



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: APRIL 20th

THURSDAY 12:00 NOON

BIG SIR GREETING APRIL - 2017

Similar to March, the month of April is loaded with special dates. Of course, there is April Fools Day on April 1, but, more importantly, we have National Beer Day on April 7. And Husband Appreciation Day on April 15. Be sure and point this out to your wife. I hate to mention it, but your income taxes are due on April 18.

Enough of this trivial stuff. The big news is that the UC Davis basketball team not only made the NCAA tournament playoffs for the first time in their history, but they won their first game. Go Aggies! More to follow. This enthusiastic notice was written on March 16. Since then they have lost to the Kansas Jayhawks in the 2nd round. So no more to follow. Anyway, congratulations to my Aggies – a Division II team playing with the big kids.

We had a very interesting presentation at the March Luncheon by Greg Furey, the current Gangs and Guns Juvenile Prosecutor for San Joaquin County. Included in his talk was a history of items preferred by burglars over the years. Originally, TV sets were the most preferred followed later by jewelry and then, around 2010, guns became the most sought after items. This is still the case today, and juveniles apparently feel they need to carry guns for their own safety. Attendance at the Luncheon was a rousing 63% which is considered very good although not a record. However, most of the 2016 attendance figures were around 54% so we're starting off with good numbers. More on the luncheon is included in the "March Luncheon Happenings" in this edition. Our speaker at the April Luncheon will be Mr. Elbert Holman, Vice Mayor and Councilman for the City of Stockton. Considering the problems Stockton has been having at the City Council meetings, this should prove to be an interesting talk. Details on Mr. Holman's background and experience are also contained in this edition.

Good news for our annual June Picnic at Micke Grove. The price and menu (Tri-tips) will be the same as last year. Check out the notice in this edition. Also,

Romeo 2 will be held on May 4 at the Waterloo Restaurant, and you can sign up at the April luncheon. Note that this is a change to the original date. Details are provided further on in this bulletin.

Increasing Branch membership is still our No. 1 goal. We have not added any new members since January although at the March Luncheon we introduced two guests who, hopefully, will become members. Remember, you receive a free lunch if your guest becomes a member. Once again, if you participate in any of the Branch activities, such as Bridge, Golf, or Bowling, these activities are excellent sources for new members. If you have any of the recruitment cards we passed out last year, try giving one to a fellow golfer or bowler or whoever. There may be a free lunch in your future. See Jack Lamberty or Dave Derksen for additional cards.

Continuing on the same theme, we also are recruiting officers and directors for 2018. Critical positions open right now are Little Sir, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested or know someone you think could fit into one of these slots, contact Paul Wagner.

John Doisy - Big Sir 2017



NEW IN THIS EDITION

- **April Birthdays and Anniversaries**
- **Calendar with Important Dates**
- **March Luncheon Happenings**
- **April Speaker Information**
- **June Picnic Information**
- **2018 Candidates Required**
- **Romeo 2 Info –Note date change**
- **New Home for Our Rooster**

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, Lee Talbott, a call (473-4159) or send him an e-mail: wltal@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

Sunshine & Memorials:

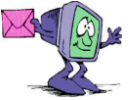
Rich Mayo is our chairman for this committee; however, Rich is on a temporary leave of absence. So if you are aware of a member who has a serious illness or whose family has experienced some tragic circumstances, please call John Mendonca who is substituting for Rich. John's phone # is 477-0743.



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

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.**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR BRANCH 46

April 2017

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- April 1** April Fool's Day
April 7 National Beer Day
April 10 BEC
April 14 Good Friday
April 15 Husband Appreciation Day
April 16 Easter Sunday
April 17 Taxes Due
April 20 Branch Luncheon
April 24 Bulletin Input Due
April 28 Arbor Day

Correction to Correction

Please change last month's corrected joining date for Chuck Argus from 09-07 to 01-17. The Copy Editor has been fired.



