



# Port Stockton Sayings Bulletin



*The monthly bulletin of Port Stockton Branch 46 of Sons In Retirement, a California non-profit corporation chartered July 23, 1974.*

**NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>**

**THURSDAY 12:00 NOON**

## **BIG SIR GREETING JANUARY - 2017**

**Welcome to 2017!** I am honored to have been elected Branch 46 Big Sir and thankful for our leadership team. Special thanks to outgoing Big Sir Paul Wagner. He has done an excellent job not only in running our monthly luncheons but also in doing all the legwork necessary for preparing and directing our June picnic plus the Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon. The food and entertainment in both events were excellent. Special thanks to Jan Wagner, Alice Lamberty, and Charlotte Doisy for decorating the tables at the Christmas Luncheon. Thanks also to Pete Lepisto and Ellis Weeks for initially selling the luncheon and the Big "R" tickets. Pete also continued selling tickets at the luncheon and, with the help of Lee Talbott, ran the Big "R" and gift handout events. Ron Korock created and printed the luncheon tickets, and Jack Lamberty did the agenda handouts which were placed on each table.

Speaking of Lee Talbott, he and Darlene are moving to the San Diego this year and will be sorely missed. Lee is a past Big Sir and is currently our Attendance Chairman. As a result, we urgently need someone to fill Lee's position. Please read the "Help Wanted" notice in this bulletin, and, if you're interested or know someone who could fill the position, contact me or our new nominating committee chairman, Paul Wagner.

As of November, our membership is down from 100 to 97. Our recruiting efforts for 2016

resulted in 12 new members; however, we lost 14 members from our active roles. This was due to deaths and members resigning or being placed on inactive status. Therefore, one of our major goals for 2017 will be recruiting new members. If you participate in any of the branch activities such as bowling, golf, or bridge, these are excellent sources for new members. Invite one of your non-SIR friends in these groups to be a guest at one of our luncheons.

John Doisy - Big Sir 2017



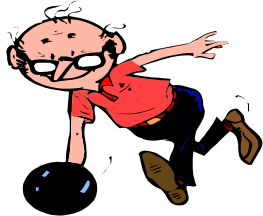
## **NEW IN THIS EDITION**

- 2017 18 Hole Golf
- Birthdays/Anniversaries for January
- New Website Information
- Two Branch positions open -See "Help Wanted"
- Check out the January Calendar
- Highlights of Christmas Luncheon
- Christmas Luncheon Photos
- Back Page has new Officers, Directors, and Chairman
- Info on January Speaker
- One member lost – See In Memoriam.

## SIR BOWLING

Come join us for bowling fun every Wednesday morning, 9:30 am, at Pacific Bowl. Experienced bowlers, beginners and anybody in between will have a great time. Women are welcome, too.

Call Ron Korock at 951-4759 for more information. Or [ronkorock@comcast.net](mailto:ronkorock@comcast.net)



### Miss a Meeting?

When you know you will miss a luncheon meeting, please give our Attendance Chairman, Lee Talbot, a call (473-4159) or send him an e-mail: [wltal@aol.com](mailto:wltal@aol.com)

## Bring a Friend, Win a Prize

- When you bring a friend (prospective new member) to a Branch 46 lunch meeting, you will receive FREE five 50-50 tickets. Good luck! **ALSO**, if your friend happens to join, then you will receive a free lunch.



## SIR BRIDGE

Bridge starts at 9AM preceding the monthly meeting. Please contact Dave Palmer to reserve a seat at a bridge table.

Dave Palmer Bridge Chairman 242-2093  
or E-mail Dave at [dpalmeretal@aol.com](mailto:dpalmeretal@aol.com)

## Sunshine & Memorials:

Rich Mayo is our chairman for this committee; however, Rich is on a temporary leave of absence. So if you are aware of a member who has a serious illness or whose family has experienced some tragic circumstances, please give our Big Sir, John Doisy, a call. We are looking for a volunteer to temporarily take Rich's place. If you are interested, additional information is provided in this bulletin under "Help Wanted".



