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**ELDORADO BRANCH NO. 23**

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<b>BIG SIR</b>	<b>LITTLE SIR</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>ASST. SECRETARY</b>	<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>ASST. TREASURER</b>
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Attendance: Dave Nemzek	481-7173	Golf - 9 Holes Steve Ng	903-8445
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**BR. 23 website: [sir23.org](http://sir23.org) Webmaster: Gordon Callander  
[gordoncallander@yahoo.com](mailto:gordoncallander@yahoo.com)**

**This is a new web site address for branch 23.**

**Monthly meetings on 2nd Wednesdays Carmichael Elks Lodge 5631 Cypress, Carmichael**  
**10:30 am Executive Meeting, 11:00 am social Noon Luncheon, Cost \$17.00**

**Next luncheon meeting is January 9, 2019**

**Please call Dave Nemzek (916-481-7173) by January 2, 2019 if you cannot attend the meeting. That is the Wednesday before the January 9, 2019 meeting. We need an accurate count and need your cooperation to have the proper amount of food at the luncheon, so if you are bringing guests, please let us know, also by January 2.**

**Remember to bring your voluntary \$25 annual contribution to the luncheon on the 9th of January.**

## **BIG SIR REPORT by Phil Sittner**

December has been a month of changes for SIR. Derek Southern, president of the SIR organization, has advised us there will not longer be either an Emeritus or Inactive status option for our members. This change will affect 19 of our current members and Ray Zelinski will have contacted those members by the time you read this report. The reason given for the change is the need for insurance coverage for all member activities.

The changes in membership status have prompted the postponement of publishing our annual membership roster. Typically, we make these available for distribution during the January meeting and we now hope to have them available for the February event. We do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

We also have been advised by the Elks organization that our lunch catering costs will go up after the first of the year. This will result in changes to what is currently charged for our monthly luncheons. We has a similar experience last year and had hoped that we would not have to revisit this issue for some time. The Executive Committee will review our options during the January meeting. We had nine cancellations after the Friday deadline for our November meeting. The catering people use our information for purchasing food and we obligate ourselves to pay for those meals. Please continue to let Dave Nemzek know by the Friday prior to our meetings if you will not be attending.

Our annual Ladies Day Holiday Event was a near sellout with 81 tickets sold. The casino rewarded a few of our players and likely rewarded themselves as well. A good way to look at it is that in either instance there's a winner, either our members or the casino. I prefer to see our members in the winner's circle. Gordon Routsong did a bang up job providing gifts for the ladies and outdid himself with his wrapping efforts. There are reports that Gordon employed both his T-square and level to get things just right.

We set up a donation box at the Ladies Day event for the SIR members that suffered losses from the Camp Fire. We will also have a donation box at the January meeting for those who were unable to attend the Red Hawk luncheon. We will report the final tally once Jim Coe, our Treasurer, deposits the contents of January's donation vessel.

Finally, Dave Peterson has been working on our RAMP program. The initial focus will be on adding activities favored by the membership. We expect 2019 to be a great year for our SIR branch. Stay tuned for details.

## **LITTLE SIR REPORT by Dave Peterson**

**“it's like Deja Vu all over again.” Yogi Berra**

As some of you know, this is my second attempt at the “Little Sir” position. I look forward to the opportunity and I will make every effort to complete the journey. Exciting opportunities await our branch in 2019 and it will be a collaborative effort from all. Phil and I, with the assistance of Giorgio Dina, of the state organization, have begun work on a three year plan for Branch 23, with focus on maintaining growth and preparing for the future. I will do the things required of the Little Sir and also continue to move forward with our Bocce program.

## **January Speaker Forum: Gopal Nemana, MD. FACC**

Our first speaker of 2019 will be one of our own, Dr. Gopal Nemana. His topic will be **Cardiology: The Past, the Present, and the Future that awaits us”**.

Dr. Nemana's education began in India, where he received his Bachelor's on Medicine and Surgery, and continued on becoming a Doctor of Medicine in Internal Medicine and Doctor of Medicine in

Cardiology. His education and career continued in Rochester, New York, before moving to the West Coast. He has an accomplished cardiologist for 36 years. Dr. Nemana was the president of the Sacramento Valley Cardiology Society between 1985-1987. He was also a Fellow in the American College of Physicians and the American College of Cardiology.

