



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
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OCTOBER 2024 BIG SIR MESSAGE

We had another great turnout at our September luncheon meeting with 88 Sir members in attendance, 1 new guest invited by members and 3 new installed members, JT Tagliaboschi, Jay Blitstein, and Dale Komai.



Welcome JT, Jay and Dale to Sir Branch 149.

We look forward to getting to know you better and getting you involved in our various Sir activities.

In September, we purged our membership Roster of 13 non-paying members bringing our total membership down to 203 so that we are only paying state Sir dues on active members. We will continue to send past members the Newsletter and other email communication and they will have the right to rejoin without a new application in the future if they so desire.

ROMEO EVENTS HAVE RETURNED WITH A FLAIR WITH A GREAT EVENT ON 9/12/24 AT GRACE'S TABLE WITH 34 SIRs AND GUESTS ENJOINING A WONDERFUL EVENING. THANK YOU TO NEW MEMBER, JOHN LANSINGH, FOR ASSUMING THE CHAIR ROLE FOR THIS ACTIVITY. LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ROMEO EATING OUT EVENT.

But, also, if you have not been to a Sir luncheon in a while it is time to come out and join us on October 1st for lunch and fellowship with old friends. We would love to see you and you have no excuses. Instead of a speaker, we will have musical entertainment provided by our SIR Brothers in Branch 65 band called THE SIR ORCHESTRAL BAND OR BETTER KNOW AS THE SOBs.

My hope is to get over 100 Sir 149 members to the October luncheon to support our brethren in Branch 65. Remember, invite a friend to join us for lunch and you will earn a free lunch in the future.

Peter Dreier Big Sir 2024



OCTOBER 2024 BRANCH 149 SPEAKER SUMMARY

Instead of an October luncheon speaker, Sir Branch 149 members are going to have the pleasure of some entertaining music.

SIR Branch 65's jolly pranksters, better known as the SIR Orchestral Band (SOBs), will be the entertainment for the October luncheon. They play music from the 1940s to the present featuring an original song about SIR written by their own in-house resident Canadian, eh?

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS PERFORMANCE BY THE BRANCH 65 SOBs.

Lunch Menu: Pork Loin w/ Cranberry Port Sauce, Mashed Potatoes w/ Veg.

CHECK OUT PAGE 3 TO WIN A BOTTLE OF WINE.

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

Little Sir Message



Gentlemen,

I have really enjoyed meeting many of you for the first time at our last luncheon and look

forward to meeting and chatting with other member at the upcoming lunches.

Our speaker for September Battalion Chief Jim Cortese from Napa City Fire shared some great

information regarding fire safety and the importance of having a complete medication and

medical condition list readily accessible for emergency responders in our home as well as our

wallet. His suggestion of keeping this list in an area that is visible to rescue and ambulance

crews made good sense. I have my wife's and mine in plain sight on our refrigerator in an

envelope marked "Emergency Information"

We will have handouts the chief provided at the October meeting if interested.

I will also bring some preprinted medication lists to fill out to our luncheon.

Here is a good website to explore regarding home safety.

<https://napafirewise.org/>

We will not have a speaker in October instead we will have some first-class entertainment

brought to us by the SOBs from Branch 65.

Happy Fall!

Daniel Harder

Little Sir

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	Looking for a new chair	
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.	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

COMFORT REPORT FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Fellow Sirs,

It was encouraging to see a record number (for the year) of Sirs at the September luncheon. Come to the October luncheon and you will be entertained, enjoy a great lunch, and engage in stimulating conversation with your fellow Sirs around the table. Attending luncheons and other Sir activities of interest keeps you young at heart.

For all our Sirs who are in need of healing and comfort, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. I am not aware of any Sirs with new ailments this month, which is a good thing. Please send me an email at irwinron@att.net, or phone me at (707)363-8754, if you know of anyone who is dealing with any health issues.

Ron Irwin,

Acting Comfort Chairman



Where in the world am I?

JOKES FOR THE MONTH!

I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.

I was wondering why the baseball kept getting bigger and bigger, and then it hit me.

Why did the employee get fired from the calendar factory? She took a day off.

Why do seagulls fly over the sea? If they flew over the bay, they would be bagels.

I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know which comes first.

I went to the doctor with a suspicious-looking mole. He told me they all look that way and I should have left it in the garden.

Every morning, I announce that I'm going running, but then I don't. It's a running joke.

What state is known for its small drinks? Minnesota.

What do you call a line of men waiting to get haircuts? A barberqueue.

I can't take my dog to the pond anymore because the ducks keep attacking him. That's what I get for buying a pure bread dog.

I know they say money talks, but all mine says is "goodbye."

Why should you never fall in love with a tennis player? Because to them, love means nothing!



Bicycling with SIRs Bill Shields & Chuck Youngson: SIR bike riders meet every Thursday For more information contact Bill by email t bshields6@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

Romeo

See pictures on page 11

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.



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.



CRIBBAGE meets on the third Monday of each month. During the Summer months cribbage is played in Bob Benning's backyard. This month we could feel the weather changing. The temperature is dropping and the first leaves are falling. It was a perfect day to be outside. As always, the neighbors could hear the conversation and laughter. With Fall approaching, a change of venue will also be occurring. Starting in November, SIR John Lansigh will be hosting cribbage in his home in Rive

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Gary Garver 707-251-9122 gdgsirgolf@yahoo.com

Napa Sirs Golf

Musings from the Fairway

October 2024

First Edition – A tremendous collector's item. Be sure to get yours now - - only \$49.99

Do you know why the 19 th hole is the most popular hole in golf? You may think it is because you

can finally have your favorite libation and delete any memory of the most pathetic frustrating

and maybe humiliating experience of your life. You would be wrong.

The 19 th hole is the most favorite hole in golf because you can delude yourself in believing you

really had a good time for the last five and a half hours. You no longer have to worry about your

shoulder falling off while you took 128 strokes on a course that was designed to only take 72 to

complete.

The 19 th hole allows golfers to recount at least one good thing from their round of golf to their

buddies. This one good thing keeps us coming back for more.

Your fellow SIRS and competitors will be amazed when you re-count how you chipped in from

25 feet and over a sand trap for a par on number 4 (probably a lie) or how you hit a drive on #9

that traveled 250 yards dead straight (most likely a lie). Or even better, how you sunk a twisting

putt from 45 feet that had to travel over a 12" rise before settling into the cup (definitely a lie)

But that is what is great about golf and the 19 th hole. Everyone can take home with them what

they want. Whatever it takes to make you come back for more punishment the next week.

I hope to see you in the 19 th hole next week to hear your tales of wonder that may or may not

be true, but no one cares because we all share the same malady - - We are golfers!

Napa SIRS golf is coordinated by both Jim Keller (jimkellerrealestae@icloud.com) and Gary Garver. 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

Our tasting will be \$10 each. Please RSVP and be prompt for the 2pm blind tasting Chris Bailey 925 8904630 Next month we will be tasting Reisiling and Guertaminer



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

Statistics

Current membership = 203

Number of Sirs at our September = 88

Number of guests at our August meeting=1

Number of new members 2024 17

Number of new applications = 2

Walkers with SIR 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
I: dhenry91@comcast.net
Mobile: (707) 227 7413

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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@sbcglobal.net or contact him at 479-4688.



Sirs volunteering at the Procore Golf Tournament



LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER
Chief James Cortese



Romero Dinner

Celebrate Together at Our Christmas Dinner Christmas Dinner Don't miss out on this festive gathering Don't miss out on this festive gathering Join us for the Annual Christmas Dinner at the Elks Lodge on December 3, 2024!

Experience a delightful evening filled with laughter and joy as we enjoy a scrumptious meal featuring your choice of Prime Rib or Salmon, complemented by festive sides, delectable dessert, and your choice of coffee or tea. The evening will be enhanced by the enchanting music of Vintage Blend, creating the perfect atmosphere for camaraderie and celebration. With wine included, this event promises to be a highlight of the holiday season, so gather your friends and family for an unforgettable night! We will begin selling tickets at the October 1st luncheon at the Elks Lodge. You can also place your names on tables for seating of eight. Tickets can be purchased for \$42/person by cash, check or credit card. Be sure to purchase your tickets as soon as possible to ensure a seat at this festive Be sure to purchase your tickets as soon as possible to ensure a seat at this festive celebration. Your participation is vital in fostering the camaraderie and friendships celebration. Your participation is vital in fostering the camaraderie and friendships that make our Sir Branch 149 truly special. that make our Sir Branch 149 truly special. Let's come together to celebrate the spirit of community and the joy of the holiday season. We can't wait to see you there and strengthen the bonds that make SIR Branch 149 such a wonderful place to belong! Warm regards, Peter Dreier President SIR Branch 149 W Connect with us! Sir branch 149 | P.O. Box 221 2471 Solano Ave. | Napa, CA 94558 U

Many apologies if we have missed anyone's names!



October 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

October 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



Day trip to Rowland Freedom Center at the Nut Tree



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Dale Koma

NEW MEMBERS



Scott Stearn

2023 OFFICERS

Big Sir	Peter Dreier	257-3630
Little Sir	Vacant	
Secretary	George Clark	812-5385
Asst. Sec	Pete Stupey	252-1066
Treasurer	Bill Clark	253-2477
Asst. Treasurer	Bob Klein	310-5947
Email	branch149@sirinc2.org	

DIRECTORS

Tom Atkinson	1st Year	224-3392
Neil Barker	2nd Year	235-6645
Byron Petterson	2nd Year	337-1971
Gerry Schneider	2nd Year	253-1596
Bob Weeks	1st Year	255-3482
Ron Irwin	Past Big Sir	363-8754

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Attendance	Bill Wheadon	224-3901
Membership	Byron Petterson	337-1971
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	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

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:

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.

Fishing Activity - If you like to fish, volunteer to set up fishing expeditions. Otherwise, this activity is going away.

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 Kieiger to find out what is needed to lead this activity.

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:

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 Nominating Chairman irwinron@att.net (707)363-8754

Activity Alert

We have 12 members interested in Beer Brewing
Need someone to start a group. Rex Williams #116
Can provide a list of members to any one interested.
We can schedule a Zoom meeting if you would like.
RexOfNapa@comcast.net, text or call 707 266 4843.
Brewing questions can be made to Gary Toczykowski
at 510 5076870 or Gary.HonestBrewer@gmail.com.

AS Tim Borman has always said it only takes two to start a group.



Romeo Dinner



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