



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 12:00 NOON**

### **BIG SIR GREETING**

#### **March 2020**

March has always been a transitional month between winter and spring. It can reveal an early spring or a late winter. Several presidents died in March. On the positive side March brings us St. Patrick's Day and March Madness in College Basketball. Baseball begins to make noise in March as well. Golf tournaments abound. For me it will bring a 71<sup>st</sup> birthday and a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will bring me my grandson's birthday and the birthday of my grandniece who shares my birthday with me. I get to go to another of those regional meetings for Big Sirs and Little Sirs in March. We all get to buy our BBQ tickets in March for the early May outing with our brother SIRS in the Lodi Branch. In March you have lots of chances to get out and do whatever turns your prop after being cooped up for the winter with the cold temperatures and rain and fog.

On the downside, we also get to be annoyed until March 3 with all the political spots on TV and all the giant mailers they send us in our mailboxes and through emails. Then we get to see analysts talk about why and how everything happened for the rest of the month unless we have Netflix, Roku, Amazon, etc for alternative viewing. Last, now even the most ardent Warriors fan knows they will miss the playoffs this year.

The real downside, however, is the possibility of Branch 46 going under water because only a few volunteers to keep it going. At the State Town Hall meeting in Fairfield I just attended they brought up a branch of 120 members that ceased to exist because no one would step up and become the Big Sir. We have several offices now that are unfilled, and we are lucky. They are not state-mandated. One or more of them may be in the future. We have people that are doing 4 or 5 jobs. They have, in many cases, been doing them for a long time and are getting burned out. Some of these people are older SIRs and who knows if they will be able to finish out the year. Some of you may shrug your shoulders and think you

can just join the Lodi or Manteca branches or sit back and wait for someone else to step up. Branches are increasingly sitting down with prospective new members and making sure they are ready to step up and help do their part. They get commitments from the git go. Prospective members who won't help may increasingly be turned down for membership across the state as the SIRs program may have to shrink in size to those who will do their share in order to become stronger and grow again.

We have 79 active members. Only about 15 are carrying the rest. Even allowing for those with mobility issues and the need to provide care for others, this is bad. Most of these jobs take a few hours a month with a lot of them just involving making phone calls or attending an extra meeting somewhere. So far, we have no one volunteering for Big Sir or Little Sir next year. They are our two most critical needs each year. Look into your hearts and decide to step up if you can. You get to know more members and deepen friendships. The future of this branch depends on each of you.

**Glenn Nellman**

**Big Sir 2020**

**New Announcement!!** People ordering SIRS gear through the vendor do not have to have a minimum order. The caveat is that the vendor will only pay postage on orders over \$50.

### **NEW IN THIS EDITION**

- March Birthdays & Anniversaries**
- March Calendar**
- March Speaker**
- Couple's Bridge Info plus Photos**
- Three New Travel Opportunities**
- May Picnic Information**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Miss a Meeting?

When you know you will miss a luncheon meeting please give our Attendance Chairman, Dick Andersen, a call (406-9399) [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 luncheon meeting, and he eventually joins, you will also receive FREE ten 50–50 tickets.

## 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 and 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, give John a call. Please don't be hesitant to call 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. Any questions, call Abraham Mackey at 471-7007 or Email at [abraham4880@gmail.com](mailto:abraham4880@gmail.com)

## Switching to E-mail

Sending out your bulletin via Snail-mail (USPS) is time-consuming and expensive. If you have a computer, but are now receiving your bulletin thru USPS, please consider switching to E-mail. Simply contact Jack Lamberty, and we'll take care of the rest. 451-1165. [JackL68734@aol.com](mailto:JackL68734@aol.com)

**Remember – E-mail is in color!!**

## 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@comcas](mailto:ronkorock@comcas)



## Can't Drive?

## Need a Ride?

There are Branch 46 volunteers who would be more than happy to drive you to and from our monthly luncheons. For whatever reason, if you need transportation to our luncheons or any other SIR event, please do not hesitate to call. Our contact for this service is **Pete Lepisto: 948-2265**. We need you there! Please call!

## 2020 Speakers & Dates

<u>BEC</u>	<u>Luncheon</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Jan 13	Jan 16	Roger Speed S.J. County Mental Health Services
Feb 17	Feb 20	Tod Ruse Sheriff Department Historical Society
Mar 16	Mar 19	Cecil Kramer P-38 Historian



## Stockton-Lodi SIR 2020 Combined Golf Schedule

Date	Course	Format	Cost/Timing	Start/Type	Host	Other Comments
March 11	Wildhorse	<u>2 man</u> Scram	\$46, Adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	Signed & <u>Compl.</u>
March 25	Reserve	Ind Medal	\$50? Av	9:00 S/G	Hensley	<u>Contr</u> signed
April 15	Elkhorn	<u>2 man</u> BB	\$41, adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	<u>Contr</u> working
<u>April 29</u>	Swenson	4 man Scram	\$38 adv	9:00 S/G	Stevens	
May 13	<u>La Contenta</u>	<u>4 man</u> 2 BB	\$40, adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	<u>Contr</u> Signed
May 27	Dry Creek	ABCD	42\$, adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	Set
June 10	<u>Micke Grove</u>	4-man blind draw	\$34+/-, adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	Range balls
June 24	Swenson	<u>4 man</u> Shamble, 2 BB	\$38, adv	9:00 S/G	Stevens	
July 15	<u>Micke Grove</u>	State Qual-Indiv	\$37+/-, adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	Range Balls, <u>Contr</u>
July 27	Discovery Bay	<u>2 man</u> Scram	\$60 /, adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	MONDAY, <u>Contr. Wor.</u>
<u>August 12</u>	<u>Elkhorn</u>	2 person mixed Scram	\$56, adv	8:30	Rutherford	Lunch <u>Contr. signed</u>
August	??	Regional <u>Indl</u> Qual	??	8:00 SG	Rutherford	<u>Sometime In August</u>
<u>August 26</u>	Cavanaugh GC	<u>4 man</u> Scramble	\$46 adv	9:00 S/G	Parker	Contract signed
<u>Sept 16</u>	Castle Oaks	<u>2 man</u> BB	\$50, Adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	Range balls, Contract
Sept 30	Swenson	4 man Scramble	\$38, Adv	9:00 S/G	Stevens	
Oct 14	The Reserve	<u>2 man</u> Scram	\$50 Adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	Contract Signed
Oct 28	Dry Creek	<u>4 man</u> Devil Ball	\$38, Adv	9:00 adv	Hensley??	SET
<u>Nov 11</u>	<u>Micke Grove</u>	<u>Indiv</u> Medal Finale	\$40 Adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	Range Balls, <u>Contr</u>

Tournament Hosts: Bill Rutherford 916-776-9222, John Stevens 470-5251,

## MARCH LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Our Speaker for the March Luncheon will be Cecil Kramer, P-38 Historian. He was in photo reconnaissance in the service and became interested in the development and history of the P-38. After serving in the military, he became a field supervisor for Cal Trans. He will bring binders of photos to the luncheon for branch members to look at. Mr. Kramer resides in Acampo.

## February Luncheon Happenings

The speaker for the February Luncheon was Mr. Tod Ruse, currently the historian for the San Joaquin Sheriff's Department. Mr. Ruse grew up in Stockton and attended Stagg High School, Delta College and UOP where he received a Masters' degree. He has taught school in Linden and was the Principal at Waterloo. He has also been in the Police Reserve and has been the historian since 1992. He gave us a complete history of law enforcement in the Stockton area ranging from the Gold Rush days to our current Sheriff department. Interesting situations during this period include the fact that, when California became a state around 1850, leaders in newly established San Joaquin county decided to have elections for county sheriff. However, no one volunteered. Finally, a gentleman named Dr. Ash said he would volunteer to run for sheriff if he had an opponent. And he became our first sheriff. During that time, the jail was moved to an abandoned ship in the channel, but eventually a new jail was built in 1853. Noteworthy personnel in the following years include Thomas Cunningham, who had been the Fire Chief for 2 years, became sheriff in 1870. In this capacity he made Deputy Sheriffs in the surrounding area including Linden, Manteca, Tracy, and French Camp. In 1922, Amy Reynolds, in French Camp, became the first female Deputy Sheriff in California. In 1946, Carlos Souza, who was a coach at St. Mary's High School, became the County Sheriff and made several changes such as requiring uniforms and civil service exams\*.

Mr. Ruse also provided several exhibits including manacles, handcuffs, and pistols used throughout the years at the Sheriff Department. These are shown below.

**\* Editor's Note: I grew up in Stockton, and it seemed to me that Carlos Souza always had been our Sheriff and always would be.**



Tod Ruse - Sheriff Historian

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!**

## 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 12 couples with each couple playing twice 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 2019 Fall session was held January 23 at De Vega Brothers restaurant on Pacific Avenue. Results and photos follow.

### Couples Bridge at De Vega Brothers January, 2020

Photos by Dick Andersen

#### High Scorers for the Money

<u>Top Couples Winners</u>			<u>Post Luncheon Singles Winners</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Bill & Donna Halboth	27500	Jack Lamberty	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jim & Janet Sepiol	23598	Bill Halboth	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Richard & Connie Andersen	22867	Alice Lamberty	
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Mike & Anita Martin	22029	Connie Andersen	



Post Luncheon Singles Winners

## ***MARCH 2020 BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES***

Sirs Branch 46 – Membership Chairman Dave Derksen Sr

### ***OUR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO....***

Jim Fenelon 1<sup>st</sup>

Glenn Nellman 8<sup>th</sup>

Craig Potter 12<sup>th</sup>

Ernesto Ito 17<sup>th</sup>

Duke Wilkinson 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dave Derksen 29<sup>th</sup>

### ***OUR BEST ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO...***

Mary and Dennis Fultz March 17th, 2008

Holly and Drew Meyers March 10th, 1973

Lenore and Glenn Nellman March 14, 1970

#### ***Married Over 50 years***

Margaret and Norio Kawai March 23, 1967

#### ***Married Over 60 years***

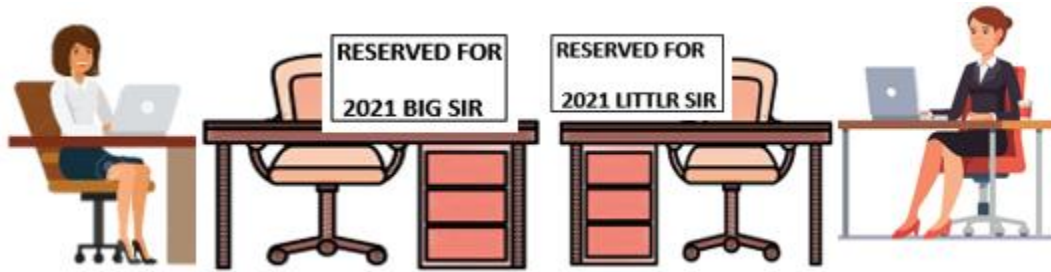
Betty and John Mendonca March 1, 1959

March Meeting Attendance: 41 plus 2 guest = 52%

Active Membership = 79



# WHAT A DEAL!! First in Chow Line! Elevated View from Podium! Super Bunch of Guys Helping!



No – It's not too early to start recruiting next year's Officers. Our July Bulletin must contain the candidates for 2021 Officers, Directors, and Chairmen. In August we vote, and the final Slate is sent to the SIR State Office.

For obvious reasons we are focusing on the Big Sir and Little Sir positions since we cannot function without these two officers. Here are summaries of the two positions.

**Big Sir.** Primary job of course is presiding over the monthly Luncheons, Picnic, and Christmas Party. The presiding part is a piece of cake. You have an agenda and tell people what to do. The Picnic and the Christmas Luncheons require some planning and a little more work. However, this year's picnic and maybe future ones should be very easy for the Big Sir since the Lodi Branch will do all the preparation, and Branch 46 will essentially be guests. Other duties involve making sure all reports are submitted, but each officer is responsible for writing and submitting his own report. The most important thing to remember is that there are many officers and directors -lots of past Big Sirs-who will always be helping you. Our past Big Sir, Mike Sather, can attest to this since he became our 2019 Big Sir without prior experience in any branch position, and we had a very successful year under him. Mike liked the job so well he is now our 2020 Little Sir.

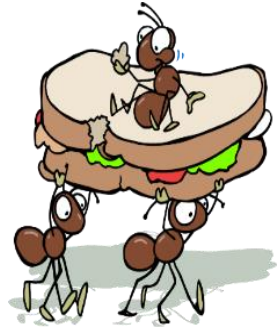
**Little Sir.** The Little Sir helps the Big Sir in preparation for the Picnic and Christmas Luncheons. However, his main job is lining up Speakers for the year. In January of 2019, Glenn Nellman became our Little Sir without any prior branch experience, and by June he had all 10 Speakers lined up for 2019. Of course, this was easy for Glenn since, as a past Deputy Sheriff, he knows everyone in the county. Glenn is now our Big Sir, and he and Little Sir Mike Sather have lined up our first 3 speakers for 2020. The point here is that, with Glenn and Mike, the 2021 Little Sir will have all the help he needs.

**Interested in one of these cushy jobs? Help your Branch!  
Please contact Little Sir Mike Sather.**

# BRANCH PICNIC



Hosted by Branch 145  
Annual Picnic  
Mark Your Calendar – May 12  
11ish to 4pm  
Location – Micke Grove Park



Menu – BBQ Chicken & Ribs, Baked Beans  
Potato Salad, Rolls, Ice Cream

## Activities

Bingo & Raffles  
Putting & Chipping Contests  
Horse-Bocce - Washer Game

## Ticket Prices

### Pre-Sale

Individual - 15\$ - Couple - \$25

### At Event

Individual - \$20 - Couple - \$30

Ticket Sales Kick-Off - March Meeting



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR BRANCH 46

March 2020

### Branch Functions are in Red

- March 2 Old Stuff Day
- March 8 Daylight Savings Begins
- March 13 Friday 13<sup>th</sup>
- March 14 National Pi Day (Pi is 3.14)
- March 16 Branch Executive Meeting**
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 19 Branch Luncheon**
- March 23 Last Day for Bulletin Input**

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	31				





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

As usual, we are providing Bill Bromiley's monthly newsletter – this time for March. There are 13 technical articles ranging from the plans for San Francisco airport to how to handle all the notifications you receive in today's technical world. Just log on (web address provided above) and select "Computer". Some of the articles we found interesting are listed below. For the complete article, just log to our branch website (web address listed above) and follow the links provided.

**1. San Francisco Airport, SFO, Making Flying Easier.** Despite the city's reputation as a magnet for young technology workers, predictions are that by 2030 nearly 1 in 3 Bay area residents will be older than 60, and they like to travel. The airport, the Transportation Security Agency (TSA), the city and the State are working together to make air travel through SFO easier for seniors. Facilities, waiting area seating, rest room identification, TSA security processing, movement between gates, etc. are all being examined and, as appropriate, changed to improve the travel experience of seniors.

**6. The 26 Best and Worst Gadgets Shown at the 2020 CES.** CES stands for Consumer Electronics Show. There are 26 new gadgets being reviewed - some good, some bad. The two that caught our attention were a WiFi Grill that hooked up to your barbecue and transmitted the temperature to your mobile device. The other was a monstrous, portable home battery that could charge your phone and jumpstart your car. The one that received little praise was a speaker that connected to your showerhead so you could listen to music while taking your morning shower.



**TRAVEL**

<http://branch46.srm2.org/>



**Note: The latest Travel Opportunities from State can be viewed at our website.**

<https://sirinc2.org/branch46/> **Three new trips are listed below.**

**July 26-29, 2020 Pageant of the Masters (Laguna Arts Festival) New** Includes R/T air, Deluxe Motor coach, three nights Best Western Plus in Long Beach, Buffet breakfast each morning, Tour of Ronald Reagan library, Catalina Island Tour and Two dinners and **much, much more** .Price \$1895 DO. Additional Single Supplement \$395. For additional information contact Bill Stires 209 544-2684 cell 209 998-5445 or bstires46@gmail.com

**Oct 4,-13/2020 Phoenix to Copper Canyon, Mexico. New** Visit San Carlos, Cruise on the Sea of Cortez, El Fuerte, Alamos, Posada Barrances , Chihuahua City and Guaymas Pearl Farm. Price includes Home Pickup, R/T Air, Motor Coach and Train and all meals. Travel through 86 Tunnels and over 37 trestles. \$3025 DO-\$3715 SO For additional information contact Roy Newman #45 530 755-3713 roy.newman@comcast.net or Talbot Tours 800 662-9933 info@talbotstours.com

**Nov 6-22/2020 NCL Panama Canal Cruise. New** Los Angeles to Miami. Ports of Call Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala, Puntarenas, Costa Rica, Panama Canal scenic Cruising, Cartagena, Colombia, Santa Marta, Colombia, Oranjestad, Aruba then on to Miami. Price range \$3350 Interior to \$4625 Balcony DO. Includes, Air Fare, Home Pickup, Pre-Trip Orientation and Talbot tours Travel Gift. For additional information contact Lowell Terrell lowell257@aol.com

**Send your brief trip information to Tom Molinari at [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, Tom Molinari State Travel Chairman or 707 762-1880, 1243 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](mailto:JackL68734@aol.com) or 209-451-1165.

## SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH #46

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Stockton, CA 95212

# *Executive Board Meeting: March 16th*

### Meeting dates for 2020:

March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>,  
May 12<sup>th</sup> Picnic,  
June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>,  
August 20<sup>th</sup>,  
September 17<sup>th</sup>,  
October 15<sup>th</sup>,  
November 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **PRESIDENT**

Ed Benson

#### **REGION 2 DIRECTOR**

Rick Kindle 652-8608

#### **AREA 18 GOVERNOR**

Richard Provost 222-1910

#### **2020 OFFICERS**

##### **BIG SIR**

Glenn Nellman 369-8620

##### **LITTLE SIR**

Mike Sather 601-1642

##### **SECRETARY**

John Bayley 298-0327

##### **ASST. SECRETARY**

John Stevens 470-2521

##### **TREASURER**

John Doisy 478-4728

##### **ASST. TREASURER**

Bob Stewart 946-0897

#### **DIRECTORS**

##### **2018 thru 2020**

Pete Lepisto 948-2265

Dave Palmer 242-2093

##### **2019 thru 2021**

Jack Lamberty 451-1165

Dave Derksen 636-4650

##### **2020 thru 2022**

Abraham Mackey 471-7007

David Stull 479-4944

#### **2020 COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES**

##### **ATTENDANCE**

Dick Andersen 478-3753

##### **AUDITORS**

Dave Palmer 242-2093

open

##### **BIOGRAPHER**

##### **BOWLING**

Ron Korock 951-4759

##### **BRIDGE (SIR)**

Dave Palmer 242-2093

##### **BRIDGE (mixed)**

Dick Andersen 478-3753

##### **BULLETIN EDITOR**

Jack Lamberty 451-1165

##### **BUCKET BRIGADE**

Ethan Ives 239-4212

Ellis Weeks 951-2320

Jack Steigerwald 541-740-8787

Bob Stewart 946-0897

##### **CHAPLAIN**

John Mendonca 477-0743

##### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Glenn Nellman 369-8620

Mike Sather 601-1642

##### **FLAGBEARER**

John Westhafer 957-0424

##### **GOLF (Par 3 course)**

Abraham Mackey 471-7007

##### **GOLF (18 hole)**

John Stevens 470-5251

##### **GREETERS**

##### **MEMBERSHIP**

Dave Derksen 636-4650

##### **MEMORIALS & SUNSHINE**

John Mendonca 477-0743

##### **MUSIC**

Maynard Bostwick 474-7007

##### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Mike Sather 601-1642

##### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

open

##### **PICNIC (June)**

Glenn Nellman 369-8620

Mike Sather 601-1642

##### **PROGRAM**

Mike Sather 601-1642

##### **ROSTER**

Dave Derksen 636-4650

##### **TRAVEL**

Dave Derksen 636-4650

##### **WEBMASTER**

Jack Lamberty 451-1165