

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110 **No August Meeting!!**

1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA—**No Luncheon –No Executive Committee Meeting**

SIR Luncheon and Program Update



There has been some limited discussion for attempting to have a ZOOM program presentation in the absence of luncheon opportunities in an endeavor to try to keep our members somewhat engaged. It has, of course, been pointed out that ZOOM is a poor substitute for the face to face collegiality which we all enjoyed and miss so much. Perhaps the emoji sums up the situation.



Big Sir Message: Good Day to our Bidwell Branch 110 SIR members and I want to wish you all a good day! I am certainly looking forward to meeting you all again soon. This Covid-19 and Coronavirus has really changed things in the past few months. Restaurants in Chico and surrounding areas have stopped inside dining. The Chico Elks Lodge has been closed for a few weeks and it looks like it might stay closed for a while. I certainly want you all to be safe and healthy, and wear a mask when around others.

Our Sons In Retirement (SIR) is a fraternal organization and it was founded in San Mateo, California in 1958. The organization purpose is: 'To provide for the welfare of men who are pursuing common goals, the enjoyment of their later years with dignity and pride and have fun. Our founders chose the rooster as the official logo to represent the freedom he displays around the barnyard. We have all paid our dues to the business world and now is the time to strut and crow a little. Just wanted to wish our August Birthday Boys a "Very Happy Birthday." We are looking forward to resuming our meetings and luncheon in the near future. Hope you all have enjoyed time with family and friends. I have met a few SIR members in Bidwell Park. In the past few months, I have certainly enjoyed the nice weather, although it is a bit warm in the afternoons. I will keep you all updated of any changes and again want you all to be safe and healthy.

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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

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Chaplain's Corner: Health, Wisdom and Memorials

In consultation with Tom Shifflet and others, it was decided to endeavor to include more information about Branch 110 members who have health issues or have passed away. It is often found 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 inform either Tom Shifflet or Don Alger. It is important to not leave out acknowledging any fellow members, and it is not possible for a few people to recognize news about all members.

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 **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**. I will try to match SIRs with needs and SIRs who are willing to help. We can get through this pandemic together.



August 19, 1970: For the first time in the 170-year history of the presidential residence in Washington, DC, the American flag over the White House was flown at nighttime, rather than being lowered at sunset. The change in protocol occurred after U.S. First Lady Pat Nixon had learned that it was proper under flag etiquette to fly the banner after dark if it was illuminated by a spotlight, and would lead to a change in the display of the flag elsewhere in the United States.

The **Flag** Code states it is the universal custom to display the **flag** only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary **flag** staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the **flag** may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

40 Years Ago

August 28, 1980: Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) was used for the first time after a team led by John Mallard built the first full-body scanner at the University of Aberdeen (Aberdeen, Scotland). Mallard's team obtained the first clinically useful MRI image of a patient's internal tissues, identifying a primary tumor in the patient's chest, an abnormal liver, and secondary cancer in his bones. The machine was later used at St Bartholomew's Hospital, in London, from 1983 to 1993. Mallard and his team are credited for technological advances that led to the widespread introduction of MRI.

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is a medical imaging technique used in radiology to form pictures of the anatomy and the physiological processes of the body. MRI scanners use strong magnetic fields, magnetic field gradients, and radio waves to generate images of the organs in the body. MRI does **not involve X-rays or the use of ionizing radiation**, which distinguishes it from CT and PET scans and makes it a somewhat safer alternative.

SIR 110 Activities

There were of course no official SIR activities due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions. However, some members pursued related activities on an individual basis.

For contact information for leaders of any of the activities, please refer to a Rooster's Tale edition prior to May.



Piscatology

We have not been able to join for breakfasts due to the Corona virus. Our waitress Dana, at the Cozy Diner sends her love to all the fishing group. At this time indoor dining is not allowed. We will let members know when we can meet again.

Some members have been fishing on their own and doing quite well. We share stories on line. Below is a couple of our guys, Les VanderVelden and Vern Hartman last season, fishing on Antelope lake.



For more information call [Bob Weckerle 894-6698](tel:894-6698) or [Bill Colvin 521-7269](tel:521-7269)

(picture courtesy of Bob Weckerlie)

Woodworking

Having more time at home these days, lots of folks are reportedly drawn into their kitchens and doing things like making bread, with some enjoying the pleasure and feel of kneading dough on a floured breadboard.

Woodworking shares a similar allure in that we enjoy the tactile feel of wood, the smoothness of a well sanded piece, the beauty and color of various grain patterns, and even the smell. Wood speaks to us, and makes us want to respond to its calming effect.

The woodworking group did not hold any activity meetings in July, but at home Bill Jemison has done a bit of work to help one of his sons who is remodeling his own house.

Bill Gebhardt and Mike Lim have been constructing shipping boxes for Project SAVE that will hold an X-ray machine to be sent to Africa (See photos). Since its first shipment in 2004, Project SAVE has collected, stored, sorted, inventoried, staged, loaded, and shipped the equivalent of more than 207 twenty foot containers of recycled medical, dental and other supplies estimated at over twenty million dollars to 44 countries.



Ray Rolls designed and constructed a 3/8-scale picnic table "feeder" for birds and squirrels ... although the squirrels have been dominating it so far. The feeder was designed to mount on an existing wood fence.



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.

Hiking: No group hikes have been planned for the future but Jim Hertl did a short hike on the Henderson Flume by Lake De Sabla above Paradise. The trailhead is on the Skyway at the DeSabla Reservoir.

COVID Restlessness

Like many of you, it has been easy to become restless and look for somewhat less than normal opportunities to occupy ones time. Being inspired by all the interesting examples of products from our woodworking group, I thought I would apply my "skills" to a home door installation project. However, that did not go too well (see below). A bit frustrated, it seemed that a trip to the mountains with an ATV would be a nice social distancing activity. However, that also did not go well. Had trouble even getting out of the driveway!! Realizing that it had been a long, long, long time since I took a bicycle ride, I found the lost bicycle and as soon as I get it cleaned up, perhaps that will be a successful activity.



Coronavirus Vaccine Development

1. There are well over 100 COVID-19 vaccine projects underway worldwide.
2. There are over 20 candidates in clinical (human) trials.
3. Six (6) have started phase 3 (the final phase before approval) trials before August.
4. Three of the frontrunners, **Moderna** (US), **Oxford University/Astra Zeneca** (UK/Sweden) and **BioNTech/Pfizer** (Germany/US) have been given substantial financial support (billions of dollars) by the United States for development and manufacture with the understanding that the US will have vaccines available **IF** their candidates prove effective and safe. These three frontrunners have established plans and associations to produce billions of doses even before they obtain official approval so there will not be a manufacturing delay.
5. Even if a vaccine is shown to be safe and effective, and vaccines samples are prepared, there is still the problem of distribution and availability (who gets it first).

On July 24, it was reported that Dr. Anthony Fauci, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, indicated that **IF** a vaccine is found to be safe and effective and approved by November, a Covid-19 vaccine likely won't be "**widely available**" in the US until several months into 2021.

MEMBERSHIP

There are currently 177 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. The completed application can be returned by USPS or E-MAIL.

If your name is on this list below, please send the \$24 ABC fee to Don Levensaler, 1492 Keri Ln, Chico, 95926. Payable to Sir Branch 110.

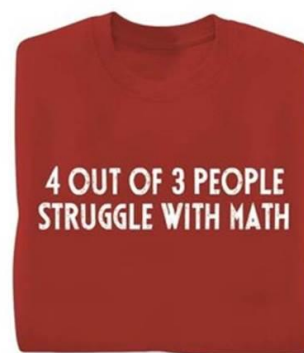
If you have already paid, please excuse the inclusion of your name again.

064 Barger Jim	004 Fromer Michael	090 Marple Larry	214 Robertson Kenneth
217 Baxter Frank	029 Giberson Richard	255 Matthews Paul	037 Scott Troy
025 Bingaman William	026 Hagen Lyman	129 McDermott William	059 Shippen William
221 Bollinger John	019 Hansen Raymond	012 McNamara Dennis	168 Shook Doug
083 Carlson Ernie	034 Herman Craig	205 Merrill Fred	047 Sorger Neil
092 Ciapponi Fred	036 Kandler Art	206 Musgrave Mike	118 Spooner Daryl
231 Cohea William	107 Knowlton Jack	048 Osborne Michael	282 Van Houtte Edward
234 Costa Peter	174 Kreider Larry	169 Prewitt William	263 Wilbur Richard
074 Day Jeff	141 Mace Joseph	035 Priddy Charles	125 Wilson Terrance
187 Emmons Steve			010 Youngstrom William

Please bring a friend to the next SIR meeting!

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** Deadline for the September Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, September 10**. Send your articles by email: 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.





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

Jim	Braziel	Aug	17	Keith	Musselman	Aug	16	KR	Robertson	Aug	4
Greg	Brown	Aug	1	Joe	Navarro	Aug	11	Dave	Rush	Aug	24
Jeff	Day	Aug	4	Bill	Niepoth	Aug	18	Doug	Shook	Aug	9
Bob	Dinger	Aug	7	Gary	Pederson	Aug	21	Norm	Stump	Aug	7
Ken	Edson	Aug	16	Paul	Pullen	Aug	26	Richard	Symons	Aug	14
Steve	George	Aug	18	Ted	Raleigh	Aug	4	Terry	Wilson	Aug	19
Bill	McNelley	Aug	7								

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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