

*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



March, will it come in like a lion or a lamb? No matter, if there is not a “miracle March” like happened in 1991 it is going to be a very dry year on top of trying to put the virus to bed. But March is an important month in the history of the United States. In 1781 the Articles of Confederation were ratified. In 1789 the first meeting of Congress was held under the new US Constitution, and things have never been the same since! As a footnote, the Alamo fell to Mexican troops in 1836.

March is also in important month in US history for humanitarian reasons. In 1880 the Salvation Army was founded and is still going strong aiding the needy. The Civilian Conservation Corps “CCC” was founded in 1933 providing much needed jobs during then Great Depression. And finally, in 1961 the Peace Corps was founded projecting US humanitarian interests into the world.

The Branch Executive Committee (BEC) met in February. Little SIR John Linster is leaving Branch 19 as he is moving to San Diego. His outgoing and humorous nature will be missed. The BEC selected SIR Jay Gordon to replace John as Little SIR. Mark September 16<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. We are reserving that date for the Annual Branch 19 picnic in anticipation of the virus being under control. We are also exploring the possibility of having lunches outdoors at Oakhurst once the weather is nice and everyone has vaccinations. The BEC is focused upon the light at the end of the tunnel regarding the virus and will keep you updated.

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

### March Birthdays

Kenneth	Bellendir	Dean A.	Lucas
Jerry	Burton	Mike	McKay
Randy	Cazes	Bill	Ogden
Larry	Cooper Sr.	Dave	Rege
Bob	Featherer	Terry	Scudero
Paul	Ferry	George	Vogt
William	Hockenson	Frank	Wallace
Tom	Lathrop	Dwayne	Williams

### The Calendar

**Computers & Technology – (No March Meeting)**

**\$ums in Retirement - Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Golf- (See below)**

**Wine Tasting - TBD**

**Dine Around – TBD**

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

### March Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Joined Sir	YR SIR
Gordon	Monroe	03/02/00	21
Jack	Jagoda	03/05/09	12
Tom	Lathrop	03/05/09	12
Dwayne	Williams	03/03/11	10
George	Kapus	03/01/12	9
Ben	Olison	03/05/15	6
Ronald	Carriveau	03/11/16	5
Steve	Nance	03/05/20	1
Terry	Scudero	03/06/20	1

### Financial Statement Branch 19 Statistics

#### Treasurer Report January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

#### Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$3,116.83
Excursion Fund	\$0.00
Holiday fund	\$0.00
Picnic Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Total General Account</b>	<b>\$3,116.83</b>

#### Custodial Accounts

Bowling	\$401.07
Golf	<u>\$2,820.43</u>
<b>Total Custodial</b>	<b>\$3,221.50</b>

**Total Funds \$6,558.33**

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:** Jay Gordon

**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)



**Jim Garcia**

*Many thanks to John Fernando for obtaining the following information from Jim's daughter:*

Jim was born on May 1, 1946 in San Francisco. He grew up in the Sunset District and graduated from George Washington High School in 1964.

Jim joined the army in 1966 and served as an MP Honor Guard in Heidelberg, Germany. While Jim was in Germany, his parents moved next door to Liz and when Jim came home in 1969 they met and fell in love. They were married in 1970. Jim and a friend started their own business in 1971 making custom made earpieces for hearing aids.

In 1972, Jim and Liz bought a house in Concord. Jim loved the sun and was happy to get out of the fog in San Francisco.

They moved to Walnut Creek in 1975. In 1977, Jim's favorite daughter, Angie was born.

Jim loved boating, the San Francisco Giants, San Francisco Niners, the Golden State Warriors, music (The Mavericks were his favorite band) and golf.

The one thing he missed the most was not being able to play golf with all of his friends at the SIRS.

# Branch 19 Activities

## Branch 19 Golf Information

### The 18 Hole Golf Group



March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lone Tree - 10am
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lone Tree - 10am
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rancho Solano - 9:30am
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lone Tree -10am
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Brentwood - 930am

**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



Hopefully everyone has got their 1st and maybe their 2nd vaccine to Stop the spread of Covid19!  
Looks like Clayton Valley Bowl will be able to open the weekend of March 6&7, 2021!!!  
Yeah!!!! Just a few weeks away! We have missed all our friends and feel Great to get back to picking up that bowling ball and shooting for the Stars. Hopefully, Clayton Valley Bowl Wednesday Seniors will get to start on March 10<sup>th</sup> :)

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 (TBD)*  
<https://sirinc2.org/a16cat/>

### Special Note

The SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology Group will not be having a meeting in March because we have had difficulty finding volunteers to lead a discussion. A person does not need to be an expert on a subject to be a presenter. They just have to do some research and report their findings to the group. If you are willing to volunteer, send an email to: [SIRArea2CAT@gmail.com](mailto:SIRArea2CAT@gmail.com)

**Neil Schmidt, Chairman**

# Area 16 Fishing Group



Regularly meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month  
**Next Meeting: Thursday March 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, March 25th, at 8:30am.

We had been fishing all year, up until February, without much success. Covid restrictions causing closures and access problems, lack of rain, and low water temperature had 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. Tom Kostik and Ron Lew caught a few stripers. Then our local lakes opened and the winter trout bonanza began. We are so blessed with San Pablo Reservoir, Lafayette Reservoir, and other close ponds being generously stocked. Stan Wong, Phil Scimonelli, fishing from shore, Carl Moyer, Bob Hillacker, Brion Beetz, and even Bob Lively in his Kayak, caught lots of red-meated trouts. Martin Steinpress caught trout from the Stanislaus River on flies.

Because our activity happens outdoors, we have been able to pursue our passion, observing all the COVID limitations. However, we no longer had SIR sponsored in person events. That is being changed. We do have meetings and discussions via computer.

Carl Moyer

## Area 16 Investments / Wealth Management

**The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group**  
Next Meeting on Wed, March 24<sup>th</sup>



We will again join Branch 128 (San Ramon) for their March 24 Zoom meeting at 1:30 PM.

The discussion will be about the make up of Model Portfolios based on Risk Tolerance and Investing Objectives (external speaker being considered).

Contact Dave Sutton if you wish to be added to the email list.

**\$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