



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 16th

THURSDAY 12:00 NOON

BIG SIR GREETING FEBRUARY - 2017

Welcome to February, sometimes called the Presidents' month since we have two presidential birthdays in February – Lincoln's and Washington's. Lincoln's is the 12th and Washington's is the 22nd. In their infinite wisdom, Congress decided to combine the two into a federal holiday called "Presidents Day" although it's sometimes incorrectly called Washington's birthday. This year it's February 20 and is a federal holiday. Equally important, though not holidays, are Ground Hog's Day (February 2), Super Bowl Sunday (February 5th), and one you better not forget- Valentine's Day on February 14th.

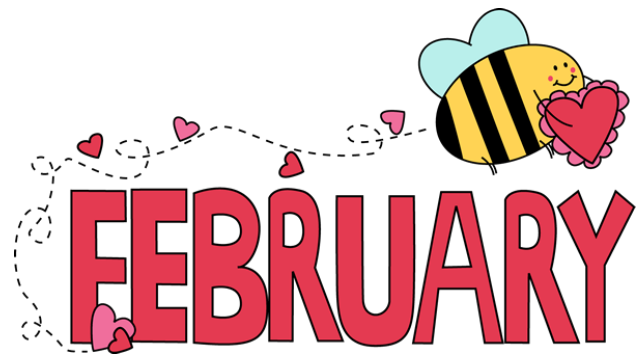
As you probably know by now - particularly those of you who tried to attend - our January luncheon was a non-event. The Wednesday night storm knocked out the power to Elkhorn so that our Thursday luncheon had to be canceled. No power, no heat, no food. But that didn't bother our morning bridge players. We toughed it out in the cold for a complete session without heat or light other than what was coming in from the outside. Our planned speaker, Mr. Greg Furey from the DA's office, was rescheduled for the March luncheon. Our February speaker will be Mr. Mike Amman, President/CEO of the San Joaquin Partnership.

Check out the "Roster Additions" write up in this edition for profiles on two new members. This brings our active membership from 96 as reported last month to 98 for this month – a good start to increasing our membership this year.

A special thank you to Mr. Lee Talbott, our Attendance Chairman and Big Sir in 2010. In addition to his regular duties, we could always count on Lee to step up and run many of our events

during the June Picnic and the Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon. Lee is moving out of the area and will be sorely missed. Currently, the Attendance Chairman slot is still open, and we are in dire need of a replacement. This is not a difficult or time-consuming job; however, it must be filled as soon as possible for the Branch to maintain it's record-keeping and State reporting functions. If you are interested, please contact me or Paul Wagner, our nominating committee chairman.

John Doisy - Big Sir 2017



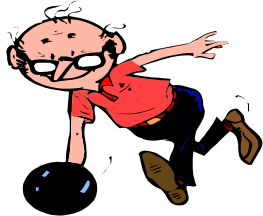
NEW IN THIS EDITION

- Two new members – see "Roster Additions"
- Morning Bridge Players! Note contact change.
- Check out the life and times of our new Big Sir
- Important Dates on Calendar
- February Speaker Info.
- January Luncheon Happenings -No write up!
 - Didn't happen-no power at Elkhorn
- Complete (entire year) 18 Hole Golf schedule
- Romeo 1 coming up
- February Birthdays and Anniversaries
 - Check it out – you might be on there!
 - And don't forget Valentine's Day

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



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 call John Mendonca who is substituting for Rich. John's phone # is 477-0743.



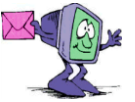
9 Hole Golf

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. John Mendonca
Any questions, call me at 477-0743 or johnmendonca@yahoo.com

Miss a Meeting?

When you know you will miss a luncheon meeting, please give our Attendance Chairman, Lee Talbott, a call (473-4159) or send him an e-mail: 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

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. Dick Andersen is substituting for Dave Palmer for the months of February and March. Please contact Dick to reserve a seat at a bridge table.

Dick Andersen 478-3753 or Email Dick at whalelady@comcast.net

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. Or type the link into your browser and hit enter. The Computer link on the main website page features the February edition of Bill Bromiley's Computer Newsletter. There are a couple of interesting write-ups in the edition. One article is about a company called DroneShield currently making a DroneGun. This is a device shaped like a gun that doesn't shoot anything, but, when pointed at a hovering drone, electronically blocks the home signal coming to the drone and either forces it to land or return to its home base. It can only be sold to federal agencies – state and local governments may not purchase it. So you can forget about shooting down that drone over your neighbor's house.

Eventually, you will be able to say goodbye to our FM radio systems. The latest is Digital Audio Broadcast. DAB broadcasting is 8 times cheaper than FM and has more transmission channels. Norway, beginning this year, has started replacing all FM broadcast systems with DAB. All FM receivers will have to be replaced or upgraded. A number of other nations are watching Norway while they prepare to make the change. Supposedly, an upgrade to a car radio will cost \$175 U.S.!

