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SEPTEMBER 2024 BIG SIR MESSAGE

We had another great turnout at our August luncheon meeting with 80 Sir members in attendance, 5 new guests invited by members and 4 new installed members, Jerry Shoemaker, George Green, John Pearson and Dale Komai. Welcome Jerry, George,



John and Dale to Sir Branch 149. We look forward to getting to know you better and getting you involved in our various Sir

activities. It was great to see Ed Suden, a long-term Sir member, able to join us for lunch to receive his Sir 90 Year Age Certificate. That is a milestone accomplishment that all of us are striving to achieve. AGAIN, ED, ON BEHALF OF SIR BRANCH 149 THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR CONTINUOUS VOLUNTEERING AND SERVICE TO BRANCH 149 THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.

I hope that everyone enjoyed watching the American team do so well in the Paris Olympics, getting the most overall medals and tying China for the most Golds. Proud to be an American and root on our team.

Now, with September approaching its on to Football season and

supporting our favorite teams or crying in our beers if they are not doing so well. But, also, if you have not been to a Sir luncheon in a while it is time to come out and join us on September 3 rd for lunch and fellowship with old friends. We would love to see you and you have no excuses.

Remember, invite a friend to join us for lunch and you will earn a free lunch in the future.

Peter Dreier Big Sir 2024

We'll be at the Farmer's Market from 7:30 to 12:00 on September 7. Anyone willing to help would be greatly appreciated. Neill Barker RAMP CHAIR 707 2356645

SEPTEMBER 2024 BRANCH 149 SPEAKER SUMMARY

The Sir Branch 149 speaker for our September 3, 2024

luncheon meeting will be James Cortese, Battalion Chief

Training Division of the Napa Fire Department.

Chief Cortese will be talking about creating and maintaining a

fire defensive area around the exterior of properties and also

eliminating or minimizing potential home interior hazards, such as overloading extension cords, stove fires, maintaining smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and other potential hazards.

Join us on September 3rd for lunch and hear Chief Cortese's presentation on fire prevention techniques and practices to better protect your property and your loved ones.

Statistics

Current membership = 213

Number of Sirs at our August = 80

Number of guests at our June meeting=5

Number of new members 2024 14

Number of new applications = 2

Lunch Menu: Baked Lasagna w/Garlic Bread & Veg.

CHECK OUT PAGE 3 TO WIN A BOTTLE OF WINE.

Email me the correct answer at

dkwonderful@gmail.com JOKE ON 3

Little Sir Message

Gentlemen it is a pleasure to serve our branch as Little Sir. A little about myself to start, I was born and raised in San Rafael. I relocated to Napa 30 years ago after marrying my wife, Kathleen. We raised five children together and now have 13 grandchildren. I am a member of several fraternal and community service groups.



I owned and operated a Landscape Construction business for 36 years and am now retired. I currently have the privilege to serve on two non-profits boards in Napa and have served on many boards over my life. Giving back to our community and supporting groups like SIRS are important, this and other groups promote a sense of community and friendship and an opportunity to make new friends and rekindle old friendships. I look forward to serving you as

Little Sir and you are always welcome to contact me at (707) 637-3859 or

danielwharder@comcast.net.

Our August luncheon with 80 in attendance was once again a show of support for our branch. We welcomed new members and guests that were in attendance with open arms and a delicious lunch. Let's keep our numbers growing and get the word out about becoming a member! Our speaker Devereux Smith form Molly's Angels was kind enough to take time out of her busy schedule to join us. We learned what this fine organization of local volunteers offers

the residents of Napa Valley and knowing this type of help is out there can make life as we age a bit less stressful. Devereux told me how much she enjoyed our group and especially hearing stories about Molly from personal insights.

The BEC very much appreciated your support and insightful comments concerning the proposed changes currently being considered at the state level, the board has included your comments and concerns along with ours in the letter to the State Leadership which we will present it this week.

I look forward to meeting every member of our branch and I am very happy to be part of Branch 149. Being a member has already enriched my life in the short time I have been a member and the feeling of comradery and friendship has been a great experience.

