

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

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

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

Program: The August program will be about Criminal Defense Stories and the history of Public Defender Services in Butte County. Our speaker will be **Larry Willis** who is a retired Butte County Defense Attorney and a current member of SIRs. Larry attended Chico Junior, Chico High and Chico State. He then joined the Navy and ended up at Officer Candidate School. After the Navy, he went to McGeorge School of Law and graduated in 1972. In 1979, he was invited to join a group of lawyers who were submitting a bid to take on the public defender services in Butte County. They got the contract and he was one of the full time contract public defenders for 22 years. In 2011, he closed his office but continued to do special appearances for other lawyers for another 8 years and then completely retired in November 2019.



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

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
<p>Meatloaf with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, veggie, and bread. Dessert will be lemon bars.</p>	<p>It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the August 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, August 15.</p>

Big Sir Message: Thanks to Mike Ramsey for the presentation on examples of some of the fraudulent schemes that target us old guys. Some of the stuff he was talking about has been in the newspaper in the last few weeks. I don't personally know anyone that has been caught in one of these situations, but you can imagine how much pain it must cause the families of the individuals that get swindled by these crooks. Mike, I'm sure, could fill a whole day telling us about some of the more interesting cases that their office has been involved with over the years.



This month our speaker is one of our own, Larry Willis. Larry has been an attorney in this town for a long-long time. He has been a personal friend since we both got out of college (a long time ago). I played softball with and against Larry for many years when we were both young men. His kids played sports so we crossed paths quite often. He has been involved with many organizations over that time. He has been employed with both the Chico and Butte County Court system for about 40+ years. Most of the time he has been working in the Criminal Defense area. Everyone that is charged with a crime has the right to an attorney and in a lot of cases it was Larry or someone from the Public Defender's Office who had to stand with them

and try to find a way to beat the charge. I'm sure he has some fond memories of some of the people he had to represent throughout all his career. He has some interesting stories on trials and people he has dealt with. He will keep us awake for the time that he has agreed to talk.

A quick update on the lunch count situation that has been very costly to the Branch in the last few months. At the July meeting we had 7 members who responded to the survey stating they will come and eat but did not show (this number reflects the three folks that answered twice that was deleted). We also had 3 members and 1 guest come that didn't respond at all. The net was 3 lunches that we should have been billed for but the folks in the Kitchen let us slide this time. We are happy that there won't be any charge to the 7 guys who could have been sent a bill for the lunch they didn't eat. Hopefully next month it will get better. Stay tuned. *Dave*

2024 Officers and Directors

Big Sir: Dave Jones		Little Sir: Don Sturt	
Secretary: Bob Dinger	Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush	Data Base Mgr: Rocky Rockwell	
Treasurer: Charles Staser	Asst. Treas. : Jose Lopez		
Director: Ken Edson (3rd term)	Director: Ron Braziel (3rd term)	Director: Bill Colvin (3rd term)	
Director: Randy Benson (2nd term)	Director: Mike Nicholas (1st term)	Director: Joe Navarro (1st term)	

2025 Nominated Directors

The Nominating Committee presented the names of three members who have agreed to serve as Directors for 2025. The BEC voted approval and they will be voted on by the membership at the August luncheon meeting. They are **Mike Gross, Dave Jones and Jan Loring.**

The position of Little Sir is still open. This is an important position for our Branch so please consider serving in this capacity. It is a great opportunity to lend a helping hand and there will be plenty of assistance provided from past and present branch leaders.

Replacement/Back-up Positions Needed: Read information in Announcements.

Health, Memorials and Wisdom

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.

**The biggest communication problem is
we do not listen to understand.
We listen to reply.**

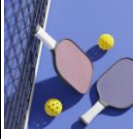






Please check out our website for frequent updates and new humor.

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


Webmaster: Ron Braziel

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.