If you would like to have something posted on our website concerning Branch 46, please contact Jack Lamberty. 451-1165 or Email at JackL68734@aol.com.

Important Dates for Branch 46 February 2017

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				

Feb 1 Groundhog Day

Feb 5 Superbowl Sunday

Feb 13 SIR BEC Meeting

Feb 14 Valentine's Day

Feb 16 Branch Luncheon

Feb 20 President's Day (Nat'l Holiday)

Feb 21 Bulletin Editor's Birthday

(Also Last Day for Bulletin Input)

Feb 22 National Margarita Day

Feb 25 Open that Bottle Day

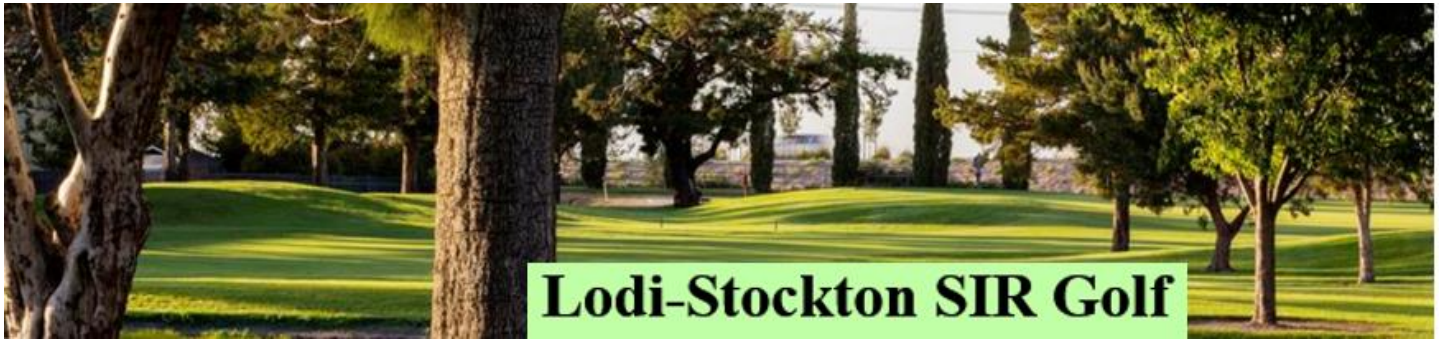
ROSTER ADDITIONS

The 2017 Roster has just been published and we're already making changes. This is a dynamic organization! Please add the following two gentlemen to your new 2017 roster.

Ed. note: we were supposed to pick up our new roster at the January Luncheon, but that was a non-event. Get yours at the next luncheon.

MAYER, "Corky" (#32) (Sandee) (01-17)
 9643 Thornton Rd BD Sept 22
 Stockton, 95207 Ph 474-1322
corkymayer@yahoo.com
 Police Sergeant, Stockton PD Golf

ARGUS, "Chuck" (#21) (Molly) (01-07)
 3191 Autumn Chase Circle BD Aug 15
 Stockton, 95219 477-5214
chuck.argus@sbcglobal.net
 Banker/Owner Pak Mail//woodworking, Golf



Date	Course	Format	Cost/timing	Start/type	Host	Other comments
Feb 15	Lockeford Springs	2 man BB	\$35, adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	Set
Feb 24	Van Buskirk	Alternate shot	\$29+5at course	9:00 S/G	Stevens	
March 15	La Contenta	2 man Scram	\$35, adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	Contract in
March 31	Swenson	4 man Scram	\$32+5 at course	9:00 S/G	Calhoon	
April 12	Elkhorn	2 man BB	\$41, adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	Set
April 28	Van Buskirk	4 man Scramble	\$29+5	9:00 S/G	Smith/ Stevens	
May 17	Dry Creek	4 man 2 BB	\$40, adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	
May 31	Micke Grove	ABCD Qualifier	\$25 +35/8	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	
June 23	Swenson	4 man blind draw	\$45, adv	9:00 S/G	Calhoon/Ruth	Lunch included
July 7	Swenson	State Qual-Indiv	\$29 + 8	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	
Aug 7	Discovery Bay	2 man Scram	\$55, adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	MONDAY Working
August 16	Elkhorn	2 person mixed Scram	\$56, adv	8:30	Rutherford	Lunch
August 30	Manteca	4 man Modified	\$37+5 adv	9:00 S/G	Cossey	
Sept 13	Castle Oaks	2 man BB	\$49, Adv	?? S/G	Rutherford	Range balls
Sept 28	Tracy	4 man Modified	\$46, Adv	8:30 S/G	Cossey	THURSDAY
Oct 11	The Reserve	2 man Scram	\$ Adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	
Nov 15	Micke Grove	Indiv Medal Finale	\$35	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	

Tournament Hosts Bill Rutherford 916-776-9222, Gary Calhoon 474-6448, John Stevens 470-5251, Bob Cossey 478-1440, Nick Smith 466-2219

February Speaker

Our speaker for the February luncheon will be Mr. Mike Amman who is the President and CEO of San Joaquin Partnership. The San Joaquin Partnership's focus is business attraction into San Joaquin County and its seven incorporated cities of Stockton, Lodi, Manteca, Tracy, Ripon, and Escalon. It is a non-profit economic development corporation serving San Joaquin County. The mission is to attract and retain business and industry in San Joaquin County to enhance the quality of life for our communities. The Partnership is a collaboration of private and public investors providing a leadership role in economic development for the county. Specialties are Site and Business Search Assistance, Labor Market Statistics, Development Fees Analysis, Confidential Information Offered in the Site Selection Process, Local Key Leader Introduction, and Permit and Entitlement Process Assistance. The Partnership is located in Stockton at 2800 W. March Lane, Suite #470. The website is <http://sanjoaquinusa.org>.



ROMEO-1
(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
February 22, 2017 6PM
Tsing Tao Restaurant



Celebrate a belated Valentine's date and Washington's Birthday on February 22, 6:00PM at Tsing Tao Chinese Restaurant. 2339 W. Hammer Lane, Suite H. On the NE corner of W. Hammer Ln. and Don Ave. Sign up at the February meeting or contact Pete Lepisto 948-2265, email sisufinn1@sbcglobal.net. \$15.00 per person includes tax and tip, cash or check at sign up.

FEBRUARY 2017 BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SIRS BRANCH 46 ... MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, RON KOROCK

OUR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO...

Reno **BERBANO**
Peter **LEPISTO**

Ernie **SHROPSHIRE**
Bob **SHELLENBERGER**

Jack **LAMBERTY**
Richard **MAYO**

OUR BEST ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO ...

Iry & Elvin TYLER	married	Feb. 02, 1988
Marion & Larry COX	married	Feb. 21, 1988
Patrice & Robert VERHINES	married	Feb. 17, 1979
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 98, Inactive 11
No January Meeting, Power Outage

Happy Valentine's Day

Biography of 2017 Big Sir John Doisy

John Doisy will be the Big Sir for the Branch 46 Sons In Retirement (SIR) for 2017. John is well known by the SIR membership for his bridge and tennis activities as well as his service as Treasurer and Little Sir of Stockton Branch 46. However, prior to entering SIR, he led an interesting and varied life, a style he maintains after his retirement from full-time employment in 2012.



John was born and raised in Webster Groves, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. He came from a close Midwestern family whose values continue to influence him today. During his youth he developed an interest in sports and other athletic activities that he maintains mostly as a fan today. In those days, baseball, football, basketball, boxing, hockey, volleyball and ping pong were his loves. Currently, he remains active as an avid tennis player and plays a mean game of bridge. He is very energetic and continues to enjoy life through his family as well as travel, camping, hiking, fishing and SIR.

John graduated from Webster Groves High School in 1967 and entered Monmouth College in that same year. In 1968, he transferred to the University of Missouri, St. Louis graduating in 1971 with a BA in Chemistry. A year later he headed west to further his education at the University of California at Davis. Accompanying him was his new bride, Charlotte, the love of his life; they had met in the University of Missouri library where they began a relationship that is still strong 45 years later. They lived in St. Louis for eight months and spent four years in Davis before moving to Stockton more than 40 years ago. While at UC Davis, John was President of the Food Tech Club and the Western States Coordinator for the Student Division of the Institute of Food Technologists as well as earning his MS in Food Science in 1974. He then began his long and stellar career in the food industry.

A position as a Lab Technician at Ralston Purina in St. Louis had been his first stop, and it was here that he garnered US Patent #3,991,221 for a Process for Production of Protein Filaments From a Cooked Meat Source before he left to attend UC Davis. He began his employment on the West Coast with Basic Vegetable Products in Vacaville, California, for two years. Then, from 1976 through 2012, he was in Turlock, California with Rogers Foods (later Universal Foods & Sensient Technologies) as a Production Research Manager, Quality Assurance Manager, Quality Assurance Director and, finally, retiring as Director, Technologies in 2012. In conjunction with his career, John held many volunteer positions in the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), the American Spice Trade Association (ASTA) and the American Onion and Garlic Association (ADOGA). He was awarded IFT Emeritus membership in 2014. The steady progression of promotions is a clear-cut indication of his dedication to his profession and, indeed, to any project that he chooses to take on.

When one works with John, it is clear that he prizes family above all else. In listing his activities, he puts “family” first; he is extremely proud of his two daughters, and with good reason. His youngest, **Liz**, works in Washington, DC, as an attorney for the Securities and Exchange Commission while the older, **Emily**, is the Lab Manager for the Neurology Department at UC Davis. And, says John, “They are both extremely good people as well as being successful in their careers.” SIR Branch 46 is happy to have such an active, talented and friendly Big Sir for 2017 and, hopefully a comrade for many years to come.

By Paul Wagner

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

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 Wright's Taliesin 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: 100th 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, Salt 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.

