



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 August luncheon meeting with 78 Sir members in attendance, 3 new guests invited by members and 1 new installed member, Wayne Heine. Welcome Wayne to Sir Branch 149. We look forward to getting to know you better and getting you involved in our various Sir activities.



We held election of SIR Officers for 2026 which was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the August luncheon who will be officially installed at our December Holiday Dinner. Thank you to all those members who have volunteered to serve as SIR Officers in 2026 and beyond. And thank you to all members who have previously or are currently serving as a director or Activity Chairperson. Your assistance in making SIR Branch 149 a strong and viable organization is greatly appreciated by the entire membership.

Thanks to Jim Featherstone, a recently new SIR member, we have added another option on the luncheon invite email where you can indicate if you prefer a vegetarian entree option and the Elks staff will Accommodate your choice. Hope to see some of you veggie enthusiastic at the September luncheon.

Now, with September is approaching 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 2nd 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 2025

SEPTEMBER 2025 BRANCH 149 SPEAKER SUMMARY

Our September speaker will be Assistant District Attorney Patrick Collins, a member of the Napa County District Attorney's office, to discuss recent new consumer fraud activities and schemes targeted at folks in our age group and what steps we can take to avoid becoming a victim.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN HOW NOT TO BECOME A VICTIM OF NEW CONSUMER FRAUD ATTEMPTS IN THE COMMUNITY.

Statistics

Current membership = 203
Number of Sirs August luncheon = 78
Number of guests at our May meeting=3
Number of new members 2025 11
Number of new applications 3

MENU: Chicken Cordon Bleu with Rice and Vegetables

Vegetarian entrée option available if ordered prior to the meeting.



WHERE IN NAPA AM I?

EMAIL YOUR ANSWER

TO ME

DKWONDERFUL@GMAIL.COM

MESSAGE FROM YOUR LITTLE SIR

Our SIR State Wide meeting will be held on the 26th of August, Peter and I will be attending the event in Lafayette.

I missed our last meeting due to my wife's eye surgery but very much look forward to seeing all of you again.

I hope you enjoyed our August speaker Kelly O'Conner from the Historical Society.

Our speaker for the September luncheon will be Patrick Collins; Patrick is a Deputy District Attorney and is part of the Napa County DAs office of Consumer Fraud. We are seeing more and more very sophisticated scams every day; he will provide us with ways to recognize them as well as reporting these criminal activities to the police.

The November speaker is TBD and then we enjoy the Holiday Season with the annual party.

FISHING

I will be working with branch 65 in putting together trips for late September, November and early December.

I will also be offering excursions with other branches as multi branch events.

Daniel W. Harder

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COMFORT REPORT FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

I saw this on the internet the other day. Grace is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve. Mercy is when He spares us from bad things we deserve. And Blessings are when He is generous with both. Truly, we can never run out of reasons to thank Him. I am thankful for all the friends I have met in Sirs that I would not have had the pleasure of knowing if not for an organization like ours. I am also thankful for all the activities that we have to keep us active and engaged with

our Sir friends. I am especially thankful for all the volunteers we have that provide the leadership to make our branch one of the best Sir branches in the state.

I know that there are several of our members who are battling cancer and other medical issues. I have now joined that group as I was recently diagnosed with squamous cell cancer. The only problem is that after all the scans and other tests that I have had, they don't know where the cancer is originating from. So, I am likely to undergo immunotherapy treatments for the next year to strengthen my immune system to fight cancer. I also recently talked to Sir Ken Lloyd who has been battling cancer for quite some time. God's Grace has provided both Ken and I with long lives. His Mercy has provided us with skilled doctors and medicine to battle the cancer and His Blessings abound. I encourage you all to reach out to your Sir friends who need prayers and comfort and above all give thanks for all of your blessings.

On a sad note, I was just informed by Joan Pieper that Keith passed away August 21. He had multiple strokes and was very ill for some time. Our condolences to Joan and family.

God's blessings to all.

Sir Ron Irwin, Comfort Chairman

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.



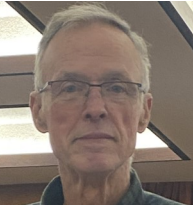
Bocce with SIR Mario Mazzoleni

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 or 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

On June 16th (Monday) our monthly cribbage once again was held in my backyard at 2571. For all you cribbage players for next month come at 2 pm and stay until 4 pm. Upon arrival you will note players that cover the range of skill and appearance. A two drink maximum is allowed but please do not abuse it like Pete Smith and bring two quarts of Jameson's Irish whiskey. Please rsvp to give Pete an idea on how much to bring. All levels of skill, from expert Pete Smith to rookie Jim Warren, are welcome. For Fred Bond's benefit, the bring your own alcohol rule

has been reinstated. Please hit reply to give me an accurate count. SIR Bob Benning (707 337-2614.



Cards with SIR Bob Hairston

It's time to get your classic's out and enjoy our beautiful area. The second Sunday of each month is Cars & Coffee at the Napa Factory stores from 8 am to 10 am. At each SIRS meeting we will have updates to other events. For more information contact Dan McCabe 707-738-0842 or email djmccabe547@comcast.net



ROVING ROOSTERS

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

Please send any pictures or notification you need to put in the newsletter to me at dkwonderful@gmail.com





Last months speaker from Nap Historical Society and Goodman Library telling all about Napa



Bike group on Yountville Mill Road

Some of our committee chairs



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

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

SIRS Coffee Chaos – Caffeine, Banter & Zero Productivity

Every Tuesday at **8:30 AM**, a fearless group of retired SIRS commandeers the communal table at **Brewed Coffee Shop in Napa** for what can only be described as highly unstructured excellence. There's no agenda, no activity, and no chance of personal growth — just coffee, banana bread, and semi-coherent conversation ranging from classic cars to conspiracy theories about why Jim Warren ditched us.

Founded by Mike Murrell (who actually shows up) and **Bob Benning** (who's gone full witness protection), this weekly ritual requires no RSVP and minimal hygiene. Just arrive early, charm anyone sitting at *our* table into relocating, and settle in for the finest pointless gathering SIRS has to offer. Pajamas optional. Sarcasm mandatory

WINE TIPPLERS WITH CHRIS BAILEY

Sirs Wine Tipplers had a red win blind tasting Final Exam (it is June) and all 14 students did poorly (as did the Tipplers Chair); so Summer Skool for everyone! We had great time tasting 6 wines and 1 extra credit wine.

No tipplers meeting in July as we had the Ladies Day Picnic. In August we will be at Sattui Winery for lunch picnic. More details later.

Chris Bailey, Chair Wine Tipplers"



WEB PAGE AND FACEBOOK

WALKERS WITH DAVE HENRY

Monday Walkers,
We meet in the East parking lot at Nob Hill Market at the corner of Trancas and Old Soscol. At 8:00 AM we will cross Trancas Ave and will walk the River Walk from Trancas to Lincoln and back. The walk takes about an hour and has beautiful river views with occasional wildlife viewing. 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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Mobile: (707) 227 7413



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.

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jerry	Shoemaker	2-Sep-40
Dave	San Fillipo	3-Sep-38
Al	Brambrink	4-Sep-40
Barry	Robertson	6-Sep-41
Mike	Sobelman	6-Sep-45
Mike	Bundy	8-Sep-45
George	Asbury	9-Sep-45
Charlie	Lindberg	10-Sep-38
Les	Haug	12-Sep-35
Ed	Frankina	15-Sep-31
Jay	Jacobs	15-Sep-32
Sergio	Novak	17-Sep-60
Steve	Smith	17-Sep-45
Tim	Knutson	18-Sep-56
Keith	Borreson	20-Sep-47
Carl	Hammond	22-Sep-42
Edward	Neville	24-Sep-53
Guy	Vaillancourt	24-Sep-47
Ken	Hart	26-Sep-42
Bob	Wolfe	26-Sep-34

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ron	Carol	Kilby	13-Sep-85
David	Marilyn	Anderson	15-Sep-79
Al	Jeanne	Praeger	16-Sep-91
Bruce	Wendy	Tschida	17-Sep-83
Ed	Monte	Suden	20-Sep-97
Neill	Pam	Barker	23-Sep-79
Larry	Joni Clark	Teague	27-Sep-19
Jim	Susan	Prudhomme	30-Sep-78

50+ Years of Wedding Bliss

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



20245OFFICERS

Big Sir	Peter Dreier	257-3630
Little Sir	Daniel Harder	637-3859
Secretary	George Clark	812-5385
Asst. Sec	Byron Petterson	337-1971
Treasurer	Bill Clark	253-2477
Asst. Treasurer	Bob Klein	310-5947
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DIRECTORS

Tom Atkinson	2nd Year	224-3392
Neil Barker	1st Year	235-6645
Rex Williams	1st year	707-255-5834
Bob Weeks	2nd Year	255-3482
John Lansingh	1st year	254-1056
Ron Irwin	Past Big Sir	363-8754

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Attendance	Bill Wheadon	224-3901
Membership	Craig Ruess	650-544-3909
Newsletter	Don Krieger	925-548-5714
Auditors	Rex Williams	707-255-5834
	Bill Parks	707-326-9596
Birthdays	Steve Smith	326-3914
Greeters	(open)	
Statistician/Historian		
Dennis Pangburn		224-9231
Photos	Adrian Fenderson	255-6502
Parliamentarian	Ed Suden	226-5310
Nominating Chair	Ron Irwin	363-8754

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS

Paul Miller	Al Brambrink
Keith Pieper	James Schlatter
Bobbie Hairston	Dennis Pangburn
Ed Suden	Adrian Fenderson

DESTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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

SOME OF THE GREAT ACTIVITIES ENJOYED BY SIRS MEMEBERFS



SON'S IN RETIREMENT

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