



# 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 18<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY NOON**

## **BIG SIR GREETING JANUARY 2018**

I welcome the New Year, I am looking forward to this New Year and the challenges that lie ahead. Our governing board is not totally new. This is good and bad. Bad news first. We did not have enough members that would step forward to take open positions and provide "new blood and new ideas." Good News: With the faithful members that did step forward and fill the positions, we are fortunate to have experienced leadership. A "Special Thanks" and congratulations to the Officers that did: John Doisy, Paul Wagner, George Snider, Duke Wilkinson, and John Stevens. And special thanks to Directors Bill Halboth, John Mendonca who is also our Chaplain; Dave Palmer who runs our Thursday morning bridge group and is our Auditor; Ron Korock, Chairman of the Bowling Activity and Attendance Chairman; Abraham Mackey, Chairman of 9 hole golf; John Stevens, Chairman of 18 hole golf; Dick Andersen, Chairman of the Couples Bridge. Jack Lamberty, Bulletin Editor and Webmaster. AND don't forget R.O.M.E.O. (Really Old Men Eating Out) Chairman: Pete Lepisto. We go to different restaurants and bring our wives, girlfriends, significant others, and future X-wives, etc.

We are going to make an aggressive effort to increase our membership like it was before. If prospective members knew the wonderful and interesting speakers we have each month and the games available, I am sure they would be only too happy to join. If each member talked to and invited one person to join, we would double our membership. Simple mathematics.

To give some credibility as to my ability to lead and be your big SIR, I have been an Officer in every organization I have been involved in during my 50 years of work. I have been retired 28 years but

most recently I was installed as a full blown "Maori" Chief of the Australian aborigines. I went through their training program which included cooking, eating, and dancing, and other social, unprintable skills. Actually, this was not by choice. I was on a Tour bus in Australia nodding off as the tour guide was talking. I did not hear him say, "We need another Chief so would someone please raise your hand." My lovely wife, poked me and said, "David raise your hand!" Being a good husband, I raised my hand and before I knew it, I was a Chief. I will never tell her about the total training program. That was also how I got to be an Officer and Director in SIRs. She said for me to get involved. "How much work can it be?" So, here I am. I should make her write this stuff

Well, January is the month when all the bills come in. The secret is to go away like I do. Give them all money. Get old and forget to buy presents. When you see them, you say, "How did you like the present I got you? Did it fit ok? Are you sure I didn't buy you a present?" OR get Alzheimer's and forget all together.

Our speaker for January meeting is Jon Austin, the Interim Director of the San Joaquin County Emergency Services. See you there.

Dave E. Derksen **Big Sir 2018**

## ***NEW IN THIS EDITION***

- ✓ **Christmas Luncheon Photos & Write up**
- ✓ **Info on January Speaker**
- ✓ **January Calendar**
- ✓ **Birthdays & Anniversaries for January**
- ✓ **2018 Officer, Directors, & Chairmen**

## 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, Dick Andersen, a call (478-3753) or send him an e-mail: [whalelady@comcast.net](mailto:whalelady@comcast.net)

### 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 8:30 AM 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:

John Mendonca is our chairman for this committee. His phone number is 477-0743. Whenever you are aware of a member who has a serious illness or whose family has experienced some tragic circumstances, please give John a call. Please don't be hesitant to call John if you are aware of a member who is having problems. A call from the SIR would be greatly appreciated.



## 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. Abraham Mackey  
Any questions, call me at 471-7007 or [abraham4880@gmail.com](mailto:abraham4880@gmail.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.**



18 hole golf had a great season. Those interested in helping by running a tournament or two next year please let me know. The tournament schedule has been finalized and will be posted soon. Our first tournament will be in February. NCGA dues are now due. The renewal amount is \$43, A check should be sent to: Bill Rutherford, 1067 1st Avenue, Walnut Grove, 95690.

Any of you who have not been involved with 18 hole golf, but would like to be, call me (957-7775), and I will help you get involved. We all have a good time. You are not required nor expected to play in every tournament. You may pick and choose which ones to participate in.

John Stevens

## JANUARY SPEAKER

Our speaker for the January meeting is Jon Austin, Interim Director and Senior Emergency Planner of the San Joaquin County Emergency Services (OES). Mr. Austin is responsible for developing emergency action plans for county employees which include planning for county emergencies such as floods, fire, earthquakes, etc.. He prepares and conducts training for county employees, businesses, and community organizations and serves on various emergency planning committees. Mr. Austin also served in the California Army National Guard for 24 years where he was a platoon sergeant in a Chemical Defense Company, training soldiers in decontamination (decon) techniques. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from the California State University in Sacramento.



