



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: MARCH 15th THURSDAY NOON

BIG SIR GREETING MARCH 2018

Our speaker was Olga Rodriguez, Haven of Peace. Wow! What an interesting speech. They operate on a budget of donations and grants. They have 35 beds and are filled most of the time. They get referrals from the courts and law enforcement as well as some walk-ins from homeless persons. They work closely with other agencies in the county that provide similar services. They have been in operation since 1959 and need volunteers and donations to survive. Olga's speech was inspiring and after the meeting, all the raffle winners plus others, gave their money to her as a donation to Haven of Peace Nice gesture guys. (started by Ellis Weeks).

We also had a nice Visit from Jerry Morrow our Regional SIR Director. He spoke to us about recruitment and encouraged all members to utilize the intro cards on the tables.

AND we had a visit from Jesse Munoz, from "Discovery Challenge Academy". This is a partnership between the California National Guard and San Joaquin County of Education. They take at-risk youths between the ages of 16 and 18 that are dropping out of high school or are credit deficient. And put them through a 22week residential phase program and 12month post residential. This is a military structured program. It is voluntary and they receive support they need to turn their lives around. He said we could set up a date later on where either he or someone would come and be our speaker for that luncheon.

We are back into the season with Pete Lepisto and R.O.M.E.O. (Really Old Men Eating Out). March 22nd at the Olive Garden at 5 PM. You select off the menu. Bring your wife, significant other or a person. If you have not been to a ROMEO lunch or dinner, you are missing out on an opportunity to

be with friends or meet new ones. And you get out of the house and your wife doesn't have to cook. The sign-up sheet will be out at the next meeting. Remember, bring a friend to our luncheon as a prospective member. They do not have to be retired. They just have to attend so many lunches a year. They cannot miss 3 lunches. We are in the process of a discussion with the State President the possibility of merging with the other Stockton Chapter. This is a problem with all the Community Service Organizations now as people are dying off, and the younger generation is not interested in joining. The Moose, Elks, Lions, Kiwanis, are all have the same problem. Unless we do some recruiting and keep our wonderful group alive, we will go the way of the Model T's.

There was a mistake in our luncheon as they forgot to give us the vegetable side. Sooo, next month it will only be \$ 17.00 instead of 18.00. Then in April it goes back to \$ 18.00 OKAY.

There are times when my greatest accomplishment is just keeping my mouth shut. (Anon.)

Dave E. Derksen **Big Sir 2018**

NEW IN THIS EDITION

- --Birthdays/Anniversaries for March
- --New 18-Hole Golf Schedule
- --New Articles on Website
- --February Luncheon Happenings
- --March Calendar of Special Events
- --In Memoriam
- --March Speaker
- --Romeo Information
- --Roster Change Information

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



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 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.**



<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Cost/timing</u>	<u>Start/Type</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Other Comments</u>
Mar 21	Wild Horse	2 man Scram	\$42, adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	
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	
April 23 -24 - 2 Days in Napa - SIRS STATE TOURNAMENT Chardonnay GC & Eagles Vines CC						
		Rutherford	Separate courses for men & women			
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 13	
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						

SPEAKERS FOR MARCH

The speakers for the March luncheon will be husband and wife team Dominee Muller-Kimball and Paul Kimball. Dominee is President of the Board of Directors for the Stockton Civic Theater and also serves as Principle of Henderson High School in Lodi. She is often part of the show at the Stockton Civic Theater. Paul Kimball has been Music Director for productions at Delta College and Stockton Civic Theater. He also teaches choral conducting at UOP's Conservatory of Music. However, he is best known to Branch 46 as the Director of the Lincoln High Choir, our favorite Christmas entertainment group.

**IMPORTANT DATES
FOR BRANCH 46 MARCH 2018**

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	



Indicates Branch Activity

- March 1 Peanut Butter Lovers' Day
- March 6 National Frozen Food day
- March 11 Daylight Savings Day
- March 12 BEC Meeting
- March 15 Branch 46 Luncheon
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 Spring Begins
- March 24 Last Day for Bulletin Input
- March 28 Weed Appreciation Day

ROMEO!

2018



Thursday,

March 22 5:30PM

OLIVE GARDENS

2671 W. March Lane -

Order off the menu.

Sign up at the March Luncheon

or Contact

Pete Lepisto 948-2265



Roster Changes & Additions

Please make the following changes/additions to your roster

Add (Manteca Transfer)

Gualco, John (#92) (Mary) (02-12)
 25909 Chrisman Rd BD Oct. 10
 Tracy, 95304 Ph 835-8200
 Johngfarm@yahoo.com

Scavenger/Farmer, Gualco Farms/Travel, Golf

Address Change

Argus, Chuck (#21) (Molly) (01-17)
 201 Isabella Dr BD Aug 15
 Lodi 95240 Ph 483-9354

Inactive

Werner, Bill

Resigned

Snider, George



In Memoriam

Sadly, we must report the passing of Sir Gary Calhoon on January 27. Gary was a longtime member of Branch 46 and headed up our 18-Hole Golf activity for the past 7 years. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to the friends and family of Gary at this sad time in their lives.

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON HAPPENINGS

The speaker for the February luncheon was Olga Rodriguez, Executive Director for the Haven of Peace homeless shelter for women and children. The shelter first started up in 1957 when women from 13 churches formed a temporary Board of Directors for the organization that would eventually become the Haven. In 1967 the Haven moved to its current location in French Camp. They currently have 35 beds, 9 staff members, and are open 24/7. Services provided include housing for pregnant women including those with children, classes on raising children, drug and alcohol relapse prevention, nutrition, plus domestic violence help and counseling.



**Olga Rodriguez
Haven of Peace**

The second speaker was Mr. Jerry Morrow, Director for SIR Region 2. Jerry's region includes 26 branches ranging from Acampo to Fresno in the valley plus all branches between the valley and the eastern California border. His talk mainly concerned the decreasing membership of SIR and pointed out that, in the last 5 years, our numbers have gone from 23,000 to 14,000. He emphasized the point that recruiting efforts should not be the sole responsibility of the Big and Little Sir and other officers and chairmen in the branch but, instead, should also be the responsibility the membership. He encouraged each branch member to bring in at least one guest or prospective member in the coming year.



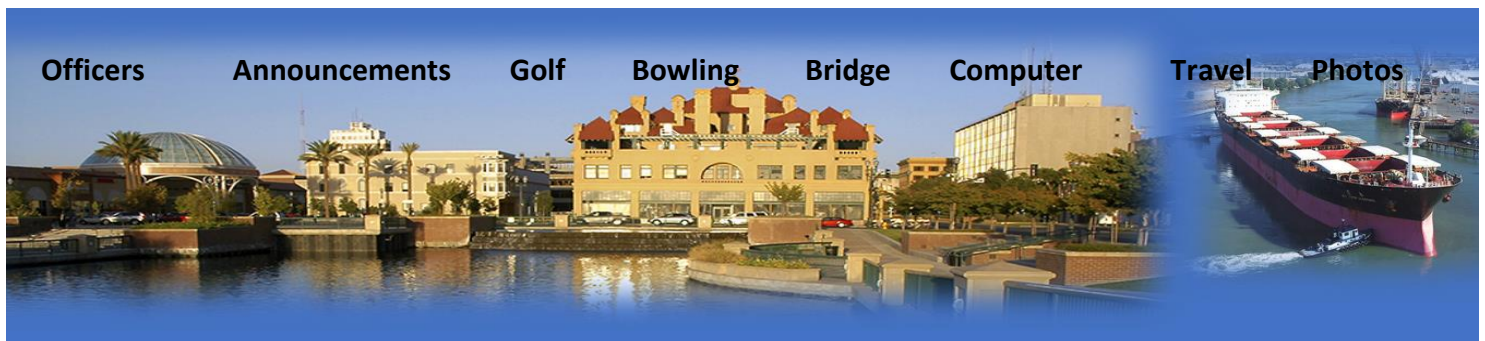
**Jerry Morrow
SIR Region 2 Director**

Mr. John Gualco was welcomed back as a transfer from the Manteca Branch. Information on John is presented in the Roster Changes section of this edition.



