



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 18th THURSDAY 12:00 NOON

BIG SIR GREETING APRIL 2019

Welcome to April. Except for income taxes being due, it is one of my favorite months. It is the first full month of Spring and starts off with April Fool's day, then Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and, finally Arbor Day on the last Friday of the month. Of course, you shouldn't forget our Branch BEC meeting on the 15th and the Branch Luncheon on the 18th. Our Calendar for these days plus several more important days is presented further on in this edition. And if you can't make our luncheon, please contact our attendance chairman, Dick Andersen. Otherwise you will be listed with an unexcused absence which is not a good thing to have on your attendance record.

The day of the March luncheon started out rather gloomy when our Little Sir Glenn Nellman called the scheduled speaker, Tod Ruhstaller of the Haggin Museum, to verify that he was planning to come to our meeting. That's when Glenn learned that Mr. Ruhstaller was sick could not make the meeting. Glenn then called Russell Stark of the Stockton Metropolitan Airport who was the scheduled speaker for April. Mr. Stark quickly packed up his slide show material, showed up on time, and gave us an excellent presentation essentially covering the current and planned activities at the airport. Read the March Luncheon Happenings writeup in this edition for more information on this plus some biography information on Mr. Stark. Currently it is planned to have Mr. Ruhstaller from the Haggin Museum as our April speaker.

In order to improve the Branch financial status, it was suggested that we stop the practice of giving out free luncheon tickets to members who had sponsored a guest who had

become a member. At the luncheon the members were asked if anyone disagreed with this and no one disagreed. In the future, if you sponsor a guest who becomes a SIR member, you will receive 10 free 50/50 tickets. Good Luck!

This bulletin contains a flyer about SIR Day at the Oakland Coliseum in August between the SF Giants and Oakland A's. If you are interested in going, save the flyer since it is not planned to run it again. And don't forget ROMEO 2 at Tsing Tao Restaurant on April 26. See the notice in this bulletin.

Finally, the most important issue for Branch 46 at this time is increasing our membership. As an example, last month (March) we reported 74 active members. Since then we have lost 2 members, resulting in 72 active members at this time. This decreasing membership is a trend throughout the entire SIR organization. So, we are currently asking every Branch 46 member to bring in at least one guest this year. There are flyers and cards on the sign-in table at our luncheons that will help you in this.

Also, check out the write up in this edition titled "SAVE OUR BRANCH".

Mike Sather Big Sir 2019

NEW IN THIS EDITION

--New Member

--Membership Problems

--Memoriam

--April Calendar

--Birthdays

--Oakland A's vs SF Giants (Aug. 25)

Announcements

Miss a Meeting?

When you know you will miss a luncheon meeting please give our Attendance Chairman, Dick Andersen, a call (478-3753) 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.

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, 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. Any questions, call Abraham Mackey at 471-7007 or Email at 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

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@comcast.net.

Previous and Coming Speakers

January 17 Peter Jaffe
Stockton Symphony Conductor

February 21 Bill Brennan “Cold War from the Bottom of the Ocean”

March 21 Russell Stark
Stockton Metropolitan Airport

April 18 Tod Ruhstaller (Not finalized)
Haggin Museum

May 16 Brad Davis
UOP Women’s Basketball Coach

June

July 18 Sally Snyder
Business Owner, Snyder Vineyards
President, Worlds of Wonder, Lodi

August, September, and October (agreed to speak but month not set)

--Elbert Holman - past Fireman, City Councilman, and Vice Mayor.
--“Mrs Stevens” San Joaquin Genealogical Society
-- And: Someone who will tell us about the Sand Hill Cranes.

ROSTER ADDITIONS

Please make the following addition to your roster

Freiberg, Duane (63) (Nancy) (3/18)
9723 Camanche Pkwy South BD Nov. 17
Valley Springs 95252 Ph 209 763-2904
P.O. Box 334, Wallace, CA 95254 (mail)
defreiberg@yahoo.com
Insurance - Farmers Ins. Co. \\ RV Travel

Welcome to Branch 46 Duane!!



Duane Freiberg--New Member



Date	Course	Format	Cost/timing	Start/type	Host	Other comments
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



ROMEO-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

Important Dates for Branch 46

April 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	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				

- ✓ --April 1 April Fool's Day
- ✓ --April 10 Golfer's Day
- ✓ --April 14 Palm Sunday
- ✓ -- April 19 Good Friday
- ✓ --April 21 Easter
- ✓ --April 22 Branch Executive Meeting
- ✓ --April 25 Branch Luncheon
- ✓ --April 26 Arbor Day
- ✓ --April 27 Last Day for Bulletin Input
- ✓ --April 29 National Shrimp Scampi Day

In Memoriam



Sadly, we must report the passing of Sir James Pickering on March 11.

Jim was a long-time member of Branch 46, having joined the branch in March of 1996 and served as Big Sir in 2001. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to the family and friends of Jim at this sad time in their lives.



SAVE OUR BRANCH!

Branch 46 Form 27 January 2015

Active Membership 100



Branch 46 Form 27

March 2019

Active Membership 72



So, where did everyone go? This not a good situation.

To maintain a healthy branch we need at least a 100 active membership as a MINIMUM ! We need the entire membership actively involved in recruiting new members – not just a committee of 3 or 4. So here's one way to start:

1. Attend each monthly luncheon meeting
2. Pick up several flyers and recruiting cards at the sign in table.
3. If you know of a place where you can place a few flyers, do it!
4. Examples of these places would be bowling alleys, golf courses, libraries, any place where seniors hang out.
5. Carry these cards with you. Hand them out to anyone you think would enjoy being a Sir.
6. Give flyers and cards to your wife. Ask her to give them to her girlfriends, and tell them it's a good way to get husbands out the house.

Using these steps or your own method, we ask that every member bring in at least one guest this year. We must increase our membership!

MARCH LUNCHEON HAPPENINGS

Our speaker for the March Luncheon was Mr. Russ Stark, Director of the Stockton Metropolitan Airport. Mr. Stark was a last-minute replacement for the originally scheduled speaker, Todd Ruhstaller from the Haggin museum. Russ was given essentially zero notice, but managed to pack up a slide show, come to our luncheon on time, and give an excellent presentation.

Mr. Stark is retired from the U.S. Army with almost 32 years of active duty service. He attained the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Five and is qualified on the UH-1, OH-58, and CH-47D/F helicopters as well as the C-12 (King Air) and the Dash 7 fixed wing airplanes. He was a member of the New York Aviation Management Association Board of Directors and is also a Certified Member and Accredited Airport Executive (AAE) Candidate of the American Association of Airport Executives.

Besides managing day-to-day operations at the Stockton airport, Mr. Stark is also involved in airport improvement operations, and almost all of his talk concerned this subject. Currently, there is only parking space in front of the terminal for one plane. Work is currently in progress to increase parking area space to handle 4 aircraft. Additionally, 1.83 acres have been added to the cargo plane area to increase the cargo plane parking capability from 4 aircraft to 8. It is also planned to tear down the current terminal and replace it with a larger facility. which is a 3-5 year undertaking. Funding for these operations comes from FAA grants. Finally, in August, United Airlines will begin twice-daily, non-stop service between Stockton Metropolitan Airport and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) via SkyWest Airlines, a United Express carrier since 1997.

Other happenings include the award of a Senior Sir certificate to Dave Derksen in honor of his 90th birthday on March 29.

Also, Duane Freiberg was introduced as a new member. Further information on Duane is presented later in this edition.



**Russ Stark – Director
Stockton Metro Airport**





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.

Computer: There are 13 articles in the April 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.

3. A Kalashnikov Kamikaze Drone by the Russian AK-47 Inventor Company. This is a scary but interesting article about a drone created by the Russian AK-47 Inventor Company that can run for 30 minutes at 80 mph and carry 6 lbs of explosives to a target 40 miles away. They expect it to be used by small militaries and terrorist groups.

6. Meaning of "Sell By" and "Use By" Food Labels. I originally thought this would be about drugs where the label always has a warning not to use after a certain date. However, the article was completely about food labels and the upshot is that when the label says "Use by" followed by a date, it means that the food is OK after that date but may not taste as good as before. It definitely is not dangerous to eat.

11. MIT's Latest Dog-Like Robot. Engineers from MIT have built a quadruped, 40 lb robot named "Mini Cheetah". The four-leg robot can move over uneven terrain at about twice the speed of a walking human. "Mini Cheetah" is powered by 12 electric motors that allow the machine to bend and swing its legs. Read more in the Washington Post article at the link. To see Mini Cheetah be sure to watch the two videos included in the article.

APRIL 2019 BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SIRS BRANCH 46
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – RON KOROCK

OUR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR APRIL...

Kep KEPLINGER

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

Anita & Michael MARTIN anniversary date April 07, 1962

Current Active Membership is 72, Exempt is 6
March Meeting Attendance: 41 members = 57%

SIR Travel Opportunities February 2019 Rec'd 2/2/2019

Note: Travel listings from April 2019 to Sept 2020 can be found in our Website: <http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

May 9 - 21, 2020. "THE PASSION PLAY IN OBERAMMERGAU", A once in a lifetime experience! This portrayal of the passion of Christ is only played out every ten years and has been continued by the cast of residents of Oberammergau since 1634. Tour highlights include MUNICH, PRAGUE, BRATISLAVA, BUDAPEST, VIENNA, DANUBE CRUISE, SALZBURG and the OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY. Yes, this tour is being announced early because the seating is limited and tickets sell out rapidly. Sponsored by Amador County Branch #96. For further details, please contact Lee Suess 209-296-2235 baldeagle@volcano.net or Tom Rushing 209-772-3485 bevrushing@aol.com

Aug 29-Sept 9, 2020 Top of Switzerland with Oberammergau: 11 day tour from Zurich to Munich. Includes pre-tour night in Zurich and post tour night in Munich. Places to visit Zurich, Affoltern, Interlanken, Brienz, Ballenberg, Lucerne, Innsbruck OBERAMMERGAU (PASSION PLAY) and Munich. Breakfast daily, some lunches and dinners provided. Price per person DO \$4575, Airfare not included, but estimated to be \$1200 per person available in October 2019. For additional information contact Bill Stires 209 544-2684 wsmp101130@sbcglobal.net or Alamo World Travel 848 874-7800

Sept 14-26, 2020 Imperial Splendors and Oberammergau: Tour includes Home pickup, round trip airfare, professional tour manager, 19 meals, 11 nights first-class hotel and transportation via private deluxe coach, admission to all activities indicated. Tour highlights: Munich welcome dinner, visit the famous Hofbrauhaus, Prague Guided sightseeing Hradcany Castle, Bratislava the capital of Slovakia, Budapest guided sightseeing, Danube cruise, Salzburg guided walking tour and special dinner at St. Peter Stiftskeller restaurant, Oberammergau Passion Play. Cost \$6,267 includes estimated airfare. Larry Yarberry 925 890-9245 l.yarberry42@comcast.net

Send your brief trip information to Tom Molinari at stmolinari@sbcglobal.net by the 25th of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed to Tom Molinari State Travel Chairman stmolinari@sbcglobal.net or 707 762-18801243 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 or 209-451-1165.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

APRIL 15, 2019

MEETING DATES FOR 2019

April 18, May 16,
June 20 (Picnic), July 18,
August 15, September 19,
October 17, November 21,

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Dave Derksen 636-4650

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Abraham Mackey 471-7007

GOLF (18 hole)

John Stevens 470-2521

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PROGRAM

Glenn Nellman 369-8620

ROSTER

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TRAVEL

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