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Monthly meetings on 2nd Wednesday Carmichael Elks Lodge 5631 Cypress, Carmichael
10:30 am Executive Meeting 11:00 am social Noon Luncheon, Cost \$19.00

The February meeting will be on the second Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at the Elk's Club in Carmichael.

Please call Dave Nemzek (916-333-4102) by February 6, 2020 if you cannot attend the meeting. That is the Thursday before the February 12, 2020 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 February 6, 2020.

BIG SIR REPORT

Branch 23 had a grand start to 2020 with the addition of three new members and a Centennial Award Ceremony and Birthday Party for Mike Catino, who turns 100 years old on the 26th of January. Thanks to Ray Barsch, our Awards Chairman, for organizing and “engineering” the event. Those of us who had a opportunity to share in Mike’s “This Is Your Life” enjoyed the event almost as much as Mike.

Please take a moment at the February luncheon and search out the new members that joined Branch 23 last month. Introduce yourself and point them in the right direction for activity signup and answer any questions they may have. Be looking for Gordon Hubble, Jim Wallace and John Finkler. During the February meeting, we will be visited by Carol Brush, Steve’s wife, who is a member of **THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**. She will award pins to any veteran in our membership and a second award to those of us who were in service during the Viet Nam conflict. The DAR is an organization for women who are directly descended from a person who was involved in the United States efforts toward independence.

Along with Little SIR Roger Riley, I will be attending the SIR’s annual **TOWN HALL MEETING** on the 24th of February, at which time we will discuss year 2020 and future plans of the organization. We are organizing a breakfast and visit to the **AIR MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA** for early March and at our February lunch we will do sign ups for our start of our **SACRAMENTO STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** tours.

Our two golf programs get underway first week of February. The Bocce Ball 23 starts mid-February, with a spring wine and Bocce event and at least one spring tournament and one lunch event. Spring will bring good weather for Gordon’s hiking group...and it is all there for the taking.

Last thought; a great effort goes into the preparation and printing of our monthly **NUGGET**, so be sure to seek out our **BULLETIN EDITOR, Paul Domyancic**, and thank him for his efforts.

Dave Peterson

LITTLE SIR REPORT

Our hats are off to Dave Peterson, Ray Barsch, Carroll Hamon, and Tom Novi for providing detailed information on the life of Mike Catino, who celebrates his 100th birthday this month. It was a wonderful tribute to Mike, who had a stellar military career and who served as Director for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Central Valley Project. Again, happy birthday to Mike, an avid golfer who frequently shoots his age.

Our February speaker will be Laura Drath, who is the Interpretive Services Supervisor for the California Department of Fish and Game. She is responsible for the North Central Region, an area that stretches through the central Sierra from Plumas to Calaveras counties and across the valley from Lake County to the state line. She oversees educational programs and public services at sites including the Nimbus Fish Hatchery, Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, and North Table Mountain. She also oversees the Fishing in the City, Classroom Aquarium, and the Nature Bowl programs. Prior to joining the Department in 2010, she taught in public schools for several years and worked in the education programs at the Sacramento and Point

Defiance Zoos. She lives along the American River in Rancho Cordova with her husband and 10 year old son.

Roger Riley

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking) December 1, 2019	\$6,315.92
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	138.00
Funds Disbursed	1,982.67
Ending Checking Balance December 31, 2019	4,471.25
Ending Savings Balance	0
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) December 31, 2019	\$4,871.25

SUNSHINE REPORT: by Chris Christopherson

As always, I request the assistance of members in reporting any illnesses of our members. Please keep me informed of any deaths, illnesses, or other medical problems of our members so I can publish them in the bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Phil Sittner

Membership Status: 152, including one Senior HLM and three HLM's.

Deletions: Two, Dennis Hayes, Jesse Salto

New members to be inducted in February: Dave Irish, sponsor Randal Angeloni
Donald Smith, sponsor Paul Domyancic

Other Membership/Roster Changes: None

New Member Information:

Jon Finkler

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Jon was born on August 21, 1942. He is married to Paula and is a retired surgeon. Jon's interests include photography and current events. He became a member on January 8, 2020 and was assigned badge #118. His sponsor was Joe Dobrowolski.

