



Wine Valley Press

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



State President Dale Decker
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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APRIL 2024 BIG SIR MESSAGE

We had another great turnout at our March luncheon meeting with 84 Sir members in attendance and 4 new guests invited by members. Our membership continues to increase, reaching 219 members. Our March speaker, Dr. Rosanna Mucetti, Superintendent of the NVUSD, was a wonderful speaker enjoyed by all who attended and generated many questions from the members and guests.



Our April speaker, Gordon Huether, a local internationally known artist and City of Napa Planning Commissioner, is sure to be among our speaker highlights of the year.

My goal is to get over 100 Sir members in attendance at our monthly lunches. If you haven't been to a monthly Sir lunch in a while, come join us for our April 2nd lunch and hear what Gordon Huether has to share with our members.

ALSO, TICKETS FOR THE LADIES DAY PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR JULY 16, 2024 AT ELKS LODGE GO ON SALE AT THE APRIL LUNCHEON.

YOUR TICKET WILL INCLUDE BOTH TRI TIP STEAK & BBQ CHICKEN WITH ALL THE FIXINGS AT A PRICE OF \$40. IT WILL STILL INCLUDE BINGO, RAFFLE PRIZES, WINE AND BEER ALL FOR \$40.

Remember, invite a friend to join us for lunch and you will earn a free lunch in the future. See you on April 2nd for lunch and fellowship.

Peter Dreier Big Sir 2024

NOTIFICATION OF INCREASED SIR LUNCH COSTS AT ELKS LODGE

Elks management has informed Napa Sir Branches that the cost of lunches at our monthly meetings will be increased three dollars to \$28 per person, effective with our May 2024 meetings.

Elks management shared with us that their operating costs since the pandemic have increased over 30% and that they could not avoid increasing the lunch prices any longer to remain profitable and provide us the same quality and service as we have had throughout our years at the Elks Lodge.

The price paid for lunches covers more than simply the food. It also includes the gratuity service charge paid to the servers and cook who prepare our food. It also includes the mandatory sales tax to the State. It also covers the cost of using the facility from 8:30am till 1:30pm for our BEC and lunch meetings. And it also covers the cost of using the facility for other Sir activities such as the weekly poker sessions. Nobody likes to pay more for anything if they can avoid it. But, most importantly, it is part of the cost of providing all of us with an opportunity to share time with fellow Sir brothers

eating, laughing, sharing stories and fellowship with each other that makes all our lives a little better. To me, paying \$3 more is still a bargain. I hope all of you agree.

Peter Dreier Big Sir 149

CHECK OUT PAGE 7 TO WIN A BOTTLE OF WINE. Email me the correct answer at dkwonderful@gmail.com JOKE ON 6

Little Sir Message April 2024

Been a busy month getting the Lady's Day organization and we are well on the way to a successful event.

Many of the volunteer positions are filled however we still need help with the following:

Prize runner (take prize from raffle table to winner)

Ticket Sales - Entrance

Ticket Sales – Roving

Check People in & making sure wavers are up to date

Help Decorate Tables

Per my last newsletter we have made progress on setting up online forms for the Sir 149 and if you would like to volunteer you can do so online! It's a short form and should take you less than a minute to complete.

The link to the form is: <https://sirinc2.org/branch149/volunteer-for-ladies-day>

The Online sign up for the newsletter is complete and we have the new member signup form in draft and testing. We are working to get the email server on Sir 149 in place and once that is done both the Signup for newsletter (for people who are interested in what we do however not certain about joining yet) and the new member signup form will be live. If all goes to plan, we will be live with those by the next Sir 149 Lunch meeting. Regretfully the technology vendors I spoke with (Google, Microsoft etc) were not open to donating us software as their key measures are firstly social impact (and we are too small to move the needle on that front) and secondly the ability to sell on further licenses (and we are never going to get to the point of paying them for additional licenses). While the change in being able to take in advertising to offset costs is a great one and I had positive response when reaching out there is no standard contract being provided by State Sir. I'm working to get a contract that we can use in place so that we can define the terms and conditions and protect Sir 149 from litigation. I'm working on additional efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Sir 149 and will share more as those firm up. Looking forward to the April lunch and I continue to enjoy the role as Little Sir So thank you

Little Sir

Rob Currin



Statistics

Current membership = 219

Number of Sirs at our March = 84

Number of guests at our March meeting=4

Number of new members 2024 8

Number of new applications = 0

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
Fishing	Looking for a new chair	
Golf	WeeklyMike Murrell	666-5810
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	
RV's/Roving Roosters		
Coordinator	David Dennis	392-8837
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 APRIL 2024

Fellow Sirs,

As I hear about Sirs who are dealing with health problems, I like to include them in the comfort report for the month along with our thoughts and prayers. New to the comfort report this month is Don Butler who has great difficulty moving around and is not able to continue his membership in Sirs. Don did a great job announcing the Birthdays and Anniversaries for a few years and we will miss him, and we wish him well. When I talked to Don, he mentioned that Richard "Shorty"

Eagleston is going through cancer treatments. We pray that the treatments are successful in eradicating his cancer. Also new to this month's comfort report is Carl Hammond who is recovering from back surgery. Once he recovers from the surgery, we pray that the surgery relieves his back and leg pain and he'll be back to normal and able to play poker, golf, etc. Another Sir who is experiencing health issues is Dave Hobaugh who is having some lung issues which we pray will be

cleared up soon. He misses playing bocce and golf and we hope he will be able to soon resume these activities. Just found out that Arnold Koenig and his wife are spending some time in Alabama with their daughter and Arnold is recovering from a knee replacement and his wife, Joanna, is recovering from a shoulder replacement. We wish them a speedy recovery. On behalf of Sirs Branch 149, I offer my condolences to Wayne Taylor on the recent passing of his significant other, Eli Qvist. Also, we continue to remember Bart Barthelemy, Tom Dawson, Stu Williams, Ira C. Smith, Ken Lloyd and any other Sirs who are dealing with health issues. Oh, by the way, I'm recovering well from my cancer surgery and shoulder problem and hope to be One of the important things in an organization like Sirs is communication. Staying in touch with our friends and acquaintances is not only a nice thing to do, but I think it is also good for our mental health. If you know someone quite well and

haven't seen them at a luncheon or other Sir activity for some time, give them a call to see how they are doing. They might enjoy hearing from you. Let them know you are thinking of them and would like to see them more often. STAY CONNECTED!

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

Looking for new chair

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?

Wine Tasting with

"March blind tasting of Cabinet Sauvignon and chocolate was a fun filled event ! We had 22 Sirs, wife's, and friends in attendance and a goodtime was had by all including a bonus wine to share. For April tasting we chose Chianti

and possibly a complimentary pizza will be included.

See you then" Chris

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.



NAPA SIR GOLF Q2 2024

Monday, Apr. 1st: Wildhorse Davis**

Wednesday, Apr. 3rd: Eagle Vines*

Wednesday, Apr. 10th: Napa Kennedy*

Wed. Apr 17th Blue Rock West**

Wednesday Apr 24th: Vintner's GC*

SIR State Spring Golf

Wednesday April 24th: Chardonnay

Thursday April 25th: Eagle Vines

Wednesday, May 1st: Eagle Vines*

Monday, May 6th: Valley of the Moon**

Wednesday, May 8th: Napa Kennedy*

Wednesday, May 15th: Paradise Valley**

Wednesday, May 22nd: Vintner's GC*

Wednesday, May 29th: Napa Kennedy*

Monday, June 3rd: Rancho Solano**

Wednesday, June 5th: Eagle Vines*

Wednesday, June 12th: Napa Kennedy*

Wednesday, June 19th: Blue Rock East **

Wednesday, June 26th: Vintner's GC*

***Mike Murrell**

mikemurrell.1@gmail.com - 707.666.5810

JimKellerRealEstate@icloud.com - 415.827.4904

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.

Best Dave Henry I: dhenry91@comcast.net
Mobile: (707) 227 7413

Webpage &

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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.com or contact him at 479-4688.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Skinny Dipping

An elderly man in Louisiana owned a large farm for several years...

He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic

tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple, and peach trees. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he

Hadn't been there for a while and look it over. He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, we're not coming out until you leave!

The old man frowned, I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.

Holding the bucket up he said, I'm here to feed the alligator.

Some old men can still think fast.

WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN BOWLING?

Br. 65 has a very active group of bowlers at the Napa Bowl and at State SIR Tournaments. Activities include bowling league play on Mondays at 11:00am, Wednesdays "No Tap" at 1:00pm and Fridays is "Red Head" at 10:30am. No Tap and Red Head are non league and open to anyone who wants to play. Leagues form periodically.

If you are interested in joining the fun, drop by at any of those times. Ask for Dave Ellingson or mention that you are a SIR.

These bowling events are mixed, in two ways, they are not all SIR members and are coed but not restricted to couples. Questions? Contact Br.65 Bowling Chair Dave Ellingson at oredave@aol.com or 226-1610

ROVING ROOSTERS

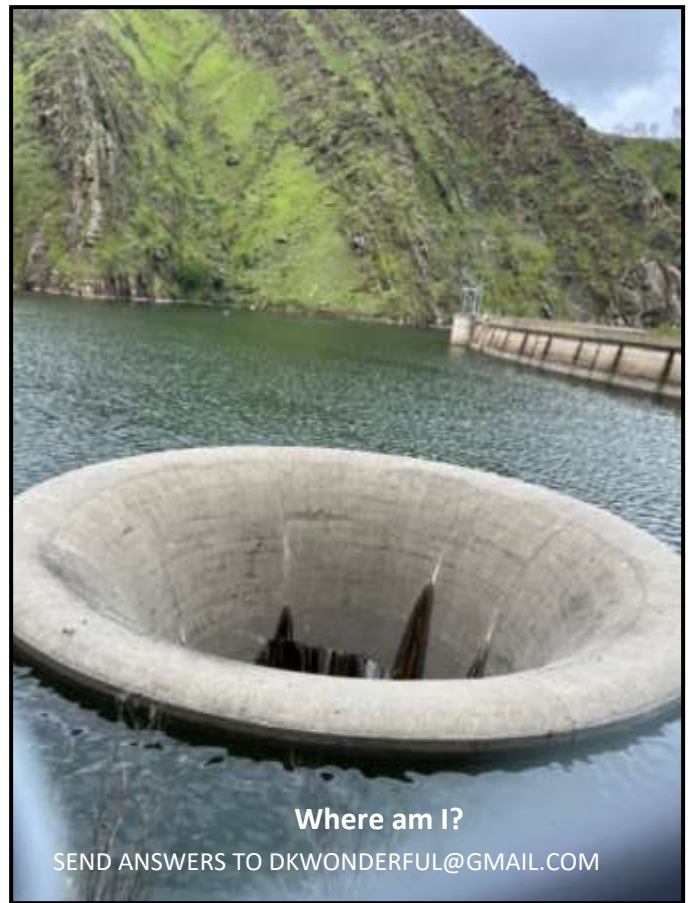


Roving Roosters group's next trip isn't until June when we venture off to Lake Siskiyou in Northern California.

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.

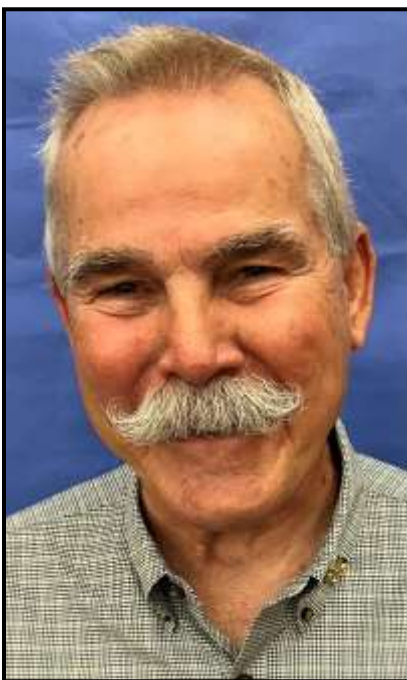


Last month's speaker School Superintendent
Dr. Rosanna Mechetti



Where am I?
SEND ANSWERS TO DKWONDERFUL@GMAIL.COM

NEW MEMBERS



Karl Crowe



Chuck Taylor



Tom Kalbrener

Many apologies if we have missed anyone's names!



April Birthdays

1	Neill	Barker	1-Apr-54
2	Bill	Wilson	2-Apr-43
5	Paul	Cowles	5-Apr-41
5	David	Feury	5-Apr-48
5	Mike	Murrell	5-Apr-48
6	Douglas	Mosher	6-Apr-50
7	Terry	Simpkins	7-Apr-47
8	Mike	Cromwell	8-Apr-52
12	Jeff	Cox	12-Apr-42
18	Pat	Bernie	18-Apr-54
18	Gary	Van Brocklin	18-Apr-43
20	Rich	Hanf	20-Apr-42
21	Bill	Hogberg	21-Apr-41
22	Tom	Atkinson Jr.	22-Apr-38
22	Gordon	Lopez	22-Apr-53
27	Carl	Peterson	27-Apr-56
30	David	Silveira	30-Apr-42

April Anniversaries

2	Jim	Karen	Cherniss	2-Apr-96
5	Ed	Judy	Fell	5-Apr-86
23	Stu	Joann	Williams	23-Apr-88

50+ Years of Wedding Bliss

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

Sir is a volunteer organization. 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. **Travel Activity** - Arrange outings to ball games or other travel activities. If no one steps up to lead this activity, this activity is going away.
2. **ROMEO Activity**- Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEO). Arrange periodic opportunities to eat out at a restaurant. Adrian Fenderson is currently filling in on a temporary basis. He is willing to handle flyers and advertisement for the outings, but would like someone to make arrangements with the restaurants.
3. **Fishing Activity** - If you like to fish, volunteer to set up fishing expeditions. Otherwise, this activity is going away.
4. **Hiking Activity** - 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 Kreiger to find out what is needed to lead this activity.
5. **Comfort Chairman** - 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. **Little Sir** - 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.
2. **Assistant Secretary** - Fill in when the Secretary can't attend a BEC and Luncheon meeting. George Clark is the current Secretary, and he rarely misses a meeting, so the Assistant position doesn't require much work. Ability to take notes and produce the minutes of the BEC and Luncheon is the only requirement.
3. **Assistant Treasurer** - Assist the Treasurer with counting the money after the luncheons and fill in for the Treasurer when needed. Again, this isn't a big job since our current Treasurer, Bill Clark, rarely misses a meeting.
4. **Director** - We have 2 positions open for 2025. Directors are elected for a 2-year term. All other positions are for 1 year at a time. Director responsibilities are minimal. Directors are voting members of the BEC and may be called on to assist the Big Sir as necessary. This position is the easiest position to get more involved with Sir. It only requires attending BEC meetings and voting on any motions made at the BEC.

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

WAR DOG EXHIBIT
AT NAPA VALLEY MUSEUM
THANKS DAN DCCABE





Our cribbage guys. Ted. Jim and ?



Barry, Peter and Adrian



Our activity chairs



Pictures are from State Sir Leadership Workshop on 3/15/24.

Branch 149 was recognized for being among the highest branches with 41 new members in 2023.



Wine tippers enjoying choclaate and cabs

Protected: Volunteer For Ladies Day

First Name *

Please enter first name

Last Name *

Please enter last name

Member number *

Please enter your member number

What would you like to Volunteer for (select one): *

- Check people in & ensure waiver complete
- Help Decorate Tables & Place Table Numbers
- Prize runner (take prize from raffle table to winner)
- Ticket Sales - Entrance
- Ticket Sales - Roving

Please select from one of the Roles (you can only select one)

2023 OFFICERS

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Gerry Schneider 2nd Year 253-1596
Bob Weeks 1st Year 255-3482
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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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