

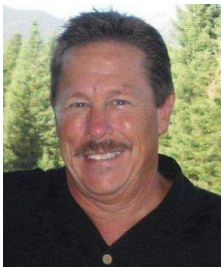
# Rooster's Tale



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

## SIR Luncheon and Program Update

There has been some limited discussion of a **possible** June (or July) picnic luncheon at the Elks but there seems to be too many variables related to stay at home and physical distancing requirements to pursue definite plans at this time. Some members have indicated that they will not attend another large buffet luncheon until either a definitive treatment or vaccine is available. Please check out page 2 for information on **potential vaccines**.



### Big Sir Message

Hello to all our SIR Members. I hope you are all sheltered in place as required and certainly wish you all good health. I can't believe that it has been a couple months since we all enjoyed our BEC Meeting, our Speakers and a wonderful lunch. I certainly wish you all good spirits and can't wait until we meet again. I am working with the Chico Elks Lodge #423 about hosting a picnic at The Pavilion as soon as it would be available. I will keep you all informed. Just wanted to mention that I would like to wish all our Birthday Boys a Happy Birthday for March, April and May, and wanted to let you all know that you are not forgotten. We will definitely have a party for all our Birthday Boys when we reopen. Thank you all for your understanding and I certainly want you all to be safe and healthy.

#### Here are a few California SIR Guidelines:

- California will be more cautious opening than most states.
- The opening will differ from county to county and perhaps city to city as requirements are lifted.
- With an assumed Sir-wide median age of 78, approximately 40 percent of our members are 80 years old or greater – they could potentially be classified as "vulnerable".
- The bulk of our members will take a cautious, wait and see approach to engaging once restrictions are lifted.
- Numerous venues and caterers that Sir Branches used in the past will open slowly, if at all.
- Because of the likelihood of patchwork, county by county and in some cases city by city lifting of restrictions, and the sheer number of Sir Branches, a centralized reopening planning and approval process is not feasible. **Continued on page 4.**

### 2020 Officers & Directors

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Director – Ken Tietz	Director – Mike Nicholas
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### 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**

# Coronavirus Vaccine Development

In March, Dr. Anthony Fauci suggested a **possible** 12-18 month timeline for having a vaccine. Much skepticism of 18 months for vaccine development was immediately expressed by other scientists. That prompted the pursuit of some research on the issue which is summarized below.

## Vaccine Development Process and Historical Timelines

**1. Discovery Stage:** Before a potential treatment reaches a clinical trial, scientists identify antigens in laboratory work and do animal studies. This step traditionally has taken from **three to six years**.

**Please note some examples given below for the timing for several current vaccine projects.**

**2. Phase 1 Trials:** This first attempt to assess the candidate vaccine in humans involves a small group of adults, usually between 20-80 subjects. The goals of Phase I testing are to assess the safety of the candidate vaccine and to determine the type and extent of immune response that the vaccine provokes.

These trials typically only last several months.

**3. Phase 2 Trials:** A larger group of several hundred individuals participate in Phase 2 testing. Some of the individuals may belong to groups at risk of acquiring the disease. The goals of Phase 2 testing are to study the vaccine's safety, immunogenicity, doses, schedule of immunizations, and method of delivery. This phase typically lasts several months to two years.

**4. Phase 3 Trials:** Successful Phase 2 candidate vaccines move on to larger trials, involving thousands to tens of thousands of people. One Phase 3 goal is to assess vaccine safety in a large group of people. Certain rare side effects might not surface in the smaller groups of subjects tested in earlier phases. Phase 3 trials could last from one to three years.

In normal circumstances, development of new vaccines and treatments would indeed take years. But the pharmaceutical industry is racing to compress this timeline using new technologies, and existing data with the support of nonprofit organizations, government agencies and regulatory authorities for this coronavirus.

## Current Projects and Timelines

**Moderna:** This biotech company using new technology based on genetic information for the novel coronavirus produced the first clinical batch which underwent analytical testing and was shipped for clinical testing in a "record" **42 days** from initial creation. They began Phase 1 clinical testing on March 15.

**Jenner Institute:** Most other teams have had to start with small Phase I clinical trial participants to demonstrate safety. But scientists at the Oxford University's Jenner Institute had a head start on a vaccine, having proved in previous trials that similar inoculations were harmless to humans.

That has enabled them to leap ahead and tests of their new coronavirus vaccine involving more than 6,000 people are scheduled for the end of May. A vaccine could **possibly** be available by September.

**SinoVac:** A Chinese company that recently started a Phase 1 clinical trial with 144 participants has also said that its vaccine was effective in rhesus monkeys.

**Inovio Pharmaceuticals:** Another vaccine, developed using new genetic based technology has already been injected into the first adult volunteers in Phase 1 trials.

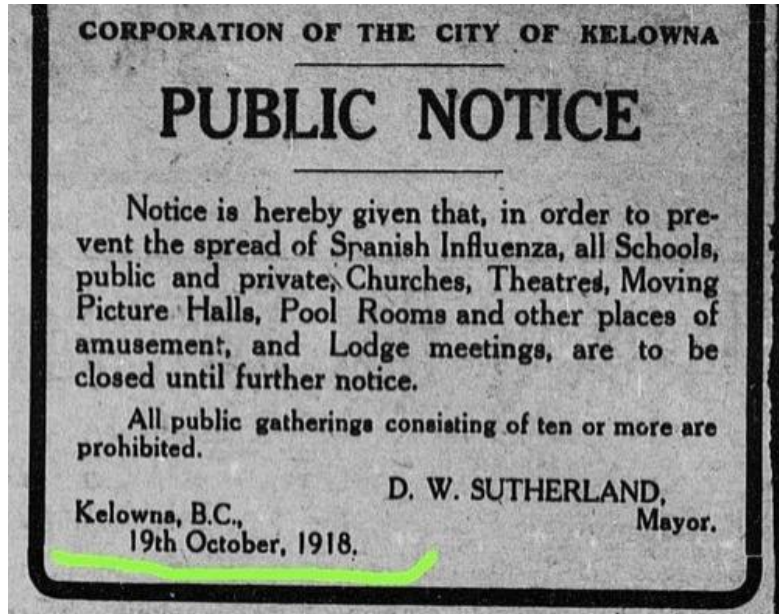
As of April 23, the World Health Organization indicated there were 70-80 additional coronavirus vaccine development processes underway. It should be clearly pointed out that despite the accelerated accomplishments, none of these vaccines are guaranteed to be effective in humans. Also, there is concern that rapid testing may be risky and ultimately lead to previously undetected adverse human health effects.

# 100 Years Ago

Well actually a little more than 100 years ago! While progress has been made with respect to treatments and creation of vaccines for pandemic viruses, it would appear that not much has changed with respect to prevention. Note the 1918 Public Notice regarding the Spanish flu. Sound familiar?

The picture below is also from 1918. Note the sign on the woman on the far right.

*These images are courtesy of Rocky Rockwell.*



## SIR 110 Activities

**There were no reports of activities due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions. Some members have pursued related activities on an individual basis. For contact information for leaders of any of the activities, please refer to a prior Rooster's Tale edition.**



### Piscatology

Some members of the fishing group have done some fishing as individuals.

### Woodworking

In acquiescence with the new abnormal, we had no woodworking gatherings in April, but we all did some tinkering at home.

Bill Gebhardt needed a printer close by his computer desk but he didn't have a lot of room. First, he was going to hang it on the end of the desk, but too much weight. Ever the improviser, he built a drawer in reverse, attached it to the floor, then a box to bring the printer to working height. He pulls it away from the table leg to free up the front-loading aspects of the printer (see photos).



Craig Lindquist has done a lot of craftsman remodel work at home, and the bathroom barn door made of western red cedar is a great example of his skill (see photos).



Michael Kobelt has been doing some small project planning (i.e., sketches, cutlists, marking layouts on pieces prior to milling). He also made a chisel sharpening jig (see photo).



### Travel

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

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

## Big Sir Message Here are a few California SIR Guidelines (continued)

- Our goal is to reopen very cautiously while following national, state, county and city health department and governmental officials' directions.
- Sir State directions for restarting shall be more conservative than allowable actions permitted by national, state, county and in some cases, city health departments and governmental officials.
- Sir shall not be an early adopter or the first social organization to reopen any luncheon, activity or event

Thank you all for your understanding and I certainly want to thank all our SIR members for your understanding. I certainly look forward to reuniting all our members at our next gathering.

Steve Laird, Big Sir


**MEMBERSHIP**

**There are currently 181 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.

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](mailto:dlev29@comcast.net). The completed application can be returned by USPS or E-MAIL.

We know many of you were planning on paying your ABC fee at the March meeting and of course couldn't. If you have not yet paid the \$24 ABC fee, please send it to Don Levensaler, 1492 Keri Ln, Chico, 95926. Make it payable to **Sir Branch 110**.

Shown below is a gentle reminder for those who still have to pay their fees.

If you have already paid, please excuse the inclusion of your name again.

064 Barger Jim	026 Hagen Lyman	129 McDermott William	059 Shippen William
217 Baxter Frank	019 Hansen Raymond	012 McNamara Dennis	168 Shook Doug
025 Bingaman William	034 Herman Craig	205 Merrill Fred	055 Skibo Jack
221 Bollinger John	127 Iannone Rocco	206 Musgrave Mike	047 Sorger Neil
083 Carlson Ernie	194 Imhoff Ronald	048 Osborne Michael	118 Spooner Daryl
171 Carroll Charlie	289 Jemison William	132 Phillips Donald	112 Thommen Harold
092 Ciapponi Fred	036 Kandler Art	169 Prewitt William	282 Van Houtte Edward
231 Cohea William	107 Knowlton Jack	035 Priddy Charles	053 Weidert Jim
234 Costa Peter	174 Kreider Larry	225 Pustejovsky Donald	263 Wilbur Richard
074 Day Jeff	024 Laird Stephen	137 Reager Skip	125 Wilson Terrance
187 Emmons Steve	141 Mace Joseph	270 Renlund James	010 Youngstrom William
004 Fromer Michael	090 Marple Larry	214 Robertson Kenneth	
029 Giberson Richard	255 Matthews Paul	037 Scott Troy	

**Please bring a friend to the next SIR meeting!**

## Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** Deadline for the June Rooster's Tale is Thursday, June 4. Send your articles by email: [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone him at: (530) 894-2452.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>
- **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** is due. Please see the information above.
- **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 me [TomShifflet@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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

John	Bollinger	May	2	Neil	Sorger	May	16	David	Jones	May	19
Cecil	Braswell	May	9	Ken	Tietz	May	17	Jim	Weidert	May	28
Charlie	Clayton	May	9	Steve	Velasco	May	18	Ernie	Carlson	May	30
Hal	Stoner	May	9								

**\*\* 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.**

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