



Wine Valley Press

**SONS IN RETIREMENT
WINE VALLEY BRANCH #149**



State President Rich Carlson
Area 7 Representative Jerry Stabile

A non-profit organization for retired men
MEETS EVERY FIRST TUESDAY, 11:00 AM
ELKS LODGE NAPA

APRIL 2025
VOLUME 40

Website: <http://branch149.sirinc2.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SIR-Branch-149-1403748883208712/>

MESSAGE FROM THE BIG SIR

Well, the scheduled March luncheon meeting had to be cancelled at the last moment due to the closure of the Elks Lodge due to maintenance issues. We did send out an email notice of the cancellation to everyone on our Constant Contact list the day before but I know that some members still showed up for the scheduled lunch meeting. I apologized for the inconvenience. But remember if you had opened and read the SIR Branch 149 email send to everyone you would have known about the cancellation. So, please regularly check your emails for the latest information about Sir activities in the future. Anyway, I can guarantee you that we will have a luncheon meeting on April 1st and hope to see many of you at our next meeting.



TICKETS FOR THE JULY 1ST LADIES DAY CELEBRATION AT THE ELKS LODGE WILL GO ON SALE FOR \$45 A PERSON AT THE APRIL MEETING. INCLUDED WILL BE A DELICIOUS TRI TIP STEAK & BBQ CHICKEN MEAL, BEER, WINE, CAKE & ALL THE FIXINGS. ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE BINGO, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES LIKE BOCCE & CORN HOLE & OUR FAMOUS RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWINGS. Finally, if you have not been to a Sir luncheon in a while it is time to invite a new friend to accompany you and join us on April 1st for lunch and fellowship with old friends. We would love to see you. Thank You for your help. Remember, invite a friend to join us for lunch and you will **earn a free lunch in the future.**

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER IS...

Our April luncheon speaker will be Carl Shellhorn who many of you already know. Carl will be talking about and sharing stories about the

Napa Sea Scout Program.

DON'T MISS THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ALL ABOUT THE NAPA SEA SCOUT PROGRAM ON APRIL 1 ST .



*Where Am I?
TO WIN A BOTTLE OF WINE. Email me the correct answer at dkwonderful@gmail.com*

APRIL'S MENU

CHICKEN PENNE ALFREDO w/ BROCCOLI & GARLIC BREAD

MESSAGE FROM YOUR LITTLE SIR

Little Sir Message

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Greetings,

Due to the cancellation of our regular meeting our speaker for March Sam Olsen will be rescheduled. Sam had planned on discussing Medicare and options that can be explored in secondary insurance. I will try to schedule him closer to the open enrollment period in the fall.

We had a nice, shared meeting with Branch 65 on the 11th, about 25 members from 149 joined 65 for corned beef and cabbage and a fun time. Thank you to Jerry Stabile and the members of our sister branch for your hospitality.

Many of you might know Carl Shellhorn, he has been a businessperson in Napa for decades and his true passion is for The Napa Sea Scouts which gives back so much to our community by offering young men and women the opportunity to learn to learn leadership, team building, engineering and navigation aboard their ship The Chaser. The Sea Scouts have been a tradition in Napa for over 80 years.

May will bring us some wonderful entertainment, Kelly Fuller a hometown girl will sing for us, her songs will reflect the golden age of the big bands along with a slide presentation and tribute to Napa's own Dream Bowl. If you have any photos our memories, please contact me I would love to include them in the presentation.

Another great speaker who will join us in June is Lawrence a resource specialist from The Napa County Library. He will share the multitude of services and programs the county library system has to offer, from park passes you can check out, in person tax preparation help and almost anything in between.

I am always eager to hear from any member who would like to suggest a speaker for future luncheons, you are always welcome to call, email or catch me at our meetings and I will do my best to get them lined up as a speaker.

