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 21st THURSDAY 12:00 NOON

BIG SIR GREETING FEBRUARY 2019

Welcome to February, sometimes called the Presidents' month. Congress decided to combine Lincoln's birthday (February 12) and Washington's birthday (February 22) into a single federal holiday, and this time it happens to be on the 18th. However, it is more important for you to remember February 14 which is Valentine's Day. Forget this day at your own risk.

Active member attendance for the January Luncheon was 63% which compares well with the highest of 64% we've experienced in the past year. The highlight of the meeting was the talk given by our guest speaker, Mr. Peter Jaffe, the Stockton Symphony Orchestra conductor. Mr. Jaffe is an excellent speaker, uses no notes, and kept us entertained with the history of the Symphony Orchestra which was formed by an Italian immigrant in 1926. The "Luncheon Happenings" writeup in this edition has more on Mr. Jaffe's talk. He also provided handouts which included Symphony schedules for 2019 and notices advertising discounts for future Symphonies. These handouts will also be available at the February luncheon.

The speaker for our February luncheon is Mr. Bill Brennan - a submarine sailor during the Cold War. He will talk about his experiences during that period, and he sent us an excellent description of his planned talk which is provided later in this edition under "February Speaker".

Also in this edition is our list of future luncheon speakers. Thanks to our Little Sir, Glenn Nellman, we have speakers signed up thru July — every month except June which is our Picnic month. Mark your calendars with our picnic date, June 20, and plan on being there at Micke Grove for a day of

Golf Chipping, Bingo, 50/50, and Lodi Lions Barbecue - probably Tri-tips. And while we're on the subject, please mark your calendar for February 22. That's the date of our first Romeo get together for 2019. This time it will be a luncheon at Angelina's. See the notice further on in this edition for Romeo information. For newcomers, "Romeo" stands for Retired Old Men Eating Out, but you better bring your wife or significant other.

And finally, and most important, our two main projects for the year must be (1) recruiting new members and (2) establishing our 2020 officer slate. Our active member list remains at 71. We gained one new member last month, but also lost a member due to resignation. Once again, 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. Along this line, we intend to have recruiting-oriented handouts at the next luncheon for you to give to anyone you think might be interested in joining our Branch.

Mike Sather Big Sir 2019

NEW IN THIS EDITION

- --New Golf Schedule (year)
- --February Calendar
- --Speaker List thru July
- --Romeo Information (Feb. 22)
- --New Member
- -- February Birthdays
- -- Chairmen Required
- --February Speaker

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

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

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

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 <u>JackL68734@aol.com</u>



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.

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





<u>Date</u>	Course	Format	Cost/timing	Start/type	Host Other	<u>comments</u>
Feb 13	Manteca GC	2 man BB	\$40	9:S/G	Rutherford	
March 13	La Contenta	2 man Scram	\$, Adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	
March 27	Swenson	4 man Scram	\$37 adv	9:00 S/G	Stevens	
April 10	Elkhorn	2 man BB	\$41, adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	
April 24	Swenson	4 man Scramble	\$37 adv	9:00 S/G	Stevens	
May 15	Dry Creek	4 man 2 BB	\$39, adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	
May 29	Swenson	ABCD	??\$, adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	
June 12	Micke Grove	4-man blind draw	\$45+/-, adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	Lunch included
June 26	Swenson	4 man Shamble	\$ <i>,</i> adv	9:00 S/G	Stevens	
July 17	Micke Grove	State Qual-Indiv	\$38, adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	
July 29	Discovery Bay	2 man Scram	\$55 /, adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	MONDAY
August 14	Elkhorn	2 person mixed Scram	\$56, adv	8:30	Rutherford	uested, not final Lunch
August 28	Manteca GC	4 man Scramble	\$40 adv	8:00 S/G	Mackey	
Sept 11	Castle Oaks	2 man BB	\$50, Adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	Range balls
Sept 25	Swenson	4 man Scramble	\$?, Adv	9:000 S/G	Mackey, Steve	ns
Oct 16	The Reserve	2 man Scram	\$47 Adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	
Oct 30	Swenson GC	2 man Alt. Mod	\$?, Adv	9:00 adv	Stevens	
Nov 13	Micke Grove	Indiv Medal Finale	\$37 Advance	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	WKG

<u>Tournament Hosts:</u> Bill Rutherford 916-776-9222, John Stevens 470-5251 Abe Mackey. 209-471-7007



IMPORTANT DATES FOR BRANCH 46 -- February 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

- --Feb. 2 Ground Hog Day
- --Feb. 5 Chinese New Year
- -- Feb. 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- -- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- --Feb. 18 BEC Meeting
 President's Day (Fed.)
 National Drink Wine Day
- --Feb. 21 Branch Luncheon
 Jack & Alice Lamberty Birthdays
- --Feb. 22 Washington's Birthday
 Last Day for Bulletin Input + ROMEO!
- --Feb. 28 National Tooth Fairy Day





COMING SPEAKERS

Feb. 21 Bill Brennan

Cold War Submarine Service

March 21 Todd Ruhlstaller

Haggin Museum

April 18 Russell Stark

Stockton Metropolitan Airport

May 16 Brad Davis

UOP Women's Basketball Coach

July 18 Sally Snyde

Business Owner, Snyde Vineyards;

President, Worlds of Wonder,

Lodi





(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Celebrate our first president's Birthday with a lunch at Angelina's Italian Restaurant,

1563 E. Fremont, Stockton on Friday, February 22nd at 11:30 am. Pasta Buffet with choice of coffee, tea, or soda.

\$17.50 per person, pay at the door. Beer, and wine not included.

Make reservations at our January 17 or February 21 meetings or contact Pete Lepisto,

email <u>SISUFINN1@SBCGLOBAL.NET</u> or (209)948-2265.

January Luncheon Happenings

The speaker for the January Luncheon was Peter Jaffe, the music director and conductor for the Stockton Symphony since 1995. Mr. Jaffe's talk ranged from describing the beginnings of the orchestra in 1926 to the present and even provided a scientific analysis of why seeing and listening to a live performance is far better than watching a video. Reason: Live orchestra can't correct mistakes - it must be perfect.



Peter Jaffe Symphony Conductor

In May 1926, the first concert was performed by the newly created Stockton Symphony – a group of twenty local musicians formed by pharmacist-by-day and orchestra-conductor-by-night Manlio Silva. An Italian immigrant, Silva was an accomplished musician, having graduated from the Conservatory of Chiavari. The musicians gave the Stockton Symphony's inaugural performance during "Music Week" for the Stockton Musical Club. Five months later, the first complete season opened in October 1926 at the California Theater on Main Street. Since then, Stockton Symphony has thrived for over 90 years. In 1967 Kyung-Soo Won became the conductor for the next 27 years and was followed by Peter Jaffe in 1995. Mr. Jaffe has also led Stockton Opera since 2001 and has been the musical director and conductor of both the Auburn and Folsom Lake Symphony Orchestras for the past several years.

February Speaker

Our speaker for the February luncheon will be Mr. Bill Brennan, a submarine sailor during the Cold War. I asked for a biography to put in the bulletin, and Mr. Brennan responded with the following - an excellent description of his duty as a Cold War warrior.

Join the Navy and See the World--through a periscope! What was it like to be a submarine sailor during the Cold War? Here are some sea stories from Bill Brennan's years of service on one of the last diesel boats built for the navy, the USS Blueback SS581 (commissioned in 1956). A good sub-title might be "How I earned my hazardous duty pay." Like the time we were hit by our own torpedo. Or the time we got stuck on the bottom during a deep test dive. Or the time we almost sank by sinking backward during an emergency. Did you know that the ocean is very noisy with biologics, which can make it difficult to detect another submarine? What did it feel like to stand on the deck of Admiral Togo's flag ship (he ambushed the Russian fleet in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904). Come and hear these and other sea stories that made serving a time of many unexpected events, though some of them were pretty frightening at the time.



BRANCH 46 WEBSITE http://branch46.sirinc2.org

<u>Website</u> Remember, to access the website, use the CTRL, Click feature on the above link. Or, if that doesn't work, go to your internet provider and type in the above address for the link **Travel:** Our bulletin is space limited, and therefore many travel opportunities are missing. The complete list of SIR travel opportunities is provided in the website from January 27 thru September 14, 2020. This includes SF Giant Spring Training and three separate Oberammergau (Passion Play) trips.

Computer: There are 13 articles in this month's Bill Bromily's computer newsletter. The first two concern the Las Vegas Electronics Show with the latest in Artificial Intelligence and how it will affect the auto industry. Due to space limitations in this bulletin, we can only report on one article that we found extremely interesting.

9. Self Learning Computers Excel In Chess and Medicine

Google's parent company, Alphabet, owns the artificial-intelligence (AI) company DeepMind who recently announced that in late 2017 its machine learning algorithm, AlphaZero, had mastered not only chess but shogi, or Japanese chess, and the 2500 year old Chinese board game Go, which is currently played by an estimated 46 million people. "The algorithm started with no knowledge of the games beyond their basic rules. It then played against itself millions of times and learned from its mistakes. In a matter of hours, the algorithm became the best player, human or computer, the world has ever seen." Not only could it have easily defeated all the strongest human masters — it didn't even bother to try — it crushed Stockfish, the reigning computer world champion of chess. In a hundred-game match against a truly formidable engine, AlphaZero scored twenty-eight wins and seventy-two draws. It didn't lose a single game.

