

*A Non-Profit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement
Our mission is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making friends for life*



ROOSTER TALES

Next meeting Thursday, August 12th, 2020 – Oakhurst Country Club
If you can't attend, please call the hotline 925-338-1996

Big SIR Message



August was a relatively quiet month in the development of the United States, however there was one incredibly significant event. On August 2, 1776, members of the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence formerly cutting ties with England. August 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain for the new world, although he was looking for China. August 5, 1583, the first British colony was founded in North America in what today is Nova Scotia. August 7, 1964, in the Bay of Tonkin off North Vietnam, 2 US destroyers were supposedly attacked, and the Vietnam war ensued, an event that affected most of us. August 14, 1935, President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act which has now benefited us all.

On a sad note, SIR Terry Schmitgal passed away while at his second home at Lake Tahoe. He died suddenly of a heart attack.

IMPORANT INFORMATION:

Branch 19 SIR Lunch will be held **Thursday August 12th and the cost is still \$25**. You should have been contacted by a BEC member regarding your attendance. Remember, if signed up for lunch but cannot attend, call the Hot Line at **925-338-1996** by Monday the 9th or you will be charged for lunch. **All SIR attendees must be vaccinated and have signed the SIR waiver**. If you have not yet submitted a copy of your vaccination card, bring the card with you to verify vaccination. To feel more comfortable you may also want to wear a mask. If you have not submitted a signed waiver, copies of the waiver will be available at check in for you to sign. For your piece of mind, all Oakhurst staff will either be vaccinated or wearing a mask, or both.

Looking forward to seeing everybody at lunch again!

Branch 19 Big Sir - Dave Requa - (dave@requa.org)

August Menu

Salad - Wedge salad, rolls and butter
 Dessert - Frosted Carrot Cake
Entree choices:
 Meat - Grilled Lemon Herb Chicken
 Fish - Pan Seared Salmon
 Vegetarian - Mushroom Spinach Risotto

August Birthdays

John	Carl Sr.
Mike	Ilg
Mike	Krawesky
John	Millar
Michael	Mills M
Milton	Momita
Jerry	Waitrovich
Dave	Zamperini

New Sir Members

Welcome to Branch 19

Larry Long

Financial Statement Branch 19 Statistics

Treasurer Report
June 30th, 2021

Account Balances	
Petty Cash	\$250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$2,351.15
Excursion Fund	\$0.00
Holiday fund	\$0.00
Picnic Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total General Account	\$2,351.15
Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$401.07
Golf	<u>\$2,453.47</u>
Total Custodial	\$2,854.54
Total Funds	\$5,455.69

Darryl Diamond (Branch 19 Treasurer)

August Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Joined Sir	YR SIR
Dennis	Barbieri	08/05/10	11
Gary	Kaufmann	08/05/10	11
Arthur	Fabsits	08/07/14	7

GET SET TO VOLUNTEER FOR 2021

Fellow SIR members,

We need volunteers to continue the success of Branch 19. Please be prepared to step up and help lead our branch next year. We continue to grow and enjoy activities through the active participation of our membership. Let us know how you can be engaged. It continues to be a great way to make more friends.

Jack Barnaba - Nominating Chair

Covid 19 Luncheon Requirements

- Prior to the luncheon, sign the waiver form previously emailed to the Sir membership and return it along with a copy of your **COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card** to Ken Kuhn at kakuhn01@gmail.com
- Or
- Sign a waiver form and present your vaccination card when you sign in for lunch. **Note, if you already signed a waiver form for another Branch activity, such as golf, you do not need to sign another one.**

Branch 19 Leadership

Big Sir: Dave Requa
Little Sir: Jay Gordon
Secretary: Joe Gillis
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Little Sir: Jay Gordon
Secretary: Joe Gillis
Asst. Secretary: John Carl
Treasurer: Darryl Diamond
Asst. Treasurers: Barry Silberman, Ken Kuhn
Activities Chair: John Linster
Bocce Capo: Tom Lathrop (Director)
Golf Chairman: Jerry Burton (Director)
Sunshine Chair: Jay Gordon
Attendance Chair: Martin Fennell (Director), Jay Gordon
Speaker Committee: John Linster, Rich Peterson, Bill Ogden
Bowling: Gary Kaufmann, Mike Kropf
Chaplin: TBD
Day Trips: TBD
Nomination Committee: Jack Barnaba, Larry Kolano, Ken Kuhn
Newsletter Editor: Rich Balovich (Director)
Membership Chair: Ken Kuhn
DATE Chair: George Kapus (Director)
Publicity: TBD
Recruitment: TBD
RAMP Chairman: John Linster, Rich Peterson, Bill Ogden
Wine Tasting / Dining Out: Don Weimann
Webmaster: Mike Mills (Director)

Interested in a Particular Activity?

