

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

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

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

**Program:** The February Program will feature stories about playing in golf tournaments abroad and throughout the US for the past 20 years and writing about golf. The speaker will be **Ed Anderson**. Ed graduated from Chico High School, and after his honorable discharge from the Air Force, he enrolled in Chico State and received a BS in Civil Engineering in 1963. He worked as a civil engineer in various capacities until he retired in 2021. Besides playing, Ed has pursued his interest in golf as the author of the weekly golf column for the Chico Enterprise Record for which he is beginning his 19th year.



**Lunch:** The food will still be served as it has been recently. There will be an option of ordering just a salad **when you respond to the survey**. **The cost will still be \$17.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
<b>Fried Pork Chops</b> w/ Herbs Mandarin Orange Glazed Rice, Field Green Mix Salad tossed with Sesame Dressing, Bread and Butter. Lemon Bars for dessert.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the <b>February</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, February 23.</b>



**Big Sir Message:** I'm banging away on the keyboard to contribute an item to the February Rooster's Tale. Tonight is the State of the Union Address which gets me thinking about the **State of our SIR Branch 110.**

**OUR PROGRAMS:** We have a strong series of programs coming up which I think is one of the attractions of belonging to our Branch. We get to hear from people impacting our community in a positive way.

**MEMBERSHIP:** You likely can tell membership took a hit during the COVID shutdown. I'm glad to see our membership is starting to expand and we have welcomed some great new members to our Branch. If you see a new member, please take a moment to say hello.

**OUR ACTIVITIES:** Golf and Piscatology are strong. We have a hike coming up in March. The Wood Working group is back in action. We also have groups interested in bowling, bridge, pinochle, history, travel, and wine.

And a shout-out to those committee members and activity coordinators who make these events happen. We're fortunate to have people who are willing to assume these leadership roles.

I have probably left something off so let me know if you have something going on. *Rich*

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

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

**Webmaster: Ron Braziel**

## 2023 Branch Executive Committee

<b>Big Sir: Rich Utter</b>		<b>Little Sir: Dave Jones</b>	
<b>Secretary: Bob Dinger</b>	<b>Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush</b>	<b>Data Base Mgr: Rocky Rockwell</b>	
<b>Treasurer: Charles Staser</b>	<b>Asst. Treas. : Jose Lopez</b>		
<b>Director: Don Alger (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Jim Braziel (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Ken Edson (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	
<b>Director: Ron Braziel (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Bill Colvin (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Randy Benson (1<sup>st</sup> term)</b>	

[A list of committees is available on the Branch website.](#)

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





**Jack Lutz:** Jack Lutz, age 97, died January 4, 2023, in Chico. Jack was inducted into Branch 110 in 1985 making him the longest active member of Branch 110. He was a past Big Sir and an Honorary Life Member. A special recognition for Jack is planned for the February luncheon meeting.

**John Bollinger:** John died on December 31, 2022, in hospice care. He was 80 years old and was last active in Branch 110 in 2020. His career was as a California State Park Ranger.


**The color of truth is sometimes grey.**


### 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>Bridge</b>		There was no report of Branch 110 winners for January. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. Call Ed Mazdorff at 342-3649 for information.
<b>Out to Lunch</b>		There is no report of plans for an OTL activity in February.
<b>Wood Working</b>		The shop is open every Thursday from 10 til 2. Call Craig Lindquist at 530-898- 8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.
<b>Vino 110++</b>		There is no scheduled wine tasting for February. ++ There has been discussion to expand our activity to include visits to distilleries and breweries. Stay tuned for more information.


