

Sons in Retirement

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By Phil Frank

The New Year started with a surprise or two for Branch 170. As you know, our lunch meetings are usually scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month. Well, thinking that a meeting just the day after the day after might limit patronage at our Nooners, incoming Big SIR Paul Lambert wisely moved our first meeting to the second Wednesday of the month. But that put our eager members, at 12 noon, (the deadline for submission of articles to the LOP News), just starting their meeting, sitting down to eat and eager to hear our guest speaker, with no way for me to report to you Wha'hoppen!

Another surprise for Paul was the acute respiratory infection that put him on inhalation therapy and oxygen and off our dais. So, surprise, Little SIR Glenn Delisle, will be at the podium for the whole meeting! I can tell you, though, that Glenn has his own surprise for us. He had told us, that, "...to kick off 2013 with updates on what's going on in LOP...our guest speaker will either be Fred Dean-Turner, LOP General Manager, or, Chuck Lautrup, LOP Board President". Guess who! Well, whoever it will be/was, I'm sure we got it ..."from-the-horses-mouth", Glenn.

Would you like to play a numbers game? I don't know what these guys will have said today, but if you call them, I'm sure they'll fill you in properly with good info, past and future. Try: 268-7714 Phil Jones, re membership; 268-9302 Chuck Mercer, re golf (maybe help him find a new chairman); 613-1035 Hal Wallace, re travel...you're bound to win something!

If you are willing, we can all chuckle at some of the surprises the New Year has brought us, but **not** this one...the passing of SIR Woody Cowles. In our December bulletin, Paul Lambert echoed our deep regret..."Woody was an active, energetic member of the LOP Community and a SIR leader as Golf Chairman. Our condolences to Sharon and his family".

Now, my sure bet...you'll be there, with or as a guest, when Big SIR Paul Lambert breathes a healthy sigh of relief and chairs our next meeting at the Sports Lounge on Wednesday, February 6, and that everyone on Health Chairman Ed O'Reilly's list will improve for the rest of the year.