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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

April 13, 2022

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Vern Lillehaugen

PAST BIG SIRs

Les Yeffa	2020-21
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

For a complete listing of Past Big Sirs, please refer to your SIRS Roster Booklet



APRIL LUNCH MENU

Spring Greens Salad

Prime Rib

Horseradish cream whipped potatoes

Corn on the cob

Lemonade/Ice Tea/coffee

Chefs choice dessert

PROGRAM

After managing 3 Safeway stores, Ward Schuyler decided to hit the road- So he became a California Highway Patrolman. Come hear his stories and his advice for motorists at our SIRs Meeting on April 13.



LITTLE SIR RAY BLUTE SEZ

Welcome to April. We're getting used to the time change and this month we will celebrate Easter and Passover. This is a great time for my family as we gather for food and fellowship. May you all be blessed in this wonderful time of the year. The weather has been fantastic in Santa Cruz. It would be better if we had some rain to balance our balmy days.

I'll be covering for Big Sir Steve while he is traveling the world over the next two months. I will appreciate all the help I can get in making things go smoothly. I always enjoy our monthly meetings-but not leading them. The opportunity for us all to break bread together is enjoyable for me.

The invite for our next luncheon will be emailed to all members on Monday, April 4. On Monday, April 11 we notify our caterer with the count of those who responded. We currently have around 90 members. During the pandemic we averaged about 30 for lunch each month. Before the pandemic we averaged 50. Hopefully we will soon be back to our pre-pandemic numbers.

IT'S WINE TIME!

Who is ready for some wine tasting? Our Branch 20 has reserved the Soquel Vineyards on Thursday April 28 from 1-4pm. Our host is Peter Bargetto, who will give a tour of the Winery and Vineyards (with their beautiful and expansive views), and provide tastings for only \$10. This event is open to Branch 20 Sirs and guests. Attendance is limited, so be sure and attend our April meeting to sign up! Our Branch will provide light snacks for \$5 a person. We will collect this when you sign up.

COMMITTEES for 2022

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Non-email	
Jesse DeGennaro	426-0149
Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107
Punchbowl email	
Ray Blute	464-7901
Greeters	
Chair: Jim Riss & Mike Almgren	
James Sadler	Roger Kissinger
Ed Bush	Jeff Ustick



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TWO BUCK BUCKET



TREASURERS REPORT

Mike Fuson reporting

Beginning balance as of March 1, 2022 \$2832.39

(note: final balance for March is not recorded until after the newsletter is published)

MARCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	Don Hershberger Chair
New Members	Kirk Crane Mike Kennedy
Active Members	88
Active Applications	Joseph Beauchamp, sponsor SC Sentinel Steven Cohan, sponsor Les Yeffa Raymond Gorski, sponsor Dave Hodgins Warren (Aldo) Penniman, sponsor SC Sentinel Richard Stauff, sponsor Dave Hodgins

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

If your address, phone number, or email has changed, notify SIR Don Hershberger, 118 Fife Lane, Aptos 95003, 831-227-4326 or email

donhershberger@gmail.com

EARN A FREE LUNCH- BRING IN A NEW MEMBER!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

In order to attend the April SIRs meeting at the Elks Lodge, YOU MUST: Reserve your seat and lunch by responding to the Punchbowl email message or phone call **before Monday, April 11.**

Bring your vaccination card, or copy thereof (phone capture is OK), it will be verified at the door.

Sign a waver (State SIRs requirement). If you have previously signed you need not sign again.

Masks are no longer required by State or County, but are recommended.

Don't forget to peruse the Book Exchange at our monthly meeting. Take a book or bring a book (or more). The exchange has been updated with new titles, and now includes a few DVDs and jigsaw puzzles.



Song lyric for Seniors

(with apologies to Paul Simon)

"Hello Darkness my old friend

I stood up too fast again"

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Kirk Crane and his wife live in a lovely 1930's bungalow high atop a hill in Pasatiempo with a stunning view of Monterey Bay. Kirk was born and raised in Pasadena next to the San Gabriel Wilderness where he hiked and backpacked from his backyard. He is still an avid hiker to this day.

Kirk spent his working years in the Produce Industry, introducing Organics in the early days to major grocery chains across the U.S.

After raising his 2 children and acting as "Equipment Mgr. and Taxi" for their school sports, he now looks forward to some adult recreation. A self-described Duffer at golf, he would like to find some non-competitive partners for a weekly round. Kirk is also a Docent at Henry Cowell and Natural Bridges.



Mike Kennedy is a transfer from SIRs branch 113 in Pollock Pines.. He is a spry 82 year old who was raised in Palo Alto, CA.,

Mike owned and operated a floor covering retail business in Los Altos for 20 years. After retiring, he and his wife toured the US in a motorhome for over a year.

In 1980 he settled in St. Augustine Fla., where he owned an Art Supply Store. Mike just moved to Santa Cruz in August of '21. He is a multi-media artist who makes City and Seascapes out of scrap stained glass and LEGOs. (Yes you read that correctly!)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ed Bush 4/21

Bradford Elliott 4/14

Raymond Sasser 4/23



Wayne Shada 4/06

Leslie Yeffa 4/15

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.

Points to Ponder.

Do women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend actually thinking?

I read about people my age mountain climbing-- meanwhile I feel a sense of accomplishment getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

POKER- Poker continues to be very popular in Branch 20 SIRs. Players have 2 choices for games! Every Tuesday at 1pm is a game for experienced players. There may be a few seats available. For more information, contact JJ Justice at 464-2387, jjsurfman@aol.com.
On the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 1pm is a low stakes beginners game, "Poker Pals" For more information contact KenMaus at 854-2303, kenrrjo@gmail.com.
Both games are played at the Tradewinds Mobile Home Park, 4160 Jade St. Capitola.



BOCCE- With the warm days, Bocce is more popular than ever! As our former competitors from other local SIRs branches flee our Bocce prowess, we have sufficient Branch 20 players to organize pick-up games on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month. Games start at **11:30** (new time) at Felt Street Park. Many players opt to gather for lunch after the games. For more information contact Ray Blute 464-7901, r-cblute@att.net or Joe Mingione 650-279-2830, jamingione@yahoo.com



GOLF- The State SIRs are sponsoring the annual

SPRING FLING– A two day event
Tuesday April 19 and Wednesday April 20
Play one day or both!
Eagle Vines GC, Napa, CA
Chardonnay GC, Napa, CA
For complete information go to <https://sirgolf.org>
For more Branch 20 golf information, contact Jerry Zanzinger at 831/423-1936



FISHING- Fishing excursions will return this month. Sportfishing season for Rock cod reopened on April 1, Salmon season on April 2. For more information contact Ed Bush at our monthly meeting or Call him at 408/997-1836.



CRIBBAGE- Games are played before the monthly Luncheon meeting at the Elks Lodge, in the Bar area. Games begin at approximately 11 am. For more information, contact Mike Kopp at 831/535-6308.



Quotable Quotes;

“If you find it hard to laugh at yourself, I would be happy to do it for you”
“I was married by a Judge, I should have asked for a Jury” Groucho Marx

“I don’t like to commit myself about Heaven and Hell– you see I have friends in both places”
“Suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member of Congress; but I repeat myself” Mark Twain

“I’ve never felt more alone than when I’m trying to put sunscreen on my back” Jimmy Kimmel