



Wine Valley Press

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



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Area 7 Representative Jerry Stabile

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

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MARCH 2024 BIG SIR MESSAGE

We had another great turnout at our February luncheon meeting with 71 Sir members in attendance and 5 new guests invited by members who all filled out applications to join Branch 149 next month.



If you haven't been to a monthly Sir lunch in a while, come join us for our March 5th lunch where we will be celebrating St. Patty's Day with a wonderful Corned Beef lunch. If you need a ride to lunch, call me and I will make it happen.

NEWS FLASH! THE DATE LOCATION FOR THE 2024 LADIES DAY PICNIC HAS CHANGED. THE NEW DATE IS JULY 16, 2024 AND IT WILL BE HELD AT THE ELKS LODGE INSTEAD OF CHARDONNAY GOLF COURSE. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW SO YOU DON'T FORGET. I WILL EXPLAIN BELOW.

A new management company took over the Chardonnay Golf course and many of the discounts we were provided in previous years were taken away. The proposed cost increased by 30% to a total of over \$10,400 and would have resulted in a ticket price over \$65 a person which was untenable.

We contacted Elks Lodge management and because of our long-term relationship with them were able to negotiate a significantly better contract. They can provide us with a very similar meal, including both tri tip steak and BBQ chicken with all the fixings at a ticket price of \$40 a person which is \$10 less than last year at Chardonnay. It will still include bingo, raffle prizes, wine and beer all for \$40.

OUR GOAL IS TO GET OVER 200 MEMBERS AND GUESTS AT THE 2024 LADIES DAY PICNIC. IF YOU MISS THIS PARTY, YOU WILL BE SORRY!!!!

Remember, invite a friend to join us for lunch and you will earn a free lunch in the future. See you on March 5th for lunch and fellowship.

Peter Dreier Big Sir 2024

March Meeting March 5, 2024

Corned Beef and Cabbage with carrots & potatoes

CHECK OUT PAGE 8 TO WIN A BOTTLE OF WINE. Email me the correct answer at dkwonderful@gmail.com JOKE ON 2

MARCH 2024 BRANCH 149 SPEAKER SUMMARY

The Sir Branch 149 luncheon speaker for March 5, 2024, will be Rosanna Mucetti,

Ed.D Superintendent Napa Valley Unified School District. Dr. Mucetti has over 25 years of experience in public education and has been Napa Superintendent since 2018. Also attending will be Julie Bordes, Chief of Communications, Community Engagement for the school district.

Dr. Mucetti will be talking about the current and future challenges facing the

school district, changes in district policies and programs that may impact the

Napa communities and her experiences as Superintendent of the district.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MARCH 5TH TO HEAR ABOUT THE NAPA VALLEY

Little Sir Message

The highlight of the month for me has been the change in venue for the lady's lunch. As the designated organizer in reviewing the plans from prior years it means that we need fewer volunteers, less work upfront (no need to source ice etc) and as Big Sir mentioned that the price per ticket has decreased while we also



avoid other costs such as golf cart rental etc. I will have the plans completed by the end of the month and with that the defined list of the roles and tasks that we will need volunteers to perform and in the first pass with the Elks lodge location it appears we will need fewer volunteers. I plan on sending that out to membership along with a link to a sign up by role for members to respond to.

The Online sign up for the newsletter and the integration of our constant contact to the website is proceeding at pace and it should be live by the time we next convene for lunch.

The BEC approved me approaching some technology vendors for free resources of software, online storage and I've commenced that work.

The change in being able to take in advertising to offset costs is a great one and I've been trialing some marketing messages to potential advertisers and so far all is positive. I've also trialed some messaging about donations for the lady's lunch both for goods and sponsoring – EG sponsor a table for a certain dollar amount.

Looking forward to the March lunch and I continue to enjoy the role as Little Sir thank you all.

Statistics

Current membership = 214

Number of Sirs at our January = 71

Number of guests at our January meeting=5

Number of new members 2024 3

Number of new applications = 5

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
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Cribbage	Bob Benning	337-2614
Fishing	Looking for a new chair	
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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
Hikers	Looking for a new chairman	
Romeo	Adrian Fenderson	479-4688
Travel	Looking for a new chairman	
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Theater	Bob Benning	337-2614
	Adrian Fenderson	479-4688
Veteran's Act. fahlstromdelcare@att.net		
	Del Fahlstrom	
Walkers	Dave Henry	227-7413
Website	Adrian Fenderson	479-4688
Wine Tasting	Ron Schneider	812-8421
	Chris Bailey	925 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

Comfort Report for March 2024

Fellow Sirs,

I am usually asking you to have warm thoughts and prayers for other fellow Sirs who are experiencing health issues. Little did I know that I need to be included in that list of Sirs with health issues. We remember the past, we know what's

happening in the present, but we never know what the future brings. After many tests during the past couple of weeks and a colonoscopy, I ended up having a partial blockage that needed to be removed. So, I had part of my colon removed on Friday, February 16 th . Fortunately, I recovered well enough to be released two days later and am now recovering at home. I'm doing remarkably well for an old fart, I guess. However, I'm not completely out of the woods yet. The tumor was cancerous and I'm now waiting for the pathology report to see what follow up procedures I will need. I'm sure that is more detail than you all wanted to know,

so enough about me. We still have a few other Sirs in recovery and we wish them all the best. John Bonsall said he is recovering well. Also keep Ken Lloyd, Ira Smith, Bruce McEachern, Bart Barthelemy, Tom Dawson, Stu Williams and any other Sirs

who are ailing in your prayers and thoughts. If you know them well, reach out to them to let them know you are thinking of them. We also offer condolences to J.B. Buckley's family and friends on his passing.

I expect to be well enough to attend the luncheon on March 5 th . So I hope to see many of you at the BEC and luncheon. We had a great February luncheon and the March luncheon should be just as good with a good meal and a good speaker. I would like to see more of our Sirs at the luncheon Our Big and Little Sirs are doing a fantastic job, so lets show them our support and enjoy some fellowship with your friends.

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

will provide the information to our Newsletter Editor.

Ron Irwin,

Acting Comfort Chairman

April guest speaker is one of the colorful characters from Napa - Gordon Huether

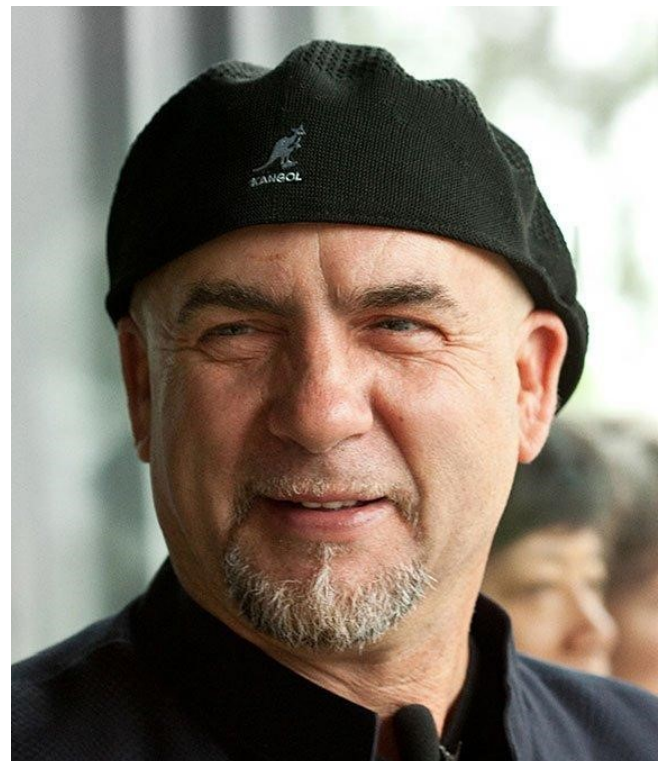
Some of you may already be familiar with him and the art that he has created over the years.

I have asked Gordon to talk a bit about his background and the creative process that inspires

him to produce outstanding works and why art matters.

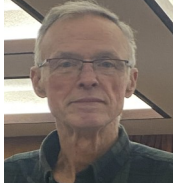
I thought we might also like to hear about Gordons visions and influences on the City of Napa's

Planning Commission and how this has ensured that Napa is such a place of enduring beauty.





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; at chyoungson@yahoo.com 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 or 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



Veteran's Activities with Del Fahlstrom: Veterans! "Attention on deck": Call 253-4558 to RSVP for the meeting scheduled each 2nd Tuesday of the month, located at 650 Imperial Way, Napa. For more information contact Del Fahlstrom at delcare@att.net or (707) 637-3933.



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 Dkwonderful@gmail.com or text at 925-548- 5714.



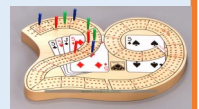
Classic Cars with SIR Dan McCabe: If the weather permits, bring your classic to our SIRS meeting. For more info., contact me at 707-224-6835 or

djmccabe547@comcast.net.



CRIBBAGE

Come all to SIR March Cribbage in Ted Simmons home on Monday March 18. His address is 4038 Wisteria Way. Our game starts at 2 PM and is open to SIR of all interest and/or skill levels. Time involves around two hours with two games played. If you are new to SIR, this is an excellent opportunity to meet other SIR that may not be in your normal areas of interest. Please RSVP to Ted SIR Bob Benning



Romeo

The event is not planned yet. If you have any ideas let me know

Adrian Fenderson 478-4688

Looking for new chair

TRAVEL

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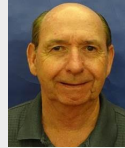
NEW ACTIVITY Weekly Sirs Coffee (or Coffee with Bob and Mike) and conversation with your fellow Sirs.

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

Bob Benning and Mike Murrell are co-chairing 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

Brewed Coffee is across the parking lot from Sketchers Shoes. This sounds like a great new activity for some stimulating conversation and a way to get to know other Sirs a little more. And who can't enjoy a cup of coffee to get you going for the day?

Napa SIRS golf is coordinated by both Jim Keller (jimkellerrealestae@icloud.com) and Mike Murrell (mikemurrell.1@gmail.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.



FISHING

Looking for new chair

THEATER



Adrian Fenderson 478-4688

Wine Tasting with Ron Schneider and Christopher Bailey

Our next tasting will be tasting Cab Sauvignon & Chocolate tasting in March since we had to cancel February. We ask everyone to bring your favorite chocolate to share and our tasting will be \$10 each. Please RSVP and be prompt for the 2pm blind tastin.

Chris Bailey 925 8904630



ROVING ROOSTERS



Roving Roosters group's next trip isn't until June when we venture off to Lake Siskiyou in Northern California.

We're always looking for new members, so if you have an RV and like to explore new places around the state, contact Coordinator David Dennis at dave_denn888@att.net for details.

Walkers with SIR Dave Henry:



Monday Walkers,

Therefore, our Monday Walkers group will move to our wet season walking course. We will 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.



Webpage & Facebook with Adrian

Fenderson: We are proud of our SIR #149 website. Note that there is a button that will be linked to a PDF of the new person 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,



Where am I?

SEND ANSWERS TO DKWONDERFUL@GMAIL.COM

FIRST CORRECT ANSWER WINS A BOTTLE OF WINE



Our theatre group

1. ONE LINERS

1. I went to buy some camo pants but couldn't find any.
2. I failed math so many times at school, I can't even count.
3. I used to have a handle on [life](#), but then it broke.
4. I was wondering why the frisbee kept getting bigger and bigger, but then it hit me.
5. When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.
6. Don't you hate it when someone answers their own [questions](#)? I do
7. It takes a lot of balls to golf the way I do.
8. The problem with kleptomaniacs is that they always take things literally.
9. I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.
10. Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.
11. Never trust atoms; they make up everything.

Many apologies if we have missed anyone's names!



March Birthdays

2	Ken	Reed	2-Mar-1949
6	Jim	Dugan	6-Mar-1951
7	Geoff	Nelson	7-Mar-1942
8	John	Lansingh	8-Mar-1934
10	John	Bonsall	10-Mar-1938
10	Bruce	Clymer	10-Mar-1953
10	Paul	Larson	10-Mar-1932
10	Ron	Wilson	10-Mar-1951
14	Bob	Timm	14-Mar-1944
15	Ron	Irwin	15-Mar-1940
15	Pete	Stupey	15-Mar-1944
18	Dennis	Pittenger	18-Mar-1953
18	Doug	Wright	18-Mar-1942
24	Bill	Sollows	24-Mar-1947
25	Mark	Gustafson	25-Mar-1953
31	Karl	Nittka	31-Mar-1937

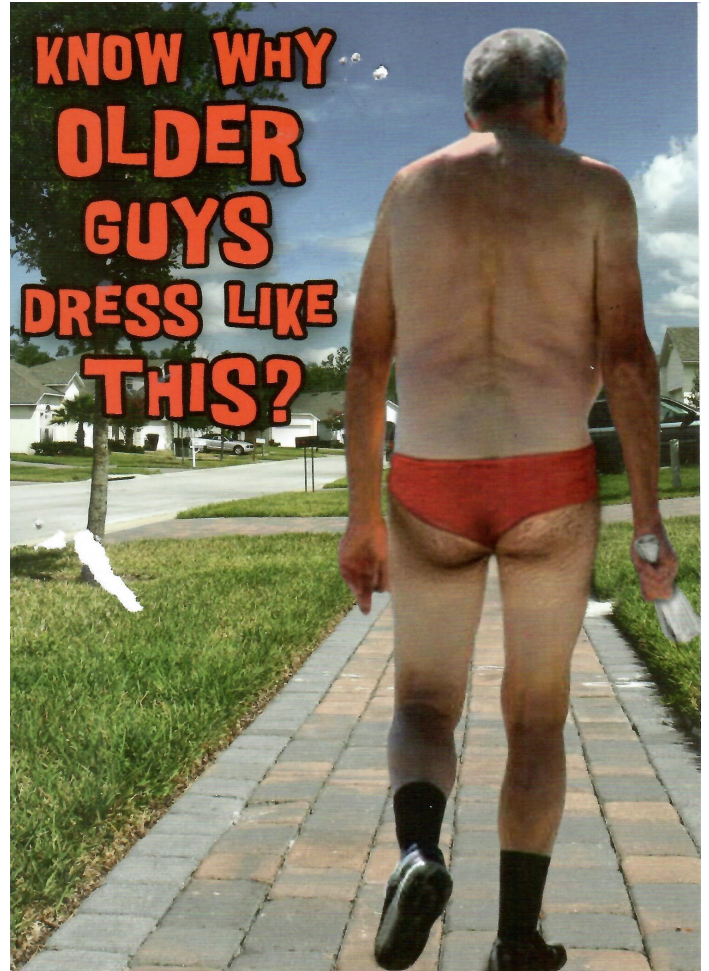
March Anniversaries

2	Peter	LiLo	Dreier	2-Mar-78
10	Thomas	Betty	Dawson	10-Mar-86
12	Greg	Adele	Crane	12-Mar-08
16	Sergio	Sacia	Novak	16-Mar-96
			Mar-	
20	John	Anne	chesini	20-Mar-81
25	Mark	Sue	Gustafson	3/25/2022

50+ Years of Wedding Bliss

9	Richard	Mary	Eagleston	9-Mar-63 50+
14	Dan	Norma	McCabe	14-Mar-71 50+
16	Keith	Sandi	Borreson	16-Mar-68 50+
16	Adrian	Jean	Fenderson	16-Mar-68 50+
24	Bob	Mary	Hairston	24-Mar-72 50+
26	Tom	Vivian	McFarland	26-Mar-66 50+
27	Bruce	Lynda	Black	27-Mar-71 50+

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN ?



THIS MAN HAS BEEN MISSING IN ACTION FOR WEEKS. No Cribbage, No coffee, No Romeo and no Theatre. If you see this 5'3 200lb Person anywhere in Napa Please contact Mike Murrell.



It is with great sadness that I am informing you that Sir John (JB) Buckley passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. JC has been a member of Branch 149 since 2014 and was 85 years old. We offer our condolences to JC's family. As of this time, there is no information about funeral or memorial services.



AWARDS TIME



Big turnout at our Tuesday coffee group. Come join the fun every Tuesday at 9:00 at Brew at the outlet

2023 OFFICERS

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Bob Weeks 1st Year 255-3482
Ron Irwin Past Big Sir 363-8754

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Dennis Pangburn 224-9231
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Parliamentarian Ed Suden 226-5310
Nominating Chair Ron Irwin 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

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

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