**The Annual Basket Collection (ABC) fee is due for 2023.**

<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>
<p><b>Recent tournaments have been cancelled due to bad weather.</b></p>		


<p><b>Piscatology</b></p>		<p>Our first fishing trip of the season will be to Bullard Bar Lake, near Marysville. This should be a one day trip. If interested in fishing, join us for breakfast, the second Thursday of each month, Cozy Diner at 7:30 am or call Bill Colvin 530-521-7269.</p>
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	<p>This is the boat launch ramp on Lake Almanor. This picture was taken around February 1 and before another foot of snow had fallen. Call Bill Colvin 530-521-7269 for more information on fishing.</p>
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<p><b>Bowling</b></p>		<p><b>Men's Drop-in League:</b> Play is on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. It is held at the Chico Bowl from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. There are 3 games for \$14. Come join other men from both SIR groups. For any questions, you can text Randy Benson at 530-513-9815.</p>
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<p><b>Hiking</b></p>		<p>Our next outing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14. We'll walk along the Feather River Parkway and have lunch afterward at Tong Fong Low in Oroville. We'll meet at the Chico Park and Ride - the lot closest to Highway 99 - at 9:15 am and proceed to Riverbend Park in Oroville.</p>
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**PLACE:** Riverside Park, Oroville (meet at Chico Park and Ride lot off Highway 99 - the lot closest to 99)  
**DATE:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023    **TIME:** 9:15 am  
**WEAR:** Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots  
**LOGISTICS:** At Riverbend Park, we'll meet at the trailhead just past the restrooms. Restrooms along the route are in the parking area at Riverbend Park plus restrooms are close to part of the route as we walk near downtown. Bring water. Bring a snack, if desired.  
 Suggest bringing sunscreen, lip balm, walking poles or staff if desired, a personal first aid kit and rain gear. This is a bird area so binoculars could come in handy. Include in your pack the name of an emergency contact and contact information and medical insurance information.  
 Bring money for lunch afterward. Lunch will be at Tong Fong Low, Oroville (**optional**)  
**COMMENTS:** This hike is generally on even terrain with minor elevation changes. Surfaces may be uneven so be alert to tripping and fall hazards. Much of the route is paved and we need to be aware of other trail users that may include joggers and cyclists. A small portion of the route is on grassy, uneven terrain and another portion may involve walking over rocks.  
 For additional information, please contact Rich Utter at [rich.utter@gmail.com](mailto:rich.utter@gmail.com) or Jim Hertl.


<p><b>Pinochle</b></p>		<p>We had our first pinochle gathering of the year and the winners for the day were: Lyn Smith - 1st; Carolyn Clayton - 2nd; Maggie Navarro - 3rd. Our next game and lunch day is February 22, 11:00 am at Butte Creek Country Club. Come join us. <u>Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</u></p>
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**At the February luncheon, please plan on paying your \$24 ABC Fee, if you have already not done so.**

# SIR 110 Information Resources

**History and Travel do not currently function as traditional activities but do provide information about opportunities for participation in history and travel events. Therefore it was decided to create a separate category for these two SIR interests.**

<b>History</b>		<p>There are no official SIR History Club activities planned. Please forward any ideas for any potential group history activities. There will be an endeavor to keep interested folks informed about upcoming history related activities. Please contact Don Alger at <a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> for more information on the following events.</p>
<b><u>Chico History Museum Presentations</u></b>		
March 25	UNVANQUISHED — ISHI'S FIRST FOUR MONTHS IN SAN FRANCISCO	
April 29	CHICO MONEY	
May 06	A CHICO WALK-AND-TALK	
<b><u>Butte County Historical Society</u></b>		
February 25 and 26	BUTTE COUNTY MUSEUM WEEKEND - Seasonal opening of BCHS Museum	
March 18 at 2:00 pm	OROVILLE'S TWO CHINATOWNS	

<b>Travel</b>		<p>There are some tours scheduled for 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scenic Ireland Trip through Ireland - April 14-27, 2023.</b></li> <li>• <b>Salmon Fishing in Ketchikan, Alaska, during the last two weeks in June 2023. Contact Heber Slusser at <a href="mailto:Branch62sir@gmail.com">Branch62sir@gmail.com</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Autumn Colors Trip to East Coast - October 13-22, 2023.</b></li> </ul> <p>For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</p>
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**50 Years Ago** **February 3, 1973:** In Fairfield, California, a trial judge sentenced serial killer **Juan Corona** (age 39) to 25 life sentences, one for each of the 25 men whom he had been convicted of murdering. Superior Judge Richard Patton added that the life sentences would "be served consecutively and not concurrently." Corona had been convicted of the crimes on January 18. Despite the sentence, California Adult Authority ruled that Corona would be eligible for parole after only seven years rather than 175 years (7 years for each of the 25 life sentences) and that the consecutive sentences would be merged to run concurrently citing section 669 of the penal code, which mandated that when a crime is punished by life imprisonment, with or without the possibility of parole, then all other convictions shall be merged and run concurrently. However, Corona spent the rest of his life in prison, dying at age 85.


**February 12, 1973:** Ohio became the first U.S. state to use the metric system, with an experiment to post distances on road signs on Interstate 71 in both miles and kilometers. The United States had seriously begun considering a conversion to the metric system in 1968 when Congress authorized the U.S. Metric Study, a three-year study of systems of measurement in the United States. A number of other plans followed including Congress passing the Metric Conversion Act of 1975 to coordinate and plan the increasing use of the metric system in the United States. However, the Department of Transportation plan to require metric units by 2000 was canceled by the 1998 highway bill TEA21. One lone complete adoption of the metric system in the country's vast network of highways still exists today. A 102 kilometer (63-mile) stretch of highway from Tucson, Arizona to Nogales near the Mexican border is the only metric highway in the United States. Known as Interstate 19, sign distances are provided in meters and kilometers instead of in miles.





**There are currently 110 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 Member in January	Guests in January
 <p>Name: <b>Rick Pero</b>                      Wife: Lisa                      Occupation: Life Coach – Self Employed                      Interests: Hiking, Travel, Wine Tasting, Gardening, Computers, Bocce History &amp; Astronomy</p> <p>Sponsored by: Dave Jones</p>	<p><b>Mike Dahl</b> - guest of Joe Viscuso</p> <p><b>Steve Kodad</b> - guest of Randy Benson</p>

### ABC Fees

**The Annual Basket Collection (ABC) fee is due for 2023. It will be \$24.00 for the year and it will be collected at the membership table in February.**

**If you will not be at the February 27<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting, a check made out to SIR Branch 110 can be mailed to Don Levensaler, 2354 Burlingame Dr., Chico, CA 95928**

## Roster Updates

Since the preparation of the 2022 Roster, some have passed away, some have dropped and new members have joined. The Roster Updates will keep members informed of **current membership**. **Please refer to the June edition of the Rooster's Tale for previous Roster Updates.**

For privacy reasons, typical Roster information on new members will not be published in the Rooster's Tale. 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>Recent Deaths</b>	Don Curtis	Bob Thomas	Bob Kirkman	Jack Lutz
<b>Recent Drops</b>	Jeff Day	Bob Shadley	James Robinson	Steven Storm
	John Hamiter	Ruben Martinez		
<b>New Members</b>	Randy Benson	Michael Hull	Frank Moody	Jim Johnson
	Al Romero	Larry Willis	Joe Viscuso	Clinton Lancaster
	Alex Van Patten	Jay Hanson	Rick Pero	
<b>Reinstated Members</b>	Vance Parker	Dennis Wolfe		

## Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **March** issue is **Thursday, March 9**. Send your information by email: [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Future Programs:** The program for **March** will be an interesting presentation about the Journey from Chico High to the NFL by **Mike Sherrard**.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>



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

Bill	McDermott	Feb	3	Joe	Velasquez	Feb	18	Matt	Cabral	Feb	24
Dan	Solomon	Feb	9	Bruce	Heidemeyer	Feb	19				
Ray	Wilson	Feb	16	Denny	Wolfe	Feb	21				

**\*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.**

**A friend may be waiting behind a stranger's face.**