



# Wine Valley Press

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



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## MESSAGE FROM THE BIG SIR

We had another great turnout at our February luncheon meeting with 74 Sir members in attendance, with 2 new guests invited by members. Our luncheon speaker, Sargeant Aaron Medina of the Napa Police Department, provided an interesting update on new traffic laws that effect all of us. A new one called the Daylighting Law restricts parking within 20



feet off all crosswalks whether marked or unmarked both in commercial and residential areas throughout the city. The goal is to improve visibility and protection of pedestrians crossing streets at intersections. The Police Department will initially issue warnings to violators but in the near future will begin ticketing violators. So, please make sure when parking your car near an intersection, even around your own home, that you are at least 20 feet from the corner or you may end up with a ticket to remind you of this new law.

One more reminder to all my fellow Sir brothers. This is the middle of the flu/cold/covid/ illness season and we are all susceptible to catching some bug no matter how careful we are around other people so please take care of yourselves and get your updated vaccine shots to protect yourself and loved ones.

I am now dealing with a very bad cold/flu bout right now and I am very glad that i got my shots to help me recover soon.

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 March 4th 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.

Peter Dreier President/Big Sir 2025



**TO WIN A BOTTLE OF WINE. Email me the correct answer at [dkwonderful@gmail.com](mailto:dkwonderful@gmail.com)**  
**Dan McCabe last month's winner**

## THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER IS...

**MARCH 2025 BRANCH 149 SPEAKER SUMMARY**  
Our February luncheon speaker will be Sergeant Aaron Modena of the City of Napa who is in charge of the traffic division of the Police Department. Aaron will be addressing issues pertaining to drivers safety as we age and enlighten the group of changes in the vehicle code, particularly the new "Daylighting Law", and some other changes that could impact senior drivers. **DON'T MISS THIS UPDATE TO TRAFFIC LAWS THAT IMPACT ALL OF US.**

## LUNCH MENU

Hamburgers, Condiiments and Potato Salad

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR LITTLE SIR

### Little Sir Message

Gentlemen,

Our speaker for our February meeting Sergeant Aaron Modina proved to be a great help for everyone who had questions and concerns about new vehicle codes that are being enforced and most of all his clarifications regarding the new red-light cameras. The sergeant mentioned a 1 Hour course NPD is offering to the public, I will send out an email soon and hopefully a date as well and to see how many would like to attend and this would include your significant other as well.

Our speaker for March Fourth will be Sam Olson, he specializes in Medicare insurance coverage and will be able to answer your questions about Medicare and supplemental coverage.

Our speaker schedule will feature as follows,

April 1 st, Carl Shellhorn who many of you know already will be discussing The Napa Sea Scout Program.

May 6 th , We have a nice treat, Kellie Fuller a local singer will entertain us with a salute to The Dream Bowl , it was a wonderful venue for 40 years opening in 1940, I will also be showing historic photos along with the songs.

June 3 rd, We welcome Laurence Koros from The Napa County Library, he will be sharing with us the vast resources the library offers from online services to educational groups.

July-Ladies Day Picnic

August 5 th Our speaker will be Kelly O'Conner head librarian from the Napa County Historical Society. I have asked her to share the history of one of Napa's most important institution, Napa State Hospital.

Please feel free to let me know if there is someone or an organization you would like to hear from and I will do my best to schedule them. I look Forward to our next meeting!

Respectfully,

Daniel Harder



### 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 applitions 2

## ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

<b>Bicycling</b>	Bill Shields	287-1246
Ass't.	Chuck Youngson	225-2814.
<b>Bocce</b>	Mario Mazzoleni	227-8977
<b>Book Exch.</b>	Bill Wheadon	224-3901
<b>Cards</b>	Bob Hairston	252-0252
<b>Clasic Cars</b>	Dan McCabe	224-6835
Ass't.	Dan Silveira	252-2284
<b>Computers</b>	Adrian Fenderson	479-4688
<b>Cribbage</b>	Bob Benning	337-2614
Events	Dan McCabe	224-6835
<b>Fishing</b>	Daniel Harter	637-3859
<b>Golf</b> 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
<b>Trips</b>	Dan McCabe	224-6835
<b>Romeo</b>	John Lansingh	<b>254-1056</b>
<b>Travel</b>	Looking for a new chairman	
<b>RV's/Roving Roosters</b>		
<b>Coordinator</b>	David Dennis	392-8837
<b>Theater</b>	Bob Benning	337-2614
	Adrian Fenderson	479-4688
<b>Veteran's Act.</b>	<a href="mailto:fahlstromdelcare@att.net">fahlstromdelcare@att.net</a>	
	Del Fahlstrom	
<b>Walkers</b>	Dave Henry	227-7413
<b>Website</b>	Adrian Fenderson	479-4688
<b>Wine Tasting</b>	Chris Bailey	925 8904630
<b>World of Beer</b>	Gary Toczykowski	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 Drier

\* Deceased

## COMFORT REPORT FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER

On behalf of SIR Branch 149, I wish to offer condolences and sincere sympathy to Sir Clay Parker, his wife Mary, and their family on the passing of Clay and Mary's daughter, Melinda Adams. Melinda was a very active member of the Napa community and was the owner of the Melinda Adams State Farm Insurance Agency. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, February 15 th , at the First Presbyterian Church in Napa. Clay has been a member of Branch 149 since 2015 and I know it has been difficult for him and Mary to lose a child, no matter the age.

In March we have two semi-significant dates – March 15 th is the Ides of March, and March 17 th is St. Patrick's Day.

The Ides of March is a day in the ancient Roman calendar that falls on March 15. It is associated with misfortune and doom and became renowned as the date on which Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated. The phrase "Ides of March" translates literally to the 15th day of March in the Roman calendar. Originally, it was simply a way to mark the date according to the Roman system, but it now evokes a sense of threat. So be careful on the 15 th !! As I grow older, it has been a very threatening day for me as it marks the day I grow one year older. But I guess that's a good thing.

Saint Patrick's Day, while not a legal holiday in the United States, is nonetheless widely recognized and observed throughout the country as a celebration of Irish and Irish-American culture. Celebrations include prominent displays of the color green, religious observances, numerous parades, and copious consumption of alcohol. The holiday has been celebrated in what is now the U.S. since 1600, with the first parade occurring in 1601. Maybe on the 17 th we can all be a little Irish and hoist a brew. Perhaps our new Beer Drinking/Making Activity will celebrate with some green brew.

Sir Ron Irwin,

Comfort Chairman

## WINE TIPPLERS FEBRUARY EVENT CHOCOLATE AND CABS



## ACTIVITIES

### Bicycling with SIRs Bill Shields & Chuck Youngson

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



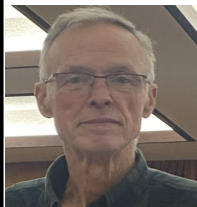
### Bocce with SIR Mario Mazzoleni

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](mailto: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

The last cribbage meeting of the year was Monday December 16 at John Lansigh's home. We will continue to meet there 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 Fender-son.



### 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](mailto:djmccabe547@comcast.net).



### ROVING ROOSTERS

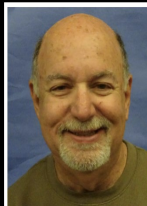
The Roving Roosters RV Club will begin another fun filled year with a home made clam chowder lunch on February 22. Our first outing will be to Lake Siskiyou near Mt. Shasta on June 1. We always enjoy two weeks of fishing, sightseeing, boating, hiking, dining and camaraderie with our club members. If 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](mailto:davedenn888@gmail.com)



### fishing NEWSLETTER



I'm still in asking for everyone's help please send me your photos. Contact me at [Dkwonderful@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:forebleepers@yahoo.com)



## GOLF

Napa SIRS golf is coordinated by both Jim Keller ([jimkellerrealestae@icloud.com](mailto:jimkellerrealestae@icloud.com)) and Gary Garver. [gogsirsgolf@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:mikemurrell.1@gmail.com)



## WINE TIPPLERS WITH CHRIS BAILEY

"Sirs Wine Tipplers February tasting of Cabernet & chocolate 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  
|: [dhenry91@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.branch149.sirinc2.org). Please send any happenings, updates, and photos of SIR events to SIR Adrian at [napadentist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:napadentist@sbcglobal.net) or contact him at 479-4688.

## Fishing Group

I sent out an email on the 11th of February to the members I had a valid email for from the older fishing list. If you did not receive it or are interested in getting on the fishing list please let me know. I have spoken to several captains of charter boats, and they have been receptive to giving us a bit of a break on the cost since we are a non-profit group. Keep those fingers crossed for a salmon season this year.

Thank you,

Daniel Harder

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**Last month's meeting, we brought in a new member, and honored Don Krieger with a Doing My part pin for his incredible job on our monthly newsletter. Our guest speaker from the Napa Police Department was Sergeant Aaron Medina. He runs the traffic department in the police department. New member picture here is David Fetzer.**



New Member David Fellzer



Our weekly cyclers

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



### March Birthdays

Wayne Taylor	2-Oct-1930
Paul Miller	5-Oct-1930
Cliff Elver	6-Oct-1946
Ken Lloyd	6-Oct-1943
Larry Teague	6-Oct-1942
Dave Dennis	8-Oct-1948
Bruce Tschida	8-Oct-1950
JC Villareal	8-Oct-1929
Gene Dick	9-Oct-1941
Jerry Tipton	10-Oct-1947
Stu Eisendrath	12-Oct-1948
Pete Smith	13-Oct-1936
Joe Chandler	16-Oct-1938
Byron Petterson	16-Oct-1955
Mel Taylor	17-Oct-1929
Ron Miller	18-Oct-1951
Clay Parker	18-Oct-1937
Adrian Fenderson	20-Oct-1944
Dave Collins	21-Oct-1938
Dave Henry	30-Oct-1949
Ron Schneider	31-Oct-1939

### March Anniversaries

Guy Mila	Vaillancourt	4-Oct-1997
Stan Kathy Archer	Blough	7-Oct-1994
Jim Renee	Keller	11-Oct-1986
Jim Elizabeth	Dugan	12-Oct-1996
Dan Peggy	Harberts	15-Oct-2002
JT Kathy	Tagliaboschi	15-Oct-1994
Doug Lisa	Lockhart	17-Oct-2004
Jerry Jean	Tipton	26-Oct-1980

### 50+ Years of Wedding Bliss

Sam Angellina	Guerrera	1-Oct-1964
Scott Robin	Stearn	2-Oct-1974
Dave Linda	San Fillipo	10-Oct-1964
Dave Sandy	Hobaugh	19-Oct-1958
John Sharon	Candelo	22-Oct-1966
George Jean	Asbury	30-Oct-1966



**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 Toczyłowski at [Gary.honestbrewer@gmail.com](mailto:Gary.honestbrewer@gmail.com) who will put you on the list to receive notifications.**

**Good time yesterday at armistice! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 2/25 at 2pm and will be held at Fieldwork brewing, 1046 McKinstry street at the back of oxbow market near the river. See website below. They have a large outdoor area which is where we will gather. If the weather is bad I may pick a different site but for now plan on Fieldwork. This week is also Bay Area beer week so there may be a special beer event going on somewhere that we may want to attend. Final beer week schedules of events are not out yet but I will be watching and let you know if a change is warranted. You may want to check out events out also. The link to beer week events is below. <https://fieldworkbrewing.com/napa/>**



Thursday's Bocce at the Senior Center



Monday's Poker at  
The Elks Club

## Jokes of the Month

Here are some clean one-liner jokes for seniors:

1. How can you increase the heart rate of your over-60 year-old husband? Tell him you're pregnant.
2. Why do seniors never trust stairs? Because they're always up to something!
3. What did the senior say to the ice cream vendor? "Keep the change."
4. Why did the senior carry a ladder to the bar? Because he heard the drinks were on the house.
5. Why do seniors love gardening? Because it's a great way to "grow" old.
6. Why did the senior refuse to join social media? Because he didn't want to "like" anything.
7. Why did the senior take a ruler to bed? To measure his dreams.

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