



# 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: FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY NOON**

## **BIG SIR GREETING FEBRUARY 2018**

I thought we had a nice meeting in January. We had 53 for lunch. I was very pleased to see that more than half of the “what do we do” cards were taken to give out to persons that might be interested in SIR. Remember, you will not only be doing someone a favor, you will be getting a free lunch. You could win a FREE trip to LODI if you sponsor the most persons this year.

Our February Agenda is scheduled with a short “Pep” talk from Jerry Morrow, Regional Director. Our speaker for the month is Olga Rodriguez from the Haven Of Peace. This is a little-known Government and Personal Donations Association that helps women and women with children that are victims of domestic violence and abuse that have no place to go., They are provided with necessary shelter and needs and assisted through the court system. At our February meeting, we will honor Bob Shellenberger for his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a Senior Certificate.

We had a nice surprise at our January meeting with a special guest from Chapter 87. A Stockton celebrity, he has been a fishing guide for over 65 years. A Water and Fish Advocate representing us at the various meetings on Fish, Water, Tunnels, and Ecological concern of our Delta, Jay Sorenson will be inducted into the California Outdoors Hall of Fame on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Cal-Expo in Sacramento. Other notables in the Hall are John Muir, Ansel Adams, and Pete Ottesen. He has been a friend to many since his days with Jolly’s Bait Shop. “BIG Congratulations” to our fellow SIR.

We negotiated our yearly contract with the caterer and accepted another \$1.00 increase. We charge \$18.00, and with that extra dollar and the Raffle, and the \$3.00 from the “Bucket Brigade”, we, so far, are able to pay for guests, new

members, speakers, and some administrative costs. We have resisted having formal dues like other chapters. We have explored different locations and prices; however, we have been unable to find anything cheaper. The food has improved since John Doisy spoke to them last year.

We could use a new Chairman for our card activities. There has been interest in Pinochle and Spades. We also need a new Chairman for Travel and Photography. AND, we still have two openings for a Director. This would be a good opportunity for someone to get involved a little to see how they like it. We NOW need a Secretary since there was a misunderstanding when George was drafted. We have an Assistant Secretary, but seriously need a Secretary. Don’t forget Your “Sweetie” on February 14 (Or you’ll lose your Sweets) Valentine’s Day. Charles Dickens walks into a pub and asks for a martini. The Publican asks “Olive or Twist”? Remember, bring a Body to lunch.

Dave E. Derksen **Big Sir 2018**

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

- ❖ **Birthdays/Anniversaries for February**
- ❖ **February Speaker**
- ❖ **February Calendar**
- ❖ **Roster Changes**
- ❖ **Sacramento RiverCats (See Travel)**
- ❖ **Luncheon Happenings**
- ❖ **New Website listings**
- ❖ **Couples Bridge Luncheon**
- ❖ **Results & Photos**
- ❖ **Need a Photographer and Bucket Brigade Chairman. See Ad**

## 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.**



<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Cost/timing</b>	<b>Start/Type</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Other Comments</b>
Feb 21	Manteca GC	2 man BB	\$42, adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	
Mar 21	Wild Horse	2 man Scram	\$42, adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	Change from La Contenta
Mar 28	Swenson	4 man Scram	\$37 adv	9:00 S/G	Stevens	
April 18	Elkhorn	2 man BB	\$41, adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	
May 2	Swenson	4 man Scram	\$37 adv	9:00 S/G	Stevens	
May 16	Dry Creek	4 man 2 BB	\$39, adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	
May 30	Micke Grove	ABCD Qualifier	\$33 adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	Rancho Solano, Aug 13th
June 27	Swenson	4 man blind draw	\$50 adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	Lunch included
July 11	Swenson	State Qual-Indiv	\$40 adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	
July 23	Discovery	2 man Scram	\$55 adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	MONDAY Working
Aug 15	Elkhorn	2 pers mix Scram	\$56 adv	8:30	Rutherford	Lunch
Aug 29	Manteca GC	4 man Modified	\$37+5 adv	9:00 S/G	Cossey	
Sept 19	Castle Oaks	2 man BB	\$50 adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	Range balls
Sept 27	Tracy CC	4 man Scram 1,2,3	\$46	9:00 S/G	Cossey	Thurs, Range Balls
Oct 17	The Reserve	2 man Scram	\$47 adv	9:30 S/G	Rutherford	
Oct 31	Swenson	2 man Alt, Mod	\$37 adv	9:00	Swenson	
Nov 14	Micke Grove	Indiv Medal Finale	\$35 adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	WKG

**Hosts: Tournament Bill Rutherford 916-776-9222; John Stevens 470-5251; Bob Cossey 478-1440; Nick Smith 466-2219**

## **FEBRUARY SPEAKER**

The speaker for the Branch February luncheon will be Olga Rodriguez, the Executive Director of the Haven of Peace homeless shelter for women and children in French Camp. Olga has been Executive Director since October, 2014. Previously, she worked as a Site Director at several community centers connecting and referring low income families to various resources, services and programs. This has resulted in many families becoming self-sufficient. Olga has a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies and Child Development. She started her career in the education field as a Teacher, then became the Vice Principal and finally the Principal at a local private school.

