



Wine Valley Press

SONS IN RETIREMENT WINE VALLEY BRANCH #149



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A non-profit organization for retired men
MEETS EVERY FIRST TUESDAY, 11:00 AM
ELKS LODGE NAPA

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MESSAGE FROM THE BIG SIR

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED
BRANCH 149 LADIES DAY PICNIC AT THE
ELKS LODGE.!! YOU ALL MAKE IT A GREAT
SUCCESS.**

We had 121 people who were served a wonderful meal by the Elks. We had 6 great live auction prizes, including a Palmaz VIP tasting, Gourmet Vineyard Dinner Wine Pairing, Airplane Tour of the Bay Area, Goosecross Cellars VIP tasting and two original color pencil framed drawings by Sir Jim Ott, that created a lively back and forth bidding process before Auctioneer Carl Hammond finally declared the winning bidder. Additionally, we had 59 raffle prizes for attendees to drop tickets into the corresponding cans with the hope of walking away with the prize at the end of the day.

We had a very financially successful picnic netting income of \$2,041 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, the fun atmosphere 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 particularly for those who donated raffle prizes and live 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.

Again, THANK YOU. HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU AT OUR NEXT LUNCHEON ON AUGUST 5 TH .

Sincerely, PETER DREIER

BIG SIR/PRESIDENT BRANCH 149 2025



Our August luncheon speaker will be Ms. Kelly O'Conner from the Napa Valley Historical Society. If you want to hear about the historical roots of Napa Valley and how we became this wonderful place to visit and live come to the August lunch meeting. DON'T MISS THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE NAPA VALLEY HISTORICAL STORY ON AUGUST 5TH.



Where is Waldo?

Statistics

Current membership = 203
Number of Sirs December 2024 = 78
Number of guests at our May meeting=3
Number of new members 2025 10
Number of new applitions 2

MENU: BBQ PORK RIBS W/ BAKED BEANS & COLESLAW

MESSAGE FROM YOUR LITTLE SIR

Gentlemen,
Thank you for the great turnout for the Ladies Day Picnic and a big thank you to those who volunteered their time gathering donations and setting up.

Our speaker for the month of August will be Kelly O'Conner from The Napa County Historical Society, we are working on a program for our August meeting that would take a particular historic event and give us a detailed presentation about it.

Our upcoming speakers will be a representee from The Napa County District Attorney's Office to discuss consumer fraud and focusing on folks in our age group and what to watch for. A dear friend and a great advocate for senior health in the Napa Valley will be joining us in October. Providence Health has put out a comprehensive guide to services available to our community and it is a great resource and we will have plenty of copies for each members and extras for your family and friends.

I am planning to have an entertainer for our November meeting so stay tuned.

Enjoy the summer weather and take care.

Yours in Service,
Daniel Harder
Little Sir/Vice President



COMFORT REPORT FOR THE JULY NEWSLETTER

We pray for peace and comfort for all of our Sirs who are dealing with the loss of a loved one, for those who are dealing with health problems, and for those who are providing comfort and care for a loved one.

God's blessings to all.
Sir Ron Irwin,
Comfort Chairman

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
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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

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.



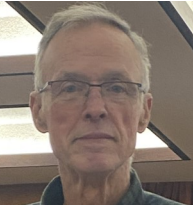
Bocce with SIR Mario Mazzoleni

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



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

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.

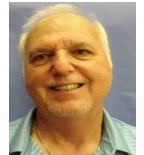
Founded by Mike Murrell (who actually shows up) and **Bob Benning** (who's gone full witness protection), this weekly ritual requires no RSVP and minimal hygiene. Just arrive early, charm anyone sitting at *our* table into relocating, and settle in for the finest pointless gathering SIRS has to offer.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

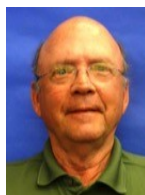
WALKERS WITH DAVE HENRY

Monday Walkers,

We meet in the east parking lot at Nob Hill Foods. At 8:00 AM we cross Trancas and walk the river walk from Trancas down to Lincoln and back. The walk takes about an hour and the route is fully paved. We hope to see more of you there for some great conversation and comradery.

Best Dave Henry I: dhenry91@comcast.net

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!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Roger	True	4-Aug-1945
Bob	Cavallero	6-Aug-1949
Frank	Hauck	6-Aug-1953
Mario	Mazzoleni	6-Aug-1941
Larry	Bauer	9-Aug-1942
John	Pearson	15-Aug-1936
Ed	Suden	18-Aug-1934
Barry	Urbach	18-Aug-1948
Dale	Komai	19-Aug-1952
Larry	Carr	20-Aug-1946
Bruce	McEachern	20-Aug-1936
Michael	Forma	23-Aug-1946
James	Ott	24-Aug-1940
Bob	Hairston	28-Aug-1951
Dan	Harberts	29-Aug-1951
Lee	Blevins	30-Aug-1951

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Brian	Nancy	Wright	7-Aug-1983
Gary	Judith	Toczykowski	9-Aug-1980
Brock	Cindy	Brockmeyer	11-Aug-1983
Barry	Laurie	Urbach	16-Aug-1997
Ron	Troy	Miller	17-Aug-1991
Steven	Camille	Kuznetz	19-Aug-1989
Rick	Michele	Gandolfo	20-Aug-1988
Mark	Rosemary	M ^c Clintock	22-Aug-1981
Mike	Judith	Cunnagin	24-Aug-2012
Steven	Yvette	Orman	26-Aug-1978
Doug	Monica	Haigh	31-Aug-1986

50+ Years of Wedding Bliss

Tom	Gloria	Atkinson Jr.	5-Aug-1962
Jim	Sharon	Olson	5-Aug-1972
Ron	Judith	Irwin	7-Aug-1965
Chuck	Donna	Taylor	9-Aug-1969
Dennis	Gail	Rawlins	12-Aug-1967
Jeff	Carol	Cox	15-Aug-1964
Charlie	Grania	Lindberg	17-Aug-1963
Bill	Nancy	Hogberg	18-Aug-1963
Bill	Janace	Shields	21-Aug-1971
Geoff	Chris	Nelson	22-Aug-1964
Dennis	Debbie	Pittenger	25-Aug-1973
Jim	Mary	Schlatter	26-Aug-1967
Gene	Clancy	Sullivan	27-Aug-1966
Larry	Judith	Bauer	28-Aug-1965
John	Nancy	Bonsall	28-Aug-1966





LADIES DAY PICNIC





2024 OFFICERS

Big Sir Peter Dreier 257-3630
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Secretary George Clark 812-5385
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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		



The Golf guys relaxing after a tough round

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