

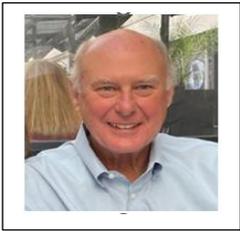
*A Non-Profit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement
Our mission is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making friends for life*



ROOSTER TALES

SIR Luncheon: Thursday, February 5th
The Elks Lodge - 200 Marina Blvd, Pittsburg

Big Sir Message



Roger Moseley

As we enter the new year, we can all look forward to our SIR Branch 19 monthly luncheons.

If you recall, the menus have changed to reflect the observations you made in our recent survey and as a result, you will see fewer redundancies and new offerings that will provide a broader range of menu items that we hope will satisfy everyone's tastes and value expectations.

We are hard at work scheduling speakers for the coming year, and here's a preview of what to expect:

- In February, SIR Ken Konzak will speak to the development of forensic biology, forensic DNA analysis, DNA databases and the California DOJ Lab. He will also share with us some interesting cases from his experience working at the Lab.
- In March, Pat Young and Jonathon Argent from the Contra Costa Water District will discuss recently completed infrastructure projects and the newest "Canal" multi-year project and the benefits to users of these projects.
- April arrives with Dr. Irene Lo, CEO of the Contra County Health Plan. She will be discussing the many services the Plan provides for Seniors, including for those of us on Medicare.
- In July, Judy Woo, Communications Manager for the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District and two of her Dispatchers will offer their view of emergencies and what to expect when you call 911.
- In September, I will discuss the results of the SIR Annual Members Meeting.
- In October, we will hear from Ted Clement, Executive Director, Save Mt. Diablo, and
- In November, Michele Rinehart, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, will return for an update on Wildfire Mitigation.

We are still working on speakers for June and August dates and continue to look for interesting speakers. If you have someone in mind who might be one, please let a Branch Executive Committee member know. Special thanks to SIRs Gary Kaufmann and Phil Matthews for their help securing three of our speakers.

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Roger Moseley (Big Sir)

Lunch Menu

Pasta Bar Salad + 2 Dressings Shrimp Scampi Bowties W/ Italian Sausage & Roasted Peppers Cheese Stuffed Manicotti Dessert	 <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Italian Sausage with Bow Tie Pasta</p>
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New Sir Members

Charles Stinson

Steve Kelly

February Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Terry Betts Bill Clark George Darrow Dan Hasegawa Ron Ingersol	William Lehman Timothy Patterson Don Ruddell Tom Trice
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February Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Joined Sir	YR SIR
Gregg	Moore	02/05/09	17
Doug	Schuster	02/05/09	17
Barry	Silberman	02/06/14	12
Silver	DeTorres	02/04/16	10
Randy	Cazes	02/14/18	8
Vincent	Ciccarello	02/07/19	7
Dave	Rege	02/07/19	7
John	Ackers	02/06/20	6

Financial Statement

Treasurer Report

December 30th, 2025

552

Account Balances	
Petty Cash	\$250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$9,511.25
Excursion Fund	00.00
Holiday fund	00.00
Picnic Fund	<u>00.00</u>
Total General Acct.	\$9,511.25
Custodial Account	
Bowling	\$629.77
Golf	<u>\$1,791.94</u>
Total Custodial	\$2,421.71
Total Funds	\$12,183.26

SIR Calendar

Sir Luncheon – Thursday, February 5th
Hiking – No future hikes planned for now
\$ums in Retirement – Wednesday, February 25th
Area 2 Fishing Group – Thursday, February 22nd
Golf, Bocce, Bowling – (See below)
Wine Tasting – No wine tasting in February
Dine Around – Thursday, February 19th

REMINDER – Annual Dues Now Due

Annual dues for 2026 (\$30) are being collected at luncheons, or can be mailed to:

Miles Nikaido
 14 Mt Whitney Ct
 Clayton, CA 94517

Sir Luncheon Policy

Branch 19 must pay for lunches that are initially reserved and then cancelled. In order to avoid financial loss, the following policy has been enacted by the Branch 19 Branch Executive Committee:

1. Luncheon cancellation is required by 5pm on the Friday prior to the luncheon.
2. If not cancelled the luncheon cost will be invoiced at the next luncheon.

Member attendance at BEC meetings

**Anyone is welcome to attend the Branch 19 Executive Meetings
These meetings are held typically beginning at 9:30am
on the morning of the monthly luncheon**

If you would like to voice an issue related to SIR, or just wish to attend a Branch 19 Executive Committee meeting please email **Roger Moseley** (rogermoseley855@gmail.com) to reserve your place in the meeting room.

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(Note: Hats are again available on the website)

Bring a Guest

Please feel free to bring a guest to the SIR luncheons

If bringing a guest, please follow the Guest Requirements specified in the monthly SIR luncheon email notification which is sent to all SIR Branch 19 members.



February Speaker – Sir Ken Konzak



Ken Konzak

Intro to DNA -Forensic Biology to Forensic DNA Analysis and the Cal DOJ DNA Lab's Work

Sir Ken Konzak has a BS in Biochemistry from WSU & an MS in Molecular Biology from UW Madison. He retired as one of the Lab Directors for the BFS DNA Lab in Richmond, after over 35 years in the field of Forensic Biology & DNA.

Ken will speak on the Development of Forensic Biology to Forensic DNA analysis, DNA databases, and the Cal DOJ, BFS DNA Lab. He will talk about how the field developed through some interesting DNA Lab cases, from the first DNA database hit in California, the first missing person's case, and the DNA Lab's involvement in the Simpson case, as well as the first Familial Search case in California, "The Grim Reaper." He will also talk about current CA DNA Lab & Database Profile Statistics, as well as a recent case or two from the DNA Lab.

New Branch 19 Shared Activities

Great news for SIR Branch 19 members!

Branch 8 in Walnut Creek is inviting Branch 19 members to selected activities including:

1. Pickleball

Played on Thursday mornings at 8:30 at Willow Pass Community Park in Concord. Ladies are welcome. To sign up, contact Nick Maufe at nickmaufe@gmail.com or go to <https://www.sirbr8.com/pickleball/> for more information.

2. Pinochle

Meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Rocco's Restaurant in Walnut Creek at Encina Grande Shopping Center. Meet for lunch at noon with cards from 1:00 to 3:00. Ladies are welcome. To participate contact Stan Johnson at stan.johnson88@gmail.com, or visit their website at <https://www.sirbr8.com/pinochle/>.

3. Science & Astronomy

Consists of a daily email called "Sigma Xi SmartBrief". It contains links to half a dozen science articles from English language scientific journals around the world. It covers a broad selection of topics in science, engineering, medicine, and astronomy. To learn more, contact David Bushnell at dbushn@swbell.net or go to <https://www.sirbr8.com/sir-science-online/> for more information.

4. Opera/Ballet

The Opera and Ballet activity, consists of sending out advance information and published reviews of live Met Opera performances and Bolshoi Ballet that are transmitted by Fandango in HD to our local Century theaters. To see what's coming, please go to <https://www.sirbr8.com/opera/> or contact David Bushnell at dbushn@swbell.net.

5. Internet Games

Internet Cribbage is played each month in a tournament format as a two-person game, one on one. *Mexican Train Dominoes* is also played online with all players connected by Zoom. To sign up, contact Don Atwater at datwater@pachell.net or go to <https://www.sirbr8.com/internet-games/>.