Over the last 59 years the Haven of Peace has made a positive difference and enhanced the lives of homeless women and children. Olga is busy casting new visions for the future and is here to tell you more about the services provided by the Haven of Peace.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR BRANCH 46 FEBRUARY, 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			

**Blue backgrounds are Branch related dates**

- Feb 2 Ground Hog Day
- Feb 4 Superbowl Sunday
- Feb 12 Branch Executive Meeting
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 15 Branch Luncheon
- Feb 18 National Drink Wine Day
- Feb 19 President's Day (Fed Holiday)
- Feb 21 Editor's Birthday (Wife's, too)
- Feb 22 Washington's Birthday
- Feb 23 Last Day for Bulletin Input

## Roster Changes & Additions

Please make the following  
changes to your Roster

### Transferred to Inactive

John Pozar  
Dale Dunmire  
Bob Westwood

### Resigned

Ryan La Brie

### Add (new member)

**Nellman, Glen (#93)** (Lenore) (1-8)  
13359 N. Extension Ct BD Mar. 8  
Lodi 95242 Ph 209 369-8620  
glnellman@mindspring.com  
Sheriff Sergeant // Cards, Athletic events

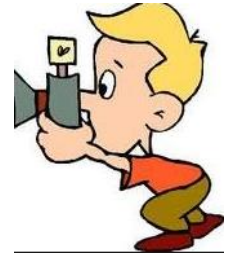
# ROBO CALLS

**Ed. Note: This article is repeated here by request. It was published in the September, 2016, bulletin.** If you answer the phone and hear a recorded message instead of a live person, it's a robocall. Internet-powered phone systems have made it cheap and easy for scammers to make illegal calls from anywhere in the world and to hide from law enforcement by displaying fake caller ID information. At the August 2016 luncheon Bob Westwood brought up the subject of robocalls and told us how he was able to stop them in his phone system. All that's required is a computer, access to the internet, and the ability to follow instructions. I went thru the procedure and haven't had a robo call since. Some others in the branch were successful also. They have greatly simplified the system since I worked with it.

1. Log in to Google on your computer
2. Type in "nomorobo" (guess what this stands for)
3. This will bring up the usual Google page with a list of different websites. Use the first one listed that has a link "Get Started Now". Click on this link.
4. This brings up a bunch of servers and some instructions below. Put in your landline server and E-mail address and click "Next".
5. You will get a notice that your carrier has sent you an E-mail with further instructions.
6. And the rest is up to you. When I went thru the drill in 2016 there were about 6 more steps. I tried it again this time to see what would happen. I got the E-mail instructions, but they wouldn't let me go any further saying they had already fixed my system. So you're on your own. I would appreciate any feedback if you try it. You can do this with your mobile phone also, but's there's a monthly charge of around \$3.00/month.

# Wanted!

## Two New Committee Chairmen!



### Branch Photographer

Dale Dunmire, our longtime photographer, is now on inactive status, and we need a replacement ASAP. Here's the requirements:

1. Have a camera
2. Ability to transfer photos via computer.

We need photos from all of our Branch functions such as luncheons, picnic, and Christmas Luncheon. Plus, whatever else you want to take. Selected photos will appear in the monthly bulletin, and all will appear on the branch website, thus providing you with national and international exposure. Also, not to worry about having to attend all branch functions. We have backup photographers that need the experience.



### Bucket Brigade Chairman

Bob Westwood has been Chairman of the Bucket Brigade since Jim Smith retired in 2014. Bob is now on inactive status, and we need a new chairman. Here's the requirements.



1. Ability to count money.
2. Convincing but courteous demeanor.

And the advantages:

1. First in chow line
2. Table close to buffet.

Contact Matt Gaffney or Ellis Weeks for information concerning this cushy job.

♥ **HAPPY**  
*Valentine's*  
**DAY** ♥

# FEBRUARY 2018 BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SIRS BRANCH 46 ... MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, RON KOROCK

## OUR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO...

Bob **SHELLENBERGER** 2nd      Richard **MAYO** 3rd      Reno **BERBANO** 4th

Peter **LEPISTO** 14th      Jack **LAMBERTY** 21st      Prince **SMITH** 21st

## OUR BEST ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO ...

Iry & Elvin <b>TYLER</b>	married	Feb. 14, 1988
Marion & Larry <b>COX</b>	married	Feb. 21, 1988
Mary & Bill <b>NOEL</b>	married	Feb. 26, 1972
Patrice & Robert <b>VERHINES</b>	married	Feb. 17, 1979
Charlotte & John <b>DOISY</b>	married	Feb. 11, 1972

and our **VERY SPECIAL WISHES** to our members married 50 or more years:

Sharon & Fred **BIANCHINI** married Feb. 16, 1966

Membership: Active 86, Inactive 21      January Meeting Attendance: 55 = 64%

*Happy Valentine's Day*

## JANUARY LUNCHEON HAPPENINGS

The speaker for the January Luncheon was Mr. Jon Austin, Director and Senior Emergency Planner of the San Joaquin County Emergency Services (OES). Mr. Austin emphasized that the OES is the disaster coordinator for the county, rather than the responder, and stated that the OES can be regarded as the nerve center for the county.

