

Rooster's Tale

Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting July 25, 2022 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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



Program: Chances are that every single member of Bidwell Branch 110 has arrived at the airport only to experience the deflating news that his flight has been cancelled. Have you ever wondered which way your life might have unfolded had your flight not been cancelled? Kris Koenig, this month's luncheon speaker, will explain what happened in his life when his flight from Scotland back home to America was cancelled because of a volcanic eruption in Iceland.



Up to that point he was enjoying his life as an Emmy award winning film producer, screenwriter, director and cinematographer, producing documentaries under his company Koenig Films, Inc. His layover time in Scotland resulted in a whole new turn of events upon his return to Chico. He attended Moonshine University in Kentucky and founded the Golden Beaver Distillery out near the Chico Airport. Using locally sourced ingredients, Kris brews variations of moonshine made from local honey and malted rice, as well as handcrafted vodka, gin, whiskey, bourbon and rye.

In addition to describing what is involved in setting up a distillery, Kris will touch upon the history of prohibition in the United States.

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

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Bolognese Lasagna, with side of Caesar salad, fresh garlic bread. The dessert will be a cheesecake with strawberry glaze.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the July luncheon. Please respond to the survey but if you could 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, July 21.

Big Sir Message: Did everyone have a happy and safe 4th? I did, we stayed home and enjoyed a little down time with nothing to do. We watched the 4th of July programs on TV and listened to the fireworks in the Neighborhood (which wasn't supposed to be there).



Now that it is over it is time to see what SIRS are doing. There are some great fishing trips coming your way. There are other great events that are on going every month, and they are listed in the Rooster's Tail. Check them out.

We had a great program at our last meeting. The K9s had their partners well trained. They knew just what to say, did a great job. There were a lot of great questions. Next meeting, we will be voting on our next year's officers. The program will also be great, and our program committee said if you miss this one you will miss a lot. Bring a taster with you. That's it for now. *Norm*

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

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

Webmaster: Ron Braziel

2022 Officers and Directors

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

2023 Nominated Officers and Directors

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Director: Ron Braziel (2nd term)	Director: Bill Colvin (2nd term)	Director: Randy Benson (1st term)	

The Nominating Committee proposed the above list of BEC members for 2023 and the list was approved and will be presented for approval by the Branch 110 membership at the July luncheon.


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.


**It's not what happens to you,
but how you react that matters.**


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 high series for 2 sessions. Bob Dinger had a bridge hand with 9 in one suit. 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.
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Out to Lunch		There will not be an Out to Lunch in July. The June tour through the Chico Cemetery was a learning experience! A good time was had by all.
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Vino 110		There are no Vino 110 activities planned for July. Our June wine tasting had 18 participants tasting several wines from Lodi wineries.
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Golf		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 Darrell Hands , the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.
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To All Sir Golfers: Here is the announcement for the final State golf event of the year which will be held at the Blue Rock Springs golf courses in Vallejo. The event will be held on September 14th and 15th. This is a 2 day event but if a golfer wants, they can play either of the days or both. I'd ask that you take a look at the State golf website at www.sirgolf.org. This event is open to all SIR members, their wives or significant other, and invited guests. Mark Stuart, 2022 SIR State Golf Committee Chair.

On Monday, June 20, a tournament was played at Canyon Oaks.


Flight One


First Place Net = 58		Second Place Net = 59.5	
ATKINS, NORM	VELASCO, STEVE	BARNUM, DAVE	LIM, MIKE
BROWN, WAYNE	VELASQUES, JOE	HILDENBRAND, LARRY	WESSELS, BOB


Flight Two


First Place Net = 56.3		Second Place Net = 62.7	
DAHL, JAKE	ROUNDY, BRUSE	EVERETT, DENNIS	KEYSER, DENNIS
DEMME, CHARLES	BROWN, GREG	JOHNSON, MIKE	PRICE, BILL
		DRENNEN, GENE	

Closest to the pin #12: GLAZINER, KYLE, 11' 5"; PERTUIT, GLEN, 12' 7"; SOLOMON, DAN, 15' 1/2"
 Closest to the pin #4: FELLNER, CRAIG, 13' 2"; MAIN, ED, 14' 2"; SMITH, SAM, 14' 10"

Pinochle		The winners for June were: Vi Aldax - 1st; Maggie Navarro - 2nd; Jenni Boles - 3rd. We have lunch and play again on July 27, at 11:00 am at the Butte Creek Country Club. Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.
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Piscatology		The fishing group just experienced a very successful fishing trip to Lake Almanor. Special thanks to Don and Lynn Phillips for hosting us at their magnificent cabin on Lake Almanor.
Twelve fishermen either stayed in the cabin or slept in the garage on cots. Great food at every meal made this trip the highlight of the season. Everyone caught fish. We look forward to seeing all interested fishermen at our next meeting. We meet at 7:30 am on Thursday, July 14th, at the Cozy Diner. Call Bill Colvin 530-521-7269, or Bob Weckerle 530-864-6698.		

History Club		There are no official SIR History Club activities planned. There will be an endeavor to keep interested folks informed about upcoming history related activities. Please contact Don Alger at dalger@csuchico.edu to receive regular updates on History Club activities.
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Hiking		The Hiking Group will take a break during the summer. Watch for an announcement closer to fall when we'll formally resume hiking outings. In the meantime, we'll likely go on occasional hikes with an informal meet-up. If you are interested in an informal hike this summer, please contact Jim Hertl, Richard Utter, or Randy Benson.
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Travel		There is a tour scheduled for 2022 and some for 2023. An upcoming one is: The Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers, September 12-15, 2022 For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.
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Our Patriotic Songs

Star Spangled Banner: This is of course the official national anthem of the United States. The lyrics come from the "Defence of Fort M'Henry", a poem written on September 14, 1814, by 35-year-old lawyer and amateur poet Francis Scott Key after witnessing the bombardment of Fort McHenry by British ships of the Royal Navy in Outer Baltimore Harbor in the War of 1812. Key was inspired by the large U.S. flag, with 15 stars and 15 stripes, known as the Star-Spangled Banner, flying triumphantly above the fort during the U.S. victory.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" was made the national anthem by a congressional resolution on March 3, 1931. Before 1931, other songs served as the hymns of U.S. officialdom. "Hail, Columbia" served this purpose at official functions for most of the 19th century. "My Country, 'Tis of Thee", also served as a *de facto* national anthem. Following the War of 1812 and subsequent U.S. wars, other songs emerged to compete for popularity at public events, among them "America the Beautiful", which itself was being considered before 1931 as a candidate to become the national anthem of the United States.

America the Beautiful: This is a patriotic American song. Its lyrics were written in 1893 by Katharine Lee Bates, an English professor and its music was composed by church organist and choirmaster Samuel A. Ward. Bates wrote the words as a poem originally entitled "Pikes Peak" after being inspired by the many sights during her train trip to Colorado and standing on the pinnacle of Pikes Peak. It was first published on the Fourth of July 1895. The combination of Ward's melody and Bates's poem was first entitled "America the Beautiful" in 1910. The song is one of the most popular of the many U.S. patriotic songs.

God Bless America: This is another American patriotic song and was written by Irving Berlin during World War I in 1918, but he filed it away until 1938 when Kate Smith needed a patriotic song to mark the 20th anniversary of Armistice Day, celebrating the end of World War I. The later version was notably recorded by Kate Smith, becoming her signature song.

It quickly became a second National Anthem after America entered World War II a few years later. Over the decades it has earned millions for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, to whom Berlin assigned all royalties.

Irving Berlin was a Russian American composer and lyricist, widely considered one of the greatest songwriters in history.

God Bless the U. S. A.: (also known as "**Proud to Be an American**") is an American patriotic song written and recorded by American country music artist Lee Greenwood, and is considered to be his signature song. The first album it appeared on is his 1984 album. *You've Got a Good Love Comin'*. It reached No. 7 on the *Billboard* magazine Hot Country Singles chart when originally released in the spring of 1984, and was played at the 1984 Republican National Convention with President Ronald Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan in attendance, but the song gained greater prominence during the Gulf War in 1990 and 1991 as a way of boosting morale. The popularity of the song rose again sharply after the September 11 attacks and during the 2003 invasion of Iraq. The song had sold over a million copies in the United States by July 2015.

Here's hoping you all had a great





There are currently 116 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 May	New Member in June
<p>Jim Johnson was inducted in May. However his picture is still unavailable so that and other information will be presented in the August edition.</p>	<div data-bbox="828 357 1117 646" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Name: Al Romero Wife: Debbie Occupation: Pastor Interests: Bowling, Computers, Investments, Pickle Ball, Basketball Sponsored by: Norm Stump</p>
Guests in June	
<p>Larry Willis - guest of Ken Edson Tom Decker - guest of Jim Braziel</p>	<p>Larry Jones - guest of Jose Lopez</p>

Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2022 Roster, there have been several changes. Some have passed away, some have dropped and new members have joined. Since the Roster is used for different purposes, it will be helpful to keep the members informed of **current membership**, so people do not spend time trying to contact former members for SIR business.

Please refer to the May edition of the Rooster's Tale for previous lists of Roster updates.

For privacy reasons, typical Roster information on new members will not be published in the Rooster's Tale but if you need to communicate with a new member, contact Don Alger at 530-894-2452 or dalger@csuchico.edu for a contact procedure.

New Members	Randy Benson	Robert DiPietro	Michael Hull	Frank Moody
Reinstated Members	Ruben Martinez	Vance Parker		

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **August** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, August 4**. Send your information by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **New 2022 Roster:** The new rosters are available at the SIR luncheon meetings. **Don't miss getting yours.**
- **Future Programs:** The program for August will be about some of Chico's many issues related to Public Works-Operations and Maintenance. It will be presented by Erik Gustafson, Public Works Director for the City of Chico.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>

RANDOM THOUGHTS

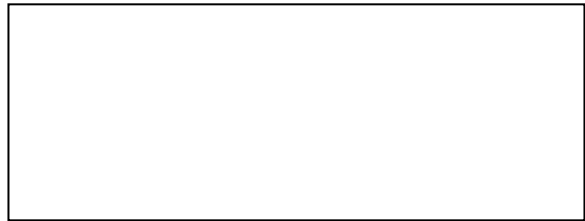
Why is the word for "fear of long words"-hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia-so long?



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have a July Birthday, please join us at the July 25 luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!****

Ken	Shippen	July	7	Ed	Matzdorff	July	14	Sam	Smith	July	26
Henry	Maas	July	13	Syl	Lucena	July	19	Walt	Stile	July	29

****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!