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Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

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JANUARY LUNCH MENU

Lasagna
Caesar Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

PROGRAM

January's speaker will be Ms. Colly Gruzalak, founder of Damian's Ladder.

Maintaining a healthy and safe home is a difficult task, especially on a fixed income. Damian's Ladder assists low- and moderate-income older and disabled homeowners by providing minor home repairs that they cannot perform due to lack of funds and/or inability to physically perform the repairs themselves. The purpose is to enable people to remain in their homes as long as possible.

BIG SIR ANDRE ADEMA SEZ

As we enter 2025, we do so by participating in "The most celebrated holiday around the world" on New Year's Day. Lots of horns and glitter and maybe even, resolutions, will fill our day. We ourselves will also be celebrating becoming a larger Chapter 20!

I believe this year will prove to be very eventful with all that is going on, both here in the states, and the various significant events taking place around the world. Let us hope for greater peace.

Historically speaking, Ellis Island opened Jan. 1, 1892. Over 20 million new arrivals were processed there until it closed in 1954. Many of us today are ancestors of those first 20 million people who braved the long ocean voyage.

Betsy Ross was born on New Year's Day 1752 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her Stars & Stripes designed from 1776 is still being used today. Only the number of Stars on the flag have changed. On Jan. 3, 1959 Alaska became the 49th star.

Louis Braille was born Jan. 4, 1809 in France. Blinded as a boy, he later invented the braille reading system for the blind that is still being used today.

On Jan. 24, 1972, Japanese soldier Shoichi Yokoi was found on Guam. He had spent 28 years hiding out in the jungle, not knowing WW2 had ended long before. He probably didn't harm anyone during that time either.

Jackie Robinson was born Jan. 31, 1919 in Cairo, Georgia. As we all know, he was the first African American to be allowed to play professional baseball. Much consternation ensued, we had a lot to learn, but he was ultimately elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. He changed baseball for the good, forever.

Let us start the year with the intention of making the most of every day. SIR is a catalyst toward keeping us active and engaged in life. Each of us will help shape what our new Chapter 20 will become. We, in branch leadership, ask that you all play an active role in making our chapter as vibrant as it can be.

TREASURERS REPORT

SIR Dave Schwingel reporting:

2024 Year end balance

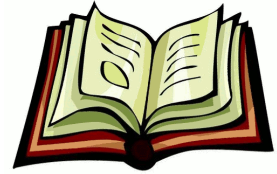
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FOR JANUARY- \$25 DUES WILL BE COLLECTED + \$25 FOR LUNCHEON

SIRS BRANCH 20 ACTIVITIES 2025

BOOK EXCHANGE

Don't forget to peruse the Book Exchange table at our monthly meetings! Lots of interesting titles to peak your interests: non-fiction, fiction, sports, biographies, history, humor, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles. Bring a book (or more) take a book (or more).



BOCCE

For the time being, we will continue to have 2 game times available on Wednesdays (except when we have a scheduled Luncheon meeting. First games start time is 9:30 am, second games time start time is 11:30am. All Sirs are invited, pick a time that fits your liking and show up! The venue– FELT STREET PARK.

AND in addition, we are announcing Pot Luck Monday by playing a pick up game, each Monday at 11:15am– Just show up if you want to play! (Don't forget to bring your Bocce ball set)

For more information– Contact Joe Mingione jamingione@yahoo.com or Ira Kessler dinikessler@gmail.com



BOWLING

Sirs and Sirettes Bowling League meets every Monday, 1pm at The Boardwalk Bowl. This is a Seniors Trio handicap league. In order to join a team, you must bowl as a substitute until you have enough games to establish a book average. For more information or to sign up as a sub. Contact Ray Merrithew at rmerrithew8@gmail.com



ACTIVITIES

COMPUTER AND TECH DISCUSSION GROUP- Meets after the monthly luncheon meetings in the Bar area. The discussion is wide-ranging including many aspects of technology affecting our lives. Bring your questions and problems -- someone else has likely solved it!"

For more information contact Bob Lewis at bob.l.lewis@gmail.com



CORNHOLE- Cornhole is a very popular game these days. It's played much like horseshoes, with players tossing a beanbag at a target board that has a hole in it. Scoring rules are simple, 3 points for a bag that fall through the hole and 1 point for every bag that lands on the board. If both teams score, the low score teams points are subtracted from the high score team. Simple enough! Meet up after 11am on meeting Wednesdays-- on the far side of the meeting room, near the doors to the swimming pool.



CRIBBAGE- Games are played before the monthly luncheon meeting at the Elks Lodge, in the Bar area. Games begin at approximately 11am For more information, contact Mike Kopp at jmkopp186@hotmail.com



GOLF- Golf is the most popular of all Sirs activities. We play every Monday at courses in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. January courses and dates are as follows: 01/06 Spring Hills, 01/13 DeLavega, 01/20 Monterey Pines, 01/27 Salinas Fairways. WELCOME SCOTTS VALLEY GOLFERS to our merged Branches!

After Memorial Day and Labor Day we play on Tuesdays
Club Championships: Sept.22 and Oct. 6. BBQ and Awards Oct. 20.
Start times are 8am, except for the following: Oct. 20- 8:30 Shotgun Start.
P.G. Feb. 24, June 9, Aug 4- 9:40 Start
All Seascape times- 9:00 Start



NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by Sons In Retirement Inc. and its branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. SIRs Inc. and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants, passengers, or their property, in any matters pertaining to said tours, trips or other activities.

A fellow was having trouble with his Golf game-so he asked the club pro to watch him hit some balls.

He hits a few with his Driver and a few with a 7 Iron.

The pro is not saying a thing.

He turns to the pro and asks "What do you think?"

The pro replies "Take 2 weeks off- then quit."

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

POKER– Poker continues to be very popular in Branch 20 SIRs. Every Tuesday at 1pm is a game for experienced players. The venue is Tradewinds Mobile Home Park, 4160 Jade St., Capitola. Seating is limited to 6 players, by invitation only. For more information, contact Sir Joe Mingione at 650-279-2830, or jamingione@yahoo.com



POOL- Another way to interact with your Sirs friends on meeting day– In the Bar area is a regulation size Pool Table available for our use! A game of 8 ball anyone?



WINE TASTING– Our usual gathering is on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The meeting place is at Jeff Ustick's home in Felton. The time 1:30 to 4ish... We gather to explore a different varietal, region and flavor profiles of wines from around the world– We strive to increase our knowledge, spend some quality time with our SIRs friends and maybe tell a few stories. The “theme” for our January meeting hasn't been decided just yet, but all interested parties will be notified in a timely manner. If interested in joining us, you can contact Jeff for more information and directions to his home. Contact info: phone 831 419-4577 or jeffustick@gmail.com

I enjoy a glass of wine each night for it's health benefits
The other glasses are for my witty comebacks and my
flawless dance moves



MURPHY'S OTHER LAWS

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine
5. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.
6. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
7. When you go into Court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dave Biancalana

Jeff Blumenfeld

Ralph Cross

Lloyd Colombini

Jesse De Gennaro

Mel Ferreira



Carl Hoyt

Mike Kennedy

Larry McAdams

Paul Ruiz

Rich Schwank

Monthly drawing for a FREE LUNCH

You must be present to win.

Do you have photos of Branch 20 SIRs activities to share? Email them to Michael Kopp at jmkopp186@hotmail.com, or send to my phone 831/295-9287 (no pdfs please)

