



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 21st THURSDAY 12:00 NOON

BIG SIR GREETING MARCH 2019

Important dates in March are the Branch Luncheon on the 21st, Daylight Savings Time on the 10th, and the beginning of Spring on the 20th. Daylight savings time is all right, but I'm looking forward to Spring - this cold weather is getting old. The February Luncheon was a very successful undertaking. We had 51 active members and 4 guests. This resulted in a 69% attendance of active members, one of the highest numbers we've experienced lately.

Speaking of attendance, be sure and read this edition's write up about the elimination of the inactive status for Sir members. The new status is Exempt which means a member can be exempt from monthly luncheon attendance but must contribute to the Branch quarterly assessment requirement from State. Therefore, everyone on the branch roster is counted as an active member and included in the quarterly assessment. Previously, members on inactive status were not included. The article in this edition describes the new Exempt status and lists the branch members who have either returned to active status, changed to exempt status, or resigned. The plus side of this situation is that our active membership has increased from 71 to 74 members. The write up in this Bulletin is titled "Inactive Status Eliminated".

In February, Little Sir Glenn Nellman and I attended a State Sir meeting in Walnut Creek for all of the SIR branches. The meeting essentially concerned what was going to happen this year in SIR and what we could do to increase our membership plus how to keep our existing membership. New members should be personally briefed on how the branch is run, what activities we have, and what is expected of them as new members. It was also announced that a program

has been initiated to reduce the number of State SIR rules and positions that no longer apply. Also a new SIR logo was presented which keeps the same Rooster image but changes only the accompanying description. "SONS IN RETIREMENT" has been replaced by "ACTIVITIES FOR MEN". Other new items include a contest for the best branch, a naming of an "unsung hero", and the establishment of a central source for apparel. More on the apparel source and our new Rooster in later editions.

Once again remember that the Ladies Day Picnic Luncheon Picnic is June 20, Check out the notice in this edition. Also, we're starting our recruiting drive for 2020 officers. Some have already volunteered so the key positions we now need filled are Little Sir and Treasurer. A write up in this edition titled "Wanted! for 2020" describes specific duties for each of these offices.

Mike Sather Big Sir 2019

NEW IN THIS EDITION

- ✓ **February State Quarterly Newsletter**
- ✓ **Bridge Tournament, Photos + Results**
- ✓ **Inactive Status Removed**
- ✓ **Picnic Info**
- ✓ **Birthdays, etc**
- ✓ **March Speaker**
- ✓ **February Calendar**
- ✓ **February Birthdays**
- ✓ **Romeo1 photos + Romeo2 Info**
- ✓ **Year 2020 Officers Needed**

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.**

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





Date	Course	Format	Cost/timing	Start/type	Host	Other comments
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	\$, 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 Requested, not final
August 14	Elkhorn	2 person mixed Scram	\$56, adv	8:30	Rutherford	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	9:00 S/G	Mackey, Stevens	
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

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

ROSTER ADDITIONS

Please make the following additions to your roster

Steigerwald, John "Jack" (50) (2-18)
 126 E Jamestown St. (Apt 231) BD Oct 08
 Stockton 95207 Ph 541 740-8787
 Jrsteigs@Gmail.com



Neuropsychometrist U.S. Army \\ Golf, Baseball,
 Travel, Writing

Welcome to Branch 46, Jack!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR BRANCH 46 March 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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- March 6 National Frozen Food Day
- March 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 14 National Pi Day
Today's Date (3/14) = Pi (3.14)
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 18 Branch Executive Meeting
- March 20 Spring Begins
- March 21 Branch 46 Luncheon
- March 25 Last Day for Bulletin Input
- March 28 Weed Appreciation Day
- March 31 Cesar Chavez Appreciation Holiday

MARCH SPEAKER

The speaker for the March Luncheon will be Mr. Tod Ruhstaller of the Haggin Museum in Stockton. Mr. Ruhstaller is currently the CEO and Curator of the Museum. A Stagg High School graduate, Tod Ruhstaller has bachelor's and master's degrees in anthropology from University of California, Davis. This is his 34th year with the museum.



STATE SIR HAPPENINGS

State SIR Happenings is the State's Newsletter published quarterly and contains current information on everything pertinent to the SIR organization. The February issue contains 22 pages and can be accessed by logging on to the State website (<http://www.sirinc.org/>). Scroll down and click on "SIR Happenings" and then click on "Happenings February 2019" for the latest statewide SIR news.

The Newsletter contains comments written by some of our ex Big Sirs and our new Big Sirs. There are SIR Bowling Tournament schedules plus the State Golf schedule, photos of our officers and the recent state committee meeting. The travel section has information of this year's "SIR Day" at the Oakland Coliseum in August which features a game between the SF Giants and the Oakland A's. There is also a "SIR Day at the Races" with a trip to Golden Gate Fields on March 29. And, finally, there are a couple of very interesting fishing articles by Dave Ryniec of Branch 152, Arnold.



COMING SPEAKERS

- March 21** Todd Ruhstaller
Haggin Museum
- April 18** Russell Stark
Stockton Metropolitan Airport
- May 16** Brad Davis
UOP Women's Basketball Coach
- July 18** Sally Snyder
Business Owner, Snyder
Vineyards; President, Worlds of
Wonder, Lodi

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON HAPPENINGS

The February luncheon was a resounding success from the standpoint of attendees, awards, speakers, and, of course, the Raffle winners. Photographs of the various individuals are shown below. Active branch member attendance was 69% which is higher than our last three luncheon meetings.

Jack Steigerwald was introduced as a new member, and he spoke briefly of his background both personal and as a neuropsychometrist for the U.S. Army. Further information on Jack is provided later in this edition under “ROSTER ADDITIONS. Bulletin editor Jack Lamberty was presented with a Senior Certificate for having reached the age of 90 years. Rick Kindle, Region 2 Director, was a guest at the luncheon and spoke of the urgent need for increasing our membership. Rick also congratulated us for bringing together the current slate of officers in December of last year. Additionally, Rick awarded Dave Derksen a Certificate of Appreciation for his work as Big Sir during 2018. Guest Paul Rutherford from the Lodi Branch spoke briefly and also reported that Norio Kawai from Branch 46 won his flight in a state Golf tournament for SIRS in the Monterey area and was awarded the jacket.

Our speaker for the luncheon was Bill Brennan who, among other things, was a submarine sailor during the cold war. Mr. Brennan’s talk was highly entertaining, especially when he described certain aspects of his naval career. Bulletin space limitations prevent describing all the situations he found himself in but, to sum it up, he went from being continually seasick on his first ship to being assigned submarine duty where there was no seasick problem. In between ship assignments, he went to electronics school at Treasure Island, got married, and, on his honeymoon, drove across the U.S. and back in a “rusty”1953 Chevy. Some of his hilarious submarine adventures included sinking downward in a vertical position and being hit by their own torpedo (no warhead). Following his military service, he attended various colleges and eventually wound up as a Professor of Russian History at UOP. For this he had to learn to speak Russian and also to read German.



Jack Steigerwald with Sponsor Jack Lamberty



Region 2 Director Rick Kindle with Dave Derksen



Guest Speaker, Bill Brennan

Inactive Status Eliminated

The SIR member status of Inactive which allowed a member to be kept on the Branch roles without the attendance requirement has been eliminated. (Rule 54 eliminated) The replacement is the status of “Exempt”. In this status the member is a full member for which dues must be paid, but attendance is excused. The Branch 46 Executive Board agreed that if a member wished this status, he will pay \$10 (once a year) to cover his dues and some overhead. (Revised Rules 55 and 100)

The Branch 46 Attendance and Membership chairmen contacted 17 of the branch inactive members and gave them the choice of (1) becoming an active full member again, (2) becoming Exempt and paying the \$10, or (3) dropping their membership altogether. Of the 17 contacted, two elected to return to active status, five have chosen Exempt status and will pay the \$10, and nine have resigned. One member was not able to be contacted. Listed below are the names and the new status of the prior Inactive members. Please change your roster accordingly.

Returning to Active Status: Jim Fenelon and Robert “John” Hill.

Switching to Exempt Reno Berbano, Jeff Luond, Rich Mayo, Tom Patla, & John Pozar

Resigning from SIR Fred Bianchini, Ken Dunham, Dale Dunmire, Art Kinney, Jim Pickering, Bill Werner, John Westhafer, Bob Westwood, & Bob Hamernick



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

Website 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, so the website has a complete list of SIR travel opportunities from March, 2019 thru September 14, 2020.

Computer: There are 13 articles in the March computer newsletter by Bill Bromily. The ones we found interesting are briefly described below. Just log on to our website, click on Computer and check out the articles. Be sure and click on the link referenced at the end of each article. The articles are summaries of all the information on the link.

6. Doorbells Have Eyes. Home Security Cameras. An incredibly popular home security device is the installation of a video doorbell at your home's front door. Some have installed such equipment on each exterior door of their home. The installation is simple and usually can be accomplished by the homeowner in less than an hour. Once installed, the doorbell detects motion, activates the internal video camera, and transmits a warning and the live video to one (or more) devices, like smartphones or tablet computers, via WiFi. Apparently, this creates possible legal problems such as false identification or invasion of privacy. The accompanying article discusses these situations and provides information about adjusting your doorbell to avoid some of these problems. This is recommended reading if you have one of these devices.

Editor's note: We have one of these doorbells and find it very useful. On Halloween night, we set it for continuous monitoring of our front porch and the approach region. Then we were able to see who was coming and going – just like sitting in a chair outside.

9. Francis Gary Powers U-2 Shoot Down Although this is not computer-related, I found the article very interesting. All of us are old enough to remember the May 1, 1960 shoot down over the Soviet Union (Russia) of a U-2 intelligence gathering reconnaissance aircraft piloted by Francis Gary Powers. Some aspects and details of the overflight mission are still undisclosed or in dispute almost 60 years later. Powers was held captive by the Soviets until February 1962 when he was exchanged in Berlin for a Russian spy, Rudolph Abel, held by the U.S.. Powers was discharged from the USAF and wrote a book about his experiences. This article provides a lot of information I didn't know; however, there is no information about Power's time and experiences as a prisoner in Russia.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SIRS BRANCH 46MEMBERSHIP CHAIR .. RON KOROCK

OUR 2019 BIRTHDAY GREETINGS GO TO THE FOLLOWING SIRS

Jim Fenelon 1st	Glenn Nellman 8th	Marty Kjelson 20 th
Craig Potter 12 th	Ernest Ito 17 th	Duke Wilkinson 23 rd
	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

VERY SPECIAL WISHES TO THOSE MARRIED 60 OR MORE YEARS..

Betty & John Mendonca Married March 1, 1959

Total Membership including those Exempt From Attendance: 79

Members Exempt from Attendance: 5

Members Required to Attend: 74

February Attendance : 51 = 69 %



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 or 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 2018 fall session was held in January at Chucks on Pacific Avenue. Results and photos follow.

Couples Bridge at Chuck's January 24, 2019

Photos by Jack Lamberty

Couples High Scorers for the Money

1st Place Fayne and Mava Wolford

3rd Place Dave and Sally Derksen-Adler

5th Ethan and Barbara Ives

2nd Place Mike and Anita Martin

4th Place Frank and Velda Rubino

6th Place Jack and Alice Lamberty

Top Couples Winners



Anita and Mike Martin – Mava and Fayne Wolford

Post Luncheon Singles Winners



**1st Place Connie Andersen, 2nd Jack Lamberty
3rd Alice Lamberty 4th Dick Andersen**





COMING SOON TO A PARK NEAR YOU!!

The Branch 46 June Picnic!!

June 20th Micke Grove

Golf Chipping

Bingo

Big "R"

And Food!

Tri-Tips (We Hope!)

