

*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 (Date To Be Determined) – Oakhurst Country Club**

## Big SIR Message



February is the shortest month of the year but not without having seen some important dates in American history. As we ponder how events will unfold with the 46<sup>th</sup> President in office, February had a big influence on the result. In 1870 the 15<sup>th</sup> amendment to the US Constitution was adopted establishing the “right to vote regardless of race, color or previous condition of servitude”. But as is often a fact of life, two steps forward and one step back. In 1913 the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution provided “authority to collect income taxes”. The tax man has been after us ever since! For those with ties to the military, February saw some important events. In 1898 the Battleship Main blew up in San Juan harbor which lead to war with Spain; in 1942, after 6 months of fighting, Guadalcanal was finally captured; and in 1962 John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth.

For those that may have not heard, over the holiday Terry Betts was in Hawaii visiting his daughter. He had to go into the hospital for emergency heart surgery. His triple bypass was successful, and he is back at his daughter’s home recovering. He will be able to come home sometime in February. Our thoughts go out to him for a speedy recovery.

While the virus is still raging, the vaccination process has started. If you are 65 or older, there are now several ways to sign up to get on the wait list to receive the vaccine. Contra Costa Health Services has an online registration process. Several of the major health providers either have or will soon start a registration process. To everyone, please consider getting vaccinated.

Branch 19 Big Sir - Dave Requa - ([dave@requa.org](mailto:dave@requa.org))

### February Birthdays

Terry	Betts	Ronald	Ingersol
William	Clark	Roger	Mills R
George	Darrow	Steve	Nance
Tim	Delony	Timothy	Patterson
Arthur	Fabsits	Thomas	Ruppert
George	Fulmore	Fredric	Sorrenti
Ron	Gagliardi	James	Willey

### The Calendar

**Computers & Technology** – Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

**\$ums in Retirement** - TBD

**Area 2 Fishing Group** – Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

**Golf**- (See below)

**Wine Tasting** - TBD

**Dine Around** – TBD

**D.A.A.T.E. (Discussing Ancient Alien Technology & Engineering)** - TBD

### February Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Joined Sir	YR SIR
Donald	Colvin D	02/13/84	37
Frank	Carini	02/02/04	17
Michael K.	Hooper	02/05/04	17
Jim	Garcia	02/01/07	14
Brian	Mulligan	02/07/08	13
Gregg	Moore	02/05/09	12
Doug	Schuster	02/05/09	12
Fredric	Sorrenti	02/04/10	11
Joseph	Milani	02/03/11	10
Barry	Silberman	02/06/14	7
Herb	Weimar	02/06/14	7
Silver	DeTorres	02/04/16	5
Mike	Thompson M	02/04/16	5
Randy	Cazes	02/14/18	3
Vincent	Ciccarello	02/07/19	2
Dave	Rege	02/07/19	2
John	Ackers	02/06/20	1

### Financial Statement Branch 19 Statistics

#### Treasurer Report

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

#### Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$3,116.81
Excursion Fund	\$0.00
Holiday fund	\$0.00
Picnic Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Total General Account</b>	<b>\$3,116.81</b>

#### Custodial Accounts

Bowling	\$401.07
Golf	<u>\$2,820.41</u>
<b>Total Custodial</b>	<b>\$3,221.48</b>

**Total Funds**                                 **\$6,558.29**

Darryl Diamond (Branch 19 Treasurer)

## 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

## **Branch 19 Leadership**

**Big Sir:** Dave Requa

**Little Sir:** John Linster

**Secretary:** Joe Gillis

**Asst. Secretary:** John Carl

**Treasurer:** Darryl Diamond

**Asst. Treasurers:** Barry Silberman, Ken Kuhn

**Activities Chair:** John Lester

**Bocce Capo:** John Fernando (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:** George Kapus

**Recruitment:** TBD

**RAMP Chairman:** John Linster, Rich Peterson, Bill Ogden

**Wine Tasting / Dining Out:** Don Weimann

**Webmaster:** Mike Mills (Director)

# Branch 19 Activities

## Branch 19 Golf Information

### The 18 Hole Golf Group



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

The SIR STATE BOARD has suspended all golf activities until further notice.

**Jerry Burton**, Golf Chairman [ajgolf24@gmail.com](mailto:ajgolf24@gmail.com)

## The Bocce Report



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

The upcoming Bocce Season has been cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions.

John Fernando - Bocce Chairman  
[jaferna@pacbell.net](mailto:jaferna@pacbell.net)

## SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Unfortunately, due to Covid, we have had to cancel our February SIR Bowling Tournament.

I am Hopeful that everyone stays healthy and gets their Covid Vaccines, so we can all get back into bowling and visiting with family and friends.

SIR Mike Kropf [mdkropf@astound.net](mailto:mdkropf@astound.net)  
Gary Kaufmann [gkaufmann813@gmail.com](mailto:gkaufmann813@gmail.com)

# Area 16 Activities



## The Area 16 Computer & Technology Group

Next Meeting on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am  
<https://sirinc2.org/a16cat/>

The next Zoom SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology (CAT) Group meeting will be Thursday, February 18th starting at 9:30 AM.

The February presentation topic will be "DIY Home Security Systems". Most security devices are now wireless and easy to install. As a result, there are now several "Do it Yourself" (DIY) security systems available that can be customized for your house, ordered online and self-installed. I am sure everyone has seen the SimpliSafe "masked-man" advertisements on TV. That is just one of several DIY security systems now available. Even ADT now has a DIY system. With many of the systems, you can choose to either self-monitor or have it professionally monitored. The presentation will discuss various security system options and some of the top rated DIY systems.

To attend the Zoom meeting, individuals need to sign-up for the CAT's mailing list by sending an email to [SIRArea2CAT@gmail.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month  
**Next Meeting: Thursday February 25th, at 8:30am**  
**Via Zoom**



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 through ZOOM on Thursday, February 25th, at 8:30am.

Well, 2021 is even worse than 2020 so far. Covid restrictions are causing closures and access problems, lack of rain, and low water temperature have all but stopped us. Many of us fished for sturgeon. Many of us did not catch any sturgeon. Some of us fished for trout. Some of us did not catch any trout. One of us found a good place to buy crab. Tom Kostik and Ron Lew caught a few stripers. It can only get better.

Carl Moyer

## Area 16 Investments / Wealth Management

### The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

No Meeting in February



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

**Co-Chair:** David Sutton (Br-8) 925-686-0158, [davesutn@yahoo.com](mailto:davesutn@yahoo.com)

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