Gordon Hubble

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Gordon was born on May 8, 1953. Gordon's SO is Kevin. Gordon is the former owner of Xpression Wear and retired on Jan 1, 2019. His interests include golfing, bowling and coaching. He became a member on January 8, 2020 and was assigned badge #103. Gordon was sponsored by John Rowland.

James Wallace

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James was born on September 13, 1942. James was in bank management with Wells Fargo and retired on February 1, 2001. His interests include photography and college football. He became a member on January 8, 2020 and is assigned Badge #065. His sponsor was Roger Riley.

Branch Activities:

Below is a picture of Little Sir Roger Riley and Treasurer Jim Coe being sworn in at the January luncheon meeting by Big Sir Dave Peterson. Roger and Jim were not in attendance when the other officers were sworn in late last year.



Dave Peterson, left, swears in Jim Coe (center), and Roger Riley (right).

This is Your Life, Mike Catino

At the January luncheon meeting, Branch 23 presented **“This is your Life-Mike Catino”**. Branch 23 dedicated the January 8, 2020 meeting to **Mike**. The branch helped him celebrate his 100th birthday, awarding him with the Sir’s Presidential Centennial Award.

Mike Catino listens intently at the January luncheon.



The Branch formed an Awards committee in order to cover his remarkable 100 years of life. Dave Peterson, our 2020 Big Sir, acted as the emcee and started the program, relating the tale of Mike’s attendance at last summer’s great evening of Bocce Ball, where Dave provided an Italian food spread with wine that Mike really enjoyed. Mike had been the first member to respond to Dave’s email invitation to the event, writing “I will be there!” He drove to the Dante Club alone in his shiny black car, grabbed his lawn chair out of the trunk, walked 30 yards and set up his chair, and asked who else was ready to play. He played in the first round and was about the only one who could remember the score. His team won the first round. And that was when he was only 99 and a half years old!



Dave Peterson (l)
and Phil Sittner (r)
honor Mike.



Phil Sittner covered Mike's life from birth until he was drafted into the Army, covering his time in the Boy Scouts and all of the traveling he did at a young age, learning a lot about the Central Valley of California.

Tom Novi covered Mike's time in the Army during WWII, speaking about the war in the Pacific islands, where Mike spent the majority of his service time building runways and other wartime projects. Mike was the recipient of a Bronze Star given for heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone, not including participation in aerial flight. Tom also made note of the many times he and Mike had played golf together in SIR's.



Tom Novi (l) speaks about his friend and golfing partner. Ray Barsch spoke about Mike's engineering career.



Ray Barsch covered Mike's engineering career with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, where he worked for 38 years, as well as another six years after he retired from the Bureau. Mike was a Regional Director of the Bureau from 1981-1983. There were very few directorships in the United States, and Mike headed an area that included all of California north of the Tehachapi Mountains, most of Nevada and parts of Oregon. Mike was responsible for over 1,000 employees.



Carroll Hamon discussed last summer's festivities at the Sacramento River Cats baseball game where Mike was honored for his service during WWII and also threw the first pitch. Carroll also covered information on Mike's family.

Mike Catino then had the floor, and thanked the branch for honoring him. He gave us a few very insightful comments about his career, with 100% recall. With great clarity, Mike noted that for all of his work with the Bureau, his most important contribution was to help his employees reach their potential. “My work life”, he said, “was about the people.”



Big SIR Dave Peterson presents Mike Catino with his centennial plaque.

Our Big Sir then presented the Centennial Award to Mike and had pictures taken for the Nugget. Last, all members were treated to a large birthday cake brought in for the occasion of Mike Catino’s 100th birthday celebration. At the lower right, members unanimously gave Mike a standing ovation.



BRANCH 23 SPORTS ACTIVITIES:



Bocce Ball Schedule: BOCCE BALL will continue, beginning in February. See the Big Sir message on page 2.

Contact Dave Peterson for info at davidjpeterson08@yahoo.com or 916 768-5087.

BOWLING REPORT by Frank Semans.