We appreciate Gopal's willingness to be our first speaker in 2019 and we are pleased to have him as a member of our branch.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe**

(Beginning Balance (Checking) Nov. 1, 2018:	\$3,912.68
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	2,307.00
Funds Disbursed	1,489.00
Ending Checking Balance Nov. 30, 2018	4,730.68
Ending Savings Balance	0
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) Nov. 30, 2018	\$5,130.68

**SUNSHINE REPORT: by Chris Christopherson**

As always, I request assistance from all members by keeping me informed about deaths, illnesses, and other medical problems of fellow members so I can publish them in the newsletter and send cards.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Carroll Hamon**

**Membership Status:** 143 active members, including one Senior HLM, three HLMs, and four Emeritus members. In addition, there are 19 inactive members.

**Deletions:** Bill Costa, dropped December 4, 2018 because of lost contact – Badge #29  
Darrell Schneider resigned December 4, 2018 because of health reasons – Badge #168  
Robert “Whis” Whisenhunt (inactive) died on December 5, 2018 at the age of 101 years.  
Badge #108.

Roger Neighbors transferred to Branch 156 on December 11, 2018 - Badge #95

**Active to Inactive:** None

**Inactive to Active:** None

**New Members in December:** None

**New Members to be Inducted in January:** David Biesanz, sponsor John Rowland  
Billy Moore transferring from Branch 93

**Other Membership/Roster Changes:** None

**2019 is the 50th anniversary year for Branch 23. Our historian, Bill Sutherland, will be submitting articles to the Branch 23 Nugget during the 2019 calendar year. (Ed.)**

**2019 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year for SIR Branch 23**

The idea of Sons in Retirement was conceived by four retired friends during lunch at the Clarimar Restaurant in San Mateo, California, on July 23, 1958. They met again a month later, with 14 additional retired friends,

where they created the basic guidelines for the organization that was incorporated in 1959. The second Sir branch was created in 1960 in Richmond. Their lunch site was Spenger's Fish Grotto in Berkeley (that'd be cool). In 1960, Branch 3, the Camellia Branch in Sacramento was created, having their lunches at the Elks Club, now on Riverside Blvd. Over the next 7 years, 19 more branches were created in Northern California.

In late 1968, Branch 3 in Sacramento decided to sponsor a new branch as they had more applications than they could accommodate. Sir Branch 23 was conceived. The first meeting of Branch 23 was in February, 1969, at the El Dorado Hotel on Canterbury Road and old Highway 40. There were 24 men in attendance, including officers from Branch 3 and Branch 14, where they appointed interim officers and set goals for the eventual receipt of a charter from the Sir organization. (We still have the original handwritten minutes of that first meeting.)

The first newsletter, not yet named the Nugget, was published in June, 1969, and the membership had reached 51. Our state charter was approved in September 1969. Branch 23 received the charter on October 14, with the lunch site having moved to the Dante Club. There were 129 charter members. (We have the original list.)

Our official anniversary date is September 8, and the Branch Executive Committee has already established a committee to plan and organize a specific celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary later this year. In the meantime, I intend to include occasional Nugget articles concerning our branch history. If anyone has any questions about our history, please let me know, and I will research our documentation for possible answers.

**Bill Sutherland, Sir Branch 23 historian**

### **BRANCH 23 SPORTS ACTIVITIES:**



Bocce ball is showing good response with some competitive matches on the 12th. Next session is 10:30 am on 1/07/19 at the Dante Club. Please email or call if you have questions. Dave Peterson 916-768-5087. [davepeterson08@yahoo.com](mailto:davepeterson08@yahoo.com)

### **BOWLING: Frank Semans 2018- 2019 season as of December 4, 2018**

<b>SIR League High Score</b>	<b>Scratch</b>	<b>Game</b>	<b>Series</b>
73-79	None		
	<b>Handicap</b>		
73-79	None		
<b>200+ games bowled by:</b>	wk 15 Frank Semans	200	

### **Week 15 (12/04/18)**

### **SIR Bowling League 2018 (25 teams) Branch 23 TEAM Standings**

	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b>Dream Team (21) (Div. 3)</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>

Hereth (?), Nielsen, Benson (BR?), Riker (?)

