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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20
Meetings at Noon – Elks Club
 Jewell Street-Santa Cruz
April 13, 2016

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Travel	Jim Bunker	427-2156
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Baby Back Ribs

Green Salad
 Steamed Vegetables
 Assorted Deserts

Fruit Salad
 Baked Potatoes
 Tea and Coffee

Program

Olivia Tuetschel, Head Winemaker at Bargetto Winery, will speak on “Winemaking: a comparison of old-world and new-world winemaking techniques.” A Santa Cruz native, Olivia graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and studied winemaking in Australia, New Zealand, and Switzerland. She started working for Bargetto Winery as a laboratory technician in 2010, and in early 2014 was promoted to Head Winemaker. Olivia has a passion for making great wines and promoting the unique attributes of the wines of the Santa Cruz Mountain region.

OUR BIG SIR BRUCE BENTLEY SEZ:



This will be my last article for the bulletin. As most of you know, Christine and I are moving to Sweet Home Oregon and will be there by the time you read this. My years in SIR’s have been a wonderful experience, I have made many new friends and I will miss all of you. Hopefully there will be an organization like ours in Oregon and if there isn’t, I may have to put one together. If I have to do that, I

know that all of the Past Big Sirs who have helped me to this point, have given me the tools to accomplish that and I thank you all for your assistance these past seven years.

Sterling Frost has agreed to take on the Travel Committee’s work with Talbot Tours to continue offering great travel opportunities. Jim Bunker will continue to work on day trips for the membership to enjoy. My good friend Norm Gruczelak our Little Sir will be taking on the reins of Big Sir as I leave and I know that he will do an excellent job with the help as needed from our Past Big Sirs.

I wish you all the very best and invite you to stop by our home in Sweet Home Oregon if your in the neighborhood. My email address and cellphone number will not change and I will keep in contact with my friends. Til then, Happy Trails to you all.

TELEPHONE CALLERS

Hank Christman, Chair	427-2084
Bernie Bernosky	426-4044
Joe Tamony	336-2789
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Dick Doubrava	426-9701
Jim Duty	332-5564
Ron Graves	475-3567
Jim Bunker	427-2156
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Steve Redfield	476-8120
Ken Files	688-0740
Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107
Ken Maus	854-2303
Terry Haskell	427-2084
James Riss	408-209-5077

GREETERS

Chairmen John Wagner & Dick Dumiller	
Jim Duty	Mike Almgren
Norman Lund	Rich Leonard

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Vern Lillehaugen

PAST BIG SIRS - LIVING

Greg Horne	2015
Don Little	2014
Jim Bunker	2013
Sterling Frost	2012
Bill Neary	2011
Rich Dean	2010
Hank Pierce	2009
John Ashworth	2008
Vern Lillehaugen	2007
Jack Roberts	2006
Bob Bush	2005
Chuck Goddard	2004
Jim Solden	2003
L.W. "Mac" McNeil	2001
William Hansen	1997
Richard Leonard	1995
Bill McBroom	1992
Cliff Houchin	1991

OUR LITTLE NORM GRUCEZLAK SEZ:



We all owe Bruce Bently a lot for his long time service to this Branch. We wish him and his wife Christine, the best of luck as he begins his new life in Oregon.

As for becoming Big Sir, I feel like I just served the shortest term for being Little Sir in this Branch's history. Also, this month the Branch is undergoing some new personnel and procedural changes which, I admit, are causing me to hustle to catch up. Fortunately we have a great group of Directors, past Big Sirs, and members of the Nominating committee who have given me their wholehearted support. So please be patient with me when I make mistakes and I will do my best to serve you and Branch 20.

Do not hesitate to call or email me with any Branch business. I will always try to listen and take action appropriate for the best interests of the Branch.

Just a reminder: This month we will try the new email method for contacting members about their attendance at the next meeting. (See Greg Horne's article below).

VERY IMPORTANT: New Email RSVP Process Starts in April

Starting in April, we'll be trying out a new e-mail-based system for checking on lunch attendance. Here's how it will work:

- On Monday, April 4th, all SIRs who have email will get an electronic invitation from "SIR Santa Cruz"
- You'll need to click on the link in the email, which will open a browser window. Read the invitation and respond "YES" or "NO"
- If you're bringing a guest, change the number of attendees to 2 (or more, for more than one guest)

Greg Horne will buy the first SIR to respond a free drink on meeting day, and all SIRs who respond "YES" and attend the meeting will be entered into a drawing for a free lunch.

For those of you who do not have e-mail, do not worry you will be contacted by phone the same as before.