In service to you,

Daniel Harder

Little Sir

Branch 149, Napa

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

ACTI	VIIIES CHAIRI	IEN	
Bicycling	Bill Shields 287-1246		
Ass't.	Chuck Youngs	on 225-2	2814.
Bocce	Mario Mazzole	ni 22	7-8977
Book Exch.	Bill Wheadon	224	4-3901
Cards	Bob Hairston	25	2-0252
Clasic Cars	Dan McCabe	224	4-6835
Ass't.	Dan Silveira	25	2-2284
Computers	Adrian Fender	son 479	9-4688
Cribbage	Bob Benning	33	7-2614
Events	Dan McCabe	224	4-6835
Fishing	Looking for a new chair		
Golf	Weekly Gary C	arver	
Monthly	Jim Keller	415 827	7-4904
Sec./Treas.	Jim Keller	415 827	7-4904
HNDCP.	Larry Timmer	25	2-8079
Area 7 Golf	Chairman		
	Jim Keller	415 827	7-4904
Trips	Dan McCabe	224	4-6835
Romeo	John Lansingh	25	4-1056
Travel	Looking for a new chairman		

RV's/Roving Roosters

 Coordinator
 David Dennis
 392-8837

 Theater
 Bob Benning
 337-2614

 Adrian Fenderson
 479-4688

Veteran's Act.fahlstromdelcare@att.net

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WalkersDave Henry227-7413WebsiteAdrian Fenderson479-4688Wine TastingChris Bailey925 8904630

PAST BIG SIRS

1992	Lou Hughes	1993	F. Heid *
1994	W. Barber*	1995	T. Tomlinson*
1996	D. Gibson *	1997	P. Miller
1998	D. Westover *	1999	E. Coyne*
2000	B. Johnson *	2001	D. Newell *
2002	M. Jack *	2003	D. Brooks*
2004	K. Pieper	2005	J. Gibbany*
2006	A. Brambrink	2007	T. Jensen
2008	E. Suden	2009	G. Greco *
2010	C. Harris	2011	J. Chandler
2012	D. Collins	2013	R. Barker
2014	J. Cox	2015	T. Borman
2016	D. Pangburn	2017	Stu Williams*
2018	J. Prudhomme	2019	Carl Hammond
2020	Carl Hammond	2021	-22 Tom Dawson
2023	Ron Irwin		

^{*} Deceased

Fellow Sirs,

COMFORT REPORT FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Fellow Sirs,

After a couple of months of reporting sad news of 4 Sirs passing away, it's nice to report that all 213 members of Branch 149 are still enjoying every day that God has granted us. That is not to say that all are in good health. Our average age in 149 is approaching 80 years old and getting older is not for sissies. Many of us are enduring more aches and pains as we age and some are enduring declining health. But every day that God gives us is a blessing. And the good thing about being a member of Sirs is that it helps

us remain active both physically and mentally. Our Sir mission is to enhance the lives of our members through fun activities, luncheons and events while making Friends for Life.

It's a proven fact that continuing to exercise our bodies and mind and to enjoy fellowship with other Sirs at our luncheons and other activities is good for our health. We have been averaging about 75-80 members at our luncheons this year. I encourage

all of you to attend as many luncheons as you can to enjoy the fellowship with other Sirs, a good lunch, and an interesting speaker or entertainment. I also encourage you to join whatever activities that you enjoy to stay active, whether it's golf, bocce, cards,

coffee on Tuesdays, wine tasting, dining out, going to events, going RVing with the Roving Roosters, or any other activity. And if there is an activity that you enjoy doing that Sirs does not currently have, then you can start a new activity. The main thing is to

STAY ACTIVE.

For all of our Sirs who are in need of healing and comfort, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Especially, keep in mind Keith Piper who is recovering from a stroke at the Meadows.

.Please send an email to Ron Irwin at irwinron@att.net, or phone him at (707)363-8754, if you know of anyone who is dealing with any health issues. Ron



Where in the world am I?