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR BRANCH 46 JANUARY, 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	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 plus National Hangover Day (really!)
- Jan 4 National Spaghetti Day
- Jan 8 Branch Executive Committee Meeting
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
- Jan 16 2017 Estimated Tax Due
- Jan 18 Branch Luncheon
- Jan 25 Last Day for Bulletin Input
- Jan 30 National Croissant Day

## 2018 OFFICERS

BIG SIR	Dave Derksen
LITTLE SIR	Paul Wagner
SECRETARY	George Snider
ASST. SECRETARY	John Stevens
TREASURER	John Doisy
ASST. TREASURER	Duke Wilkinson

## DIRECTORS

2016 thru 2018	2017 thru 2019
John Mendonca	Ron Korock
Jack Lamberty	Bill Halboth

## 2018 CHAIRMEN

### Attendance

Dick Andersen

### Auditor

Dave Palmer

### Biographer

Paul Wagner

### Bowling

Ron Korock

### Bridge (SIR)

Dave Palmer

### Bridge (Couples)

Dick Andersen

### Bulletin Editor

Jack Lamberty

### Bucket Brigade

Bob Westwood, John Pozar  
Cliff Wilburn, Matt Gaffney

### Chaplain

John Mendonca

### Christmas Lunch

Dave Derksen

Paul Wagner

### Flag Bearer

John Westafer

### Golf (par3 course)

Abraham Mackey

### Golf (18 hole)

John Stevens

### Greeters

John Sefried

### Membership

Ron Korock

### Roster

Ron Korock

### Memorials & Sunshine

John Mendonca

### Music

Maynard Bostwick

### Nominating Committee

John Doisy

### Photography

Dale Dunmire

### Picnic

Dave Derksen

Paul Wagner

### Program

Paul Wagner

### Travel

Dave Derksen

### Webmaster

Jack Lamberty



# WANTED – 2 DIRECTORS!

**Guaranteed 3-year Job Plus Upward Movement on Roster**



**Current Director Positions**

2016 thru 2018	Filled
2016 thru 2018	Filled
2017 thru 2019	Filled
2017 thru 2019	Filled
2018 thru 2020	You
2018 thru 2020	You

We have all our Officer positions filled, and, as shown above, we need two more Directors. This is a cushy job where all you have to do is attend our monthly Executive meetings at the Holy Cross Church on Hammer Lane. Some directors are currently chairmen of various Branch activities although this is not a requirement. The main function of a director is to attend the Executive meetings, engage in the discussions, vote on new proposals and, in general, run the Branch. If you are interested, we suggest you attend one of our monthly meetings and see what our leaders are talking about. Discussions range from “Who’s our next speaker?” to the quality of food at Elkhorn.

## Wishing Everyone a Healthy and Prosperous 2018

SIRS BRANCH 46

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – RON KOROCK

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

Frank MARTINEZ 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ethan IVES 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dennis FULTZ 3 <sup>rd</sup>
John STEVENS 6 <sup>th</sup>	Maynard BOSTWICK 9 <sup>th</sup>	John DOISY 10 <sup>th</sup>
Frank CAMPBELL 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bill SMITH 13 <sup>th</sup>	“Loop” LAUPPE 16 <sup>th</sup>
John MOSKITO 20 <sup>th</sup>	John SHARP 20 <sup>th</sup>	Matt GAFFNEY 21 <sup>st</sup>
Wally PARSONS 27 <sup>th</sup>	George SNIDER 30 <sup>th</sup>	

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

Lockey & Marty KJELSON	married	January 8, 2005
Sandee & Corky MAYER	married	January 29, 1983
Karel & Dave PALMER	married	January 25, 1969