Pickleball		<p>The pickleball group is taking a summer vacation due to hot weather and people traveling out of town. We will resume after the hot summer days. Jay Hanson can be reached at jbirdhanson1@gmail.com.</p>
Hiking		<p>No hiking activity is planned for July or August. The hiking program is on summer hiatus until September. For information or questions, please contact Rich Utter.</p>
Bridge		<p>The bridge group met four times since last month's report. Bob Dinger was the winner of two of the sessions. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. <u>Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for information.</u></p>
History		<p>The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, at 10 am at 6 Stratford Way. This meeting will have the same agenda as the one which was cancelled in June. We will explore research methods and strategies for either the casual "Googler" or more serious researcher.</p>
<p>The topic of <u>Old Grocery Stores of Chico</u> will be used to demonstrate the different techniques. If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).</p>		
ABV 110		<p>No activities are planned for July or August. Thursday, September 26, is the next potential date for fun ABV activities, but a definite plan has not been developed. Ideas for activities are always welcome.</p>
<p>To be added to the email list, contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).</p>		
Pinochle		<p>The winners for July's pinochle day are: Cindy Heffren - 1st; Maggie Navarro - 2nd; Joe Navarro - 3rd. Next card and lunch date is August 28, 11:00 am at BCCC. <u>Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</u></p>
Wood Working		<p>Due to a lack of participation, there are no longer regular meetings. 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.</p>

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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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On Monday, July 8, 40 Sirs played a scramble tournament at Bidwell.

1 st Net = 55.5	2 nd Net = 56.0	3 rd Net = 56.7	4 th Net = 57.7
ATKIN, NORM	BARGER, JIM	BARNUM, DAVE	EBER, JEFF
HIMMLER, KURT	MABREY, BOB	HILDENBRAND, LARRY	HYDER, MARK
VELASCO, STEVE	MCNAMARA, DENNIS	STASER, CHARLES	NUSSBAUM, RICHARD
VELASQUEZ, JOE	WHITE, GARY	WESSELS, BOB	PERTUIT, GLEN

CLOSEST TO PIN 2: WESSELS, BOB - 12' 0"; VELASCO, STEVE - 14' 10" **PIN 4:** PORTERFIELD, CAP - 10' 1"; BARNUM, DAVE - 11' 1" **PIN 7:** WESSELS, BOB - 4' 1"; BRUGGMAN, DENNIS - 20' 4" **PIN 12:** GROSS, MIKE - 15' 6"; MCNAMARA, DENNIS - 23' 0" **PIN 16:** ATKIN, NORM - 7' 8"; VELASQUEZ, JOE - 9' 8"

On Tuesday, July 16, 21 Sirs played a tournament at Willows.

1 st Net = 60.1	2 nd Net = 62.5	3 rd Net = 62.9
BARNUM, DAVE	ATKIN, NORM	GROSS, MIKE
HILDENBRAND, LARRY	HANDS, DARRELL	MARTINSON, KEITH
WEIDERT, JIM	HERMAN, CRAIG	WOLFE, DENNIS
WESSELS, BOB	SHOOK, DOUG	

CLOSEST TO PIN 4: VELASCO, STEVE - 37' 10" **PIN 7:** QUINTO, RAY - 8' 2" **PIN 13:** ATKIN, NORM - 15' 0" **PIN 16:** BRUGGMAN, DENNIS - 5' 6"


On Monday, August 8, a tournament was played at Table Mountain.


1 st Net = 142	2 nd Net = 145	3 rd Net = 146	3 rd Net = 146
HERMAN, CRAIG	WHITE, GARY	ATKIN, NORM	O'NEIL, ROBERT
DAVIS, SAM	MCNAMARA, DENNIS	VELASCO, STEVE	BROWN, GREG
CAGNO, JIM	BROWNING, BOB	HIMMLER, KURT	BINGAMAN, BILL
STASER, CHARLES		CARLSON, RICH	

CLOSEST TO PIN 3: BROWN, GREG - 6' 9"; PARSONS, DICK - 11' 4" **PIN 7:** DAVIS, SAM - 4' 8"; BROWN, GREG - 11' 1" **PIN 12:** CARLSON, RICH - 2' 2"; WHITE, GARY - 2' 7" **PIN 16:** HULL, MICHAEL - 2' 6"; GLAZINER, KYLE - 4' 8"

I just ordered a life alert bracelet so if I get a life, I'll be notified immediately.