- 1. People think "icy" is the easiest word to spell. Come to think of it, I see why.
- 2. My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate so much. I told them, "Just you wait!"
- 3. What do we want? Low-flying airplane noises! When do we want them? NEEEEYYYOOOOOOOWWWW!
- 4. What building in New York has the most stories? The public library.
- 5. Comic Sans walks into a bar. The bartender says, "We don't serve your type here."
- 6. Sometimes I tuck my knees into my chest and lean forward. That's just how I roll.
- 7. What washes up on very small beaches? Micro-waves.



Bicycling with SIRs Bill Shields & Chuck Youngson: SIR bike riders meet every Thursday For more information contact Bill by email t bshields6@comcast.net or phone/text at 707-287-1246;

at <u>chyoungson@yahoo.com</u> or 707-225-2814.



Book Exchange with SIR Bill Wheadon: Bill and colleagues have a wonderful display of books for loan, covering several tables. The Book Exchange Table, invites you donate books! When the supply of books exceeds the Sirs storage area the overflow will be donated to the Napa Library and just about every month we take a large box of books to the library. Thanks for your generous gift of books Your spouse of significant other may come before the meeting to pick out books. For more info, contact SIR Bill Wheadon at 707-224-3901.



Cards with SIR Bob Hairston: y. The poker group has changed their meeting day. We now play on Monday at 1PM at the Elks. No more Thursdays. Bob's email is forebleepers@yahoo.com

Romeo

See Flyer on page 14

Price is \$50 per person Includes a soft drink, taxes, and gratuity! Make out checks to SIR 149 and send to:, John Lansingh 1288 Riverpark Bvd., Napa, CA 94559 Phone: 707-254-1056, E Mail: john@lansingh.com Space limited

Classic Cars with SIR Dan McCabe: If the weather permits, bring your classic to our SIRS meeting. For more info., contact me at 707-224-6835 or djmccabe547@comcast.net.



Bocce with SIR Mario Mazzoleni: Thursday is BOCCE Day for SIRS on the Bocce Pavilion at the Napa Senior Center. For more information, please contact SIR Mario Mazzoleni



at 1mariomazzoleni@gmail.com or call or text to 227-8977.



Newsletter Editor

I'm still in asking for everyone's help **please send me your photos**. Contact me at <u>Dkwonderful@gmail.com</u> or text at 925-548- 5714.



CRIBBAGE meets on the third Monday of each month. Our next date is July 15. It will be in my backyard at 2571 Patricia Drive. Come in the side gate and enjoy a

great time beginning at 2 pm. All skill levels and observers are always welcome. Want to learn to play? This is a great time for that too! We play until 4 pm and that can allow 2 or 3 games to be played. A good time is guaranteed for all.



We are looking into going to the Rowland Freedom Center at the Nut Tree Airport in September. More details to come.



<u>Weekly Sirs Coffee</u> (or Coffee with Bob and Mike) and conversation with your fellow Sirs.

Every <u>Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Brewed Coffee at 865 Factory Store Drive</u> in the Factory Outlet Center off of Freeway Drive.

Bob Benning and Mike Murrell are cochairing this new activity. This activity is open to members of both Branch 149 and 65. Come for coffee and serious or silly talk and to meet new friends with similar interests. One requirement: leave emotions and weapons at home. Bob and Mike's email addresses are: bobofnapa@gmail.com mikemurrell.1@gmail.com

Wine Tasting with Christopher Bailey

Our tasting will be \$10 each. Please RSVP and be prompt for the 2pm blind tasting Chris Bailey 925 8904630

" Wine Tipplers had 13 attendees at V Satuii picnic and wine tasting. Fun was had by all.

Next month we will be blind tasting Zinfandel from different regions



Napa SIRS golf is coordinated by both Jim Keller (jimkellerrealestae@icloud.com) and Gary Garver. Please contact them to get on their lists to be notified of upcoming events. There are weekly golf outings (both 9 and 18 holes) at a variety of courses generally within one hour of Napa.



JimKellerRealEstate@icloud.com - 415.827.4904

Gary Garver 707-251-9122 gdgsirgolf@yahoo.com

My Fellow SIRS. It is with a very happy heart and free mind that I follow the wishes of all of you who have been waiting not so patiently for my demise as your Weekly Golf Chairperson. It is time for a change.

Taking my place because no one else would do it, Gary Garver will take over getting your registered for golf, placing you in groups and determining which contest to play each week. Gary didn't want to do this, but he has agreed to do so despite his many misgivings about this decision.

Gary has many skills to bring to his new position. He has a gift of gab that is second to none. His verbal explanations about his game of golf is legendary. This ability allows him to teach and re-teach himself on how to improve his game on a shot by shot basis. One day his execution will match his teachings.

Please welcome Gary to his new position and pay attention to his verbal demonstrations after his shots - - you may learn something important or your may not. Thanks Gary for saving SIRS Golf.

ROVING ROOSTERS

The group attended the first outing of the year to Lake Siskiyou near Mt. Shasta City. Between golf, fishing and sightseeing, we all had a great time and the fish "that got away," got bigger each time the story was told!

Our next event will be in August when we roll away to Graeagle for a week of fun filled activities. If you would like to join us and have an RV of some type, call or email me for details.



Walkers with SIR Dave Henry:

Monday Walkers,

We meet in the East parking lot at Nob Hill Market. At 8:00 AM we will cross Trancas Ave and walk the perimeter of Trancas Crossing Park. Then we will walk the River Walk from Trancas to Lincoln. The course is level and paved. So, there is no mud or strenuous hills to climb. I hope to see

many of you there. Any questions please contact me.

Best Dave Henry

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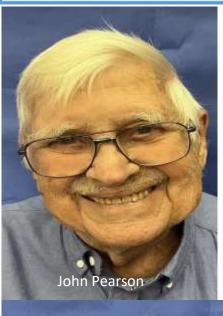




Facebook with Adrian
are proud of our SIR
Note that there is a
be linked to a PDF of the
application. Please look

at our site and suggest any changes you would like to see so that we can make it very user friendly. We encourage all SIRS to keep up with what is happening between newsletters by signing up for Facebook and look at our SIR Branch 149 Facebook page. Also watch the Upcoming Events column and calendar on our website Home Page at www.branch149.sirinc2.org. Please send any happenings, updates, and photos of SIR events to SIR Adrian at

napadentist@sbcglobal.netor contact him at 479-4688.



John Iding





NEW MEMBERS

Many apologies if we have missed anyone's names!

September Birthdays



Missing July Birthdays

Brian Roberts 10-Jul-1941

Mike Quinn 14-Jul-1938

Greg Fuller 25-Jul-1952

Dan McFadden29-Jul-1937

Missing August Birthdays

Larry Carr 20-Aug-1946

Bruce McEachern20-Aug-1936

September Anniversaries

David	Marilyn	Anderson	15-Sep-79
Neill	Pam	Barker	23-Sep-79
Greg	Irene	Fuller	Sep-95
Ron	Carol	Kilby	13-Sep-85
Joel	Sharon	Levitt	13-Sep-86
Bruce	Konnie	Peters	23-Sep-81
Al	Jeanne	Praeger	16-Sep-91
Jim	Susan	Prudhomme	30-Sep-78
Ed	Monte	Suden	20-Sep-97
Larry	Joni Clark	Teague	27-Sep-19
Bruce	Wendy	Tschida	17-Sep-83

50+ Years of Wedding Bliss

Bob	Gretchen	Austin	13-Sep-69
Joe	Ruth	Chandler	28-Sep-63
Dave	Nancy	Henry	4-Sep-71
Tom	Judy	Jensen	20-Sep-69
Clay	Mary	Parker	12-Sep-59
Blake	Brenda	Todd	20-Sep-69
Gary	Carol	Van Brocklin	24-Sep-66
Bill	Berna-	Wilson	8-Sep-71