6. Poker

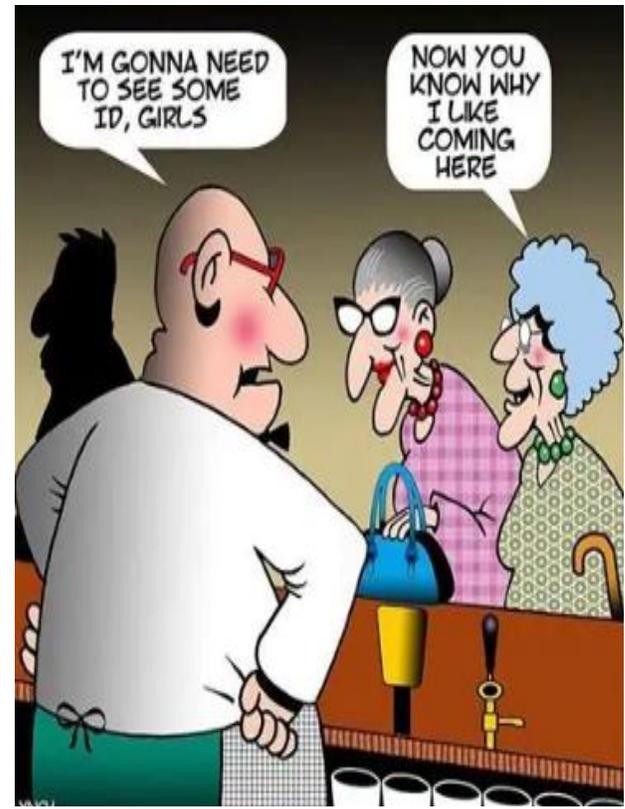
SIR Branch 146 in Walnut Creek has invited Branch 19 members to join in their Poker Group #4! If you would like to play, please contact Pete Gates at petegates10@gmail.com or call him at 925-937-2035. Games are usually scheduled for 1-4 pm on the 4th Monday of each month. Hosting is rotated between members' homes. The host provides light snacks and beverages. Buy-in is \$10 and stakes are nickel, dime, and quarter with a limit of three raises. Dealer antes a nickel per player.

We are excited to offer these new activities to our Branch 19 members and want to thank the Walnut Creek Branch for inviting us to join. If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please contact them directly thru the Activity Chairs mentioned above or thru their respective websites.

When signing up, please provide your **name, branch (19), and email address.**

Roger Moseley (Big Sir)

COMEDY CORNER



Branch 19 Activities

SIR Branch 19 Dine Around - Thurs, Feb 19th - 5:30pm

La Pinataa



One of the standout features of La Pinata is the diverse menu options available. From antojitos like the La Pinata Platter and Nachos to seafood specialties such as Tostada de Camaron and Caldos de Marisco, there is something to satisfy every craving. The Camarones al Mojo de Ajo and Mole dishes showcase the chef's expertise in creating flavorful seafood and poultry dishes.

Excellent Mexican Food and Drinks

Location: 2301 Willow Pass Rd, Concord

When: Thursday, Feb 19th (Happy Hour 5:30-6:00 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm)

Website and Menu: [Concord - La Piñata Restaurants](#) (925) 609-9119

Order from the menu - Each couple will receive a separate check



To register, please contact: Chuck & Karen Morones
cmorones@pacbell.net or call 925-858-6388

Please provide number of people attending & (Please RSVP by Friday, Feb 13th)
Please ask for the (Sirs Dinner Party) at the restaurant

SIR Branch Dining Out Coordinators



SIR Branch 19 Dine Around Coordinators (2026)



We are looking for people to be Dining Out Coordinators. If you would be interested in volunteering for any vacant future Dining Out Dates (see below), please contact Roger Moseley at rogermoseley855@gmail.com

Dining Out Coordinators are required to:

- 1) **Pick a restaurant.**
- 2) **Verify that the restaurant will honor separate Dinner checks.**
- 3) **At least four weeks prior to the dinner, notify Rich Balovich at r.balovich@aol.com Regarding the restaurant you've chosen and the dinner date.**
- 4) **Rich will then create the Dining Out flyer, send it to you to verify the information. Once verified please email Rich Balovich @ r.balovich@aol.com and he will email the flyer to the SIR Branch 19 membership. (The deadline for Branch 19 members to respond will be 1 week prior to the event).**
- 5) **The coordinator will then make the reservation based on the number of membership responses they receive.**

Date

January 15
February 19
March 19
April 16
May 14
June 18
July 16
August 20
September 17
October 15

Coordinator

Barry & Bobbi Silberman
Chuck & Karen Morones

Rich & Carmen Balovich
Don & Ruth Weimann

Jerry & Audrey Burton
Martin & Lori Fennell
Neil & Deb Powell
Jack & Michelle Barnaba

Dine Around Venues that Branch 19 has used in the past:

Fiore' Restaurant (925) 969-1887
Spicy Joi Banh Mi X Lao Street Food (925)787-7508
The Old Spaghetti Factory (925) 672-7711
Nepalese and Indian Restaurant (925) 825-3277
La Veranda Café (925) 524-0011
Sichuan House (925) 933-3278
DeVino's Pizza & Pasta (925) 689-6666
Aung Burma (925) 332-7957

Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar (925) 849-1221
Jack's Restaurant (925) 849-6195
Guadalajara Grill (925) 672-4430
DJ Bistro (925) 825-3277
Rocco's Pizzeria (925) 947-6105
La Pinata (925) 609-9119
Back 40 BBQ (925) 935-1440
Outback Steakhouse (925) 687-2225

SIR Branch 19 Wine Tasting - Coordinators



SIR Branch 19 Wine Tasting Coordinators (2026)



We are looking for people to be **Wine Tasting Coordinators**. If you would be interested in volunteering for any future Wine Tasting Dates please contact Roger Moseley: rogermoseley855@gmail.com

Wine Tasting Coordinators are required to:

- 1) **Host a group of Sirs / spouses etc.**
- 2) **Decide the date & time you want to host from the vacancies in the Coordinator list below.**
- 3) **Decide that you will host from either your home or someone else's home.**
- 4) **Decide what wine / beer you want to taste along with a side dish for everyone to bring.**
- 5) **At least 3 weeks prior to the wine tasting, notify Rich Balovich at r.balovich@aol.com regarding the information in items #2, 3, & 4 above.**
- 6) **Rich will then create the Wine Tasting Flyer and send it to you for review.**
- 7) **Once you have reviewed the information on the flyer, email Rich Balovich at r.balovich@aol.com with your comments. Rich will then incorporate any revisions and send the flyer to the SIR Branch 19 membership. (The deadline for Sirs to respond will be 1 day prior to the event).**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Coordinators</u>
January 23	Roger & Nancy Moseley
February	_____
March	_____
April 24	Rich & Barbara Peterson
May 15	Rick & Valerie Amador
June	_____
July	Neil & Deb Powell
August	Phil & Dion Mathews
September	_____
October	Martin & Lori Fennell
November	Barrv & Bobbi Silberman



January Wine Tasting Follow Up

18 Wine Tasters enjoyed a very nice time at Roger and Nancy Moseley's house. Lots of good food and Wine. The Winners of the Wine Tasting Competition were Phil and Dian Mathews (pictured).

(Wine Tasting write up and picture by Deb Powell)

Branch 19 Golf Information



Nine Hole Golf Group

NOTE:
9 Hole Golf has temporarily been suspended due to lack of a new location (More information later)



Sir John Ackers
(Golf Chair)

johnackers94521@gmail.com
Cell: (925) 250-9085

18 Hole Golf Schedule

(Tee Time 9:30am)

- Jan 6th Shadow Lakes
- Jan 13th Lone Tree
- Jan 20th Diablo Creek
- Jan 22nd Boundary Oak **(Thurs)**
- Jan 27th Lone Tree



Golf – Club Champions and the Golden Year Winners



Don Burkard won the Golden Years

Mark Mulholland and ***Mike Scott*** won Club Championship gold tee flights A and B

Dwane Deonigi and ***Louie Audas*** won Club Championship red tee flights A and B

The Bocce Report



Tom Lathrop

The bocce season Typically starts in April for the concord bocce league.

Play continues through September with the playoffs.

SIR Tom Lathrop lathrop689@aol.com

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Gary Kaufman

Branch #19 will host a SIR bowling tournament on March 24-25 at Clayton Valley Bowl. Bowlers and guests from many SIR branches will participate.