Bowling		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
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.		

Piscatology		The fishing group is currently split into two groups, each fishing different lakes. Bob Weckerle and crew were fishing Lewiston Lake. The picture of the one day catch at
Lewiston Lake is shown . From left to right are Vic Fisher, Frank Moody, Vern Hartman and Dana Davis. Two other boaters are fishing Medicine Lake.		
They are scheduled to return on Wednesday. Our fishing group will next meet for breakfast at Cozy Diner on Thursday, September 12 th , at 7:00 am.		
Call Bill Colvin 530-521-7269 or Bob Weckerle 530-864-6698 for information.		

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.

History		There will be an endeavor to keep folks informed about upcoming history related activities. No activities for August have been identified. Contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452) for more information .
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Chico History Museum Events

September 14: History of Women's Basketball at Chico State 1896-2016

Butte County Historical Society Events

September 21: Alvin Coffey: The True Story of an African American Forty-Niner

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Humor

Old age is golden I've often heard it said,
but sometimes I wonder as I crawl in my bed.

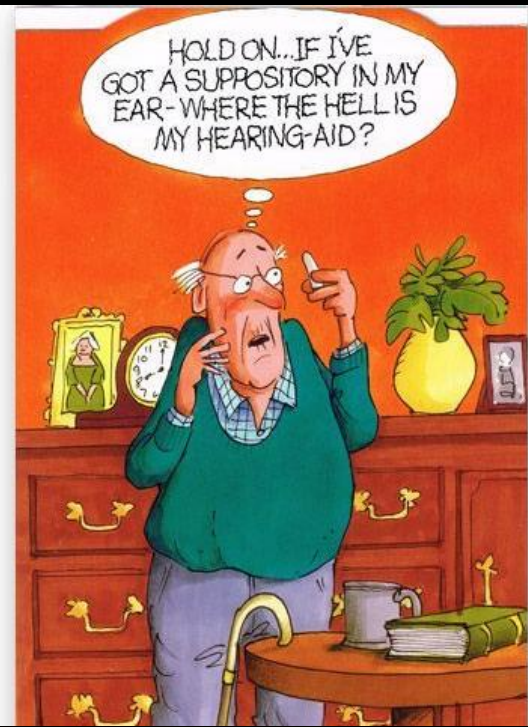
With my ears in my drawer, my teeth in a cup
and my eyes on a shelf until I wake up.

When sleep dims my eyes I think to myself
Is there anything else I should put on that shelf?

The reason I know my youth has been spent,
is my-get-up-and-go has got-up-and-went!

But, I really don't mind as I think with a grin.
of all the fun places my get-up has been.

This poem was provided by Rocky Rockwell.
Thanks!



Music Notes

Due to the combined hardships of the Great Depression and ongoing drought, many people from Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri packed up their belongings and traveled west in search of work. A young musician named Woodrow hoboed his way from Texas to Los Angeles in 1936 where he eventually formed a musical duo with a friend's daughter named Maxine. He and Maxine began singing old songs and their harmonies were a perfect two-part musical fit. They performed country-western tunes around town and had a show on radio station KFVD.

By the spring of 1938 however, both Woody and Maxine were tiring of the daily broadcast schedule and they took leave from KFVD.

Woodrow immediately hopped a box car along with Maxine's unemployed father, Roy Crissman.

They headed north into the Central Valley. Very quickly they landed in Chico and spent a week there. Roy liked the area so much that he decided to go back to Southern California where he packed his family up and moved them all to Chico. Before he and Woodrow split up they agreed to meet again in one month under the elms in Chico's Downtown Plaza Park.

Woodrow continued his trek throughout the Central Valley of California staying and singing with farm workers in labor camps, living under bridges, hanging out in 'Hooverilles.