## 9 Hole Golf

The 9 hole golf group plays every Tuesday at Swenson Executive Course. Players should arrive by **8:30 a.m.** to get their tee times. In the winter months we play on an informal basis. Come and join us.

Lee Talbot

Any questions, call me at 473-4159 [wltal@aol.com](mailto:wltal@aol.com)

## SWITCHING TO E-MAIL



Sending out bulletins via Snail-mail (USPS) is time consuming and expensive. If you have a computer and are now receiving your bulletin thru the mail, please consider switching to E-mail. Simply contact Jack Lamberty and we'll take care of the rest. Thank you. **Remember – E-mail is in color!!**

Jack Lamberty 451-1165 [JackL68734@aol.com](mailto:JackL68734@aol.com)

## WELCOME OUR NEW STARS



New members to Branch 46 are easy to recognize. They have a star on their badge. When you see a star on a SIR's nametag, make sure you introduce yourself and welcome them to Branch 46. **We suggest you also send a welcoming E-mail to the new member.**



**BRANCH 46 WEBSITE**  
<http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

Remember, to access the website, just use the CTRL, click feature on the above link. This month's website lists our 2017 Officers and Directors, new Announcements, new Golf schedule, a complete set of the Christmas Luncheon photos, and in the Travel link, the list of available trips extends to November, 2017. The Computer link on the main website page features the January edition of Bill Bromiley's Computer Newsletter. Some interesting articles are (1) How to dispose of your old laptops and smart phones that contain both financial and personal information. You may think this information has been deleted, but it's still there! (2) Elon Musk of SpaceX is creating a global-based internet system that will allow anyone in the world to have access to the internet. He's talking about 4400 satellites at 700 miles altitude. And (3) A computer hacker attacked some of the San Francisco Muni Metro computers over the weekend following Thanksgiving and demanded \$73,000 ransom to unlock the malicious software he had installed on Muni computers. The hacker locked up employee computers at 900 workstations, shut down Muni's email system and knocked out the time-tracking portion of the Muni payroll system. Fortunately, the Muni system had planned for such an attack, and they refused to pay the demanded ransom, restored their systems and passed the investigation over to the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security. Finally, if you would like to have something posted on the web concerning Branch 46, please contact Jack Lamberty. 451-1165 or Email at JackL68734@aol.com.



***In Memoriam***

Sadly, we must report the passing of Sir Lonnie Stone. Lonnie was a longtime member of Branch 46, having joined in 2004. During his time with the branch, he was an active member of the SIR "Luncheon morning" bridge group and also played with his wife twice monthly in the branch Couples Bridge sessions. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences are with the family and friends of Lonnie at this sad time of their lives.

**Important Dates for Branch 46**  
**JANUARY 2016**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- Jan. 1 New Year's Day –  
Also National Hangover Day
- Jan. 4 National Spaghetti Day
- Jan. 9 SIR BEC meeting
- Jan. 13 National Rubber Ducky Day
- Jan. 17 National Bootlegger Day
- Jan. 19 Branch Luncheon
- Jan. 22 Last Day for Bulletin Input
- Jan. 27 National Chocolate Cake Day
- Jan. 28 Chinese New Year

# HELP WANTED!!

**Branch 46 urgently needs someone to fill two important positions:  
Attendance Chairman and Chaplain**



## **Attendance Chairman**

The Attendance Chairman brings all of our badges to each luncheon and, as you know, takes the attendee-badges home afterwards in a bucket. Attendance numbers are provided to the Membership Committee for inclusion in a monthly report, and absent members are recorded. Attendance records of each member are maintained and, when necessary, delinquent members are notified of their status. Depending on the situation, the member can be transferred to inactive status or, in extreme cases, asked to resign. This is an extremely important job since attendance is financially beneficial to the Branch as we use bucket brigade receipts to help cover our expenses (including a State per active member quarterly assessment). We will sorely miss Lee Talbott who has been our Attendance Chairman since 2012.