This computer self learning capability is now working beyond chess and other games and being expanded to assist humans in solving practical problems like medical diagnoses. For example, a machine-learning algorithm can decide whether a CT scan of an emergency-room patient shows signs of a stroke, an intracranial hemorrhage or other critical neurological event.

ROSTER CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Please add the following new member to your directory.

WADDY, Phillip "Phil" (#46) (Cathy) (01-19)
5307 Virtue Arc Dr. BD Oct. 03
Stockton 95207 Ph 518-2830
Phil3113@hotmail.com
Parts & Service Manager // EPC, LLC



Phil Waddy with sponsor Abraham Mackey

WELCOME TO BRANCH 46 PHIL!

FEBRUARY 2019 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

OUR BEST ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO ...

Iry & Elvin TYLER	married	Feb. 14, 1988
Patrice & Robert VERHINES	married	Feb. 17, 1979
Cathy & Phil WADDY	married	Feb. 09, 1974
Mary & Bill NOEL	married	Feb. 26, 1972
Charlotte & John DOISY	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 71

January Meeting Attendance: 45 = 63%

Happy Valentine's Day

My Dear Valentine

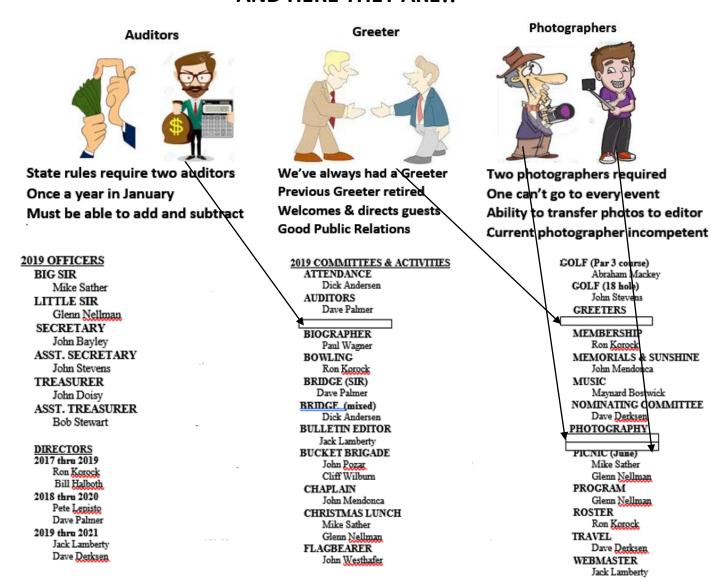
If the sun refused to shine

If romance ran out of rhyme

You would still have my heart

Till the end of time...

WE HAVE A FULL SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2019. But we still need some chairmen to make it a good year. AND HERE THEY ARE!!



These positions are all required to make our Branch functional, smooth-running, and enjoyable!

LETS FILL UP THIS BACK PAGE!!

Interested? Call or E-mail Dave Derksen 636-4650 or Email at DaveElvinSr@outlook.com

SIR Travel Opportunities January 2019 Rec'd 12/21

Sept 20-28/2019 Captivating Cascadia – A Custom Nine Day Cruise/Tour NEW

Air Fare from San Francisco to Seattle, ,one night Edgewater Hotel- Seattle – two nights at Friday Harbor Suites – San Juan Island – one night at the La Connor County Inn - one night at the Hampton Inn – Vancouver & Three Night Princess Cruise from Vancouver to San Francisco. Price also includes Seven Breakfasts, Lunches and 3 Dinner on the tour. Transfer from Petaluma to SF Airport and return from Pier to Petaluma, Driver& Guide Gratuities (for land portion only) Cost from \$2640. For additional information & brochure, contact Chuck Wolf Br#58 707 477-3505 chuck@charlesjwolf.com

Oct 11-18, 2019 Niagara Falls and the Grand Hotel: The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island and the Magical Niagara Falls. Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum, city tour by horse drawn carriage around Mackinac Island and Maid of the Mist Cruise. (Passport Required) Includes: R/T Air 7 nights' accommodations, Deluxe Motor coach and Driver, 13 Meals and Baggage Handling (except airline baggage fees) Price \$3335 Dlb Occ \$3995 Single, For Additional information contact Roy Newman #45 530 755-3713 or roy.newman@concast.net

Oct 13 – 20, 2019 Princess Cruise Pacific Northwest: 7 Day - R/T San Francisco, ports of call, Astoria, Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria, BC Price range from \$1697 interior to \$2527 Mini-Suite per person DO. For additional information please contact Bill Rodman Br #38 408 274-4521 brodman@sbcglobal.net