SIR offers numerous local or overnight outings through the Regional Activity Coordinator that are available to our members. We post available outings as they are announced for your consideration. The benefit of an outing or traveling with SIR is that it provides you with a wonderful opportunity to learn about our Branch members or meet and become friends with SIR members from other branches.

Have an idea for a Day Trip for Branch 19 members? Please let Little SIR John Linster know about your idea so he can assist you in organizing the event.

Little SIR John Linster – RAMP Chairman
jlinster44@outlook.com

Membership Attendance is required by the By Laws:

Rule 100: A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the committee chair person (or calling the Hotline) giving valid reason or who attends less than six (6) meetings within the last twelve (12) months, shall be notified by the prescribed form, of termination of his membership. December Ladies Day is exempted.

Lucky Badge number is somewhere in this issue.

Look for the letters JM

followed by your badge number. Call the hotline before the luncheon if you find your number and your lunch will be free.

Monthly Luncheon Requirements

You must call (925-338-1996) or email SIRBranch19@gmail.com by Sunday prior to the luncheon...

If you will not be attending the luncheon

- Meals are ordered for all Branch 19 members unless we are notified that you will not be attending.
- If you do not attend and have not notified us by the Sunday prior to the luncheon, you **will be charged** for the meal. This is necessary as Branch 19 does not have available funds to spend on uneaten meals.
- If you have told us you will not be attending but show up, **no meal** will be provided for you and a seat is not guaranteed.

To change your meal choice (Meat, Fish, Vegetarian)

- Meals are ordered based upon your preference that we have on record. **If you do not call / or email (see phone #, email above), then no changes will be made.**

If you are bringing a guest

- Meals and place settings are **not guaranteed** for guests

SIR Branch 19 Presents



Picnic Site #1- Concord Community Park

Join Us for a Picnic in the Concord Community Park (Off Cowell)
Thursday, September 16 th, 2021 11am to 4pm

Tentative Menu by Kinders BBQ
• Fresh Fruit Salad
• Marinated Ball Tip
• Chicken Quarters
• BBQ Beans
• Caesar Salad
• Dinner Rolls/ Butter
• Bring Your Own Beer, Wine or Cold Drinks
Call the Hotline (925) 338-1996
(Leave Message) for additional information
* Desserts By Attendees
* Abundant parking is available next to site
What: SIR Branch 19 Picnic (Members & Guests)
When: Thursday, September 16th, 2021
Where: Concord Community Park
(on Cowell Road)
Site #1 (Between Pool and Playground)
Time: 11am to 4pm or come early, site available all day.
Price \$25 per person.
Other: For your comfort bring folding chair(s) or a spread to sit on in the shade. The complete catered menu is shown on the left.
Permanent picnic tables are provided at the site. Food to be served at approximately 12:30pm. See reservation form below.

Return Reservation with Payment

SIR Branch 19 Annual Picnic Concord Community Park
Thursday September 16th, 2021
Name _____ Badge # _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____
\$25 Per Person for Catered Buffet Picnic Lunch Amount Enclosed \$ _____
Make Checks Payable to SIR Branch 19
Mail to: Darryl Diamond 457 La Corso Circle Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Branch 19 Activities

Branch 19 Golf Information

The 18 Hole Golf Group



Aug. 3 rd	Poppy Ridge	9:30 am
Aug. 5 th	Oakhurst	10:00 am
Aug. 10 th	Lone Tree	10:20 am
Aug. 17 th	Franklin Canyon	9:30 am
Aug. 19 th	Los Positas	9:30 am
Aug. 24 th	Lone Tree	10:20 am

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman ajgolf24@gmail.com

The Bocce Report



We have bocce ball teams playing on Wednesday and Thursday nights at Baldwin park. JM 37 We are both looking at the second half of the season to make our moves. Some new players on both teams and we are having fun.

Tom Lathrop- Bocce Chairman
lathrop689@aol.com

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Our current season for Wednesday's Seniors at Clayton Valley Bowl, ended this last Wednesday and next week is our Sweeper.