SIR League High Score	scratch	None	Game	Series
	handicap		Game	Series
55-72	1/14/20	Anthony Tipton		746
73-79				
80+	1/14/20	Bob Nielsen	257	
200 + games bowled by:	10/15/19	Frank Semans	229	
	10/22/19	Mike Holmgren	223	
	10/22/19	Marwan Siagian	201	
	12/17/19	Derek Rudkin	200	
	1/07/20	Anthony Tipton	215	
	1/07/20	Steve Porter	203	

Week 16 12/10/19 SIR Bowling League 2019 (26 Teams)

Branch 23 Team Standings:

	Won	Lost	Place	
Dream Team (16) (Div 2)	44	28	1	
Hereth(?), Nielsen, Benson (Br ?), Riker (Br ?)				
Groovers: (22) (Div 3)	34	38	2	
Semans, Siagian, Wall, Rodriguez				
Old Farts (2) (Div 4)	44		31	2
Naquin, Blaszkowski, Jackson (?), Vacant				
Alley Oops (25) (Div 3)	31		41	4
Hamon, Zelinski, Wright (?), Weaver (?)				

High Five (13) (Div 4) 24 1/2 47 1/2 6
Tipton, Sharp (?), Bergstrom (?), Owre (?)

Pin Splitters (5) (Div 3) 29 43 5
Elkins, Hall (?), Holland (?), Gruen (?)

Soaring Eagles (9) (Div 2) 41 1/2 30 1/2 3
Rudkin, Holmgren, Pruitt (?), Hodson (?)

Star Trek (24) (Div 1) 35 37 6

			Game	Series
Honor Roll - Exceptional:	Week 8	Frank Semans	212 + 52	599 + 119
	Week 9	Mike Holmgren	223 + 68	553 + 88
	Week 9	Steve Porter	193 + 52	511 + 88
	Week 9	Marwan Siagian	201 + 40	554 + 71
	Week 18	Anthony Tipton	215 + 52	581 + 92
	Week 18	Steve Porter	203 + 57	524 + 86

Exceptional is 70+ over average game &/or series.

Above average:

40+ over average game &/or/Series

	Week 8	Mike Holmgren	196 + 44	519 + 63
	Week 9	Kevin Wall	188 + 43	
	Week 9	Ray Zelinski	171 + 53	
	Week 9	Derek Rudkin	203 + 45	443 + 59
	Week 17	Steve Porter	189 + 44	529 + 45
	Week 17	Anthony Tipton		477 + 42
	Week 17	Frank Semans		551 + 68
	Week 18	Bob Nielson	190 + 40	525 + 45

GOLF REPORT:

BR 23 Golf Web Site: Visit this site to determine golf start times, pairings, results, and other golf related matters. The address is web2.golfsoftware.net/9958/

The following signups will be at the February luncheon.

18 hole golf:

Signups for March:

March 4: Diamond Oaks, \$42.00 9am, 1st League Championship

March 18: Wildhawk, 10:12am Individual/dual tees

March 25: Dry Creek, 8:30 shotgun, Individual/Dual tees

9 hole golf:

Sign-ups for March:

March 12, Arcade Creek front 9, 8:15 am

March 23, Land Park, 9:06 am

Bill Sutherland

HIKING:

Gordon Callander is working on a schedule for several hikes in the Greater Sacramento area for 2020, with the first tentatively set for March 19th at 10am, in Capital Park and Capital Mall. Gordon can be reached at 230-8622.

NOTABLE MEMBER DATES FOR February

MEMBER JOIN DATES:

Mattson, Hal	1991
Landers, Odell	1999
Sakauye, Jiro	1999
Rodriguez, Joe	2003
Zelinski, Ray	2003
Ahders , Bob	2007
Barsch, Ray	2008
Bradley, Gary	2009
Yamamoto , George	2009
Kenney, Scott	2010
Stastney, Joe	2011
Dutcher , Scott	2016
Singer, Rich	2016
Bullock, Greg	2017
Adge, Fred	2018
Rowland, John	2018
Tipton, Anthony	2018
Raley, John	2019
Young, Gary	2019

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

George Hood	1924
Jiro Sakauye	1929
Doug Breien	1929
Phil Fotopoulos	1942
Steve Schmidt	1944
Buzz Kopf	1945
John Raley	1948
Dave Biesanz	1953
Derek Rudkin	1952
Paul Elkins	1955

MEMBER WEDDING DATE:

Storlie, Larry and Diane	1963
Anderson, Bob and Marcia	1965
Espinosa, Bill and Marcie	1973
Callander, Gordon and Gladys	1991
Le Doux, Bill and Jana	1999

Greg Hood will still take orders for our new Branch 23 polo shirts.