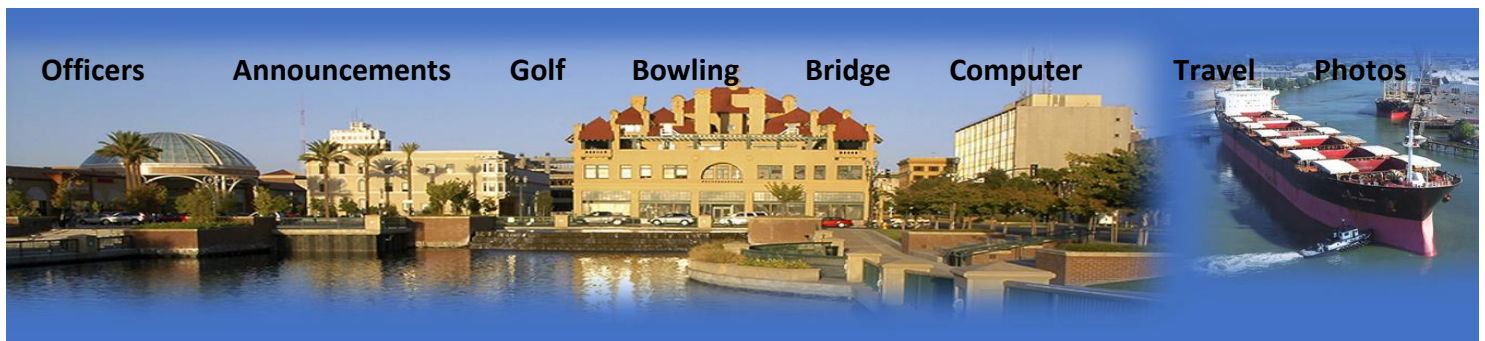
### AND TO THIS SIR AND HIS WIFE MARRIED 59 YEARS...

Mary & Reno BERBANO	married	January 11, 1959
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Membership: 87 Active Members, 19 Inactive





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

### Home Computer Warning

The newest virus circulating is the UPS/Fed Ex/USPS Delivery Failure.

1. You will receive an e-mail from UPS, Fed Ex, or USPS along with a packet number.
2. It will say that they were unable to deliver a package sent to you on such-and-such a date.
3. It then asks you to print out the invoice copy attached. **DON'T TRY TO PRINT THIS. IT LAUNCHES THE VIRUS!**
4. Pass this warning on to all your PC operators at work and home. This virus has caused millions of dollars in damage in the past few days.

Website Remember, to access the website, use the CNTRL, Click feature on the above link.

Christmas Luncheon. There is a complete set of luncheon photos on the website. Just click on the Photos link.

Computer- The Computer link on the main website page features the January edition of Bill Bromiley's Computer Newsletter. Interesting write-ups that we can relate to are described briefly below. Numbers are the paragraph numbers in the newsletter.

**2. Tesla Roadster.** The newest creation can go from 0 to 60 in 2 seconds and can also drive from SF to LA and back on a single charge. And speaking of charges, it's only \$250K.

**6. Robotic Birds.** This is a great idea. It's a drone with wings like a falcon and is currently being used by some airports with bird problems. One airport reports it not only cleared out all of the birds, but they never returned. Like all drones, it requires continuous monitoring and control by a human being.

**11. What is 2-Factor Identification (2FA)?** 2FA adds an extra layer of protection to the authentication process when you access your accounts or data. It requires users to provide a second piece of identifying information in addition to a password. **Examples of 2FA** include answering a question like "What was your high school mascot?" The article points out that most of the recent high-profile data breaches could have been prevented with this extra security protection and that 28% of Americans don't know what it is. This is surprising to me since most of my accounts have this feature, and when I log on, I have to provide personal information like my mother's maiden name or the name of the street I grew up on. The article goes on to provide user information on how to set up this feature.

**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.**

# HAPPY New Year!

# LADIES DAY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – December 7, 2017

Photos by Jack Lamberty and Ron Korock

Note: for a complete set of photos, check out our website. <http://branch46.sirinc2.org/>





# Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon

The December 7 Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon was a huge success. We had nine 8-person tables set up, and each was either full or only missing 1 or 2. Credits for the details and activities go to: John and Charlotte Doisy for managing and running the entire affair including table decoration; Ron Korock for ticket sales; Pete Lepisto for the Big "R"; Jack and Alice Lamberty for the Gift Exchange and agenda handouts; Dave Derksen for name tags; and the Elkhorn crew for exceptional food and service.

Highlights of the day include a special award given to John Mendonca and the official swearing in of Dave Derksen as Big Sir for 2018. John's award was the Senior Sir President's Award for turning 90 years old. John has previously served as Area Governor, Big & Little Sir (Lodi), Secretary, Director, and Chairman of Par 3 Golf. John told about his encounter with a golf cart on the Tracy course. The golf cart won, and John came away with a broken hip. He warned us to always be alert on the golf course. Dave will be the 43<sup>rd</sup> Big Sir for Branch 46. Dave previously served as Branch Secretary, Little Sir, Auditor and (currently) Travel Chairman.