Oct 18-25, 2019 Niagara Falls & Grand Hotel: Includes home pick up, round trip airfare to Detroit, 7 nights accommodations, deluxe motorcoach,13 meals, admission fees as noted, baggage handling. From scenic drives, museums, the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, horse drawn carriage rides, and magical Niagara Falls. Highlights include greenfield village, Henry Ford Museum, Mackinac Island, Mighty Mac suspension bridge, city tour by horse drawn carriage around Mackinac Island, Floral Clock, whirlpool Rapids, Table Rock, Maid of the Mist Cruise. Cost \$3335 per person includes roundtrip airfare. Larry Yarberry 925 890-9245 Lyarberry42@comcast.net

Oct 20 to 27, 2019 Princess Cruise Pacific Northwest 7 Day-R/T San Francisco Ports of call, Astoria, Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria, Prince range from \$1299 Interior to \$\$2169 Mini Suite. Includes R/T transfers to/from Pier-Gratuities-Ship board Credit and Photo. Additional information contact Tom Molinari 707 762-1880 or stmolinari@sbcglobal.net or Tina Powell Sonoma Travel toll free 888 900-7772

Nov 4-23, 2019 Inside Vietnam: Grand Circle Cruise, .18 day Overseas Adventure Travel Tour of Vietnam. Small group (Max 16 for tour) Visit Hanoi, Danang Bay and Saigon. Travel by Air, Bus and Boat. Included 18 breakfast, 13 lunches and 10 dinners. Price \$3775 Options: 3-night stopover in Hong Kong ,6 night pre-trip to The Tribes of Northern Vietnam and 6 night post trip tour of Cambodia and Angkor Wat. Additional information contact Jim Hohenshelt #62 408 394-7226 or jim hohenshelt@yahoo.co

Send your brief trip information to Tom Molinari at stmolinari@sbcglobal.net by the 25th of the month.Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed toTom Molinari State Travel Chairman stmolinari@sbcglobal.net or 707 762-18801243 Santa Ines Way- Petaluma, CA 94954

NOTICE: Articles to be included in the Branch 46 monthly "Bulletin" should be submitted NO LATER THAN the monthly luncheon meeting. Submit them to Jack Lamberty at JackL68734@aol.com or 209-451-1165.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

MEETING DATES FOR 2019

February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20 (Picnic), July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21,

SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH #46

c/o of Temple Gallagher 9292 Alhambra Avenue Stockton, CA 95212

PRESIDENT	
Ed Benson	
REGION 2 DIRECTOR	
Rick Kindle	652-8608
AREA 18 GOVERNOR	
Pat Reed	

		2019 COMMITTEES & ACTIVIT	TES	GOLF (Par 3 course)	
2019 OFFICERS		ATTENDANCE		Abraham Mackey	471-7007
BIG SIR		Dick Andersen	478-3753	GOLF (18 hole)	
Mike Sather	601-1642	AUDITORS		John Stevens	470-2521
	001-1042	Dave Palmer	242-2093	GREETERS	
LITTLE SIR		open			
Glenn Nellman	369-8620	BIOGRAPHER		MEMBERSHIP	
SECRETARY				Ron Korock	951-4759
John Bayley	298-0327	BOWLING		MEMORIALS & SUNSHINE	
ASST. SECRETARY		Ron Korock	951-4759	John Mendonca	477-0743
John Stevens	470-2521	BRIDGE (SIR)		MUSIC	
TREASURER	470 2321	Dave Palmer	242-2093	Maynard Bostwick	474-7007
	470 4700	BRIDGE (mixed)		NOMINATING COMMITTEE	
John Doisy	478-4728	Dick Andersen	478-3753	Dave Derksen	636-4650
ASST. TREASURER		BULLETIN EDITOR		PHOTOGRAPHY	
Bob Stewart	946-0897	Jack Lamberty	451-1165	open	
		BUCKET BRIGADE		PICNIC (June)	
DIRECTORS		John Pozar	952-6442	Mike Sather	601-1642
2017 thru 2019		Cliff Wilburn		Glenn Nellman	369-8620
Ron Korock	951-4759	CHAPLAIN		PROGRAM	
Bill Halboth	477-3155	John Mendonca	477-0743	Glenn Nellman	369-8620
2018 thru 2020		CHRISTMAS LUNCH		ROSTER	
Pete Lepisto	948-2265	Mike Sather	601-1642	Ron Korock	951-4759
Dave Palmer	242-2093	Glenn Nellman	369-8620	TRAVEL	
2019 thru 2021		FLAGBEARER		Dave Derksen	636-4650
Jack Lamberty	451-1165	John Westhafer	957-0424	WEBMASTER	
Dave Derksen	636-4650			Jack Lamberty	451-1165