**Branch Chaplain** The requirement for Branch Chaplain is a temporary one. Rich Mayo, our current chaplain is temporarily disabled and plans to return but is not sure when. So we need a volunteer to take his place while he is out. The Branch Chaplain gives the initial invocation at our branch functions and maintains contact with members and their families who are having health or sickness problems. **If you're interested in either of these positions or know a likely candidate, please contact John Doisy or Paul Wagner. John: 478-4278 Paul: 931-9001**

## **January Speaker**

Our speaker for the luncheon will be Mr. Greg Furey. Mr. Furey has been with the San Joaquin County's District Attorney's office since 1991, and has served under three separate District Attorneys (John Phillips, Jim Willett, and Tori V. Salazar). Prior to that, he was in private practice in the Bay Area for two years (civil).

With the DA's office, he has been on the following units: Misdemeanor Jury Trials; preliminary hearings; domestic violence unit (vertical prosecution\*); in charge of Tracy Office; Prosecutor for Child Abuse and Sexual Assault (CASA); CASA prosecutor for Juvenile Division; and Gang prosecutor in the Juvenile Division with specialty of Gangs, Weapons and Guns.

Greg grew up in San Francisco and was actually prosecuted as a juvenile. He believes he is the only Juvenile prosecutor in the state that has actually served time in juvenile hall. He went into the military at age 17 and has received degrees from City College of San Francisco, San Francisco State, and from Hastings College of Law. \*One prosecutor is assigned to a case from intake to appeal.

## ***CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS***

Once again, our Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon was a huge success. This is mainly due to the efforts of our volunteer staff, namely: Pete Lepisto and Ellis Weeks on ticket sales and Pete again as “Big R” guru; ticket printer Ron Korock; Jack Lamberty for the program handouts; Lee and Darlene Talbott running the gift table; and Jan Wagner, Charlotte Doisy, and Alice Lamberty for table decorations.

Some of the highlights included installation of the new officers by Lee Talbott, a gavel presentation to the incoming Big Sir, John Doisy, and a presentation of a “Past Big Sir” badge to Paul Wagner. Sir Frank Rubino was given a big hand for reaching his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday. Frank is still active in our couples bridge club.

John Seifried, our Food Bank Manager, reported that the Branch 46 Christmas contributions to the Stockton Food Bank totaled 124 lbs of packaged food plus \$105 in cash.

Once again, the Lincoln High Choir and director Paul Kimball came to Elkhorn during their lunch hour to provide us with an excellent program of Christmas songs plus many of their original arrangements. After the performance, Sir members passed through the audience with donation baskets, and a total of \$314 was collected which will be given to the choir for help in their activities. During the luncheon, choir members sold tickets to a December 12 evening concert, and those who attended report that Branch 46 was recognized as a contributor to their Scholarship program and also to their overnight trip to San Francisco.

Photos of the luncheon are included elsewhere in this bulletin, and a complete set of photos can be seen on our branch website.

Finally, our thanks to the Elkhorn cooks and servers who once again provided us with an excellent meal along with very efficient service.

## **Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon**

Photos by Jack Lamberty



**Sir Widows as Special Guests  
Flo Sanguinetti, Ruth Stronbom, & Patty Roek**



**Gift Table and Lincoln High Choir**

# Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon

Photos by Jack Lamberty  
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2017 Big Sir John Doisy and Charlotte Doisy



2017 Officer Installation: Lee Talbott (installer), Ron Korock, Bill Halboth, Paul Wagner, Bob Stewart, Bill Werner, Dave Derksen, & John Doisy



Gentlemen: It's time to come out of hibernation and start the golf season in February.

