

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting January 24, 2022 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

Program: The program will be about the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) which is an intra-local agency to ensure that changes in government occur in a manner that provides efficient and quality services. The speaker will be **Carl Leverenz**. Mr. Leverenz is a local attorney. He has had a general civil practice with an emphasis in real estate, real estate development and business law since 1965. He has been the Chairman of the Butte LAFCO since 1973.



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

In December, some people did not get to eat lunch because many more people showed up than was predicted. It is absolutely critical to indicate whether you will be having lunch. **See the new procedure below.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Herb grilled pork tenderloin W/ mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables medley, rolls, and apple pie with whipped cream for dessert	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the January luncheon. There will be a survey but if you did not do the survey and if you WILL attend , contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 by Thursday, January 20.

Big Sir Message: Christmas was here and gone. I think that somehow a few months were missed. A new year is starting, which I hope will be more fruitful than 2021. Lots of things happened, some good and some bad.



We have a great program for January. I don't think that you will want to miss it.

There has been some confusion on how to call in for lunch. The way it is now Rocky will send out a survey and you should respond to it. If for some reason you didn't get a chance to do that, you can call Rocky or Dave Jones to be put on the list for eating.

I am still looking to fill a few committee spots and a Little Sir. If you know of anyone or if you want to do it, let me know.

That's it for now, HAPPY NEW YEAR. See you at lunch. *Norm*

Please check out our website for updates and Christmas humor.

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

2022 Officers and Directors**

Big Sir: Norm Stump	Little Sir: Vacant	Secretary: Bob Dinger
Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush	Data Base Mgr: Rocky Rockwell	Treasurer: Ed Matzdorff
Asst. Treas. 1: Jose Lopez	Asst. Treas. 2: Charles Staser	
Attendance Sec.: Bruce Heidemeyer		
Director: Ron Braziel (1 st term)	Director: Dave Jones (3 rd term)	Director: Jim Braziel (2 nd term)
Director: Don Alger (2 nd term)	Director: Bill Colvin (1 st term)	Director: Vacant

****This list of Officers and Directors for 2022 will be voted on at the January meeting.**

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.

Karl Kumli died December 2, 2021, at the age of 94. He had been a SIR Branch 110 member since 1996.

Benjamin Maidenburg died December 23, 2021, at the age of 87. He became a SIR member in 2019.

Craig Lindquist is undergoing treatment for APL (a form of leukemia) at UC, Davis. He was home for Christmas and is in remission but will still be undergoing treatments at UC, Davis on Mondays and Thursdays for a total of 28 weeks.

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

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.

Bridge: Ed Matzdorff had a high series.

Vino 110 Our first wine tasting of the year is slated for **January 21**. We will be going to the New Clairvaux winery in Vina. I have told them to expect us about 2 pm.

Cost of tasting is \$10 per person but if you buy a bottle the fee is waived.

Vina is about 20-25 minutes away. We can car pool if any one is interested. If you might be interested let me know and I'll try to set something up.

There is more to do at the monastery than just the winery. There is a charter house to visit but I don't know if it is open. I'll find out.

Please RSVP and let Don Kidd know if you plan to attend at 530-624-3733 or donkidd44@gmail.com. RSVP at any time up to day of the event.

Travel: There are currently some tours scheduled for 2022. The first one is:

Holland Tulip Festival Tour Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel, May 12 -19, 2022

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

In & Out Breakfast: Dennis Bruggman is making plans for this event which is set for **February 16, 2022**. Please save the date and stay tuned for the details.

Golf: On December 6, 42 SIRS played a **wild card scramble** at Bidwell.

First Place; Net group Score=55.8		Second Place; Net Group Score=56.9	
BRASWELL, CECIL	DRENNEN, GENE	GAINES, BOB	NUSSBAUM, RICHARD
BROWN, WAYNE	LEE, LLOYD,	MCNAMARA, DENNIS	STURT, DON

Closest to the pin #7: DAHL, JAKE 9' 3"; HANDS, DARRELL 19' 0"; PORTERFIELD, CAP 21' 6"

Closest to the pin #16: PORTERFIELD, CAP 4' 9"; MARTINEZ, RUBEN 6' 10"; STEPHENSON, ALAN 13' 0"

Golf: On December 20, 27 SIRS played a **Devil Ball format** at Table Mountain.

First Place; Total Score=149		Second Place; Total Score=155	
PERTUIT, GLEN	EBER, JEFF	MABREY, BOB	BROWN, WAYNE
BROSSOIT, PAUL	HYDER, MARK	VELASQUEZ, JOE	WHITE, GARY

Closest to the pin #3: PERTUIT, GLEN 13' 7"; WEIDERT, JIM 21' 1"; EBER, JEFF 26' 1"

Closest to the pin #12: PORTERFIELD, CAP 19' 6"; MABREY, BOB 39' 2"

Golf: On January 3, 21 CHICO SIRS teed off in a **4 man scramble** at Bidwell.

First Place; Net group Score=55.9		Second Place; Net Group Score=60.2	
GRIFFIN, RON	WEIDERT, JIM	BROWN, GREG	PORTERFIELD, CAP
HANDS, DARRELL	SOMMER, BENNY	STURT, DON	QUINTO, RAY
LEE, LLOYD			

Closest to the pin #2: HANDS, DARRELL 4' 3"; BROWN, GREG 13' 5"; HERMAN, CRAIG 22' 0"

Closest to the pin # 4: PORTERFIELD, CAP 1' 9"; VELASQUEZ, JOE 13' 3/8"; SOMMER, BENNY 24' 1"

Piscatology: We enjoyed a large turnout for the December meeting. We were honored to have Midge VanderVelden and her son Kevin, present - to award the First Annual "Biggest Fish" trophy. This trophy is awarded in honor of Les VanderVelden (Midge's late husband). Les was one of the original members of the fishing group. We all miss him very much. Steve George (center in the picture) is the first recipient of the "Largest Fish Trophy." Steve agreed to let Midge keep the trophy at her home during the first year.