<b>Groovers (2)</b>	<b>(Div 2)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>
		Semans, Siagian, Wall, Rodriguez		
<b>Old Farts (6)</b>	<b>(Div 4)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>6</b>
		Naquin, Mahoney, Olsen (?), Jackson (?)		
<b>Alley Oops (12)</b>	<b>(Div 4)</b>	<b>33 1/2</b>	<b>26 1/2</b>	<b>1</b>
		Hamon, Zelinski, Wright (?), Weaver (BR?)		
<b>High Five (5)</b>	<b>(Div 4)</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>
		Tipton, Sharp(?), Bergstrom (?), Owre (?)		
<b>Star Trek (17)</b>	<b>(Div 2)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>
		Porter, Steffens (?), Palabricaa (?), Trice (?)		

**Honor Roll - Exceptional:**

<b>(70 + over average game and/or series:</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Game</b>	<b>Series</b>
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**Above average:**

<b>40 + over average game and/or series</b>	week 13, Joe Rodriguez		<b>487 + 58</b>
	week 14, Joe Rodriguez		<b>476 + 44</b>
	week 14 Carroll Hamon		<b>459 + 51</b>
	week 15 Carroll Hamon		<b>466 + 55</b>
	week 15 Frank Semans	<b>200 + 44</b>	

**GOLF NEWS: Bill Sutherland**

**Branch 23 Golf website: Visit this site to determine starting times, pairings, results, and other golf related items. Address is [web2golfsoftware.net/9958/](http://web2golfsoftware.net/9958/)**

**18 hole golf news**

**The 2019 schedule is expected to be similar to the 2018 schedule, with the possibility of adding events at courses we normally play as well as some local country clubs. There will be approximately 35 events for the 18 hole group in 2019.**

**Nine Hole Golf League news**

The number of events has been increased to 23 for 2019. We will be playing the same courses as last year, with the addition of events at Bradshaw Ranch and Campus Commons.

## Notable January Member Dates:

### JOIN DATE:

White, Joe	1981
MellonFloyd	2000
Kehoe, Don	2001 e
Martin, Jerry	2003
Spellman, Don	2003 i
Novi, Tom	2007
Catino, Mike	2010
Battistessa, Rich	2011
Crippen, Dick	2011
Brush, Steve	2014
Davie, General	2014
Espinosa, Bill	2014
Fotopoulos, Phil	2014
Heavner, Jim	2014
Peterson, David	2014
Siegfried, Jim	2014
Zarzana, George	2014
Bamfield, JD	2018
Chapman, Bob	2018
Hannon, Joe	2018
Kimball, Bill	2018

### BIRTHDAYS:

Catino, Mike	1920
Osver, Sam	1920 e
Sacrett, Sam	1927
Holmes, Stan	1931 i
Ryan, Joe	1932 i
Welsh, Bob	1932 i
Le Doux, Bill	1935
Pennington, Dallas	1936
Hannon, Joe	1936
Barsch, Ray	1936
Anderson, Bob	1937
Hill, Dick	1938 i
Coviello, Jim	1940 i
Zelinski, Ray	1940
Lythgoe, Fred	1941
Rowland, John	1941
Epright, Richard	1943
Brush, Steve	1947
Bullock Greg	1950
Jones, Mark	1952
Boutros,, Andre	1958 i
Salto, Jesse	1958

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Landsittel, Don and Jode  
Miller, James and Leslie  
Angeloni, Philip and Mary

**TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES:** Bill Stires, Turlock Br 143 (209-544-2684) is offering a Panama Canal Cruise in Feb, 2019, an Alaska Cruise in August-September, 2019, and a Swiss/Austria/Germany tour in September, 2019. The latter offers the Oberammergau Passion Play. Call Kelly at Alamo Travel (1-800-848-8747) Kelly ext 13.

Bill is also offering, along with the Turlock Branch 143, an all-inclusive trip to Arizona for spring training baseball in March, 2019. Travel is by bus from Turlock to Oakland, by air to Phoenix and return the same.

Bill writes:

Baseball spring training aka. Adult Spring Break. March 11-15, 2019. Price is \$1648 per person double occupancy, \$2,148 single. Includes Air transportation, hotel, 3 games, all bus transportation, gratuities, game bucks, dinners at Rustler's Rooste, Don and Charlies, Dinner Show, plus much, much more. Maximum of 20 passengers, trip is guaranteed to go.



