

Rooster's Tale

Sons in Retirement – Branch 110
1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA



No June Meeting!!—No Luncheon—No Executive Committee Meeting

Program: The Program Committee has had speakers scheduled through August. It has obviously been necessary to cancel the May and June programs and there has been no discussion as to whether an endeavor to reschedule one or both of those speakers for July or August. As of now, it is not certain whether there will even be a July meeting. More information will be available in the July edition of the Rooster's Tale.

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
No Meeting, No Lunch, No Menu	No Meeting, No Communication is Necessary

Big Sir Message: Greetings everyone. I am thinking that everyone has gotten



their shot by now. My granddaughter went and got hers last week.

We should be meeting soon at the Elks Lodge again. Watch your email for the announcement.

SIR Charlie Carroll had a fall this last week and had to go to the hospital to get checked. He has a sore shoulder, but he is doing well at home. If you get a chance give him a call, he would like to hear from you.

In 2019 and 2020, UCSF and SIR had a survey of SIR participants. It was very successful, and they would like to have another one called "SIRS helping Medical Science". The State Board feels that this is an excellent way for SIR to help improve medical science and provide assistance in shaping local and national senior men's health care. If you would like to help, contact Ed Benson, Co-Chairman at ebensonbwa@aol.com.

The Program Committee has been working hard at getting some great speakers for the coming months. It's been kind of hard to schedule someone with the covid still around. Things are so uncertain right now.

I am still looking for some members to fill some vacant committee spots. If you are interested give me a call and I will set you up.

Watch your email for any updates on meetings. **Norm Stump, Sr.**



Check out our website for information and some new humor.



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

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Health, Wisdom and Memorials

There has been an endeavor to include information about Branch 110 members who have health issues or have passed away. It is usually the case 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 provide the information to Don Alger. It is important to not miss acknowledging our fellow members.

**Just because you don't understand,
doesn't mean it isn't true.**



June 30 1971: In *New York Times Co. v. United States*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 6 to 3, that the Pentagon Papers could be published, rejecting government injunctions as unconstitutional prior restraint. The *Times* resumed publication of the documents the next day.

It was to many the greatest journalistic scoop in a generation - the publication of a 7,000-page government report that laid bare how successive US administrations had escalated the Vietnam War while concealing doubts that the action could ever be successful.

However, the manner in which the documents had been obtained by *Times* reporter **Neil Sheehan** had always been a mystery. Approximately fifty years later after Sheehan's death at 84 on January 7, 2021, the Pulitzer prize-winning author's account of how he obtained the report has finally come to light. Once again the Pentagon Papers were in the news.

SIR 110 Activities

The State Leadership has reminded all branches that when activities resume, activities must obtain BEC approval and have it entered into the minutes for insurance coverage.

Golf: After a year of inactivity the Chico-Paradise SIR's Golf Club has renewed its golf tournaments. The June 7th event was played at Bailey Creek. The results of the winners are shown below.

Flight A Winners with (net score):

BARNUM, DAVE (73); BAKER, KEN (75); MABREY, BOB (75); BABCOCK, JOHN (76); BROWN, WAYNE (76)

Flight B Winners with (net score):

DAHL, JAKE (69); WESSELS, BOB (72); HARRIS, DAVE (74); QUINTO, RAY (75)

Closest to the pin:

BARNUM, DAVE (12 ft); BAKER, KEN (14 ft); BROSSOIT, PAUL (18 ft); KNOWLTON, JACK (19 ft)

Hiking: Jim Hertl (Hiking Branch 84) indicated "Hopefully in August or September".

Piscatology: The fishing group just completed the second trip of the year. We had 9 fishermen in 4 boats. Great dinners were created and served each night at Don Phillips' cabin on Lake Almanor. We all worked hard but fish were few and not responsive. Join us if you can, we meet the 2nd Thursday each month, at 7:00 am at Cozy Diner's back room. Call Bill Colvin 521-7269 or Bob Weckerle 864-6698.

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Woodworking: Time for more Tool Totes. Bill Gebhardt crafted a Drip System Repair Kit. This tote has the bottom partitioned to hold all the little drip fittings (see photo). The tool tray rests on top of the partitions. There's also a removable coil holder on the end of the tote holding a roll of 1/4" drip line, which is pulled out through the hole in the end of the holder.



Here's something you don't see very often - a cherry picker that looks more like a spider (see photo). It showed up at Bill's house to cut up and remove a big tree limb in his backyard, which had broken off during a recent wind storm.

Craig Lindquist and Bill G. have been doing equipment maintenance and repairs on the compressor, planer, and table saw in Bill's shop.

Bill Jemison made a handy garden tool tote for his gardener wife (see photo).



Michael Kobelt made a long desk tray for drawing instruments or tinkering tools (see photo). He also made a chisel sharpening jig (see photo).



Bill's shop is open every Thursday of the month for the woodworking activity.

Hours: 10 am to 2 pm. Call Bill at 879-0429 or Craig Lindquist at 898-8483 for information.

Dominoes and Pinochle: Now that SIR's is being able to start, I am checking to see if there is an interest in continuing Mexican Train and/or Pinochle. Our **Domino** game is **Mexican Train** which in the past has been played on the 2nd Thursday of the month beginning at 11:30 at a restaurant for lunch and game ending before 4 pm. Our **Pinochle** group has met at 11:30 also at a restaurant for lunch and game on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We only play single deck (our old hands seem to only be able to hold just so many cards). We also end by 4 pm. These games are open to members, wives, significant others or guests. Please call me at 343-0832 or email at majcnav@att.net if you are interested. Joe Navarro

Travel: There are currently some tours available.

- **August 27 – September 7, 2021: Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play.**
- **September 16-24, 2021: Louisville to Nashville - Featuring a tour of Churchill Downs and the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park**

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

Vino 110 As most of you wine sippers know, the June 4th event at Jim Braziel's was cancelled due to COVID-19 difficulties with SIR headquarters. Jim agrees to reschedule the event as soon as our BEC gives approval. It will happen but may be changed a little. If you are a Vino 110 member, I will contact you via email with all the details



History Club: Museums are opening so activities may be possible. Please stay tuned.

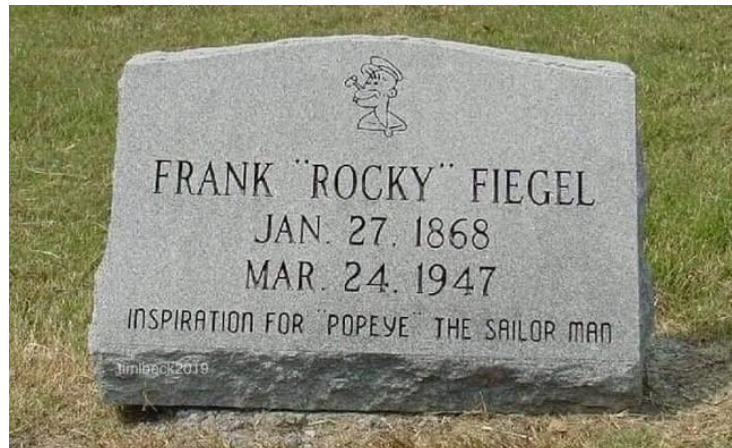


POPEYE THE SAILOR MAN REALLY EXISTED



His real name was **Frank "Rocky" Fiegel**. He was born in 1868 in Poland and, as a child, immigrated to the United States with his parents, who settled down in a small town in Illinois. As a young man, Rocky went to sea. After a 20-year career as a sailor in the Merchant Marines, Fiegel retired. He was later hired by Wiebusch's Tavern in the city of Chester, Illinois, as a "Bouncer" to maintain order in the rowdy bar.

Rocky quickly developed a reputation for always being involved in fighting (and usually winning). As a result, he had a deformed eye ("Pop-eye"). He also "always" smoked his pipe, so he always spoke out of one side of his mouth. In his spare time as a Bouncer, Rocky would entertain the customers by regaling them with exciting stories of adventures he claimed to have had over his career as a sailor crossing the "Seven Seas."



The creator of Popeye, **Elzie Crisler Segar**, grew up in Chester and, as a young man, met Rocky at the Tavern and would sit for hours listening to the old sailor's amazing 'sea' stories.' Years later, Segar became a cartoonist and developed a comic strip called "Thimble Theater" (it later became "Popeye the Sailor Man"). He honored Fiegel by asking if he could model his new comic strip character, after him. Naturally Fiegel was flattered and agreed.

Through the years, Segar kept in touch with Rocky and always helped him with money; giving him a small percentage of what he earned from his "Popeye" illustrations.

Segar claimed that "Olive Oyl," along with other characters, was also loosely based on an actual person. She was **Dora Paskel**, owner of a small grocery store in Chester. She apparently actually looked much like the Olive Oyl character in his comics. He claimed she even dressed much the same way.



Thanks to Dave Rush for this idea.



There are currently 165 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.

If anyone knows of SIR members that have moved or are otherwise not interested in continuing their membership, please contact our Membership Chairman, Don Levensaler, at (530) 891-1045 or dlev29@comcast.net

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **July** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, July 8**. Send your information by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Artistic Endeavors:** An idea has been presented by the Woodworking group that since there are several members who have wood shops at their home that it would be nice to offer them the opportunity to submit information and pictures (if appropriate) about their creations. The idea was quickly expanded to include "artistic endeavors" besides just woodworking projects such as ceramics or other art work. So, if you have produced something you would like to share, please consider submitting it for possible inclusion in the Rooster's Tale. At this point there are no specific criteria. If the submissions exceed space limitations, some criteria will need to be developed.
- **Future Programs:** The Program Committee has identified several possible programs for 2021. **As always, new ideas are welcome.**
- **Fall BBQ:** The date for the Fall BBQ has been set for Friday, October 8. **Jim Amis** is the Chair of the committee. Please save the date. More information will follow.
- **Christmas Party:** The date for the Christmas Party has been set for Monday, December 6. **Craig Lindquist** is the Chair of the committee. Please save the date. More information will follow.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>

Branch 110 could still use your help.

Besides vacancies in the officers positions, as shown below, there are several other positions which still need to be filled. **In some cases, (such as the Supper Club) the continuation of the activity is dependent on finding someone to serve as chair.** If you are interested in helping, please contact Big SIR Norm Stump. His contact information is in the Membership Roster.

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

Daryl	Spoooner	June	8	Rocco	Iannone	June	16	Mike	Nicholas	June	20
David	Ebright	June	8	Ken	Jensen	June	19	Rich	Carlson	June	20
David	Wood	June	12	Darrell	Hands	June	19	Ben	Maidenburg	June	22
Craig	Herman	June	12	Bob	Shadley	June	20	Rich	Olsen	June	24

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 name badge drawing. Also both the sponsor and his guest received a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted

Please plan on bringing a friend to the next SIR meeting!