Our next breakfast meeting will be at 7:00 am, January 13th, at the Cozy Diner. Try to join us if you can. [For more information call Bill Colvin at 530-521-7269 or Bob Weckerle at 530-864-6698.](#)



Pinochle: Our pinochle group met at Butte Creek Country Club for a fun day of cards and a good lunch. The winners for the day are: Charles Clayton - 1st; Jenni Boles - 2nd; Vi Aldax - 3rd. Our next gathering will be Wednesday, January 26, at 11:30 am at BCCC

Hiking: Branch 110 members interested in getting into the outdoors and walking, please contact the new Hiking Committee Chair Richard Utter. You can contact him at rrurdy@yahoo.com or use the contact information for him in the directory. He will be coordinating outings with Jim Hertl and SIR Branch 84.

Out to Lunch: The "OTL" Out To Lunch bunch is touring the Golden Bear Distillery on Thursday **January 27, 2022**. The new distillery is located near the Chico airport at 13464 Browns Valley Drive. The Golden Bear produces fine sprits including the "Covered Bridge". After the tour we will eat at the "trendy"

Pour House" at 12 noon for lunch. The Pour House is located at 855 East Avenue in Chico, corner of East and Cohasset. Please let Bill McNelley know if you can make it 530-228-7948. Next month will be a production art factory.

Woodworking: "The SIR Bidwell 110 Woodworking Activity is no longer active. We had a good run, and we all learned a lot. But since the Pandemic, participation has dropped, so I am pulling the plug. I will still share the shop should anyone in SIR who has more project than tools. Give me a call, 530-879-0429 so we can talk about it." *Bill Gebhardt*

Editors Note: It was agreed at the December BEC meeting that the Woodworking activity would be placed on a "temporary inactive status" in hopes that it can be revived.

History Club: There are no History Club activities planned for January.

The opportunities to "justify our existence" by attending Chico History Museum Saturday lectures will probably not be possible until March, since they are considering cancelling the February dates due to COVID precautions. Larry Mauch who had been scheduled to speak to the History group in 2020 (before COVID) is now scheduled as the February 28 Luncheon meeting speaker.

Ideas for SIR sponsored activities are welcome.

For regular updates on History Club activities, please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu).

Christmas Party: The December 6th Christmas party, dinner and the Children's Choir performance was a huge success. The food was good and the opportunity to interact with fellow SIR members and guests was a lot of fun. A very special thanks to **Craig Lindquist** who did a fantastic job in organizing the event before he became ill. Then **Keith Johnson** came to the rescue and finished up the final details. We were very fortunate to have two such dedicated SIR members to volunteer to work so hard for us.



Thanks also to Ray Rolls for the graphics, which were "lifted" from his very nice Christmas Party Collage which can be viewed in full on our website. **Craig Lindquist "Mr. Christmas Party"**
The picture below is courtesy of Rocky Rockwell.



Winter Activities: Winter is here and reports are that two feet of snow has fallen in some areas and much more in some places which provides for fun in the snow. Please see photos on the next page.




MEMBERSHIP

There are currently 151 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.

Annual Basket Collection (ABC) fee is due for 2022. It will be \$24.00 for the year and it will be collected at the membership table. If you will not be at the January 24th luncheon meeting, a check made out to SIR Branch 110 can be mailed to Don Levensaler, 1492 Keri Ln, Chico, CA 95926.

New Member in December	Guests in December
 <p>Name: Bob Wessels Wife: Kim Occupation: Fire Captain Company: City of Napa Interests: Golf, Hiking, RV's, Travel and Woodworking</p> <p>Sponsored by: Larry Hildenbrand</p>	<p>Bob DiPietro, guest of Rich Carlson</p> <p>Pete Lindstrom, guest of Don Sturt</p>

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **February** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, February 10**. Send your information by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **New 2022 Roster:** The plan is to have the 2022 Membership Roster available in February.
- **Annual Basket Collection (ABC): Just another friendly reminder to plan on paying your ABC fee as detailed above. 😊**
- **Future Programs:** The currently scheduled program for February will be "History of Gold Mining in Butte County" presented by Larry Mauch. **As always, new ideas are welcome.**
- **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 January Birthday, please join us at the January 24 luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!****

Hilmar Lassotta	Jan	1	Bill Jemison	Jan	9	Jim Currin	Jan	22
Steve Laird	Jan	2	Craig Lindquist	Jan	13	Howard Hamman	Jan	23
Bruce Crowson	Jan	4	Harold Reck	Jan	17	Tim Murphy	Jan	24
John Hamiter	Jan	6	Roger Steel	Jan	17	Bill Cohea	Jan	24
Don Alger	Jan	7	Don Sturt	Jan	20	Jim Renlund	Jan	25
Wayne Brown	Jan	7	Vic Fisher	Jan	20	Larry Marple	Jan	28
Don Kidd	Jan	9	Ken Shannon	Jan	21	Pete Costa	Jan	28

****It is possible to get a free lunch card without being a Birthday Boy. There has been a free lunch winner at 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!

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