



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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August 2024 Big Sir Message

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED
BRANCH 149 LADIES DAY PICNIC AT THE

ELKS LODGE.!! YOU ALL MAKE IT A GREAT
SUCCESS.



We had 155 people who were served a wonderful meal by the Elks. We had 4 live auction prizes and 56 raffle prizes. We sold 145 packets of 50 tickets each.

We had a very financially successful picnic netting income of \$2,551.64 which will help us keep the cost of future events at a reasonable cost for members.

We hope everyone who attended had an enjoyable time. I had a lot of compliments about the quality of the food and the convenience of the venue at the Elks.

A special thank you to all those Sirs who volunteered their time in soliciting wonderful raffle prizes and for those who donated raffle prizes and auction prizes. Also, a special thank you to all the Sirs who helped plan and facilitate the picnic.

The LDP could not be put on without your hard work and support. I am very proud to be Big Sir of one of the best branches in statewide SIR.

Again, THANK YOU.

HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU AT OUR NEXT LUNCHEON ON AUGUST 6TH.

Sincerely,

PETER DREIER

BIG SIR 149 2024

LADIES DAY PICNIC SPECIAL EDITION

AUGUST 2024 BRANCH 149 SPEAKER SUMMARY

The Sir Branch 149 speaker for our August 6, 2024 luncheon meeting will be Devereaux Smith, Executive Director of Molly's Angels. Devereaux will be speaking about the services and help provided by Molly's Angels to Napa senior citizens, including transportation for both ambulatory and disabled individuals to various appointments, weekly check-in calls and emergency deliveries of food and medicine to clients.

Join us on August 6th for lunch and hear Devereaux Smith's presentation about Molly's Angels.

LUNCH AT THE ELKS AUGUST 6

Menu: BQQ Pork Ribs w/ Baked Beans & Cole-slaw

CHECK OUT PAGE 2 TO WIN A BOTTLE OF WINE.

*Email me the correct answer at
dkwonderful@gmail.com JOKE ON 3*





CREDIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED FOR SIR 149 PAYMENTS

Bill Clark, 149 Treasurer, has received approval to start using the Square application to process onsite credit card payments from members for all Sir related activities beginning with our May 7, 2024, luncheon at the Elks Lodge. Members will now be able to use their credit card to pay for monthly lunches, annual dues and tickets to special events like the July Ladies Day Picnic and Christmas Dinner. We encourage a few members to be our 149 Guinea Pigs and try using their credit card at the May meeting to see how it works. However, since this is a new endeavor for our volunteers taking payments, please also bring cash or a check in case we encounter a glitch.

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	Weekly Mike 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
Trips	Dan McCabe	224-6835
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	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

Fellow Sirs,

COMFORT REPORT FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Fellow Sirs,

Once again, I lead off with the sad news of another two Sirs passing away. Ted Simmons passed away on Tuesday, July 16 th . He just celebrated his 87 th birthday on July 7 th . Ted joined Sirs in 2016. He was a very active member, attending all the monthly luncheon meetings, hosting cribbage once a month and enjoying weekly coffee day with his fellow Sirs. He was also the Treasurer for Sirs 149 for 4 years. Ted will be missed by all the friends he made at Sirs. I also just heard that Sir Ira C. Smith passed away at the age of 88, according to the Register. Ira joined Sir in November 2019 and was a member of the RAMP committee. Also, with his booming voice, Ira began last year interviewing one of our Sir members at each of the luncheons, until he was unable to attend due to his dialysis treatments. As a sports announcer for the Napa Valley since 1976, Ira was a well-known member of the community. Ira will also be missed by all the friends he made at Sirs. On behalf of Branch 149, I offer our condolences to Vivian Simmons and family and to Ira's family as they grieve the passing of their loved ones.

We continue to pray for healing and comfort for all our fellow Sirs who are dealing with various medical issues.

.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

It is with great sadness that I am informing you about Ted Simmons passing on Monday, 7/15/24.

Ted was a long-time member of Sirs Branch 149. He joined in July 2016. Ted was a very active member, attending all the monthly luncheon meetings, playing cribbage and enjoying weekly coffee day with his fellow Sirs.

Ted was 87 years old. We will miss him, his wonderful stories and engaging smile.

At this time, we do not have any information regarding memorial or planned services

Sincerely,

Peter Dreier
Big Sir 149



It is with great sadness that I am informing you about Ira C. Smith's passing. Ira was a SIR member for the past 5 years, joining in 2019 and was a very active Sir member until his recent illness .

Ira came to Napa in 1975 to become the Sports Director at local radio station KVN and became known as the **SPORTS VOICE OF NAPA VALLEY**.

He broadcasted over 1700 live football and basketball games for various local high schools and was an active volunteer for a variety of community organizations.

Funeral services are planned in his home state of Indiana. A Celebration of Life for Ira is in the planning process and will be held in Napa in the near future.

Ira was 88 years old. We all will miss him .

Sincerely,
Peter Dreier
Big Sir 149



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

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.



Wine Tasting with Christopher Bailey

We will go to Sattui for lunch picnic from 11:30-1:00. Tipplers chair will purchase wine to share at picnic tables on usual 3rd wed of august. Attendees must purchase lunch food on site .

It is very important that you RSVP as soon as you can, so we know how many people to expect.



NAPA SIR GOLF Q3 2023

Wednesday, July 3rd: Eagle Vines*

Wednesday, July 10th: Napa Kennedy*

Wednesday July 17th: Chardonnay**

Wednesday, July 24th: Vintner's GC*

Wednesday, July 31st: Vintner's GC*

Monday, Aug. 5th: Paradise Valley**

Wednesday, Aug. 7th: Eagle Vines*

Wednesday, Aug. 14th: Napa Kennedy*

Wednesday, Aug. 21st: Rancho Solano**

Aug. 7th/8th: SIR State Team Championship-Reserve at Spanos Park**

Wednesday, Aug. 28th: Vintner's GC*

Wednesday, Sept. 4th: Eagle Vines*

No First Monday Golf in September/ Labor Day

JOKES

LADIES DAY PICNIC HIGHLIGHTS



FUN WAS HAD BY ALL



Many apologies if we have missed anyone's names!



August Birthdays

Roger	True	4-Aug-45
Bob	Cavallero	6-Aug-49
Frank	Hauck	6-Aug-53
Mario	Mazzoleni	6-Aug-41
Larry	Bauer	9-Aug-42
Wayne	Davidson	11-Aug-44
Arnie	Koenig	12-Aug-48
Ed	Suden	18-Aug-34
Barry	Urbach	18-Aug-48
Michael	Forma	23-Aug-46
Bill	O'Byrne	24-Aug-32
James	Ott	24-Aug-40
Bob	Hairston	28-Aug-51
Lee	Blevins	30-Aug-51

August Anniversaries

Gary	Judith	Toczyłowski	9-Aug-80
Barry	Laurie	Urbach	16-Aug-97
Ron	Troy	Miller	17-Aug-91
Steven	Camille	Kuznetz	19-Aug-89
Doug	Monica	Haigh	31-Aug-86

SIR Branch 149

LADIES DAY PICNIC

07/16/24

INCOME & EXPENSES

INCOME:

Picnic Ticket Sales	\$6,440.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$2,180.00
Auction	\$1,220.00
	\$9,840.00

EXPENSES:

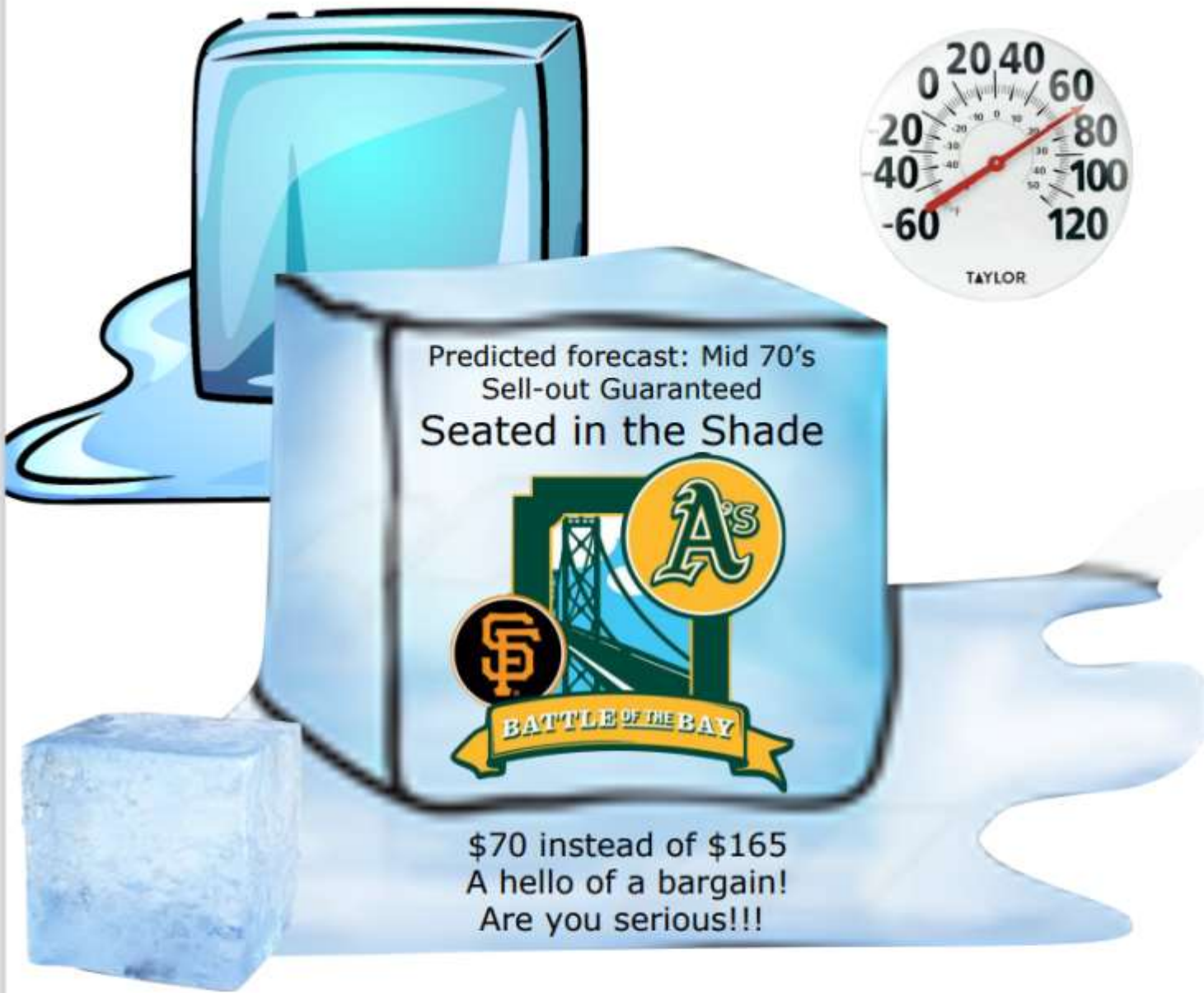
Elks	-\$6,384.31
Wine/Cakes/Misc.	-\$904.05
	-\$7,288.36

Total Income minus Expenses = \$2,551.64

Attendance = 155

50+ Years of Wedding Bliss

Roger	Anna	True	4-Aug-64
Tom	Gloria	Atkinson Jr.	5-Aug-62
Jim	Sharon	Olson	5-Aug-72
Ron	Judith	Irwin	7-Aug-65
Dennis	Gail	Rawlins	12-Aug-67
Jeff	Carol	Cox	15-Aug-64
Bill	Nancy	Hogberg	18-Aug-63
Bill	Janace	Shields	21-Aug-71
Dennis	Debbie	Pittenger	25-Aug-73
Jim	Sharon	Davis	26-Aug-62
Jim	Mary	Schlatter	26-Aug-67
Gene	Clancy	Sullivan	27-Aug-66
Larry	Judith	Bauer	28-Aug-65
John	Nancy	Bonsall	28-Aug-66



Bay Bridge Series—SIR Day at the Ball Park—End of an Era
Oakland A's hosting San Francisco Giants—8/18/24—1pm
Coliseum—Field Level—Shaded Area—Section 105R

Mail \$70 check made out to Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave., Clovis, CA 93612
Include a returned addressed & stamped envelope; include your phone# & e-mail address.



Deadline: 8/8/2024

GRACE'S TABLE

A Global Kitchen Focusing On France, Italy & The Americas

ROMEO SEPTEMBER

SIR 149 DINNER INVITATION

Wednesday Sept. 11, 2024, 5:30

Grace's Table

1400 Second St

Napa, CA 94559

(707) 226-6200

You and your spouse are invited to Grace's Table, a cheerful Napa bistro and a recognized "Michelin Bib Gourmand" restaurant, serving dishes from around the world. Chef/Owner Mauro Pando created a "global kitchen" with focus on the comfort foods from our many heritages and brought them together for your dining pleasure.

Included: Choice of several entrees, Salad, and Desert

Price is \$50 per person Includes a soft drink, taxes, and gratuity! Make out checks to SIR 149 and send to:, John Lansingh
1288 Riverpark Blvd., Napa, CA 94559 Phone: 707-254-1056, E
Mail: john@lansingh.com Space limited so reserve your spot soon!

2023 OFFICERS

Big Sir Peter Dreier 257-3630
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Paul Miller Al Brambrink
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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



Sirs 149 at Mixed Nuts Baseball game in Yountville

Out at the Old Ball Park Sirs 149 at Mixed Nuts Baseball game in Yountville



The Cribbage guys looking pretty chilled.

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WINE VALLEY BRANCH #149

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