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# ROOSTER ROUNDUP

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

**December 9 meeting via Zoom!**

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PAST BIG SIRS

Tom Duncanson	2019
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



Program

**December Guest Speaker– Santa Claus!**

Behind the beard– true Holiday stories from our own Big Sir Les Yeffa! Les started playing Santa with the Elks in the 1970s. When Christmas in the Park began in 1980, Les was one of the 1st Santas. Unbeknownst to the kids, there was a cadre of Santas. 4 hours of “Ho-Ho-Ho” was a tiring but rewarding task. Les was Santa until 2019, when he hung up his red suit. He will regale us with 50 years of memories, smiles and perhaps a tear or two. Se sure and join us at the



OUR BIG SIR LES YEFFA SEZ:

December already. This should be my final meeting. I want to thank all of you for your support this past year. We did have 3 meetings in person and 8 Zoom meetings. A big Thank You to SIR Jim Healey for the excellent guest speaker programs.

That being said, it looks like we will be “shut down” for another few months. The State President of SIR has said we cannot meet until further approval from the State Board. This has also put a damper on golf and bocce. BUT WE WILL DO IT AGAIN during 2021. This is my campaign promise to all of you.

Please try and attend our December meeting. There are a few presentations that I am going to make so I hope you can be there. I will send out the reminder with the Zoom address the day before.

Have a great Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year!

HOW TO JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING

There will be a regular meeting of Branch 20 SIRS on Wednesday December 9 at 12:00 A virtual lunch will be served. (That means bring your own). Please click on the link below and it should take you right to the meeting. Please join us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83256891394>

*Happy Holidays*

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**Evite System**

Ray Blute	464-7901
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**GREETERS**

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



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**ATTENTION ALL BRANCH 20 MEMBERS!**

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**Notice to all SIRs Vietnam era Veterans-**

Our speaker on November 11 was Maj. General Bob Ostenberg, Retired. He informed us that if you are a Veteran who served on active duty anytime between 11/01/1955 and 05/15/1975, you are entitled to a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lapel pin- regardless of where you served. The General would very much like to visit during one of our future in-person meetings to award the pin to those who qualify. If you would like to be included, please notify SIR Jim Healey at [jimhealey36@yahoo.com](mailto:jimhealey36@yahoo.com).



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



110 Paul Cauble 12/27	159 Vern Lillehaugen 12/22
175 Dell Elliott 12/13	125 Ken Maus 12/14
142 Sterling Frost 12/21	158 Robert Montonye 12/6
103 William Giusse 12/17	37 Ward Schuyler 12/6
91 Richaard Kerwin 12/28	63 Mike Ulwelling 12/21

**SIR BRANCH 20 Membership Report– Nov. 2020**

*Don Hershberger– Chair*

Active membership      103

Applications on file      2

**FINANCE REPORT– Nov. 2020**

*Dave Hodgin– Treasurer*

There was no income and no expense in November

Balance, Nov. 22      \$2462.92

Dear SIRs,

The Holiday season is a time of celebration with family and friends...But not this year!

While social gatherings are not possible, it's still important to connect with those folks who are important in your life.

The fellowship of our SIRs members is one that, in "normal" times is often taken for granted. We are able to mix and mingle at our monthly meetings, reconnect at activities like golf, bocce, poker and cribbage. All this is no longer possible, and many of our members are feeling isolated and sometimes depressed. However, there is something that each of us can do to help us all keep the feeling of being connected, and it's easy– Grab you SIRs Roster

"After 16 years as the Newsletter Editor for Branch 20, I am happy to turn that role over to Mike Kopp who graciously volunteered to take on the job. I know he will be outstanding and wish him all the best."

Ken Jenkins