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SONS IN RETIREMENT WINE VALLEY BRANCH #149



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MESSAGE FROM THE BIG SIR

IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO BE YOUR BRANCH 149 BIG SIR FOR 2024 AND 2025.

I will continue to serve on the BEC in 2026 as Past Big Sir assisting our new Big Sir, Daniel Harder, as he assumes the leadership responsibilities to maintain Sir Branch 149 among the best in California.

We are an organization that functions well because of all the members who volunteer a little of their precious time to make it all seamlessly happen. Without a dedicated core of volunteers, the various monthly activities,

interesting speakers, lunches, book club, theater, eating out and establishing new friendships with fellow members would not happen.

I want to personally thank all of you that volunteer your time to help no matter how small or large a volunteer time you have, it all matters and makes Branch 149 so great an organization. In particular, I want to thank the 2025 BEC directors and Activity Chairpersons who took the leadership roles in organizing exciting and

entertaining activities for all our enjoyment in 2025 and throughout the years.

Also, if you invited someone new to join us for lunch and they ended up joining Branch 149, thank you, thank you.

RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS IS A VITAL RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL OF US TO INSURE THE LONG-TERM GROWTH, HEALTH AND STABILITY OF BRANCH 149.

Also, in 2026 we are going to need some new volunteers to step up and volunteer to provide relief to long term volunteers in various leadership roles and Activity Chairperson po-

sitions that are or will become vacant in the new year. We depend on volunteers to help make Branch 149 smoothly run. Hopefully, some of our newest members will be willing to step up and help fill some of these anticipated vacant leadership positions.

I look forward to seeing all the members and their family who can attend the 12/2/25 Holiday Dinner at the Elks Lodge. It will be a great way to begin celebrating the holiday spirit, laughing, sharing stories about the year and enjoying a delicious meal together with our Sir brothers.

SEE YOU ON JANUARY 6 TH FOR OUR FIRST MEETING OF 2026.

Peter Dreier

Big Sir 2025

Statistics

Current membership = 199

Number of Sirs September luncheon = 79

Number of guests at our September meeting=2

Number of new members 2025 11

Number of new applications 0

MESSAGE FROM YOUR LITTLE SIR

Gentlemen,

I would like to wish you and your families a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving.

I am looking forward to moving into the position of Big Sir for 2026 and I am very grateful for the support and friendship you have shown me in the past 18 months. It has been a pleasure to serve you and I look forward to a great year with the group. Most of all a big thank you to Peter, a great mentor to me in learning the ropes.

We had some awesome speakers this year and Craig our new Little Sir and I will work hard to bring interesting guests to our luncheons in 2026. Please let either of us know if you have a speaker in mind or would like to have Kelly back to sing for us.

I will also be introducing a new addition to the time before the meetings; this will include having students drop by to help with all our high-tech gizmos.

If you have an issue, need to download an app or organize your pictures, just bring in your device the teens will get beeping, ringing and organized.

Take care

Yours in Service,

Daniel



COMFORT REPORT FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

It's good to know that Sir Bobbi Hairston survived a very serious gall bladder operation and is recovering well.

I have decided it is time for me to retire as the Comfort Chairman. It has been my privilege to be your Comfort Chairman for the past couple of years (because no one else stepped up). I have attempted to keep you informed about Sirs that I know about who have had various medical issues so that you can keep them in your thoughts and prayers. I'm sure that I have missed some Sirs because I can only include those that I hear about.

I am pleased to announce that Sir Neill Barker has volunteered to be the Comfort Chairman beginning in January 2026. Neill's contact information is: Phone: 707-235-6645 Email: nbpharmd@gmail.com

Please let Neill know if you want him to include information about a Sir in the Newsletter and/or at a luncheon. Thank you Neill for taking on this Chairmanship responsibility.

God's blessings to all.

Sir Ron Irwin, Retiring Comfort Chairman

ACTIVITIES

Bicycling with SIRs Bill Shields & Chuck Youngson

Get your heart pumping, enjoy the fresh air, and share the road with friends — the **SIR Bike Riders** hit the trails **every Thursday**! Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or just dusting off your wheels, all levels of riders are welcome. It's a great way to stay active, explore beautiful routes, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow SIR members.



For more information, contact: **Bill Shields** – bshields6@comcast.net | 707-287-1246



Bocce with SIR Mario Mazzoleni

Thursday is **BOCCE Day!**

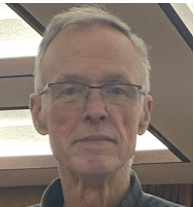
Join your fellow SIRS every **Thursday** at the **Bocce Pavilion, Napa Senior Center** for some friendly competition, laughter, and plenty of camaraderie. Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to the game, bocce is easy to learn and a whole lot of fun! So dust off your throwing arm, bring your best aim, and get ready for a great time with friends. For more information, contact:

SIR Mario Mazzoleni – 1mariomazzoleni@gmail.com

Call/Text: 707-227-8977

Book Exchange with SIR Bill Wheadon:

Bill and his colleagues have put together a **wonderful display of books for loan**, spread across several tables. The **Book Exchange Table** invites you to not only **borrow a book** but also **donate some of your favorites** to share with others! When our collection grows beyond the Sirs storage space, the overflow is donated to the **Napa Library** — and nearly every month we're proud to deliver a big box of books thanks to your generosity.



Special Bonus: Your spouse or significant other is welcome to come before the meeting to browse and pick out books, too! For more info, contact **SIR Bill Wheadon** at 707-224-3901.



CRIBBAGE WITH BOB BENNING

Our monthly **cribbage showdown** once again took place in my backyard at **2571**. And guess what? We're doing it again next month!

Date: Next Month

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Bob Benning's backyard (2571)

When you arrive, you'll see a lively mix of players spanning the full range of **skill and style** — from **expert rookies**.

Please RSVP Contact: **SIR Bob Benning** at 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

The Roosters had our annual potluck Thanksgiving lunch on Nov. 8, at our clubhouse here in Napa. We had a great turn out and everyone contributed to the feast. We all dined on turkey, mashed potatoes, casseroles and a variety of greens.

No one left hungry after the pumpkin and pecan pies as well as chocolate cake and home made cookies from our own Queen of Cookies, Barbara Foerder. Her late husband SIR Larry is still the Master of Clam Chowder who conjured up his special recipe I hope to successfully copy someday!



NEWSLETTER



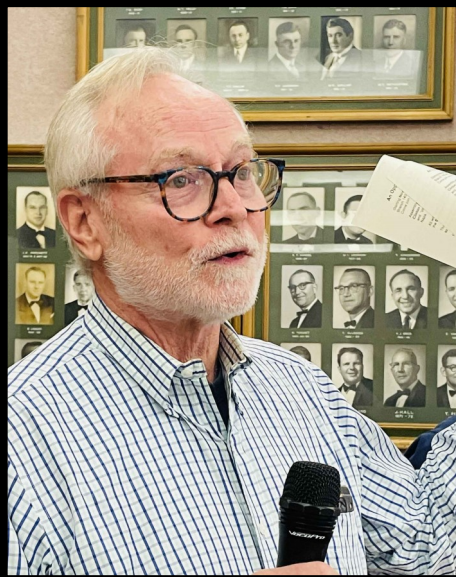
Please send any pictures, announcements, or items you'd like included in the upcoming newsletter to:

dkwonderful@gmail.com



Our guest speaker at November luncheon was Courtney Harberts Helmer. (Daughter in Law of member Dan Harberts)

A Dr. in Physical Therapy. She has her own clinic and treats people personally. Courtney Harberts was born and raised in the Napa Valley. Her upbringing and her educational pursuits have both motivated and inspired her to live an active, holistic lifestyle. Courtney's passion for physical therapy originates from personal experience.



Craig Ruess discussing our new walking



Jerry Schneider receiving an award



New Member Mike O'Toole



Wine tipplers enjoying some Chianti



Sirs bocce enjoying the end of season party

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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mark	Heitz	12/01/1949
Russ	Barker	12/07/1943
Eric	Kisshauer	12/12/1945
Tom	McFarland	12/16/1942
Jack	Dennis	12/16/1950
Karl	Crowe	12/19/1947
Mike	Bell	12/25/1950
Jim	Soule Jr.	12/26/1936
Michael	O'Toole	12/27/1958
Blake	Todd	12/28/1934

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mark	Diane	Heitz	12/01/1979
Leroy	Bernadette	Moore	12/01/1979
Charles	Anne House	Lee	12/07/2017
Larry	Patty	Carr	12/14/2014
Bob	Nancy	Weeks	12/27/1997

50+ Years of Wedding Bliss

Dan Beverlee McFadden 15-Dec-62

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
HNDGP.	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. gdgsirsgolf@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

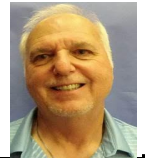
SIRS Coffee Group

Finally—a group activity that requires *no actual activity*. We meet at Brewed Coffee Shop in the outlet center, grab the communal table at 8:30 AM, and proceed to do... well, basically nothing except sip, chat, and solve the world's problems. We usually drift out around 10 AM—or whenever caffeine, conversation, or patience runs out.

WINE TIPPLERS WITH CHRIS BAILEY

Sirs wine tipplers had a food & wine pairing for the Nov tasting. There were 19 attendees sampling Chianti wines from local restaurants along with Brie cheese/crackers and margarita pizza plus additional charcuterie.

No meeting until Jan 2026 with our annual Sparkling wine tasting. Details to follow.



WALKERS WITH DAVE HENRY

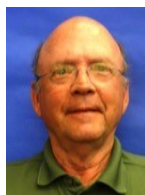
Monday Walkers,

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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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.

20245OFFICERS

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 Ron Irwin Past Big Sir 363-8754

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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 Membership Craig Ruess 650-544-3909
 Newsletter Don Krieger 925-548-5714
 Auditors Rex Williams 707-255-5834
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 Birthdays Steve Smith 326-3914
 Greeters (open)
 Statistician/Historian
 Dennis Pangburn 224-9231
 PhotosAdrian 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

NAPA SIR GOLF Q4 2025**Monday Nov 3rd: Rancho Solano******Wednesday, Nov 5th: Eagle Vines*****Wednesday, Nov 12th: Napa Kennedy*****Wednesday Nov 19th: Paradise Valley******Wednesday, Nov 26th: Vintners GC*****Monday Dec 1st: Blue Rock East******Wednesday, Dec 3rd: Eagle Vines*****Wednesday, Dec 10th: Napa Kennedy*****Wednesday Dec 17th: TBD*******Gary Garver**gdgsirsgolf@yahoo.com - 707.251.9122****Jim Keller**JimKellerRealEstate@icloud.com - 415.827.4904

Assembly and departure is from the city parking lot at the corner of **Main and Clinton St.** "Urban hikers" will depart on a course roughly 2.5 miles in length.

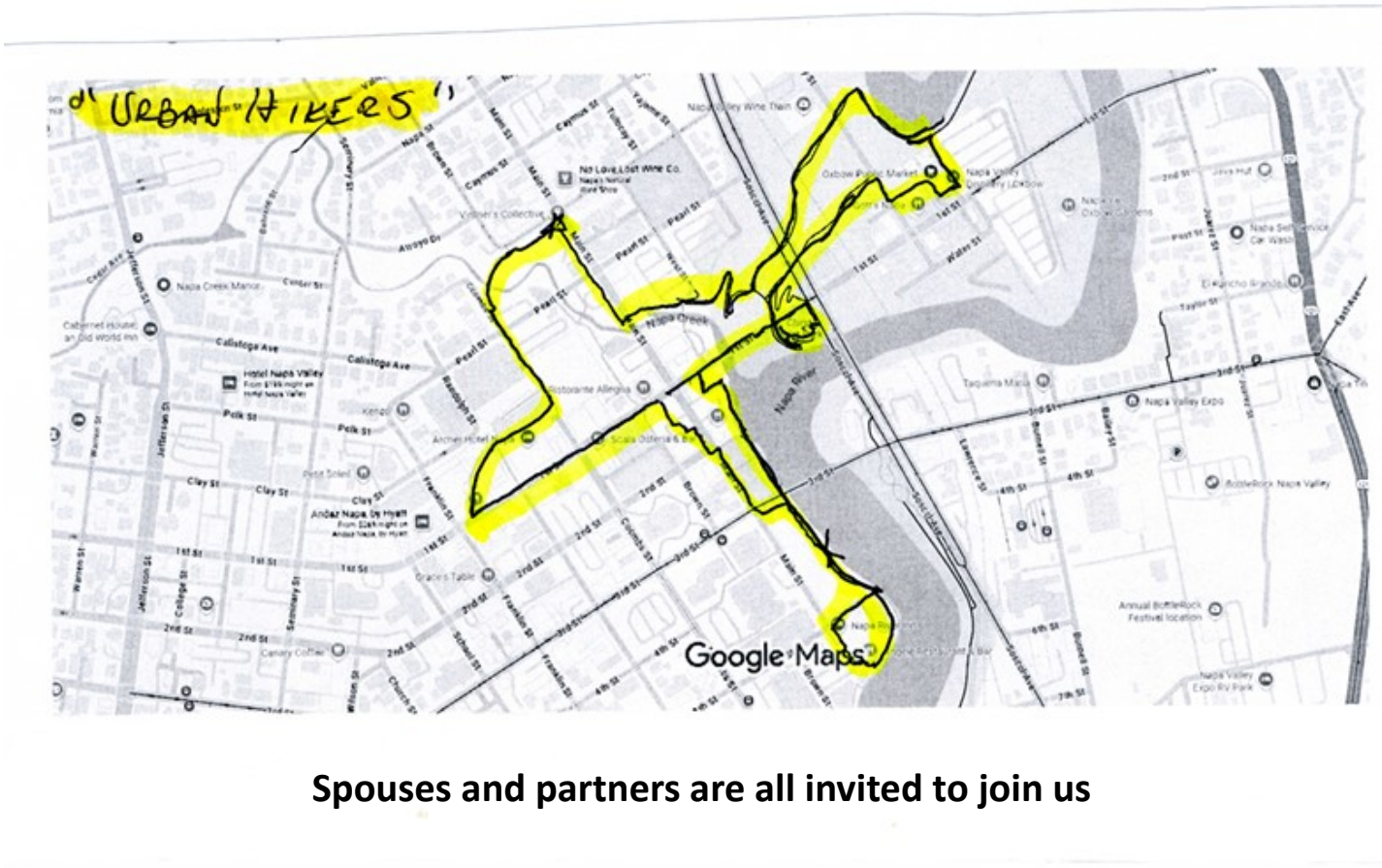
and “strollers” will depart on a course about 1.25 miles long. Both in Downtown Napa.

All will finish urban hiking/strolling before 10AM and (optional) meet for coffee at the **Barnhouse Coffeehouse** (1004 Clinton St.).

This is for hikers/strollers of all speeds but **all SIR 149 Members** are welcome to join us for coffee.

For more information, please contact Craig Ruess at craigcargo@gmail.com.

Thank you.



Spouses and partners are all invited to join us



Every Wednesday we will be walking the downtown area. This week we had a blast discussing new business downtown, politics, families, vacations, golf and everything else important. This is a new activity with two different routes (easy and easier). Come join us..



Where am I? Send your answers to dkwonderful@gmail.com to win a terrific prize

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