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President: Morgan Akin

Vice President: David Yorton

Secretary: Cris Andrews

Asst Sec: Gerry Dodge

Treasurer: Rix Callaway

Asst Treasurer: Ken Timmerman

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Dennis Compomizzo

Steve Irey

Lee Lamp

Barrie Lee

**Administrative Leaders**

Membership: Phil Perry

Membership Asst: Tom Ward

Chaplain: Gerry Dodge

Facilities: Sid Nobles

Nominating Chair: Cris Andrews

Newsletter: Lee Lamp

Raffle: Jim McClelland

Sunshine: Len Napoli

Publicity: Jim McMahon

Sergeant At Arms: Tom Merrow

Teller of Tales: Darrel Elliot

Historian: Cris Andrews

MC: Lee Lamp

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# SIR 129

## Newsletter



Three Shastas  
Branch 129  
Redding, CA

**The Pres Sez'**

As the incoming 2026 President for the SIR Three Shastas Branch 129 I want to welcome everyone to a New Year. I served on the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) as Assistant President for the years 2024 and 2025. The time I spent on the Branch Executive Committee has provided me with a much better understanding of the many responsibilities we have in managing the many aspects of the Branch for our members. The well-being of our many members is a responsibility we take very seriously. The Branch Executive Committee works diligently to provide a welcoming and interesting place for all of our members each month. I will work with the BEC to assign various positions, such as Activities, Recruiting, Marketing Chairmen. These individuals work to ensure we have support for those positions as we look to expand our efforts in those areas. We currently have several activities available that are not being utilized. We need members to step up and volunteer to lead these activities. Remember, volunteers support our organization. That means everyone. Dave Yorton is our new Vice President and has the responsibility of searching the community for speakers that are interesting and who bring beneficial information to our monthly meetings. Dave already has speakers selected for January and February. Badge #39 I would like to thank Past President Barrie Lee for his hard work and enthusiastic leadership in 2025. **Cont' next page**

**Monthly Meeting****First Thursday of the month****Elks Lodge**

Meeting/Speaker: 11:00 - 12:00

Lunch follows.

**January Meeting is Second Thursday this year****Attendance is Important**

Guest  
Speaker:

**Julie Hudec,  
President  
Shasta Senior  
Center**

**Cont' from page 1** Barrie will continue to be an important part of our leadership team in 2026. At the November 6, 2025 BEC meeting the issue of the yearly budget and dues were discussed and after a thorough discussion the BEC voted to hold the Annual Dues at \$50.00 per member.

## State Officers 2026

<b>State President</b>	Fred Serena Br 59	<b>Board Area Rep #3</b>	Wesley Howard Br 32
<b>Vice President</b>	Nick Feimer Br 1	<b>Dir State Documents</b>	Bruce Corwin Br 159
<b>Secretary</b>	Jeff Chin Br 103	<b>Dir State Activities</b>	Michael Lee Br 128
<b>Treasurer</b>	Carl Mason Br 88	<b>Dir Marketing/Comm</b>	Neil Wheeler Br 17
<b>Chief Information Officer</b>	Ramesh Thadani Br 98	<b>Dir Branch Support</b>	John Farcich Br 1
<b>Board Area Rep #1</b>	Jerry Morrow Br 172	<b>State Advisor</b>	Derek Southern Br 8
<b>Board Area Rep #2</b>	Carl Dawson Br 47	<b>Parliamentary</b>	Roy Hodgkinson Br 146

## Lunch Bunch by Duane Nelson



The next Lunch Bunch is scheduled for Jan 21st. You can enjoy the Buffet at GoodTimes Pizza in Palo Cedro. If you have questions or suggestions please contact me (email [bandan@msn.com](mailto:bandan@msn.com) or call 530-547-5157). Of course you can add to your phones calendar with an alert and that would help 😊

Activity	Chair	Telephone	Email
Book Exchange	Len Napoli	530-547-4201	lenandgail@frontiernet.net
Golf - 18 Hole	Lee Lamp	530-921-1375	lel4355@yahoo.com
Golf - 9 Hole	Bob Watt	530-227-4470	wattclan1954@gmail.com
Lunch Bunch	Duane Nelson	530-547-5157	bandan@msn.com
Bocce Ball	Dennis Compomizzo	530-356-9966	dennysz71@yahoo.com
Horseshoes	OPEN		

## The next General Membership meeting is Jan 8th, 11am at the Elks. Arrive early for social time.

### Guest Speaker submitted by David Yorton

Our guest speaker for the January meeting will be Julie Hudec. Julie is the President of the Shasta Senior Center. She'll talk about the history of the center, her personal involvement, and let us know what the center has to offer.

### Welcoming New Members 2026 Phil Perry, Membership Chair

We started this newsletter in 2024 and will continue a new tradition of announcing new members as they are inducted. We have one nomination pending for BEC Approval in January. That's a great start to the year!

The following individuals all joined our Branch during the 2026 calendar year. Join me in welcoming them. It will be a running total through the year.

**Name**

**Sponsor**

**Name**

**Sponsor**

**Let's FILL it up this year**

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State SIR

<https://sirinc.org/>



### Birthdays in January

Greg Deptuck

Jan 16th

Randy Moore

Jan 30th

Hal Leininger

Jan 18th

Richard Reese

Jan 4th

Dan Malmgren

Jan 4th

Skip Vargas

Jan 10th





## Treasurer Report by Rix Callaway

HAPPY 2026 to all! 2025 was a successful year for Branch 129 with our membership sustaining 100 and the year ending with an adequate budget balance—thanks to all the members who participated in the auctions at the year ending Christmas Luncheon. With the new year comes annual dues. Even with increased expenses, we have been able to keep the dues at \$50.00. Please pay them promptly. You can pay at the monthly luncheon or mail a check to me at 8921 Olney Park Drive, Redding, CA 96001. Please make checks out to SIR. The bills are paid and the account is balanced



## Jan/Feb Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
BEC	Jan 8th, 9:30 am	Elks
General Membership Luncheon	Jan 8th, 11:00am	Elks
Lunch Bunch	Jan 21st, 11:30	GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro
BEC	Feb 5th, 9:30 am	Elks
General Membership Luncheon	Feb 5th, 11:00am	Elks
18 Hole Golf	Feb 9th, 10:00am	Gold Hills
Lunch Bunch	Feb 18th, 11:30	GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro
18 Hole Golf	Feb 25th, 9:30am	Tierra Oaks

## Sunshine Report By Len Napoli

I hope the magic of Christmas touched your hearts this year. Thanks to all for the warm fellowship at our very successful Christmas Luncheon.

Gail & I enjoyed ourselves thoroughly and it was so nice to see Peggy Goetz there.

May the new year bring you joy, peace and good health.



## Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

The recent rains are well reflected in the ponds that should be Bocce Courts.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



## Branch 129 Historical Tidbits Submitted by Cris Andrews

***From the January 1998 "SIR'S UPDATE"***

I want to thank all the members of Branch 129 for their participation in our SIR Branch and a special thanks to 2025 President Barrie Lee for his steadfast leadership in 2025! And as Secretary and Historian, I want our 2026 President, Morgan Akin, to know that I look forward to working with him to help our branch grow and prosper in 2026!

In the January 1998 "SIR'S UPDATE", Big Sir John Merrill wrote that the 1998 SIR Membership Directory would be ready for members to pick up their copy at the January meeting. He said "...for many years we have enjoyed one of the best directories in the entire SIR organization. This year we have made it even better with an important change because the Directory only lists those who are full members at the time of printing. Beginning in 1998 we will publish a Directory Addendum every three months listing changes to our membership in three categories: 1. Former Members who have been dropped, 2. New Members added to the Directory, and 3. Prospective members waiting for induction to our SIR Branch."

Many of the Directories in the early days of Branch 129 had commercial sponsors that paid for the printing of the Directory. For example, the 1998 Directory had four sponsors with quarter-page ads on the back cover. We made history last year by producing the first ever Branch 129 Directory with color photos of the members. We extend our gratitude to Barrie Lee for making this possible for 2025 and for future Directories!



## 18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp

We had one event in December. We played Gold Hills on the 1st. We had a great turnout for the final event of the year with 20 golfers! The best part is the camaraderie shared with our members.

There were 8 skins awarded (Eric Measles x2, Larry Welch x2, Don Streetman x2, Greg Ephland, Gene Pepper)

1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight
Lee Lamp +3	Steve Renier +4	Gene Pepper +5
Greg Ephland +7	Steve Fox +12	Don Streetman +6
Eric Measles +8	David Laam +14	Larry Welch +7

The 2026 schedule has been sent out. Most dates are confirmed. I'm waiting on a response from Wilcox Oaks regarding an event at their course. When everything is finalized, including pricing for a couple of the courses, I will publish an updated revision. The first several months of the year are set.

**Inviting a guest to join an activity with us is a great way to grow our membership and several of you have brought guests recently...Turn them into members!** It's easier than ever to fill out an application.

Send them to our online application web site: <https://sirinc2.org/branch129/>

**[Share this newsletter with your friends and help us grow the membership!](#)**

## 2025 Christmas Luncheon

We had a GREAT turnout for the Christmas Luncheon this year. A great meal put on by Sons & Daughters of Italy. Plenty of time to socialize with members and guests. Thanks to the many members and a couple of businesses that donated gifts for door prizes and drawings. Several items allowed for further donations from members to enjoy in the coming year.

We recognized a few members for achieving Senior SIR status, awarded to those over 90 years of age. We have two others to award who were unable to attend the luncheon. Leroy Smick is a Senior SIR and Don Schimpff is a Super Senior. We also recognized Jim McClellan as the longest serving member of our Branch.

We used this luncheon to introduce and swear in the 2026 Branch Executive Committee.

## Remember:

The January General Membership is on the SECOND Thursday (the 8th) this month only due to the first Thursday being New Years Day. Too many football games to watch (FBS Championship).



### Some photos from the Christmas Luncheon



Mbr since 2001 Jim McClellan Sr SIR Don Paulsen

Sr SIR Joe Beck

Past Pres Barrie Lee



***BTW - somewhere in this newsletter is a badge number. If the person assigned that number finds the number and lets the treasurer know when checking in for the January Luncheon they get a free lunch!***

***Each month the State President is sending out a short newsletter to all members with an email address on file. I'm including on the ensuing pages for those that may have missed this. On the next few pages enjoy the December edition of "The Rooster Crows"***



# The Rooster Crows!

## The Scoop from the Coop

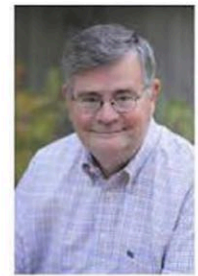
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### Board of Directors

**Rich Carlston B8**  
President  
**Fred Serena B59**  
Vice President  
**Jeff Chin B103**  
Secretary  
**Carl Mason B88**  
Treasurer  
**Ramesh Thadani B98**  
CIO  
**Andy Danver B35**  
Dir. Mktg/Comm.  
**John Farcich B1**  
Dir. Br. Support  
**Bruce Corwin B159**  
Dir. State Docs.  
**Michael Lee B128**  
Dir. Activities  
**Fred Serena B59**  
AR Coord., AR  
**Jerry Morrow B172**  
AR  
**Bruce Corwin B159**  
AR  
**Wes Howard B32**  
AR  
**Derek Southern B8**  
State Advisor  
**Roy Hodgkinson B146**  
Parliamentarian



We're so sorry to hear  
you're leaving!



### Branch Advisory Council - 2025

<b>Nick Feimer</b>	Br. 1
<b>John McGlothlin</b>	Br. 4
<b>Tom DiGrande</b>	Br. 8
<b>Neil Wheeler</b>	Br. 17
<b>Roger Moseley</b>	Br. 19
<b>Mark Ashley</b>	Br. 23
<b>John Hetz</b>	Br. 28
<b>Nick Jize</b>	Br. 32
<b>Gary Kohler</b>	Br. 34
<b>Andy Danver</b>	Br. 35
<b>Glen Kramer</b>	Br. 37
<b>Carl Dawson</b>	Br. 47
<b>Fred Serena</b>	Br. 59
<b>Greg Sanger</b>	Br. 84
<b>John Muzio</b>	Br. 95
<b>Gary Carrier</b>	Br. 98
<b>Michael Gardner</b>	Br. 106
<b>Don Sturt</b>	Br. 110
<b>Carlos Xavier</b>	Br. 116
<b>Michael Garcia</b>	Br. 128
<b>Thom Degnan</b>	Br. 146
<b>Peter Dreier</b>	Br. 149
<b>Bruce Corwin</b>	Br. 159
<b>Roger Stewart</b>	Br. 169
<b>John Oberg</b>	Br. 170
<b>Tom Palmer</b>	Br. 176

Well, the time has finally come. After 17 months, I will be stepping down as President of State SIR. Now, don't cheer too much, I'll still be around. Fred Serena becomes President at the end of this month and I wish him, and the entire Board of Directors, success as he steps into this new leadership role.