On July 25, 1938, he met up again with the Crissman clan in Chico's Downtown Plaza Park. He joined them at the camp they shared with other struggling migrant families. For two weeks he stayed with the Crissmans spending his days fishing and his nights singing around the campfire. Woodrow likely joined the hundreds (and at times thousands, according to local newspapers) of other homeless migrants who were camped along Lindo Channel.

Woodrow "Woody" Wilson Guthrie is arguably the most influential American folk musician of the first half of the 20th Century. He is best known for his folk ballads, traditional and improvised works, often incorporating political commentary. Woody Guthrie is identified with the Dust Bowl and Great Depression of the 1930s. His songs earned him the nickname "Dust Bowl Troubadour."




There are now 132 members including 8 on Attendance Relief. Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call Don Levensaler at **530-520-3291** to **get one via the postal service.**

Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2024 Roster in January, some changes have occurred. The "Roster Updates" will help keep members informed of **current membership**. If you need to communicate with a new member, contact Rocky Rockwell (530-961-3418).

Members not in the 2024 Roster	Ralph Skytte	John Schaller	Dan Bequette	Dana Davis
	Kevin Hennessy	Gary Marquis	Bill Knudsen	Paul Tullius
	Joe Gallaway	Jim Cagno	Gil Jones	Steve Miller
Vince Herrera				

New Member in July	Guests in July
 <p>Name: Vince Herrera Wife: Debi Occupation: Program Manager – State of California Interests: Photography, Gardening, Golf, Hiking, Pickleball, Wine Tasting, Veterans, Yoga</p> <p>Sponsored by: Ron Braziel</p>	<p>Randy Swett - guest of Jim Braziel</p> <p>Rick Waldsmith - guest of Jose Lopez</p> <p>Len Spesert - guest of Bill Knudsen</p>

Announcements

Editor's Note: The deadline for the **September** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, September 5**. Send your information by email at dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at 530- 894-2452.

Future Programs: For **September 23rd**, we will have Mike Egbert from the Chico Chamber of Commerce. On **October 28th**, President Steve Perez will present information on CSU, Chico.

State SIR Bulletin: (Sir Happenings) is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>.

Replacement/Back-up Positions Needed: **Don Levensaler** has provided the following: "It has become time for me to seriously find someone who can be a back-up and take over the **Membership Chairman** duties within the next year. I have been Attendance or Membership Chair for the past 18 years and have really enjoyed serving in these positions but it's now time to give someone else the opportunity. Please get the word out through the Rooster Tale and send me names of anyone you know has computer skills (excel experience) and would possibility step up."

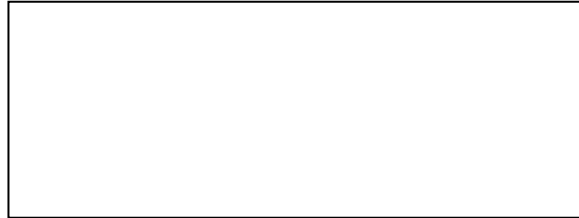
In addition, it would be good to find a short-term back-up **Rooster's Tale Editor** in case of an emergency. Ideally that person would be interested in an ultimate long term commitment, but someone to learn a few details **now** would be great.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have an August Birthday, please join us at the August 26th luncheon and see what you might win.

Henry	Brown	Aug	1	Joseph	Navarro	Aug	11	James	Braziel	Aug	17
Stephen	Nay	Aug	4	Edward	Van Houtte	Aug	12	Edward	Niepoth	Aug	18
Bob	Dinger	Aug	7	Richard	Parsons	Aug	13	Sam	Davis	Aug	23
Norman	Stump	Aug	7	Kenneth	Edson	Aug	16	David	Rush	Aug	24
Doug	Shook	Aug	9								

It is possible to get a free lunch. Both the sponsor and his guest will receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.

Please, be a friend and bring a friend to the next SIR meeting!

RANDOM THOUGHTS

The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."