Catered by Lodi Mexican American Lions Club

Make your plans now – Sign up at April Luncheon.



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WANTED!! -----FOR 2020!!

Even though it seems like the year just started, it's also the time when we start recruiting for next year's officers. We've already had some volunteers, and here are the critical positions that still need to be filled.

Little Sir



The Little Sir lines up speakers for the Branch luncheons

Treasurer



The Treasurer is responsible for the Branch finances

On a more serious side, here are brief descriptions of some critical aspects of each position.

Little Sir

One of the main functions of the Little Sir is to provide a speaker for each of our monthly Branch luncheons. While this may seem to be a somewhat difficult task, it's really not. Stockton and the San Joaquin County have a wealth of individuals ready and willing to talk to us. The publicity is good for them individually and for the organization they represent. Also, previous Little Sirs can provide significant help and suggestions. The Little Sir also works side-by-side with the Big Sir during the two Ladies Day functions (June Picnic and Christmas) providing assistance with the setup, decorations, and the activities. He also substitutes as necessary whenever the Big Sir is not available.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the Branch finances. Along with the Assistant Treasurer and Big Sir, he can make deposits and write checks on our bank account. At the luncheons, he is the one at the long table who sells the luncheon tickets and then pays Elkhorn based on the number of tickets sold. Other payments, to name a few, go to Elkhorn and Micke Grove for facility use, to our Bulletin publisher, and to the State office for our quarterly assessment (1.25 per member). He also takes in the money from the Bucket Brigade donations and the 50/50 activity. He completes Sir Form 28 each month which is an Excel sheet breakdown of all disbursements and receipts and then sends it in to the State Office.

General

All Officers and Directors are expected to attend the monthly BEC meetings which are held once a month a few days before the Branch luncheon. This is probably one of the most important functions of any Branch Officer or Director since it provides an open forum for discussion, complaints, new ideas, and anything else concerning the Branch. Any decisions made are voted upon and entered into the minutes. It should be noted that any member of Branch 46 can attend these meetings and participate in the discussions; however, voting is limited to officers and directors.

ROME0-1



ANGELINA'S

Photos by Ron Korock



ROME0-2



TSING TAO



**Mandarin Chinese Restaurant, 2339 W. Hammer Ln @Don Avenue
April 26 – 6:30 PM \$17.00 Sign up at March/April Monthly Meetings
Contact Pete Lepisto 948-2265 or sisufinn1 @ sbcglobal.net - pre-pay preferred**

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

MARCH 18, 2019

MEETING DATES FOR 2019

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 OFFICERS

BIG SIR

Mike Sather 601-1642

LITTLE SIR

Glenn Nellman 369-8620

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John Bayley 298-0327

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TREASURER

John Doisy 478-4728

ASST. TREASURER

Bob Stewart 946-0897

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2017 thru 2019

Ron Korock 951-4759
Bill Halboth 477-3155

2018 thru 2020

Pete Lepisto 948-2265
Dave Palmer 242-2093

2019 thru 2021

Jack Lamberty 451-1165
Dave Derksen 636-4650

2019 COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES

ATTENDANCE

Dick Andersen 478-3753

AUDITORS

Dave Palmer 242-2093
open

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BOWLING

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BRIDGE (SIR)

Dave Palmer 242-2093

BRIDGE (mixed)

Dick Andersen 478-3753

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Glenn Nellman 369-8620

FLAGBEARER

John Westhafer 957-0424

GOLF (Par 3 course)

Abraham Mackey 471-7007

GOLF (18 hole)

John Stevens 470-2521

GREETERS

MEMBERSHIP

Ron Korock 951-4759

MEMORIALS & SUNSHINE

John Mendonca 477-0743

MUSIC

Maynard Bostwick 474-7007

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dave Derksen 636-4650

PHOTOGRAPHY

open

PICNIC (June)

Mike Sather 601-1642
Glenn Nellman 369-8620

PROGRAM

Glenn Nellman 369-8620

ROSTER

Ron Korock 951-4759

TRAVEL

Dave Derksen 636-4650

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