" died November 4, 2020 at age 86, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Chuck found contentment and joy in the outdoors camping, fishing, golfing, playing on the Bidwell Bombers and Chico Senior Softball teams, and tending to his lawn and garden.

John T. Marks "Tom", 89, died November 8, 2020, in Chico. Tom and his wife Toy led the Travel Group in SIR Branch 110 for several years with organizing and hosting travel visiting countries all over the world and many activities including local "Mystery Trips" and multi-day trips.

The picture of Tom and his wife is courtesy of Ray Rolls.



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.



December 2, 1970: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began operations five months after a governmental reorganization plan had been issued by U.S. President Richard M. Nixon. The agency's first administrator, William Ruckelshaus, was sworn into office two days later.

December 29, 1970: U.S. President Richard Nixon signed the Occupational Safety and Health Act into law. The House had approved the Act by a margin of 308 to 60 after its passage by the Senate. This was the basis for formation of The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The OSHA was formed on April 28, 1971 and is currently part of United States Department of Labor with the mission to "assure safe and healthy working conditions for working men and women by setting and enforcing standards and by providing training, outreach, education and assistance."

December 30, 1970: The Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970, mandating child-resistant packaging for medicines and hazardous chemicals, was signed into law by President Nixon. This was a prelude to the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The CPSA was signed into law by President Richard Nixon on October 27, 1972. Section 4 of the 1972 act established the United States CPSC. These acts were in part based on the premise that even though consumers must take some responsibility for their own safety, industry must also assume responsibility for the design and manufacturing of safe consumer products.

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, which can be found on the SIR Branch 110 website.

Golf



Darrell Hands, the chair of the golf activity, submitted the photo of him and a friend. It was not explained what this had to do with golf,

but for your information, it appears to be Darrell on the left in the picture.

Hiking



Jim Hertl, the chair of the joint Branch 110 and 84 hiking activity and the current Big SIR of Branch 84 submitted the following information.

Hi Hikers, I did the Middle and Yahi trail, with Ron Peterson, and it was beautiful! Don't wait for this virus, just be safe and get out on the trail now and enjoy this fabulous weather.

Woodworking

Craig Lindquist and Bill Gebhardt have started working on fabricating 28 special 11" x 17" picture frames (see photo) to hold portraits of cancer survivors. And it's all because SIR member Jim Kirks had an idea.

Having cancer himself, Jim wanted to do something for other cancer survivors. He talked at length with the Enloe Regional Cancer Center about their Faces of Hope project, where once a year a photographer shoots portraits of 28 cancer participants. Every quarter 7 of the portraits are temporarily attached (with velcro) to 7 permanently mounted frames on the Cancer Center's display wall.

Every 3 months the photos are removed from the wall frames and given to the participants, and 7 new portraits put up on display (see photo).

So Jim's idea is that it would nice if he could have 28 frames made and donate them so each participant would be given their portrait already framed. He is picking up the cost of the wood and materials to make the frames, and he knew some guys that might want to build them. It didn't take long for Craig to agree to do the job, with Bill needing no arm-twisting to help. It's a win-win for everyone.

For information on Enloe's Faces of Hope project, call Rebecca Senoglu, Cancer Support Program Coordinator, at (530) 332-3856.

Thanks to Michael Kobelt for the monthly woodworking report.



Travel

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

- **February 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

Nature's 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.

If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere.

Laura Ingalls Wilder

Even if you suffer from a bit of arachnophobia, there is beauty to be found in **SPIDERS**. Some of the most striking spiders are in the family of "Jumping Spiders" which do not spin webs to catch prey, have a very characteristic eye arrangement and many show very beautiful colors.



The last three photos are of what are called "peacock spiders" which are native to Australia. The males of the species shown here are characterized by colorful abdomens that are used, along with courtship dances, to attract females.

Editor's Comments

I know that everyone is tired of all the COVID-19 restrictions and in particular the self-isolation. I thought it might be of interest or help to share some of my experiences.

I stuck up a conversation with a spider yesterday. He seemed really nice. He's a web designer. Also yesterday I got to take the garbage out. I was so excited; I couldn't decide what to wear. Strawberries seem to have between 210 and 235 seeds. Who knew?? I learned that if you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't accidentally touch your face. The frequency that I am characterized as a DORK seems to be increasing exponentially!!



MEMBERSHIP

There are currently 173 active members.

Membership brochures and applications are normally available at the membership table or you can call [Don Levensaler](mailto:dlev29@comcast.net) 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:** The deadline for the **January** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, January 7**. 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.
- **Questions for the Future:** There have been several questions posed by Branch 110 members for which the Editor has no answers. Perhaps they might be considered by the BEC before the end of 2020 in order to provide some clarification to all Branch 110 members.

1. Who will be the BEC officers and directors for 2021?
2. What will be the membership status of people who did not pay the 2020 ABC fee and want to continue?
3. Do branches have to pay the **same** State "dues" even without activities?
4. What will the ABC fee be for 2021, if activities remain restricted?
5. What will be required to occur for the Elks to offer lunches again?
6. How many Branch 110 members will be willing to return to lunches and in what format?
7. If a vaccine becomes available, how many members will choose to be vaccinated
8. How will an available vaccine influence people's decision to participate?



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

Frank	Baxter	Dec	12	Robert	Stone	Dec	18	Michael	Kobelt	Dec	26
Douglas	Munier	Dec	14	Cap	Porterfield	Dec	19	Donald	Phillips	Dec	28
Ronald	Braziel	Dec	14	Vance	Parker	Dec	20	Gordon	Curtis	Dec	29
Frank	Zebley	Dec	15	Robert	Mabrey	Dec	22	Don	Levensaler	Dec	29
Charles	Priddy	Dec	18								

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!