**Schedule for February and March:**

- February 15** Lockeford Springs 2 Man Best Ball \$35 in advance 8:30 Shotgun Bill Rutherford
  - February 24** Van Buskirk 2 man Alternate shot \$29 + \$5 at Course 9:00 Shotgun John Stevens
  - March 15** La Contenta 2 Man Scramble Cost not finalized in advance 9:00 Shotgun Bill Rutherford
  - March 31** Swenson 4 Man Scramble \$32 + \$5 at the Course 9:00 Shotgun Gary Calhoon
- The full schedule for next year should be complete in the next month. See you at the course

**For questions** regarding participation in our 18 Hole golf call Gary Calhoon 474-6448  
**Tournament Hosts** Rutherford 916-776-9222; Calhoon 474-6448; Stevens 470-5251

## Wishing Everyone a Healthy and Prosperous 2017

SIRS BRANCH 46

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – RON KOROCK

### OUR JANUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS GO TO...

Maynard BOSTWICK	Matt GAFFNEY	Ethan IVES
Frank CAMPBELL	“Loop” LAUPPE	John SHARPE
John DOISY	John MOSKITO	Bill SMITH
Dennis FULTZ	Wally PARSONS	John STEVENS
	Frank MARTINEZ	

### OUR BEST WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING SIRS AND THEIR WIVES ON THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Lockey & Marty KJELSON	married	January 8, 2005
Karel & Dave PALMER	married	January 25, 1969

### AND TO THOSE SIRS MARRIED 50 OR MORE YEARS...

Jean & Bob HAMERNIK	married	January 28, 1961
Mary & Reno BERBANO	married	January 11, 1959

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Membership: 96 Active Members, 11 Inactive

## *SIR Travel Opportunities 2017*

**Note:** If you decide to book one of these trips or cruises, please go through the branch Travel Chairman shown in the listing. He has spent a great deal of time and effort setting up these opportunities for SIR members, and you will be able to socialize with a group of your fellow Sirs

**Feb 3-18, 2017: Hawaii Grand Princess Cruise.** RT from SF on a 16 day cruise to Hawaii stopping at Hilo, Honolulu, Lahaina, Nawiliwili and Ensenada. Cruise includes home pick up, gratuities for drivers, porters, and port taxes, all meals on board and return transfers to your home. Costs range from \$1695 to \$3095 depending on Stateroom. Brian Serpa, Br 141, San Jose, 408-227-7658 or Rollo Parsons, 408-268-5245.

**Mar 6-12, 2017: Spring Training and Southwest Adventure.** Fly to Phoenix and enjoy 2 spring training games and visit the Desert Botanical Gardens and Frank Lloyd Wrights Tallesin West. Day 4 travel from Scottsdale to Sedona and tour Sedona and the Grand Canyon area. Tour includes home pick up and RT airport transfers, professional guide, 6 nights accommodations, admission fees, baggage handling for one suitcase and all taxes .Cost \$2495 Brian Serpa, Br.141, 408-227-7658 or Rollo Parsons, 408-268-5245.

**May 10-25, 2017: 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of JFK on Cape Cod.** Tour highlights include JFK Presidential Library, tour of Hyannis ,JFK Museum, Hyannis Harbor cruise, Cape Cod Maritime Museum, Whale watching cruise and tour of Nantucket. Cost \$2395.00 includes RT airfare, deluxe motor coach, 8 meals, tours and 5 night accommodations .John Pletsch Br.32, San Jose, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

**June 17-25, 2017: The Colorado Rockies.** 9 day escorted tour including Denver, Rocky Mt. Natl Park, Grand Junction, Arches Natl Park, Canyonlands Natl Park, Colorado Natl Monument, Durango & Silverton Narrow gauge railway, Garden of the Gods, Mesa Verde Natl Park, Pikes Peak Cog Railway. Cost \$3159. Including air taxes & fees RT air, hotel transfers and gratuities. Bill Rodman, San Jose, Br.38, 408-274-4521 or Alan Patmore, 408-867-4197.

**June 19-25, 2017: Yellowstone Wildlife Safari.** 7 day land trip to Yellowstone Park with over sixty species of mammals, untamed landscapes and geothermal features. You will visit West Yellowstone, Old Faithful, Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, Yellowstone Wildlife Safari, Grand Teton National Park, Salat Lake City and Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Tour cost is \$2795 which includes Professional Guide, Hotel Accommodations, Meals, RT air, transportation on the tour, all taxes and gratuities. Tom Duncanson Br 20, 831-662-8605.

**July 3-15, 2017: Alaska Yukon Land & Sea.** 7 night land tour of upper Alaska and Yukon Territory. Followed by 4 night cruise through the Inside Passage on Holland America M/S Nieuw Amsterdam. Tour features include Anchorage, Domed Rail Cars, Tundra Tour to Denali, Fairbanks, Klondike Spirit Paddle –wheeler Cruise, Dawson City, Cruise includes Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and Vancouver. Cost range from \$5150 to \$5895. Mike Console, Br. 54, San Jose, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.

**July 20-Aug 5, 2017: Ring of Kerry Land Tour & Princess Cruise.** 4 day land tour of Ireland and 12 days Princess cruise around the British Isles visiting 10 ports, including France. Trip includes beverage package worth \$676.20 if you sign up by Aug 20 for a balcony or mini suite.



Prices range from \$4999 to \$6299 not including airfare. Tom Molinari, Br 147, Petaluma, 707-762-1880. Sold out, Standby only.

**Aug 14-22, 2014: US & Canadian National Parks.** Explore 7 spectacular including Glacier National Park, Banff National Park, Kootenay National Park, Waterton National Park. You'll also visit Lake Louise, Emerald Lake, Silverado Silver Mine, and Spokane. Cost of \$3250 includes RT Air, Tour Transportation, Lodging, Meals, Taxes and Gratuities. Tom Duncanson, Br.20, 831-662-8605.

**Aug 14-18, 2017: Ashland, Shakespeare Festival.** 5 day tour featuring the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Jacksonville Belle Fiore Winery, Harry & David's Dinner Cabaret Show, Country Village, and Kitchens of Harry and David before returning to Ashland for a visit the Oregon Cabaret Theatre. Cost of \$1450 includes Deluxe Motorcoach, 4 nights lodging, 9 meals, 3 performances and Tips. Bill Rodman, Br 38, San Jose, 408-274-4521.

**Sep 6-19, 2017: Atlantic Isles Cruise.** This 13 day luxury cruise aboard the Crystal Symphony begins and ends in Lisbon, Portugal, with several exotic ports of call in the Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands, and Morocco. Crystal distinguishes itself from other cruise lines by offering the very best in service, food, entertainment and cultural programs. All beverages are included. Prices start at \$8095 and include deluxe stateroom, \$250 shipboard credit, RT Air, all gratuities, port charges and transfers in SF. Larry Martinson, Br. 114, San Jose, 408-238-0746 or Jim Stoner, 408-238-8458.

**Sep 7-20, 2017: Prague, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.** This itinerary offers sights that will delight your senses. Highlights include: Prague, Rothenburg, Munich, Salzburg, Hitler's Eagles Nest, Oberammergau, Kleine Scheidegg, Black Forest, Rudesheim and the Rhine River Cruise. The deluxe tour RT Air, most meals, accommodations, tour manager, admission to all activities, luggage handling, and all taxes. Cost \$5495 including air. Lee Suess, Br 96, Jackson, 209-296-2235.

**Sep 28-Oct 6, 2017: Norman Rockwell New England.** Tour through the backroads of the Berkshire and Adirondack Mountains as you admire the fall foliage and visit the life memories of Norman Rockwell. The tour includes Boston City Tour then ferry cross Lake Champlain to Burlington VT and into the Green Mountains. Then cross the Connecticut River in New Hampshire into the coastal town of York Beach, Maine. Price is \$3385, John Pletsch, Br 32, San Jose, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080 or Tom Duncanson Br. 20, 831-662-8605.

**Nov 9-20, 2017: Florida's Sunshine Trail.** This 12 day trip spotlights Florida's top attractions including Orlando, St Augustine, Cocoa Beach, Kennedy Space Center, West Palm Beach, Key West and Miami. Air Boat experience through the Everglades, Naples, and Fort Myers. Cost \$4250, Mike Console, Br 32, San Jose, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.

Send your brief trip information to Bob Spellman at [bobnjo@astound.net](mailto:bobnjo@astound.net) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed.