

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

Meeting February 26, 2024 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

**Program:** Our Program for February will be about the **Butte College Automotive Program**. This is one of several Butte College programs which provide opportunities for students to prepare for great careers without having to invest in a four-year college experience. Our speaker for February will be **Craig Kielb** who is one of the instructors and the Department Chair for the program. Craig is a local from Paradise who went through the Automotive Program. It provided Craig with the opportunity to work several years at a variety of different automobile repair shops and dealerships before returning to teach at the Butte College Automotive Program in 2015.



**Lunch:** The food will be served as it has been recently. **The price of lunch is now \$20.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
<p><b>Bolognese Lasagna</b> with ricotta cheese, mushrooms, marinara sauce, spinach, herbs and ground beef, with Caesar salad and garlic bread. Dessert will be chocolate cake drizzled with a chocolate sauce.</p>	<p>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 22.</b></p>



## Big Sir Message:

Bees who would have thought that 1 out of every 3 bites we take have some relationship to the honeybee and its pollination responsibilities. Carolina Burreson kept our group interested in the bee's important duties for almost an hour. She is the CEO of the Honeybee Discovery Center in Orland. She presented us with a very interesting slide show that showed some of the great information that they have found out about the bee's life cycle. With agriculture so important to this area, it was not surprising that the group peppered her with some great questions. The Discovery Center and their entire staff work very hard to understand the problems that the Bee industry faces not only to increase the bee population, but all that is needed to keep the existing hives alive and healthy. I was not surprised to hear that the male bee's sole responsibility is to pleasure the Queen, and the female bees do all the hard work!! What a concept!! (That's a great job if you can get it.) Thanks to Jim Braziel and Don Alger for the informative speaker and all the information that she presented. We also were lucky to get to hear from Yvonne Koehnen a 4<sup>th</sup> generation member of the family that started the Bee Industry in Northern California over 110 years ago. (If there is an interest, Carolina indicated that she would schedule a private tour for us at their Center in Orland some afternoon for anyone interested).

In some way most of us have one of the same wants in the life cycle of a bee and that's warmer temperature. About this time each year I selfishly feel it's time for spring. I know we need a lot more rain but mentally I'm ready. Carolina said that bees live longer when it's warm, and I feel the same way.

This month we will be fortunate to hear from instructor, Craig Kielb, from Butte College in the Automotive Technology Program. You can see how much they have grown each time you drive by the old Austin furniture building purchased by the State and remodeled on the corner of Skyway and Notre Dame. I can't wait to hear what he has to say.

As I mentioned last month, increasing the membership is the single most focus of the State organization. Let's everyone bring a friend to lunch (maybe a car guy this month) and try to increase Sir 110's membership number a bit each month. We all know someone that would enjoy a lasagna lunch in a room full of old guys talking about cars. *Dave*

**Please check out our website for updates and lots of new humor.  
There is also now a listing of committee assignments for 2024.**

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

**The Annual Basket Collection (ABC) fee is due for 2024.**

## 2024 Officers and Directors

<b>Big Sir: Dave Jones</b>		<b>Little Sir: Don Sturt</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: Ken Edson (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Ron Braziel (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Bill Colvin (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	
<b>Director: Randy Benson(2<sup>nd</sup>term)</b>	<b>Director: Mike Nicholas (1<sup>st</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Joe Navarro (1<sup>st</sup>term)</b>	



## 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.

**"You cannot discover new lands unless you have  
the courage to lose sight of the shore"  
André Gide**

## 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.**

<p><b>Bridge</b></p>		<p>We played on three Thursdays in January. Last Thursday at our bridge game, Ed Matzdorff was the winner. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for information.</p>
<p><b>Wood Working</b></p>		<p><b>Due to a lack of participation, there are no longer regular meetings.</b> 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. <b>(continued on next page)</b></p>

The Cancer Center displays seven portraits of cancer survivors in their main corridor. These portraits are changed quarterly, and the ones coming down are put in a wooden frame and given to the survivor. Bill Gebhardt (left) and Craig Lindquist (a survivor himself) are making another seven frames.



**Hiking**



Our **February 13<sup>th</sup> walk is along the airport bike path to Foodie Café for lunch and return.** We'll meet at 11 am in the La Dolce Piazza located at the corner of Cohasset Road and Lassen Avenue. Look for us near parking for the Burger Hut in the piazza.

We'll walk north out of the piazza and cross Eaton Road to join the airport bike path. After lunch at the Foodie Cafe on Marauder Street, we'll return along the airport bike path. For additional information please contact Rich Utter or Jim Hertl.

**PLACE:** La Dolce Piazza parking (northwest corner of Cohasset and Lassen)

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 **TIME** 11:00 am

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

**LOGISTICS:** 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, and a hat. Binoculars could come in handy to watch aircraft touch-and-gos if aircraft are operating. Include in your pack the name of an emergency contact, contact information and medical insurance information. Bring money for lunch at the airport (optional).

**COMMENTS:** This hike is along a bike path so this is generally even terrain with gradual elevation changes. Surfaces can include rocks and potholes, especially if we end up on a footpath, so be alert to tripping hazards. Please be aware of other path users that may include joggers and cyclists.

**History**



The next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 12, at 10 am.** The format will be exploring topics related to Chico's historic buildings, institutions, businesses and people. Participating in the activity

involves attending monthly meetings to learn about some interesting Chico history and perhaps contributing to the gathering of information on topics of interest.

**Please contact Don Alger ([dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or 530-894-2452) if you would be interested in participating or would like more information.**

**ABV 110**




There are no ABV activities currently planned for February. **To be added to the email distribution list, contact Don Alger ([dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or 530-894-2452).**

**Pinochle**



Pinochle Report: The winners for January are: Patsy Stile - 1<sup>st</sup>, Maggie Navarro - 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Charles Clayton - 3<sup>rd</sup>. Next date for lunch and cards is February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at the BCCC. Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.

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<b>Golf</b>		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.
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On Monday, January 29, 46 golfers played a tournament at Bidwell.


1 <sup>st</sup> Place Net = 133.7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Net = 134.2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Net = 134.7	4 <sup>th</sup> Place Net = 140.8
BARNUM, DAVE	GLAZINER, KEN	LEE, LLYD	BROWNING, BOB
HILDENBRAND, LARRY	GLAZINER, KYLE	ANDERSON, ED	CAGNO, JIM
LIM, MIKE	MARTINSON, KEITH	HERMAN, CRAIG	GALLAWAY, JOE
WEIDERT, JIM	PARSONS, DICK	STURT, DON	BOMDON,

**CLOSEST TO PIN 2:** WHITE, GARY - 4' 3"; VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 6' 9" **PIN 4:** HERMAN, CRAIG - 7' 2"; LEE, LLOYD - 12' 4"; **PIN 7:** HANDS, DARRELL - 22' 1"; LIM, MIKE - 24' 6" **PIN 12:** GLAZINER, KEN - 5' 5"; WEIDERT, JIM - 15' 1" **PIN 16:** HYDER, MARK - 19' 5"; WEIDERT, JIM - 24' 4"

On Monday, January 8, a tournament was played at Bidwell.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place = 69.5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place = 71.5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place = 72.0	4 <sup>th</sup> Place = 73.5	5 <sup>th</sup> Place = 74.5
GRAY, MARK	MABREY, BOB	BARGER, JIM	GLAZINER, KYLE	BINGAMAN, BILL
NUSSBAUM, RICHARD	WHITE, GARY	BROWN, GREG	GLAZINER, KEN	WELSH, MICHAEL


**CLOSEST TO PIN 2:** GLAZINER, KYLE - 16' 5"; WEIDERT, JIM - 16' 5.5" **PIN 4:** GLAZINER, KEN - 5' 1.5"; VELASQUEZ, JOE - 8' 3.5" **PIN 12:** LIM, MIKE - 17' 11"; VELASQUEZ, JOE - 25' 1" **PIN 16:** LIM, MIKE - 17' 11"; VELASQUEZ, JOE - 25' 1"

<b>Piscatology</b>		The "Fishing Group" continues to meet for breakfast at Cozy Diner, the second Thursday of each month, at 7 am. Please join us to help plan upcoming trips and enjoy our current membership.
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Our next breakfast will be on February 8th. The first trip of the year will be to Collins Lake, above Marysville. We have not decided on the dates for this trip. It will either be the first or second week of March. Please join us if you can. Call Bill Colvin at 530-521-7269 or Bob Weckerle at 530-864-6698 for more information.

Included is a picture at Don Phillips' cabin at Lake Almanor from last September 2023 showing the fishermen having a great time.





<b>Bowling</b>		SIR Bowling meets Tuesdays at 6 pm at Bowlero. This is a drop-in league that meets each week, so you can attend every Tuesday or when the mood strikes you. If you decide to show up near a holiday or as summer approaches, you might want to check to make
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sure the bowling night is happening. The cost is \$17 for three games plus shoe rental. There is a \$25 league enrollment fee so your first time to bowl will be \$42 then \$17 each time thereafter. Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815.

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## SIR 110 Information Resources

**This is information related to History and Travel that does not represent official Branch 110 activities, but does provide information about other history and travel events.**

<b>History</b>		<p>There will be an endeavor to keep folks informed about upcoming history related activities. Contact Don Alger (<a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> or 530-894-2452) for more information on the following events.</p>
<p><b><u>Chico History Museum Events</u></b></p> <p><b>February 17:</b> Lecture Series 1: Chico's Downtown Over The Last 50 years</p>		
<p><b><u>Butte County Historical Society Events</u></b></p> <p><b>February 24 &amp; 25:</b> Butte County Museum Grand Opening Weekend</p>		
<b>Travel</b>		<p><b>SIR Grand Circle River Trip: Prague to Budapest 11/6-11/20 2024</b>                  For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</p>

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>There are currently 128 active members.</b></p> <p>Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call <a href="mailto:Don.Levensaler@csuchico.edu">Don Levensaler</a> at <b>530-520-3291</b> to get one via the postal service.</p>
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### ABC Fees

**The Annual Basket Collection (ABC) fee is due for 2024. 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 26<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting, a check made out to SIR Branch 110 can be mailed to [DON Levensaler, 2354 Burlingame Drive, Chico, CA 95928.](mailto:Don.Levensaler@csuchico.edu)**

<b>No New Members in January</b>	
<b>Please plan on bringing a friend to the next SIR meeting!</b>	
<b>Guests in January</b>	
<b>Joe Grzanich</b> - guest of Greg Robertson	<b>Chris Schaller</b> - guest of Dave Jones
<b>Ron Critchlow</b> - guest of Henry Maas	<b>Tim Hill</b> - guest of Tim Casaulong

## Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **March** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, March 7**. Send your information by email: [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Future Programs:** On **March 25<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a presentation on the history of the Collier Hardware business and the historic building. The **April 22** program will be some interesting stories about world travel adventures. The **June 24<sup>th</sup>** program will be on some of Chico's homeless issues.
- **Save the Date:** Please save **May 8<sup>th</sup>** for the Ladies Luncheon at the Chico Elks Lodge. Price is tentatively set for \$25 per ticket. We're asking for raffle prize donations. We had some great raffle prizes last year and hope to have a good assortment this year. Robert Karch has agreed to sing and play for us at the Ladies' Luncheon.
- **State SIR Bulletin: (Sir Happenings)** is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

If you have a February Birthday, please join us at the February 26<sup>th</sup> luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!\*\***

Bruce	Heidemeyer	Feb	14	Bill	McDermott	Feb	3	Ray	Wilson	Feb	16
John	Janinis	Feb	24	Dan	Solomon	Feb	9	Gary	Wolf	Feb	12
Jack	Knowlton	Feb	2	Joe	Velasquez	Feb	18	Denny	Wolfe	Feb	21
Mike	Lim	Feb	2								

**\*\*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.**

Hope you all have a  
**Happy Valentine's Day**