Missing Anniversaies Augut Under 50 years

Brian

Nancy

Brock Cindy Brockmeyer 11-Aug-1983
Rick Michele Gandolfo 20-Aug-1988

Wright 7-Aug-1983

Mark Rosemary McClintock 22-Aug-1981

Steven Yvette StahrOrman 26-Aug-1978

Missing August Anniversaries - 50+ years

Dennis	Judie	Arnett	3-Aug-1968	56	years
Chuck	Donna	Taylor	9-Aug-1969	55	years
Charlie	Grania	Lindber	g17-Aug-1963	61	years
Geoff	Chris	Nelson	22-Aug-1964	60	years

<u>Sir is a volunteer organization.</u> We need volunteers to be Activity Leaders, Committee Chairmen, and members of The Branch Executive Committee (BEC). The BEC consists of 12 Sir volunteers and is the controlling board for our corporation. This year we have the following Activity Leader positions open:

- 1. <u>Travel Activity</u> Arrange outings to ball games or other travel activities. If no one steps up to lead this activity, this activity is going away.
- 2. **Fishing Activity** If you like to fish, volunteer to set up fishing expeditions. Otherwise, this activity is going away.
- 3. <u>Hiking Activity</u> Arrange monthly (or occasional) hiking opportunities. This is different than the weekly Walking Activity. We have not had a hiking activity since COVID. Talk to Don Kieiger to find out what is needed to lead this activity.
- 4. <u>Comfort Chairman</u> If anyone is a retired member of the clergy, this a position for you to be our Chaplin. If we don't have a Chaplin available, we need a Comfort Chairman. I am currently filling in as a Temporary Comfort Chairman. It would be nice if someone else is comfortable in filling this position on a permanent basis. The Comfort Chairman writes a Comfort report for the Newsletters and provides a Comfort Report at the luncheons.

Next year we need a few new Sir members to volunteer to serve on the 2025 BEC in one of the following open positions:

1. <u>Little Sir</u> - always the toughest position to fill but talk to the current or past Little Sirs and you will find that it's not that much work. However, it is a 3-year commitment as the Little Sir becomes the Big Sir the following year and the Past Big Sir on the 3rd year. Past Little and Big Sirs are always available to make sure the new Little Sir doesn't fail. The main job for the Little Sir is to schedule speakers/entertainment for the luncheons. You will find that you will get a lot of suggestions from other members and other Sir organizations, so it isn't that difficult to find good speakers.

These positions will be filled!! If we don't get volunteers the easy way, we will get "volunteers" the old-fashioned way - by soliciting volunteers. So, if you get called on to consider being a member of the BEC in 2025, be prepared to "volunteer"!!

If you have questions about any of these openings, please give me a call or send me an email. You could also contact our Little Sir or Big Sir to answer any questions about these positions.

Ron Irwin

Nominating Chairman

irwinron@att.net

(707)363-8754



Blake Todd reaching over to pull the ball he shot a hole-in-one out at Napa Golf Course. Pitchers of beer were had by all. Thanks Blake!!!!



Our speaker last month from Molly's Angels Devereaux Smith



Bike riders from branches #149 and #65 "hanging out" with the long horn cattle on their Yount Mill Rd. ride. The Bicycle Activity welcomes riders of all skill levels. Contact Bill Shields at bshields6@comcast.net for more information.



Ed Suden getting his 90 year age certificate from the Big Sir

Mike Murrell receiving his award for all his hard work setting up all the weekly golf outings.



Sir Dan McCabe has organized a great outing for Sir Branch 149 members and guests to enjoy the Mixed Nutts baseball game at Borman Field on the grounds of the Yountville Veterans Home on **JULY 13, 2024.**

Mixed Nuts Breakfast and Baseball.

Tug McGraw's Behind Home Plate Pancake Breakfast & Game for Heroes Softball Game

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:00am

Game 9:00am

Gates Open at 7:45am

Cleve Borman Field, Veterans Home of California, Yountville, CA

Price: \$15 for adults \$5 for children 8 and under includes breakfast and softball game.