Some of the important points Mr. Austin brought up during his talk follow: They have recently taken on the responsibility of the Levee Reformation District. He said that at this time last year they were completely engrossed in flood control coordination in the county due to the heavy rains experienced in early January.

OES advises elected leaders in the event of an emergency, and, more importantly, whether or not an emergency actually exists. They coordinate care and shelter operations for families in need during an emergency and also animal rescue and care.

OES maintains a plan to evacuate county employees during an emergency. They have five full time employees and five part time plus a pool of volunteers which they rely upon during any disaster. He emphasized that they are always expanding their responsibilities and welcome any new volunteers. In this regard, SIR volunteers would be very welcome.



**Jon Austin**  
Executive Director, OES

# COUPLES BRIDGE

SIR couples get together twice a month at each other's homes to play Contract Bridge over a 5-month period. For this session there were 16 couples with each couple playing twice a month. Each five-month session is followed by a bridge luncheon, usually in January and July. Awards (\$) are given out to the winners from the previous session followed by a post-luncheon bridge tournament involving all couples. The luncheon for the 2017 fall session was held this month at Chucks on Pacific Avenue. Results and photos follow.

## Couples Bridge at Chuck's January 25, 2018

Photos by Jack Lamberty & Dave Derksen

### High Scores for the Money

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** Jack and Alice Lamberty

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Fayne and Mava Woolford

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** Bill and Donna Halboth

**4<sup>th</sup> Place** Frank and Velda Rubino

**5<sup>th</sup> Place** Duke and Suzy Wilkinson

**6<sup>th</sup> Place** Dick and Connie Andersen

### Luncheon Winners



**Dick Andersen (1<sup>st</sup>)** **Corwin Jones (3<sup>rd</sup>)**  
**Bill Halboth (4<sup>th</sup>)** **Donna Halboth (2<sup>nd</sup>)**





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

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

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

Also, there will be another set of photos from the January 25 Couples Bridge Luncheon. Click on "Bridge".

**Computer-** The Computer link on the main website page features the February 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.

**3.,4., & 5. Electric Cars.** These three articles are all on electric cars. Here's a short summary of some of the facts and figures. Mercedes Benz electric cars by 2022 - Volvo 100% Electric by 2019 - Electric Ford 150 pickup and Mustang in the works - GM Electric models in 2020 – 50% of vehicles in Norway are electric – Electric cars will eventually take over the world. Some of the problems associated with this last statement are summarized in the articles. One problem is the fact that current drivers are attached to the sound, smells, and feel of gas-powered engines. Another problem is one we already are experiencing -there must be more charging stations and the charging process must take far less time. And resources for making batteries must increase substantially.

**13. Navigation App Alternate Routing Causes Traffic Gridlock.** In case of a backup on a major thoroughfare through a city, the mobile phone or vehicle navigation application will provide an alternate route. Problem is these routes are often through neighborhoods, and the resulting backup here is worse than the one you're trying to avoid. To combat this, some communities have taken to denying access to non-residents on alternate routes. Violators are being rerouted or issued traffic citations. More detail is in the article at the link.

**14. Windows Speech Recognition. (WSR).** It turns out, if you have a PC with Windows, you already have WSR. And, if you are using it, inputting text is almost effortless. The article tells you how to go about getting it up and running and also getting some more power from your PC.

**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.**



## *SIR Travel Opportunities 2018 -*

**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 travel info starting mostly in late 2018 and extending to 2019 in this edition. Check the website for earlier 2018 listings. <http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

**April thru August, 2018. Sacramento Rivercats .** Sacramento RiverCats is a Triple A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants. They are inviting SIR Branches to enjoy a game either in one of their group areas or one of their hospitality areas or suites where you can have a dinner while watching the game. They already have booked branches for both of these locations. Costs in a group area range from \$15 to \$28/person. For any group area they need a minimum of 20 people. Hospitality suites are \$55/person (dinner not included) and Hospitality Areas are \$55/person with dinner (Backyard Barbecue, all-you-can-eat buffet). Apparently, you can book with your own group or, if you can't round up 20 people, join a group from another SIR Branch. Contact Daniel Mason at (916) 376-4621 or E-mail at "dmason@RIVERCATS.com". For a copy of the RiverCat 2018 schedule and other advertising-type information contact Jack Lamberty at "JackL68734@aol.com".

**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 charges 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 Tom Molinari, [stmolinari@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stmolinari@sbcglobal.net), by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed.