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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20
 Meetings at Noon – Elks Club
 Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

December 11, 2019 Ladies Day!

SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC.

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Vern Lillehaugen

PAST BIG SIRS

Joe Mingione	2018
Dick Doubrava	2017
Norm Gruczelak	2016
Bruce Bentley	2016
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
Chuck Goddard	2004
L.W. “Mac” McNeil	2001



Chicken Caccitore

**Black Rice
 Garden Salad
 Dessert**

**Veggies
 Caesar Salad
 Tea and Coffee**

Note: If you can't make lunch after stating that you would attend, please notify Jesse Degennaro (426-0149) at least 3 days in advance of the regular lunch. Not calling is costly since all meals must be ordered in advance. It means that your club will be obligated to pay for the meal.

Program

Road Trip!

When Elizabeth Giarratana's husband died in 2004 after a 52 year marriage, she set out on a year long road trip around the United States. It changed her life. Find out how at our SIRS lunch.

OUR BIG SIR TOM DUNCANSON SEZ:



December? Are you kidding me? Although as I write this it has started to rain quite a bit. Indeed, winter will be on its way in. And I, as Big Sir, will be on my way out.

December? Why that means it's Ladies Day! As we have been touting, our speaker will be Elizabeth Giarratana, who will tell of her amazing 27,000 mile solo road trip around the country, subsequent to the death of her husband of 52 years. (Perhaps some of our ladies may want to start musing about how to occupy themselves after we kick the bucket.)

It's been a wonderful year. Many thanks to everyone on the Executive Committee, although I will especially miss Ron Graves in the months to come. Specifically I want to thank Les Yeffa for being a great Little Sir this year (and of course for being Big Sir next year); for being the intermediary between our branch and our landlord, the Elks Lodge; and for cementing the arrangements with Mickey Phelps, our fabulous caterer. I also want to thank Joe Mingione, last year's Big Sir, for keeping his fingers and toes in the game, especially in convincing some newer members to take on important roles.

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COMMITTEES FOR 2018

Activities	Don Little	479-7096
Audio	Dick Bemis	408-353-2829
Arrangements	Bob Hogan	334-6707
	Ray Blute	464-7901
Attendance	Ken Maus	854-2303
Assistant	Bob Hogan	334-6707
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Golf	Jerry Zanzinger	423-1936
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Historian	Hank Pierce	429-5441
Membership	Don Hershberger	227-4326
Program	James Healey	685-3829
Poker	JJ Justice	464-2387
Publicity	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
Recruitment	Steve Tedesco	408-810-0578
Roster	Ken Jenkins	458-0478
Song Leader	Open	
Sunshine	Open	
Travel	Open	
E-mail contact	Don Hershberger	227-4326

TELEPHONE CALLERS

Non Evite

Jesse Degennaro	426-0149
Ron Graves	475-3567
Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107

Evite System

Ray Blute	464-7901
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GREETERS

Chair: Mike Almgren & Jim Riss	
John Maloney	Roger Kissinger
Tom Fahrenholz	Dave Herrington
	Dave Hodgkin

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We have had some wonderfully interesting speakers this year, and Jim Healey, as Program Chair, gets full credit for this. Another major change in the program arena is the giant screen and ceiling-mounted digital projector with integrated sound system, installed by the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz, who also meet at the Elks Lodge. It makes setting up (and tearing down) so very much easier now.

OK, that's about it for me. With your continuing help, we'll have an even better year with Les in charge of our branch 20 barnyard.

OUR LITTLE SIR LES YEFFA SEZ:



As we approach the end of this year, I would like to thank all the SIRS for their support. Without you, we would not have a Branch. December is Ladies Day and it would be nice to have all of you attend with your wife/significant other. I would again ask that all participate in our Branch activities. We still need some committee chairs for next year. And with the Holidays approaching I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season.

OFFICERS FOR 2020

The following slate is proposed for the Officers and Directors for next year. Additional candidates may be proposed from the floor at the December meeting, after which the vote will be taken.

Big Sir Les Yeffa

Little Sir Steve Tedesco

Secretary Tom Fahrenholz

Assistant Secretary – Mike Fuson

Treasurer – Dave Hodgkin

Assistant Treasurer – Mike Kopp

Directors: Jim Baker, Ray Blute, Jim Healy, Don Hershberger, Ken Jenkins, Don Little, Joe Mingione, Hank Pearce

We are looking for members to be committee chairmen– Sunshine, Ass't and backup for the newsletter, Golf, Travel. We have 102 members so please, step up and volunteer/

Please feel free to contact Little Sir Les

TRAVEL

At the Ladies Day Luncheon, please pick up the new Cruise and Tour brochure from Talbot Tours. Our branch hasn't signed up to sponsor any of these trips so far and would love to learn of your interests. Call Tom

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**HELP YOUR CLUB
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TO THE
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BUCKET**



EARN A FREE LUNCH—BRING IN A NEW MEMBER

**Next luncheon on Wednesday, December 11, 2019
Executive Committee (Board) Meeting will be held in the Com-
mittee Room at 10:15 AM on luncheon days.**

Duncanson 831-662-8605 or Talbot Tours 800-662-9933 for more information.

MEET THE NEW MEMBER

Mike Wallace was born in Pasadena and grew up in Altadena and Glendale. He came to Santa Cruz in 1968 to attend UCSC and never left. After graduation, he joined the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian as a reporter and was named editor in 1989. He left the paper to start a public relations business and is now mostly retired and putting his English Literature degree to work by writing mystery novels (quillgordonmystery.com). He lives in Aptos with his wife of 43 years, Linda, and they have a son, Nick, who lives and works in Santa Cruz County. Mike enjoys fly fishing, reading, and exploring California.



GOLF

Don Schmitz has e-mailed the renewal form for 2020. If you did not received one, contact Don Schmitz, Area 10 Golf Membership chair, at 831-676-7559, or Jerry Zanzinger at 423-1936.

BOCCE

We have a preliminary bocce schedule for 2020 set. As soon as all the other managers agree, we will publish it. Our first game is scheduled for January 9th, Team A vs Team B.... Good Luck to all!

The venue for SIR Bocce League is a pair of outdoor bocce courts at George Washington Grove Picnic Area, in Lower DeLaveaga Park. Access is via Branciforte Drive. For GPS purposes, at address seems to be 1292 Branciforte Drive (not Lane). But, there are no actual address signs posted in the vicinity.

Most branch 20 matches are played on Wednesdays. All matches start at 11:00 am. Our Branch 20 has two teams in the league, 20A and 20B. When these teams play each other, the matches are on Thursdays. In case of rain, the captains will notify the players with a sad message of “We’re rained out!” and if possible schedule a makeup game.

Contact Joe Mingione 650-279-2830 or Ray Blute (831) 464-7901 for more details.

SIR BRANCH 20 Membership Report - November 2019

Don Hershberger, Chair

	<u>Activity</u>		<u>Summary</u>
New Members	Gareth Shepherd		
Applications:	Steven Cohen, Sponsor Les Yeffa; Robert Sciolto (Transfer in)	Active	102
Application Withdrawn:	Dick Larimer, Jack Simon, Donald Lea	Applications on File	2
Deceased:	Ron Graves		

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

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

Finance Report - November

Beginning Balance	\$3059.56
Income (Receipts)	1142.00
Disbursements	<u>984.50</u>
Ending Balance	3217.56
November Bucket:	\$2.02 pp
November Meeting: 55 Members, 2 Guests	
54% Attendance	

David Herrington, Treasurer

Sunshine Report

- Bob Rudolph, a former SIR passed away in October.
- Ron Graves passed away after a short illness.

Jim Baker 423-7429

175 Dell Elliott
142 Sterling Frost
103 William Giussi
91 Richard Kerwin

BIRTHDAYS



159 Vern Lillehaugen
125 Ken Maus
158 Robert Montonye

GOLF

Dec 2	MO	Spring Hills	8:00	BB-2
Dec 9	MO	Monterey Pines	8:00	543Prog
Dec 16	MO	DeLaveaga	7:30	2-BB-4
Dec 23	MO	Spring Hills	8:00	3-BB-4
Dec 30	MO	Pajaro Valley	8:00	345Prog

FOR TEE TIMES: Mike Banks 419-0573
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