ACTIVITIES - Don Little

As activities chairman, Norm has asked me to update Branch #20 on some of the activities we currently have active at this time. Our POKER group was having so much fun with our monthly 1 1/2 hour game we changed it to a weekly 4 hour game on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00. It's a low stakes, high banter game with plenty of room for more players. Contact Dick Bemis at (408) 353-2829. No commitment, just a lot of fun.

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BUCKET**



EARN A FREE LUNCH—BRING IN A NEW MEMBER

Next luncheon on Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Executive Committee (Board) Meeting will be held in the Committee Room at 10:30 AM on luncheon days.

SIR BRANCH 20 Membership Report - March 2015

Jim Duty, Chair

	<u>Activity</u>		<u>Summary</u>
New Members:	Raymond Sasser #95, (Sp: Scott Cunningham)		Active 129
Applications:	Tom Duncanson (SP Sterling Frost), Samuel Stewart (Sp Ken Parker)		Applications on File 2
Dropped:	Darrell Musick, James Duty		Inactive 20
Change to Inactive:	None		

*****NOTICE***TO ALL MEMBERS*****

If your address, or phone # changed, notify SIR Ken Jenkins, 622 Miramar Drive , Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060, 458-0478

<u>Finance Report - March</u>	<u>Sunshine Report</u>
Beginning Balance \$2790.27 Income (Receipts) 239.00 Disbursements <u>619.70</u> Ending Balance 2409.57 March Bucket \$1.84 pp March Meeting: 67 Members, 2 Guests 52% Attendance <i>Mason Morris, Treasurer</i>	Nothing to Report Bernie Bernosky 426-4044


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GOLF

Jim Williamson has put together a revised Minden golf tournament this year. This tournament is open to all Area 10 (branch 20, 36, 85 and 104) as well as any other friends you would like to bring along. There is a women's tournament as well as the men's. Prices range from \$664 single to \$970 for two golfers. E-mail or call Jim at 831-229-0675 with any questions.

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BIRTHDAYS

54 Mel Bowen 64 Henry Crook 5 John Daly 180 Bradford Elliot 139 Don Hamilton		148 Ed Perry 108 Paul Quilici 95 Raymond Strasser 107 Wayne Shada 193 Leslie Yeffa
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GOLF

April 4	MO	Spring Hills	8:00	345-Prog
April 11	MO	DeLaveaga	7:30	BB-4
April 18	MO	Monterey Pines	8:00	PtPar
April 25	MO	Rancho Canada	8:00	BB-4
May 2	MO	Salinas Fairways	8:00	543-Prog

FOR TEE TIMES: HOT LINE 457-6561
E-mail scsirs10@gmail.com

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. Sons in Retirement, Inc. and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or passengers, or their property, in any matters pertaining to said tours, trips or other activities.

BARGETTO WINERY TOUR

On April 28th, we will follow up Olivia's talk with a SIR Branch 20 tour of Bargetto Winery and special Reserve Tasting of their award-winning wines. The event is from 2-4pm, and is open to Branch 20 members and their guests. The cost is just \$12 per person, and light munchies and water will be provided. Signups are limited - look out for the signup sheet at the April meeting. Bargetto is located at 3535 North Main Street, Soquel. See you there!

MEET THE NEW MEMBER

Ray Sasser has driving in his bloodstream. His father was a truck driver and he says his mother told him she nearly delivered in the truck, the ride was so rough. Born in Oakland, he grew up in San Jose and Morgan Hill. After marriage to his wife Anna, they moved to Santa Cruz in 1975 and Ray held trucking jobs with Mohawk Packing and Orchard Supply among others. While his jobs were over the hill Ray says he doesn't regret living here and commuting. Ray and Anna have one son and one new grandchild. Continuing the driving theme, they bought a motor home and enjoy camping and travel.



TRAVEL

We still have four trips on tap for 2016.

1. Kenya Safari Adventure, May 9th to 21st, this is a once in a lifetime experience that shouldn't be missed. Thirteen days, 28 meals, from \$3975.
2. American Empress Steamboat cruise from Clarkson Oregon to Portland. True scenic beauty through the Columbia River gorge. Five Star accommodations, nine days, all meals from \$4660.
3. NCL Canada & New England Cruise, round trip Boston, September 8th to 23rd. Fifteen day cruise, all meals included on board from only \$2510.
4. New Years in Nashville, December 30th through January 3rd, 7 meals, prices from \$2140 including estimated airfare of \$485.00

Scotts Valley, Branch 36 is now sponsoring an Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta trip in September of 2016 and brochures are now available at the meetings or on request for all of these travel opportunities. Next month we will report on the trips Branch 20 will be sponsoring in 2017

If you have questions contact Jim Bunker 427-2156.