Honorary Team Captains Will and Natalie Chesney

A former member of SEAL Team Six and best selling author of "No Ordinary Dog Book", Will has been part of military operations that have changed the course of this world. We are excited to have Natalie, Will's wife a former college softball player joining us! But wait...this will be Jim Mellick and his wife, Marcia's first flight since 2001-we are honored! Welcome to our Mixed Nutts Team!

Kicking off the day, Tug McGraw's "Sit Behind Home Plate Pancake Breakfast and "Game for Heroes Softball Game" will be held from 8am to 11am on Saturday, July 13, 2024 on the historic Cleve Borman Field located at Veterans Home of California, Yountville.

The Tug McGraw Foundation and their team will prepare freshly made pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs and will be accompanied by coffee and orange juice. And Mimosas are available for our adult patrons for an extra fee.

Then get ready for the "Game for Heroes Softball Game," where The Yountville Veterans Home Mixed Nutts Team will take on the Napa County K9 Sheriffs. The 6-inning softball game will feature our nation's heroes veterans, first responders and honorary Captains, Navy SEAL, Will Chesney and Artist James Mellick.

Game time starts at 9:00am and will close with the trophy and awards presentation.

Please Contact Dan McCabe and let him know you are going.

707-738-0842 <u>djmccabe547@comcast.net</u>

	2023 OFFICERS				
Big Sir	Peter Dreier		257-3630		
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Tom Atkin	ison	1st Year	224-3392		
Neil Barke	r	2nd Year	235-6645		
Byron Petterson		2nd Year	337-1971		
Gerry Schneider		2nd Year	253-1596		
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Ron Irwin		Past Big Si	r 363-8754		

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Paul Miller Al Brambrink
Keith Pieper James Schlatter
Bobbie Hairston Dennis Pangburn

Ed Suden Stuart Williams Past State Pres. HLM

Adrian Fenderson

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN				
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Statistician/H	listorian			
Dennis Pangb	ourn	224-9231		
PhotosAdrian Fenderson		255-6502		
Parliamentarian Ed Suden		226-5310		
Nominating C	hair Ron Irwin	363-8754		

DESTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Adrian Fenderson Byron Petterson Mike Murrell
Carl Hammond Tim Borman Stu Williams
Peter Dreier Dennis Pangborn Jim Prudhomme
Tom Dawson Ron Irwin Rex Williams



Wine Tipplers outing to enjoy a beautiful picnic and wine tasting at V Satuii

SIR OFFICERS FOR 2025

Big Sir: Peter Dreier

Little Sir: Daniel Harder

Past Big Sir: Ron Irwin

Secretary: George Clark

Assistant Secretary: Byron Petterson

Treasurer: Bill Clark

Assistant Treasurer: Bob Klein

Director: Tom Atkinson – 2 nd year

Director: Bob Weeks - 2 nd year

Director: Neil Barker – 1 st year (re-elected)

Director: Rex Williams – 1 st year

Director: John Lansingh – 1 st year

OTHER POSITIONS

Membership Chairman – Open (Steve Smith potential)

ROMEO Activity Chairman – John Lansingh

Travel Activity Chairman – Open

Fishing Activity Chairman - Open

Event Activity Chairman – Dan McCabe





ROMEO SEPTEMBER

SIR 149 DINNER INVITATION Wednesday Sept. 11,2024, 5:30

Grace's Table

1400 Second St Napa, CA 94559 (707) 226-6200

You and your spouse are invited to Grace's Table, a cheerful Napa bistro and a recognized "Michelin Bib Gourmand" restaurant, serving dishes from around the world. Chef/ Owner Mauro Pando created a "global kitchen" with focus on the comfort foods from our many heritages and brought them together for your dining pleasure.

Included: Choice of several entrees, Salad, and Desert

Price is \$50 per person Includes a soft drink, taxes, and gratuity! Make out checks to SIR 149 and send to:, John Lansingh 1288 Riverpark Bvd., Napa, CA 94559 Phone: 707-254-1056, E Mail: john@lansingh.com Space limited so reserve your spot soon!

SON'S IN RETIREMENT
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