The Lincoln High choir under the direction of Paul Kimball put on an excellent show. Additionally, Mr. Kimball introduced Mateus Barioni, one of the choir members, who had just been selected to the National Honor Mixed Choir. Mateus is one of two Stockton students to be selected for the honor and has been recently featured in the Stockton Record.

Finally, a winning Big "R" ticket drawn had no name so all we have is a number. Check out a photo of the ticket below, and if you have the matching number, bring the stub to the next meeting and contact Pete Lepisto for your prize.



**Pete Lepisto, John Doisy, & Dave Derksen**  
Dave is "Sworn In" as 2018 Big Sir



**John Mendonca and John Doisy**  
Senior Sir President's Award to Mendonca



## IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

If you bought Big R tickets, but didn't attend the December Christmas Luncheon, check your stubs! You could be a winner! The ticket with the number shown was drawn at the Big "R", and if you have the matching stub, bring it to the next meeting and contact Pete Lepisto for your prize.



## *SIR Travel Opportunities 2018-2019*

**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. **Note:** Once again, by request, we are showing only late 2018 and 2019 travel. For a complete listing check our website. <http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

**May 12-18, 2018: Southern Charm Discovery.** Trip features Jekyll Island, Savannah & Charleston, Jacksonville, St Simons Island, Andrew Low House, and choice of Boone Hall Plantation or Patriots Pt. Naval Museum. Cost is \$2836.00 covers air taxes & fees, hotel & transfers, gratuities and R/T air, Bill Rodman, Br 38, 408-274-4521 or Alan Patmore, 408-867-4197.

**May 25-Jun 9, 2018: Historic Cities of Eastern Canada & New England.** 16- day trip begins in Toronto then Lake Ontario, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal. Then travelers will board Holland America cruise ship and cruise down the St Lawrence river to Charlottetown, Sydney and Halifax and onto Bar Harbor ending in Boston. Cost is \$3695 to \$5185 (with out Airfare). Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

**Sep 8, 2018: Colorado Train Trip.** 7- day trip with stops at the US Airforce academy, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Colorado National Monument and Colorado Museum. Cost \$3035 and includes 15 meals, R/T Air, home pickup and back, professional tour manager, Larry Yarberry, Br 8, 925-890-9245.

**Sep 13-23, 2018: Alaska Inside Passage.** 11-day cruise starting in SF with ports of call at Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and Victoria B.C. Trip includes R/T transfer, Gratuities, Shipboard credit, and Photo. Cost \$1899.00 to \$3249 depending on cabin. Tom Molinari, Br 147, 707-762-1880.

**Sep 23-Oct 2, 2018: American Queen St Louis to Memphis.** The cruise begins with overnight stay in St Louis and ends with another overnight in Memphis, including tours in each city. The trip includes all transfers, R/T Air, port changes hotel cost, shore excursions, all meals on board ship, complimentary beer and wine. Ports of call include Alton, Chester, Cape Girardeau, Paducah, Dover, New Madrid, Ashport Landing, and Memphis Cost is \$3300 to \$5960 depending on cabin. Mike Console, 408-246-1080 Br 32. San Jose.

**Oct 21-31-2018: Crystal Mozart River Cruise.** Enjoy Europe's majesty and history of the scenic Wachau Valley, An Austrian wonderland. Stops include Durnstein, Melk, Bratislava, Budapest and Vienna. Prices start at \$6485 for deluxe stateroom with large picture window. Crystal's complimentary services includes butler, gratuities, unlimited refreshments, free internet, port charges, and transfers. Larry Martinson, Br 114, 408-528-0746 or Jim Stoner, 408-238-8458.

**Feb 15-Mar 2, 2019: Cruise from San Francisco to Ft Lauderdale.** 15 day cruise aboard the Coral Princess with port stops at Cabo San Lucas, San Juan Del Sur, Puntarenas, Fuerte Amador, cruising through the Panama Canal, Cartagena, and Ft Lauderdale. Cost ranges from \$3390 to \$4190 depending on stateroom and includes, home pickup, shipboard meals and entertainment, R/T airfare, luggage handling, transfers, all drivers and porters, gratuities, all applicable taxes and travel gift .Arkady Belogolovsky, Br. 54, 408-253-3956, or Joe Salamida, 408-767-2838.

Send your brief trip information to Bob Spellman at [bobjo@astound.net](mailto:bobjo@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.