

Big Sir Jim Goetsch welcomed all to the meeting.

**Larry Shelley** started the meeting off with leading us in a couple of "Willie Nelson" songs. If I didn't know better, I might have thought Willie had attended our meeting.

**Bob Hegle**, State Officers Area 33 Governor, attended our meeting to present a certificate of recognition to **Ron Wolyn** for his devotion and service to making a lasting contribution to the progress and well-being of the Sons in Retirement.



Ron Wolyn with his certificate of recognition.

**Phil Jones** introduced two new members who were received into our SIR Chapter 170. Welcome to **William Nordstrom** and **Daniel Siegle**!



Membership Chairman Phil Jones with new members William Nordstrom and Daniel Seigle

**Buddy Fisher** received the free lunch draw. **Al Gustavson** received the free lunch draw from the February birthday group.

Our new LOP General Manager **John Bowman** was introduced and he reminded us of his February "Coffee with the Manager" meeting. Executive Chef **Joseph Lynch** will be the special guest.

Little SIR Bob Chan introduced our featured guest speaker, **Barbara Jenness**, the owner and master cheesemaker of Wheyward Girl Creamery in Nevada City. She gave an informative interesting talk about the cheese adventure and even had samples to taste after her presentation.

She is an award winning, master cheesemaker, member of the American Cheese Society and a cheese adventurer. She has traveled to France and Italy learning about cheese. As a cheesemaker, she had a small farmstead creamery in Michigan before "retiring" to Northern California. Lack of a cheese shop brought her out of retirement. Stop by and talk "cheese". They have cheese to sample and can help with pairings and cheese plates for your next party.



Barbara Jenness, Master Cheesemaker

## **Upcoming March Meeting:**

Our March meeting will feature another guest speaker who can help up prepare for your Spring gardening, planting needs and solutions to deer problems. *Barry Friesen* graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Landscape Architecture. He is the owner and the landscape contractor for Dawn Landscaping in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Barry has a showcase garden in Grass Valley on Perimeter Road. He holds an "open house" to show off his beautiful garden twice a year, one in the Spring and another in the Fall. If you enjoy gardening and want to see how beautiful a garden can be, you will want to take an advantage of this opportunity and experience. Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> is the next viewing of his 8 acre garden, visit www.dawnlandscaping.com for more information.

## **Travel Dates for 2017:**

Savannah & Charleston: April 18 - 25, 2017 Avalon Waterways Danube River Cruise: May 20 - June 2, 2017 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta: October 7-14, 2017 Panama Canal Cruise: October 27 - November 11, 2017

Contact Terry Eberhardt for more information.

## **January Events:**

Several SIR along with their wives attended a wine tasting excursion to Alta Sierra Wine Shop followed by dinner afterwards at Las Katarinas. It looks like all had a good time. The next wine tasting excursion will be later this month.



Wine Tasting Excursion

## **Upcoming Events:**

Lunch Meeting: March 1<sup>st</sup> April 5<sup>th</sup> Golf: March 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30am Morgan Creek April 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Empire Ranch Blood Drive: April 23<sup>rd</sup>