Winning the league is Team#1 Old Baggers (Silver Detorres, Keith Thompson, Larry Cooper, Ralph Dorsey)

- High game scratch-Lou Gilson 300, High series scratch -Gary Kaufmann766, High handicap game-Bob Lunghi344, High handicap series-Ralph Dorsey897
- Ladies in the league bowling - Jeanette DeKolver-227 game, Tina Kaufmann-613series, Jan Sanders-310 handicap game Lili Fama-818handicap series
- High average in the league - Lou Gilson-228
- Most Improved - Men-Ernie Davis+14, Women-Lili Fama+2

Starting off last November with only one week of bowling then continuing the league into the spring, we were able to get 18 weeks in. The new season will start after Labor Day

SIR Mike Kropf mdkropf@astound.net
 Gary Kaufmann gkaufmann813@gmail.com

Area 16 Activities



The Area 16 Computer & Technology Group

Next Meeting: August 19th
<https://sirinc2.org/a16cat/>

The SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology Group will be having a Zoom meeting on Thursday, August 19th at 9:30 AM. (The Zoom doors will open at 9:15 AM so come a little early to chat with friends).

The August presentation topic will be **Windows 11** by CAT Director Frank May. His presentation will discuss the current functionality and status of Windows 10 and the move by Microsoft to Windows 11. Why is Microsoft moving away from providing updates to Windows 10 to requiring Windows 11 and what does that mean to individual users of Windows? Much of the new functionality revolves around the need to beef up security. What is being added and why is it important? What additional functionality and features can we expect? At this point it looks like many recent machines may not run Windows 11 because of processor requirements. Will try to give the latest on what are the basic requirements for the new OS.

To attend the Zoom meeting, individuals need to sign-up for the CAT's mailing list by sending an email to SIRArea2CAT@gmail.com. A few days before the meeting, a Zoom web link that is needed to connect will be sent to members on the mailing list.

Neil Schmidt, Chairman

Area 16 Fishing Group



Regularly meets on the 4th Thursday of the month
Next Meeting: Thursday, August 26th, at 8:30am



All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Contacts are Ron Lew 925-550-4166 and Carl Moyer 925-685-5243. Next meeting will be at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek golf course on Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4 on Thursday, August 26th, at 8:30am.

WIND, WIND, WIND. We sit at home watching the wind blow tree limbs down, along with our hope of peaceful and productive fishing. Nonetheless, fearless fisher folk set out upon the ocean white after salmon and rockfish. Catching a few of the pink meat pescados were Bob Stein, Brion Beetz, Gordon Linebaugh, Lee Clark, Ken Bellinder, Rich Fisina, Carl Moyer, and Stan Wong. These stalwart lads have had poor to good results, occasionally getting almost nothing, to small limits. Ken Bellinder did catch a halibut in the bay. Carl Moyer, Brion Beetz, Rich Fisina, Ken Bellinder and Stan Wong got rockfish. Closer to home, Tom Kostik,, Phil Scimonelli, Pete Gates, and of course Stan Wong got stripers in the delta. Harry Sherinian did catch and release black bass in the delta. Phil Scimonelli and spouse limited on good sized kokanee salmon with a guide at Boca Reservoir near the Nevada border. Stan Wong and Brion Beetz got some kokes at Berryessa Reservoir. Our fly fisherman, Martin Steinpress, did very well on rivers in Montana.

Carl Moyer

Area 16 Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group Next Meeting (August 25th)



As usual the next Zoom meeting will be on the 4th Wed in August the 25th at 1:30 PM. We'd like suggestions from you guys about the agenda. Let me know what you'd like discussed (Dave Sutton).

Contact Dave Sutton to be included if you're not already.

\$SUMS Chair: Tom Henry (Br-174) 925-284-5724 tomhenry925@gmail.com

Co-Chair: David Sutton (Br-8) 925-686-0158, davesutn@comcast.net

The following was released by the State Committee in an effort to bring more clarity to what it means to be a SIR:



What is SIR?

SIR (Sons in Retirement) is a non-profit, public benefit corporation formed for men. Our Mission is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making Friends for Life!

We are almost 60 years old, and our 120 plus branches include over 14,500 members. Our branches cover Northern California from Bakersfield to the Oregon border and Lake Tahoe to the Pacific Ocean.

Our member expectations are few. Have the free time, be a friendly, sociable guy, participate in our luncheons and activities and introduce others to SIR so they can join in the fun.

Membership is open to men regardless of age, race, color or religion. We are an all-volunteer organization, so our members need to help out when called upon. SIR supports no outside causes or interests. We prohibit discussions of politics and religion, soliciting or selling anything to any member.

Each Branch has monthly luncheon meetings where Sirs renew old friendships and establish new ones. Speakers are invited to speak on topical subjects of general interest. Most Branches have summer and winter luncheons and a BBQ where wives, partners and guests are invited.

Of special interest are Branch activities like golf, bowling, travel, bocce, bridge, poker, walking, hiking, computers, dining out, wine tasting and investing. Our list of activities and events is almost endless and many are coed. If there is an activity you are passionate about and your selected branch doesn't have it, we will help you start it and involve others. Come join us and be part of the fun – and, better yet, Make Friends for Life!

06/18/17, G&M Committee