Gary Kaufmann gkaufmann813@gmail.com

Ways to Serve Your Branch

**The following is a list of available Branch 19 positions
If you are interested in any of these volunteer positions please email
Roger Moseley: rogermoseley855@gmail.com**

Activities Chair

Ramp Members: Work with the little Sir to help grow our branch

Dining Out / Wine Tasting Coordinators:
Volunteers that coordinate one monthly Dining Out or Wine Tasting activity

Activities at Other SIR Branches

Area16 - SIR Branch 128 - Investments / Wealth Management

\$ums Investment Group
Next Meeting (Wed, Feb 25th)



As usual we will Zoom with SIR Branch 128 (San Ramon) on the 4th Wednesday at 1:30 PM. Email Dave Sutton to be included or to learn the topic.

Chair - Tom Henry - Branch 174 - tomhenry925@gmail.com
Co-chair Dave Sutton - Branch 8 - davesutn@comcast.net

Area 2 - Fishing Group



The Legends
Diablo Creek Golf Course
4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord
Next Meeting Date: Thursday February 22nd



SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Contacts are Pedro Contreras, 925-837-4847; and Carl Moyer, 925-685-5243. Next meeting will be at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek golf course at Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4 on Thursday, February 22nd at 8:30am. Come early.

We have great plans for 2026. Fishing locally for trout in the early months. Come April the ocean will beckon with rock cod trips. We hope to have an expanded salmon season in the summer. Meanwhile we will be traveling to California lakes and rivers for trout, to the bay and delta for halibut, striped bass, and sharks. To Mexico, British Columbia, and Alaska for everything. Look out fishes here we come. Lee Clark, Brion Beetz, Dennis Lee, Doug Dukes, Stan Wong, Shawn Kelly, Matt Richards, and Dave Havlik closed out 2025 with ocean trips for rockfish and crab and did very well. Ken Bellendir joined Rich Fiscina from Florida for some grouper. Tom Kostik, Steve Paulick, Ben LaSala and Stan Wong got stripers in the bay. Stan also caught leopard sharks from China Camp in the bay. Jim Pippo went all the way to Mexican waters for Blue and Yellow fin tuna. In March at our meeting we will have our annual swap meet. We bring our excess fishing gear and buy the excess fishing gear brought by others. BARGAINS GALORE!!!!

PLEASE Donate to the Concord Food Bank



Food Drive

**PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD DONATION TO THE NEXT
LUNCHEON**

Please bring non-perishable food *in jars, cans, and sealed packets (No Glass please)*. We recommend sauces, soups, beans, vegetables, honey, peanut butter, candy, boxed juices, long-life milk, coconut cream and fish in oil. *(Please do not bring food with expired "use by" dates)*.

Sir Jerry Burton will collect the donated food and take it to the Concord Food Bank.

Thanks for your help, it will make a big difference in someone's life!!!!

Sir Multi-Branch Travel Opportunities

Sir Branch 146 is working with other Sir branches to provide vacation trips to interesting parts of The world.

***For those interested in these trips, contact Glen Breslin at:
(925) 788-6520/glennbreslin@gmail.com***

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LUNCHEON INVITATION CARDS

At the September 2024 luncheon we gave out Luncheon Invitation Cards. Have you given them out to any prospective new SIR members? Keep them in your wallet so you have them ready for any new prospects. The best way to get new members is by YOUR personal contact. If you need any more cards, please contact Dennis Wasco (<mailto:dennis.wasco@sbcglobal.net>).

2026 Branch 19 Leadership

Big Sir: Roger Moseley

Little Sir: TBD

Secretary: Mel Boksenbaum

Asst. Secretary: Ken Konzak

Treasurer: Joe Gillis

Asst. Treasurer: Terry Scudero

Membership Chair: Miles Nikaido

Assist. Membership Chair: Bill Hockenson

Webmaster: Larry Long

Golf Chair: John Ackers

Nomination Committee Exec (Chair): TBD

Audit Committee Chair: Bill Clark

Bowling: Gary Kaufmann

Publicity & Image Chair: Dennis Wasco

Bocce Capo: Tom Lathrop

Attendance Chair: Martin Fennell

Speaker Committee: TBD

Chaplin: John Carl

Bulletin Editor: Rich Balovich (Director)

Activities Chair: Vacant