**John Gualco
Returning Member**

**WELCOME
TO BRANCH 46
JOHN!**



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 is 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 March 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.

1. Hawaii Missile Alert Culprit – Poor File Names

2. Flying Drones Remove Birds, Prevent People from Drowning, Forecast Tornadoes

5. Beware of Social Media. If you or any of your family members or your friends use any social media sites you must read the New York Times report at the link. You need to be aware of some of the risk that you may face through outsiders stealing and using your identity and your account.

7. Computer Cookies. Cookies are typically text files that can provide information about your browsing behavior to websites that you visit. This results in pop-up ads or new websites that the cookie guys think might get your attention. The link provided tells you how to delete cookies from your system, but also gives the pros and cons in doing this.

10. Roku and Samsung TVs are Vulnerable to Hackers. They can't spy or steal information, but they can change channels, play offensive content, or crank up the volume. This can be very unsettling to someone who doesn't understand what was happening. If you have one of these, you should read the San Francisco Chronicle article at the link.

13. Avoid Huawei Smartphones. A Chinese company manufactures modern smartphones. U.S. security organizations (CIA, FBI, and NSA) all recommend that Americans do not purchase or use Huawei manufactured phones because of the very high risk of security issues.

14. Are you Ready for Fully Autonomous Drones Watching You? In the not too distant future the Attorney General of your State may dispatch an all-seeing eye-in-the sky to tail you using an agile flying machine equipped with 13 cameras and a top speed of more than 25 mph. It's getting really hard to be a bad guy nowadays.

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.

IT'S PICNIC TIME!

Save the Date! June 21 at Micke Grove

**Lot's of Fun, Food, Games, &
Companionship**

**Sign up at the March, April, or May
Luncheons**

**Here's a Couple of Winners
from Last Year**



John Mosquito – 2017 Chipping Champ



**Rachel Martinez Wins Big
in Bingo**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SIRS BRANCH 46MEMBERSHIP CHAIR .. RON KOROCK

OUR 2018 BIRTHDAY GREETINGS GO TO THE FOLLOWING SIRS ...

Jim Fenelon 1st	Jim Harris 3rd	Glenn Nellman 8th
Howard Stokes 10th	Craig Potter 12 th	Ernest Ito 17th
Marty Kjelson 20 th	Gilbert Elias 20 th	Ken Dunham 22 nd
Duke Wilkinson 23 rd	Lou Thanas 26 th	Dave Derksen 29th

OUR BEST WISHES TO ...

Mary & Dennis Fultz	Married March 17, 2008
Holly & Drew Meyers	Married March 10, 1973
Lenore & Glenn Nellman	Married March 14, 1970

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MARRIED 50 OR MORE YEARS....

Margaret & Norio Kawai	Married March 23, 1967
Betty & John Mendonca	Married March 1, 1959

VERY SPECIAL WISHES TO THE DUNHAMS, 63 YEARS....

Lillian & Ken Dunham	Married March 3, 1955
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Active Members 84, Inactive Members 22
February Attendance : 46 = 53%



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#2: Some of our early March trips are not shown, but you can access the branch website for these. Just go to "<http://branch46.sirinc2.org>" and click on "Travel".

Apr 18-27, 2018: Spring Tulip River Cruise. 10-day Cruise featuring Dutch and Belgium Waterways. Highlights include Amsterdam, Volendam, Hoorn. Arnhem. Middelburg, Ghent, Bruges, Antwerp, Kinderdijk windmills. Utrecht and Keukenhof Gardens. Cost \$4376 to \$7176 and includes RT Air, Insurance, Air Taxes, Hotels and transfers. Bill Britton, Br121, 925-443-9913.

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 Yarberrry, 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 Tom Molinari, stmolinari@sbcglobal.net, by the 25th of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed.