

Rooster's Tale



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

No luncheons or speakers are planned for the near future.



Big Sir Message: Thank goodness that 2020 is now behind us and we look forward to a new beginning for 2021. I just wanted to thank our SIR's Bidwell Branch 110 for hanging in there. It certainly has been a year that we will hopefully forget in the future.

We have newly elected our new Chico City Council members and we are looking forward to our new beginning. Our Chico City Council members are composed of seven members elected to staggered four-year terms. There is an election each November of even numbered years with three or four seats up for election. Our Chico Council selects a Mayor and Vice Mayor from its members to serve two-year terms. The City of Chico recently moved to district elections with the City divided into seven equal districts. This was officially finalized in February 2020, with the first district election held November 3, 2020.

Our Chico Polar Bear Plunge at 1 mile is not what it has been in the past. There were very few people that participated in the Polar Bear Plunge. Hopefully we can get the crowds again next year.

Our new President, Joe Biden and he will take office on January 20th, 2021. I am hoping that he will keep us moving forward in the next 4 years. I certainly hope that he will help distribute our new vaccine and help eradicate this COVID-19. **Continued on page 2**

There has been no indication of the details of the selection/election of 2021 officers and directors so the 2020 members have just been listed again.

2020 Officers & Directors

Big Sir – Steve Laird	Little Sir –Norm, Stump
Secretary – Bob Dinger	Asst. Sec. – Richard Matt
DB Mgr. – Rocky Rockwell	Treasurer – Ed Matzdorff
Asst.Treas.– Ted Raleigh	Asst.Treas – Norm Stump
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 Information Necessary**

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

Webmaster: Ron Braziel



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



Big Sir Message: (continued) We have had a bit of rain in the past few days, but we need more rain soon. Most of the leaves have dropped in the past couple of weeks and the snow has started to fall in the higher elevations. The National Weather Service confirmed that two tornadoes touched down recently near Corning and Vina.

As this New Year we are looking forward to bright future for 2021. We are looking forward to getting back to our normal, but we must take small steps and hope that this COVID –19 is behind us. Please wear your mask when around other people.

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 Dave Rush for providing the following wisdom.

WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE FABULOUS 50'S ... NO ONE WILL EVER HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY AGAIN. WE WERE GIVEN ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS: LIVING IN THE PEACEFUL AND COMFORTABLE TIMES, CREATED FOR US BY THE "GREATEST GENERATION!"

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.



January 12, 1971: The landmark television sitcom *All in the Family* premiered on CBS. The TV series starred Carroll O'Connor as Archie Bunker, an openly-bigoted factory worker in Queens, with Jean Stapleton, Sally Struthers and Rob Reiner as his wife, daughter and son-in-law all living in the same house. The critics' reactions varied, but Clarence Petersen of the *Chicago Tribune*, said "Do not miss it. It's the boldest, brashest new series since Laugh-In made its debut... it is the substance, not the form, that will guarantee the show a place in television history." Surprisingly, there was little protest over the show. Though not

highly-rated in its first season, the topical and controversial themes of the show drew notice and viewers tuned into the summer reruns of *All in the Family*. By the end of the 1971-72 season, it was the #1 most-watched show on American TV.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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: Looks like 60 of 65 SIRS are paid for NCGA....THANKS!!! Heck, we might even be able to play again some day.....hurry vaccines

Lots of golfing at Bidwell, hope everyone has been able to play....

will let everyone know when the Big SIRS President gives us the okay to resume activities..

I have checked our roster and almost everyone has an e-mail address listed; only a few that do not have e-mail. NCGA requires e-mail address to post scores from other than pro shop computers.....no e-mail....you can still post from pro shop only.

Best to all.....Darrell

Piscatology: Starting in April, the fishing group is planning possible calendar dates to organize camping/cabin trips to the mountain lakes near us. As the pandemic resides, hopefully we can return to SIRS activities. When that time comes, we want to be organized and ready to fish. Be sure to purchase a new California fishing license.

Travel: Most tours have been canceled but there are or were a couple available.

- **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.

Why Women Live Longer than Men!



COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy

By Don Alger with input from Ray Rolls

We are on the verge of having the opportunity to be immunized against the SARS-CoV-2 virus which is responsible for the COVID-19 pandemic. Other than providing individual protection, the hope is that enough people will gain immunity to prevent an increase in **new** cases of the disease. It is estimated that it will require 70-85% of the population to achieve this immunity either through natural immunity from recovering from the disease or by immunization, that is, vaccination. This degree of immunity is what is referred to as "herd immunity". In order to achieve this level of national immunity it will be necessary for **nearly all eligible and willing people** who have not been infected to become vaccinated. The significant opposition to vaccination will present a problem in achieving this goal.

This reluctance toward vaccination for COVID-19 is the consequence of several factors which vary from outright opposition to vaccination in general (not really a "hesitancy") to belief in various discredited myths and conspiracy theories to understandable concerns about possible safety issues and potential side effects. Polls show that the majority of people with hesitancy for getting vaccinated are primarily concerned with potential side effects and duration of the protection. Some of these apprehensions will be addressed in this brief document by answering some of the questions which have been posed in an accurate and unbiased manner as possible.

There is not enough space in this document to discuss all the COVID and vaccination myths and conspiracy theories which are circulating largely through social media. One which may have some effect on people's decision to be vaccinated involves the myth that the virus offers an opportunity to **force** global vaccinations. These ideas typically focus on the idea that pharmaceutical companies are scheming to cash in on the illness. They also have targeted billionaires such as Bill Gates claiming he was part of a global plan to place microchips in billions of people through mass vaccinations. These theories have repeatedly been found to be false, and some even impossible.

Many people have voiced concerns about how quickly the vaccines have become available, how short the testing process was, or how political the whole vaccine production effort has gotten because of the national election. There are claims that it was rushed, or that "corners were cut" in the clinical trials or the government's safety review and approval process. The entire process went faster than usual for explainable reasons, but still followed the usual steps for testing and review. People are understandably concerned about possible side effects of the vaccination. "Normal" side effects of vaccinations in general include **potential** injection site pain, fatigue, headache, chills, and fever. The public is also concerned about "long term" effects. To some folks, this term means a concern that it may take a long time for the side effect to show up. However, in this context, side effects from vaccinations occur quickly. That is, effects will occur in hours, days or perhaps weeks.

What may occur is that a side effect may not be discovered until after millions of people are vaccinated because of a very low incidence. If the problem only occurs at a rate of one in a million, millions of people would need to be vaccinated before a problem would become evident. Some phase 3 trial vaccine recipients developed symptoms of Bell's palsy but experts concluded that the incidence was actually less than the normal incidence of Bell's palsy in the population in general.

There have been a few serious allergic reactions in both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines which necessitated medical treatment or even hospitalization. These seem to occur in people who have **known** allergic reactions from exposure to things like bee stings, shell fish or peanuts and actually carry an EpiPen for emergency treatment. These kinds of reactions would occur in minutes after the vaccination. It is possible but very rare for a person without known allergic reactions to experience this kind of side effect.

There are also many questions regarding the duration of protection from the COVID-19 vaccines. It is relatively rare that a vaccine will provide lifetime protection like the measles vaccine. It is also unusual that a vaccine needs to be administered yearly like the flu vaccines. However, it is simply too early to tell what the duration of protection will be for COVID-19 vaccinations.

For the sake of our families, communities and our nation, hopefully people with concerns about the vaccine will be proactive and will discuss their specific concerns with their doctor BEFORE making the decision NOT to be vaccinated.



There are currently 172 active members.

Even though we are not meeting face-to-face, SIR membership is still open to accepting new applications. Membership brochures and applications are normally available at the membership table but now you can contact Don Levensaler at 891-1045 or dlev29@comcast.net to get one via the postal service. The completed application can be returned by USPS or email.

There has been no indication of a plan regarding 2021 ABC fees or the status of those listed below who have not paid the 2020 fee. Some of these folks may be wondering about their situation, if they desire to continue membership.

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

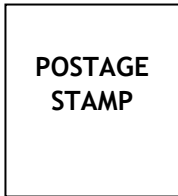
- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **February** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, February 4**. Send your articles by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone him at: (530) 894-2452.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>
- **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):** **There has been no indication of details regarding either the amount of the 2021 ABC fee or the collection process.**





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

Don	Alger	Jan	7	William	Jemison	Jan	09	Tim	Murphy	Jan	24
Wayne	Brown	Jan	7	Donald	Kidd	Jan	9	Gerald	Pocan	Jan	14
William	Cohea	Jan	24	Stephen	Laird	Jan	2	James	Renlund	Jan	25
Peter	Costa	Jan	28	Hilmar	Lassotta	Jan	1	Kenneth	Shannon	Jan	21
James	Currlin	Jan	22	Craig	Lindquist	Jan	13	Roger	Steel	Jan	17
Victor	Fisher	Jan	20	Larry	Marple	Jan	28	Don	Sturt	Jan	20
John	Hamiter	Jan	6								

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