It has been an honor to work for and with so many leaders of SIR throughout the State. I have taken the opportunity to visit personally many of our branches to hear their concerns, to answer questions and to make awards. In every case, I found dedicated leaders ensuring that our Mission Statement and Vision is being satisfied. I witnessed their success through the joy, friendship and concern that I saw their branch members exhibit for each other. I have immense pride in our leaders, the quality of their leadership and the sacrifices they so willingly make for their branch. They are outstanding men.

We have come a long way in the past 16 months, a journey with successes, joys and pitfalls but we have made that journey together. We are diverse but it is because of diversity that we gain our greatest strength. I want you to know how much I have appreciated all of your counsel, suggestions and criticisms. It is with your help that we have advanced and, hopefully, improved SIR.

I want to thank the members of the Branch Advisory Council. These men voluntarily stepped forward to work with me as we confronted challenges and issues. Their help was invaluable. Thank you for so willingly giving of your time and energy.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for everything that they have done. These are dedicated men who don't get recognized enough for their dedication and hard work. I can say without hesitation that they care about you and SIR. Those two pillars constantly guide them. Thank you!

So, as I step down into the Past President position, let me simply say one last time to everyone - Thank You! I hope to see you in the future.

*Rich Carlston*

**You know you are getting old  
when your back goes out more than you do.**



We'll be sorry to see you go.  
Honestly!



What did the zero say to the eight?  
"Nice belt!"

Why was the math book sad?  
Because it had too many problems!



What did the grape do when it got stepped on?  
Nothing, it just let out a little wine!

What do you call cheese that isn't yours?  
Nacho cheese!

## 2025 PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

Andy Danver Br. 35 2/21/25



Derek Southern Br. 8 8/26/25



Space doesn't allow me to describe the incredible work and effort made, and being made, by each of these Award recipients.

Suffice it to say that they are among the elite in SIR.

Rick Kindle Br. 143 4/4/25



Bruce Corwin Br. 159 10/9/25



In addition to Dale Decker Br. 36 9/24/24 (deceased), **only twelve other members** have received the President's Award to date.

Each of these men is an outstanding leader. Each has done truly extraordinary work and is an outstanding example of service, dedication and commitment.

Dieter Rex Br. 45 5/5/25



Mark Stuart Br. 98 10/20/25



We owe a great deal to these exceptional men! Be sure and recognize and thank them when you have the opportunity.

Bruce Henry Br. 32 7/2/25



Alan Baker Brs. 93 & 98 11/17/25



Lee Lamp Br. 129 8/7/25



Connor Chin Br. 93 11/17/25



Gary Bradley Br. 23 8/13/25



Kevin King Br. 95 11/19/25



Derek Southern is organizing an AI Committee to train and assist branches in its use. If you have experience or an interest in AI and would like to help, please contact Derek. Thank you

## Some Simple SIR Sentiments



No strangers linger here,  
just friends we haven't met,  
And greeting each new face  
becomes our safest bet.

We welcome every soul,  
with handshakes warm & bright,  
For friends not met just yet  
still sparkle in our sight.

We thrive on lunchtime tales,  
half true but twice retold,  
And brag about our youth,  
which somehow stays on hold.

Improving lives through fun  
is basically our creed,  
A daily dose of joy  
is something that we breed.

Our golfers smack the air,  
convinced they've hit it straight,  
And bowlers celebrate  
a score that came by fate.

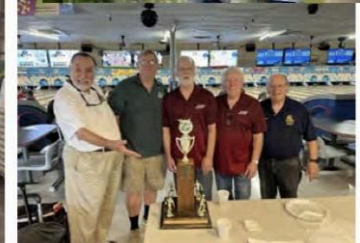
The calendar runs wild—  
events of every kind,  
From walking groups to wine  
that strengthens heart and mind.

Adventures big or small  
give purpose to our days,  
And SIR provides the spark  
that lights our social blaze.

So here's to joyful times,  
and friendships growing strong,  
With SIR the moments shine  
and keep us going strong.

Now raise a glass to SIR,  
the home of wit and glee,  
Where friendship is the prize,  
and every laugh is free.

written by Jon Miller  
Damian Reynolds Branch 1



Spread the word. We have **fun**. We make  
**friends**. We are **active**. We are **happy**.  
We **help** each other. We **live** longer.  
**WE Are SIR!**