Yours in Service,

Daniel Harder

Little Sir/ Vice President



Statistics

Current membership = 203

Number of Sirs December 2024 = 74

Number of guests at our February meeting=2

Number of new members 2025 4 Number of new applications 2

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Bicycling	Bill Shields	287-1246
Ass't.	Chuck Youngson	225-2814.
Bocce	Mario Mazzoleni	227-8977
Book Exch.	Bill Wheadon	224-3901
Cards	Bob Hairston	252-0252
Clasic Cars	Dan McCabe	224-6835
Ass't.	Dan Silveira	252-2284
Computers	Adrian Fenderson	479-4688
Cribbage	Bob Benning	337-2614
Events	Dan McCabe	224-6835
Fishing	Daniel Harter	637-3859
Golf Weekly	Gary Garver	
Monthly	Jim Keller	415 827-4904
Sec./Treas.	Jim Keller	415 827-4904
HNDCP.	Larry Timmer	252-8079
Area 7 Golf	Chairman	
	Jim Keller	415 827-4904
Trips	Dan McCabe	224-6835
Romeo	John Lansingh	254-1056
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	Vacant	
Walkers	Dave Henry	227-7413
Website	Adrian Fenderson	479-4688
Wine Tasting	Chris Bailey	925 8904630
World of Beer	Gary Toczylowski	510-507-6870

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	2024	Peter Dreier

* Deceased

COMFORT REPORT FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER

As many of you may know, I fell and broke my fall with my forehead a couple of weeks ago. Sustained a concussion and a gash requiring 10 stitches. I'm pleased to report that

I'm recovering well and hope to be back to normal (whatever normal is) in another week. Thanks for the many well-wishes from my fellow Sirs. I am also pleased to see that Sir Clay Parker is up and walking (although slowly) after having an operation to remove one of his

toes. He's a walking testament to the fact that 9 toes is all you need.

Prayers for Brian Roberts who is undergoing an operation on March 19 to have a non-cancerous kidney removed. He hopes to be recovered well enough to attend the April

luncheon. I hope the rest of Branch 149 is doing well and I'm sure all of us are looking forward to Spring.

Hope to see more of you at the April luncheon. It's on April fools day, so I'm sure we will have an April Fools joke or two from Ardrian.

Sir Ron Irwin,



KENNEDY PARK BIKE RIDE



This is the group that sang for us at our last two Christmas Dinners. One of our members in Branch 149 playing at Downtown Joes on St. Patricks Day

ACTIVITIES

Bicycling with SIRs Bill Shields & Chuck Youngson

SIR bike riders meet every Thursday For more information contact Bill by email tbsields6@comcast.net or phone/text at 707-287-1246; or At chyoungson@yahoo.com or 707-225-2814.



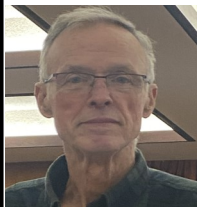
Bocce with SIR Mario Mazzoleni

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.



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.**



CRIBBAGE WITH BOB BENNING

. We will continue to meet at John Lansigh's home his address is 1288 River Park Blvd. Starting time is 2 pm and will go for about two hours. All skill levels, from none to advanced, are welcome. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know our fellow SIR. An interesting side note can be a discussion about the cribbage boards that are brought to the game. Many have personal stories that have put sentimental value on a plank of wood with holes drilled in a pattern, accompanying a deck of cards. Come and share, the additional laughter occasionally generated by the "jokes" delivered by Adrian Fenderson.



Cards with SIR Bob Hairston

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



ROVING ROOSTERS

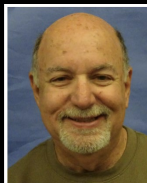
The Roving Roosters RV Club will begin another fun filled year Our first outing will be to Lake Siskiyou near Mt. Shasta on June 1. We always enjoy two weeks of fishing, sightseeing, boating, hiking, dining and camaraderie with our club members. If this sounds like something you would like to participate in and have an RV, please contact me for more details. We always like inviting new members and guests to our fun filled events.

David Dennis

davedenn888@gmail.com

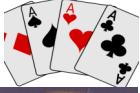


NEWSLETTER



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

CARDS WITH BOB HAIRISTON



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



GOLF

Napa SIRS golf is coordinated by both Jim Keller (jimkellerrealestae@icloud.com) and Gary Garver. gogsirsgolf@yahoo.com 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.

COFFEE WITH MIKE MINUS BOB

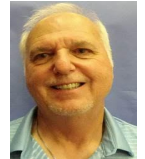
Weekly SIRS Coffee Coffee with Mike and the guys) Every **Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Brewed Coffee at 865 Factory Store Drive** in the Factory Outlet Center off of Freeway Drive. **Mike Murrell** is chairing of this activity. This activity is open to members of both Branch 149 and 65. Come for coffee and serious 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: mikemurrell.1@gmail.com



WINE TIPPLERS WITH CHRIS BAILEY

"Sirs Wine Tipplers March tasting of Rhone wines. We had 22 attendees! Everyone had great time at our monthly event. Next month wine selection is to be determined." Please RSVP to Chris

925-890-4630



WALKERS WITH 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
I: dhenry91@comcast.net

Mobile: (707) 227 7413



WEB PAGE AND FACEBOOK

We are proud website. Note button that will of the new Please look at



of our SIR #149 that there is a be linked to a PDF person application. 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.net or contact him at 479-4688.

Fishing Group

NOTHING PLANNED. HAD TO CANCEL THIS MONTHS TRIP

Thank you,

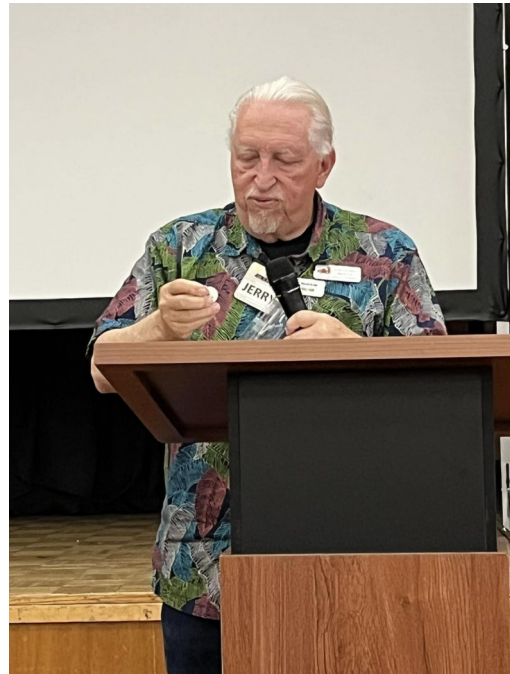
Daniel Harder

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707.637.3859



Last month's speaker at our combined meeting with Branch 65. **BARRY MARTIN**



Big Sir of Branch 65 during last month's meeting. **JERRY STABILE**

SIRS 149 BRANCH REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
SEEKING RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS
FOR THE 2025 LADIES DAY PICNIC CELEBRATION

The raffle prize tickets that we sell at the Ladies Day Picnic on July 1, 2025, are our major fundraiser of the year and help us to subsidize and keep costs affordable for both the picnic and the Christmas Dinner. **We depend upon members to help us secure raffle prize donations from the community. We need the help of all SIR members.**

THE DATE & LOCATION OF THE PICNIC IS JULY 1, 2025 AND IT WILL BE HELD AT THE ELKS LODGE.

Once you secure a donation, please contact either Jim Davis at 707 226-1119, JimmyWD@comcast.net or Adrain Fenderson at 707 479-4688, napadentist@sbcglobal.net and they will coordinate with you to collect the donations. They will need a description of the donation, the name of who donated the item, the value of the donation, and name of the member securing the donation.

The deadline for submitting a donation to Jim or Adrain is Friday, 6/27/25.

Thank you to all SIR 149 members who can help us obtain Raffle Prizes for the 2025 Ladies Day Picnic at Elks Lodge!

Peter Dreier

President/Big Sir Branch 149

JOKES OF THE MONTH

1. Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your over-60 year-old husband? A: Tell him you're pregnant.
 2. Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles? A: Take off your glasses.
 3. What goes up but never comes down? (Answer: Your age)
 4. You know you're old when getting lucky means a short wait in the doctor's office.
 5. Irony of Age: When you're a baby, you're taken care of by your parents. When parents grow old, they're taken care of by their baby.
 6. Fresh Like Produce: A joke about aging and freshness.
 7. Silver Hair: A humorous take on aging hair color.
 8. Road Rash: A play on words related to aging skin.
 9. Fine Wine: A comparison between aging and fine wine.
 10. Eyewitness to Crime: A joke about memory loss.
- All the Better to Hear You With: A joke about hearing loss

Many apologies if we have issued
anyone's names!
Please let us know if our data-
bases are not correct!



APRIL Birthdays

Neill	Barker	1-Apr-54
Bill	Wilson	2-Apr-43
David	Ball	3-Apr-41
David	Feury	5-Apr-48
Mike	Murrell	5-Apr-48
Douglas	Mosher	6-Apr-50
Mike	Cromwell	8-Apr-52
Jeff	Cox	12-Apr-42
Rick	Hayes	12-Apr-47
Dave	Loomis	16-Apr-59
Pat	Bernie	18-Apr-54
	Van	
Gary	Brocklin	18-Apr-43
Rich	Hanf	20-Apr-42
Bill	Hogberg	21-Apr-41
	Atkinson	
Tom	Jr.	22-Apr-38
Gordon	Lopez	22-Apr-53
Carl	Peterson	27-Apr-56
David	Silveira	30-Apr-42

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Jim	Karen	Cherniss	2-Apr-96
Ed	Judy	Fell	5-Apr-86
Jerry	Claire	Shoemaker	16-Apr-93
David	Cody	Ball	22-Apr-90

50+ Years of Wedding Bliss

Jim	Marianne	Soule Jr.	2-Apr-66
Michael	Margaret	Forma	6-Apr-74
Doug	Jean	Wright	21-Apr-69
Eric	Martha	Kisshauer	26-Apr-69
Steve	Marla	Smith	26-Apr-69
Mike	Lynn	Bell	27-Apr-73
Gene	Roberta	Dick	29-Apr-61

First meeting of the sirs beer group was held on 2/20 at Armistice brewing company on cottage street in downtown Napa. 15 sirs attended and all enjoyed a refreshing pint or two or a brewery sampler, while learning about armistice brewing company and the quality beers they offer. A lively discussion occurred regarding how beer is made and the many types and styles of beer, and planning for our next meeting in February as well as future activities. A good time was had by all. If you would like to attend future meetings please contact Gary Toczylowski at Gary.honestbrewer@gmail.com who will put you on the list to receive notifications. **Beer tasting after our meeting on April 1 in the Elks parking lot**



Celebrating St. Patricks Day at Armitice Brewing Company



Cobra Experience lin
Martinez Sunday March
16th

***** REMINDER *****

For those who haven't paid their **2025 membership dues!**

Payment can be made at the April Luncheon. OR If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please send a check for \$35 made out to SIR Branch 149 to:

Bill Clark

Branch Treasurer

1635 San Vicente Avenue

Napa, CA 94558

We look forward to receiving your payment.



ROMEO FOR MAY

SIR 149 DINNER INVITATION

Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, 5:30

TARLA MEDITERRANEAN GRILL

1480 1st Street, Napa, CA 94559 [\(707\) 255-5599](tel:707-255-5599)



“Today people want to both relish their meals and know where ingredients come from. At Tarla Mediterranean Bar + Grill, we stand behind the culinary dishes we create. We take our responsibility of seriously ensuring our ingredients' origins and pride ourselves on using local, seasonal, and organic fare whenever possible.”

Price is **\$55** per person Includes a soft drink, taxes, and gratuity
CHOICE OF MEAT, FOWL, FISH, VEGETARIAN w/ SALAD, & DESERT,
NO CORKAGE FEE

Make out checks to SIR 149 and send to:, John Lansingh 1288
Riverpark Blvd., Napa, CA 94559 Phone: 707-254-1056, E Mail:
john@lansingh.com Space limited so reserve your spot soon!

SON'S IN RETIREMENT

WINE VALLEY BRANCH #149

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NAPA, CA 94558