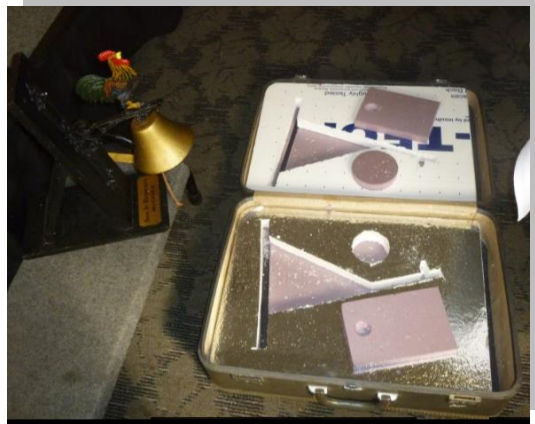
Note: For the complete 2017 schedule, visit the branch website: <http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

The April and May tournaments are coming up fast:

- April 12** 2 Man Best Ball Elkhorn
 host Bill Rutherford 916 776-9222
April 28 4 Man Scramble Swenson
 host John Stevens 957 7775
May 17 4 Man Best Ball Dry Creek
 host Bill Rutherford
May 31 State 4 Man ABCD Scramble Micke
 Grove host Bill Rutherford

Please plan to play. Questions- please call Gary Calhoon 474-6448, garycalhoon@comcast.net

Rooster Inspects His New Home



As you probably know, our iconic Rooster, the symbol of Branch 46, has been damaged several times during handling at our luncheons. The problem was recently solved by Pete Lepisto who ingeniously designed and built a combination carrier and internal storage arrangement for the Rooster so he can rest peacefully between luncheons. As shown above, the carrier is lined with Styrofoam and cutouts are provided for the several parts of the Rooster. The Rooster, platform, bell, and clapper fit snugly into the cutouts and, when closed, the top is designed to firmly hold all parts in place. It's too complicated to explain the design any further, but I recommend that you take a look at the carrier at the next luncheon.

Thank you Pete!

Romeo 2

Waterloo Restaurant



Thursday, May 4, 6:00 PM
\$25.50/person. Ribs, Chicken, Scampi
Tax & Tip Included. 1 check/table
Comstock Rd & Hwy 88
Sign up at April Luncheon

APRIL LUNCHEON SPEAKER

The speaker for the April luncheon will be Elbert Holman, City Councilman and Vice Mayor of Stockton. He will speak on the city's objectives and goals, focusing on the many challenges facing Stockton, including growth, budget, redevelopment, job creation and reducing crime. Mr. Holman is a life-long resident of Stockton. He graduated from Edison High School and continued his education with coursework at both Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and the University of Pacific.

Mr. Holman is retired, with 34 years in law enforcement, 20 years with the San Joaquin County Sheriff Department, and 14 years in at the County District Attorney's office, the last five years as a Chief Investigator. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Mr. Holman was appointed to the City Council in January, 2009 and served the remainder of the term of office originally held by council member Steve Bestolarides. He was elected in the 2010 General Election and again in 2014. In January, 2017 he was appointed to serve as Vice Mayor of Stockton by Mayor Michael Tubbs.

Councilmember Holman is an active member of the community as a member of the NAACP, Rotary International, Stockton Sunrise Rotary, vocalist and elder in his church. He and his wife of over 40 years, Marcia, have two adult daughters and seven grandchildren.

March Luncheon Happenings

The speaker for the March Luncheon was Mr. Greg Furey. Currently, Mr. Furey is the San Joaquin County Gangs and Guns Juvenile Prosecutor. He grew up in San Francisco and related some of the difficulties for youth in San Francisco at that time. One of the most poignant and sad descriptions of these difficulties was the fact that juveniles convicted of a felony went through a sequence of counseling, juvenile hall, and then placement. One of the individuals taking in juveniles for placement was the infamous Rev. Jim Jones. Jones founded the People's Temple in San Francisco and eventually moved his entire congregation to Jonestown in Guyana. In November of 1978, he gained infamy with the mass murder-suicide of over 900 of his congregation including 300 children along with the juveniles who had been sent to him for placement.

As the Gangs and Guns prosecutor, Mr. Furey noted some interesting trends in juvenile felonies, in particular, burglary. Prior to 2010, items preferred for burglary were TV sets. Later, this changed to jewelry, primarily gold. In 2010, the preference switched to guns, and juvenile gun use has increased since then. One of the main reasons is that juveniles don't feel safe unless they have guns even though most don't know how to use them. He pointed out that guns in a house should be kept in a heavy safe, preferably bolted to the floor. Finally, concerning the use of Rifle Ranges, users must sign in and provide their name and address on the sign in sheet. For the prospective gun burglar, this is a perfect list of homes that have guns.

During the luncheon, we were able to give Mr. Gilbert Elias his membership packet along with the Rooster pin. Actually, Gilbert officially became a member of Branch 46 back in July, 2016.



Greg Furey
Gangs and Guns
Juvenile Prosecutor

Welcome to Branch 46, Gilbert!



Gilbert Elias

WANTED!! -----FOR 2018!!

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

Secretary



Branch Secretaries must be able to read and write

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 actually have a wealth of individuals ready and willing to talk to us. The publicity is good for them individually and also 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.

Secretary

One of the main jobs for the Branch Secretary is to take the minutes of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) then publish and send them out to the BEC members and also to the Regional Director and Area Governor. Additionally, there are several reports which are mailed to the State Office at various times of the year, such as the Branch membership roster, and Officers and Directors for the coming year (Form 20).

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.



BRANCH 46 WEBSITE

<http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

Remember, to access the website, just use the CTRL, click feature on the above link.

The Computer link on the main website page features the April edition of Bill Bromiley's Computer Newsletter. There are a couple of write-ups in the edition that caught my interest.

Best Mobile Phone Plan

Mobile phone plans change periodically so what you have today may not be the best. The article tells you what the best plan is based on your usage. Your usage is based on gigabytes so you should know what your gigabyte usage is before you make a decision. I don't know mine, but I know it's comparatively very low. Anyway, the upshot of the article is that the best plan for a single user with a normal usage would be the ATT Single User Plan for \$60/month. For a power user they recommend Verizon's Power User Plan for \$80. So, if you're in the market for a new mobile phone plan, check your gigabyte usage and then read the article.

Autonomous Vehicles

Believe it or not, there are driverless cars out there right now. And I mean cars without a human! San Francisco is one of the cities where they are testing them now. The current problem to which no one has any answers is what to do about the normal cars with actual people in them. For example, if a human driver gives a hand signal to a driverless car, is he signaling for the driverless car to go on through the intersection? Or is he giving him the middle finger? And what does honking a horn mean? Does he want the driverless car to get out of the way, or is he just acknowledging a buddy driving in the next lane? They say it will all be solved in 10 years, but I don't plan on being around. I feel sorry for you younger Sirs.

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.





COMING SOON TO A PARK NEAR YOU!!

The Branch 46 June Picnic!!



June 15th Micke Grove Golf Chipping

Bingo

Big "R"

And Food!



Tri-Tips! \$17.00 per person

Catered by

Lodi Mexican American Lions Club

Make your plans now –

Sign up at May Luncheon.



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APRIL 2017 BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**SIRS BRANCH 46
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - RON KOROCK**



OUR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR APRIL...

Kep KEPLINGER

Dale DUNMIRE

Greg McCREARY

Robert CARR

**OUR BEST WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS & WIVES
CELEBRATING THEIR APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

Maryanne & Jim BUTTERFIELD anniversary date **April 14, 1984**

Gae & Bob STEWART anniversary date **April 10, 1976**

**SPECIAL WISHES TO THOSE MARRIED
50 OR MORE YEARS**

Darlene & Lee TALBOTT anniversary date **April 09, 1966**

Anita & Michael MARTIN anniversary date **April 07, 1962**

**VERY SPECIAL WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS
TO THOSE MARRIED MORE THAN 60 YEARS**

Marjory & Howard STOKES **66 YEARS** **April 29, 1951**

AND FINALLY, CAN YOU BELIEVE 71 YEARS

June & William SMITH **71 YEARS** **April 16, 1946**

**Current Active Membership is 98, Inactive is 10
March Meeting Attendance: 62 members and 3 guests
63% of our members attended**

SIR Travel Opportunities 2017/12 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

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 11-17, 2017: Southern Charm. A 7 day trip to the south visiting Charleston, South Carolina, Savannah, Georgia, Jekyll Island, St. Simons Island and St Augustine. Cost of \$2989 includes 9 meals and 3 dinners, Cancellation Waiver insurance, RT airfare, all taxes , fees and hotel transfers. Bill Britton, Br 101/121 925-443-9913

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, Salat Lake City and Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Tour cost is \$2795 which includes Professional Guide, Hotel Accomadations, 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, 2017: 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.

