



## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00 NOON**  
**MEETING COULD BE CANCELLED DUE TO PANDEMIC**

### **BIG SIR GREETING** **APRIL 2020**

It was with great regret the board decided to follow the recommendations of our public health officials for groups of our type and size and cancel our March luncheon. Many branches did this out of concern for the health and safety of their brother SIRS.

We missed out on the corned beef and cabbage we were supposed to have, but balance that against knowing we made the right decision. I carry many of the medical problems of those in our age groups, including glaucoma, arthritis, sciatica, planter faciatis, and occasional bouts of pleurisy, among others. For me and most of you, the glass is more than half full. We lived this long when so many others didn't get to. We married and had children and lived to see and enjoy our grandchildren. Most of us have decent retirements that allow us to live far better lives than those of our grandparents and parents. When dealing with all the inconveniences that have resulted from the current health crisis we need to remember all of this and realize how much worse it could be and remember the old bible verse that reminds us that "this, too, shall pass".

At this month's luncheon, we were to make available tickets for the BBQ in May. I received an initial 40 tickets from the Lodi Big Sir. We will make these available via contacting either me or little Sir Mike Sather between now and the next luncheon. Our phone numbers and emails are in the Roster. Remember the cost is

\$15 for singles and \$25 for couples, cheaper than our price last year. If we sell out these tickets before the next meeting I can get more within a day or two. The Lodi branch puts out awesome food in both quantity and quality. They have some high-quality raffle prizes donated by golf shops due to a member being a golf pro. A few craft items and wine are also usually offered. You won't want to miss out on this opportunity that will be held a month earlier to avoid the heat. Last year we had 41 attend when we had our own BBQ in the hotter June weather. The better food, weather, and raffle will hopefully result in greater participation this year.

I look forward to seeing all of you again at the April meeting. I bought one of the new SIRS polo shirts with the SIRS logo and branch ID so you can check it out and have some of the new state pamphlets we hand out to prospective members. You can order single items from the vendor, but you might want to join with a few others to order as they only pay postage on orders over \$50.

**Glenn Nellman**

**Big Sir 2020**

### **NEW IN THIS EDITION**

- April Birthdays and Anniversaries
- April Calendar
- New Travel Opportunity
- Speaker Schedule for Year (almost)
- Corona Virus Cancellations

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Editor's Note:** At this time, some of this may not happen. Bridge, Bowling, and Golf activities have been canceled indefinitely due to the pandemic. Branch luncheons have also been canceled until further notice. Check the "Meeting Dates and Speakers" page in this Bulletin for an extremely optimistic schedule of future Branch activities.

### 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@comcast.net](mailto:ronkorock@comcast.net).

### 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!



## Branch Activity Cancellations

The following Branch 46 activities have been either canceled or postponed due to the pandemic.

- All golf activity and tournaments
- Branch Luncheons including the pre-luncheon card game.
- Couples Bridge - No bridge sessions at individual homes. Spring Bridge season canceled.
- Bowling

Hopefully, all Branches will be given a single "all clear" notice for all activities rather than Oks for just certain activities. Stay tuned!

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR BRANCH 46

### April 2020

Branch Functions are in Red

- April 1 April Fool's Day
- April 5 Palm Sunday
- April 7 National Beer Day
- April 10 Good Friday
- April 12 Easter Sunday
- April 13 Branch Executive Meeting
- April 16 Branch 46 Luncheon
- April 18 Husband Appreciation Day
- April 20 Last Day for Bulletin Input
- April 24 Arbor Day
- April 27 National Prime Rib Day

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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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		



**SONS IN RETIREMENT PORT OF STOCKTON CHAPTER 46  
APRIL 2020 BIRTHDAYS, WEDDINGS, & ANNIVERSARIES**

Membership Chairman Dave Derksen Sr.



### OUR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO ...

Greg McCreary 4<sup>th</sup>

Robert Carr 10<sup>th</sup>

Reed Sorensen 16<sup>th</sup>

And a BIG 90

"KEP" KEPLINGER 30<sup>th</sup>

### OUR ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO ...

Marryanne & Jim Butterfield 1984

Gae & Bob Stewart 1976

Anita & Mike Martin 1962

## SIR MEETING DATES & SPEAKERS 2020



**Editor's note: At this time, all of this is on hold and will not happen due to the pandemic. However, when the "all clear" notice comes, it is a viable schedule.**

Date	Function	Speaker	Organization	Topic
1/16/2020	Branch Luncheon	Roger Speed	Stop S.J. Suicide	Suicide
2/20/2020	Branch Luncheon	Tod Ruse	Sheriff Dept. Historian	S.J. Dept History
3/19/2020	Canceled Meeting			
4/13/2020	BEC Meeting			
4/16/2020	Branch Luncheon	Mary Pennini	Pixie Woods	Pixie Woods
5/12/2020	May Picnic	Micke Grove Picnic with Lodi Branch		
6/15/2020	BEC Meeting			
6/18/2020	Branch Luncheon	Stan Dennison	Clear Captions	
7/13/2020	BEC Meeting			
7/16/2020	Branch Luncheon	Mike Lella	Italian Dad in German Army	Book
8/17/2020	BEC Meeting			
8/20/2020	Branch Luncheon - Sheriff Withrow	Sheriff Dept	Update on Dept. Programs	
9/14/2020	BEC Meeting			
9/17/2020	Branch Luncheon	Suzanne Shultz	D.A. Office	Senior Fraud
10/12/2020	BEC Meeting			
10/15/2020	Branch Luncheon	*****open*****		
11/16/2020	BEC Meeting			
11/19/2020	Branch Luncheon	*****open*****		
12/11/2020	Christmas Luncheon	Lincoln High Choir		





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

As usual, we are providing Bill Bromiley's monthly newsletter – this time for April. There are 13 technical articles ranging from the use of smart phone GPS data to track the spread of COVID-19 to the cost of owning a Tesla Model 3. Just log on (web address provided above) and select "Computer". Two 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.

**9. Military Jet Fighters Will Be Replaced By Drones** In February, at the Air Warfare Symposium, Elon Musk said he believes "drone warfare will define future combat while traditional manned fighter jets will fade in importance. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has the potential to be the most transformative technology of the near future." Mr. Musk also stated that "Designing a rocket is trivial". Your bulletin editor has done both of these (fighter jets and designing rockets) and was not impressed. A full report of Mr. Musk's comments is in the Air Force Magazine article at the link.

**13. What Does It Cost To Own A Tesla Model 3?** The owner of a Tesla Model 3, an all-electric four door sedan, comments in a web post about his total two year cost of driving his Tesla a total of 24,000 miles. "I can only answer to what mine has cost me" he states and goes on to describe his personal cost over the two year period. The cost was \$95. You should keep in mind that he plugged it in every day to his company's charging station, and when he did charge it at home there was no cost because he has solar panels and there will be no home electricity charge for the next ten years!

## Handy Shortcut Keys for Microsoft Word

<u>Shortcut Keys</u>	<u>Description</u>
Ctrl + A	<b>Select</b> all Contents of the page. (don't click delete after this)
Ctrl + B	<b>Bold</b> highlighted selection
Ctrl + C	<b>Copy</b> selected text
Ctrl + i	<b>Italic</b> highlighted selection
Ctrl+ P	Open the <b>Print</b> window
Ctrl+ U	<b>Underline</b> highlighted selection
Ctrl+ V	<b>Paste</b>
Ctrl+ X	<b>Cut</b> selected text
Ctrl+ Z	<b>Undo</b> last action

More in our next Edition that features 3-step shortcuts.





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



**Note: The Complete list of Travel Opportunities from State can be viewed at our website.**

<https://sirinc2.org/branch46/>

**Three latest trips are listed below.**

**Oct 4 -13/2020 Phoenix to Copper Canyon, Mexico.** 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@talbottours.com

**Nov 6-22/2020 NCL Panama Canal Cruise.** 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

**April 22-May9/2021 Adriatic and Aegean Princes Cruise: NEW** 14 day cruise. Ports of call, Italy, Greece, Sicily, Turkey and Spain. Sailing from Rome to Barcelona. Includes, if booked by 2/25/2021. Premier Beverage Package, Unlimited Wi-Fi , Pre-Paid Gratuities and One night Pre & Post Cruise night Hotel Stay. Price range from \$4450 Interior to \$5750 Mini Suite Per-Person DO. For additional information contact Bill Stires 209 544-2684 or cell 209 998-5445 or bstires46@gmail.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 to Tom Molinari State Travel Chairman [stmolinari55@gmail.com](mailto:stmolinari55@gmail.com) 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:  
 April 13th***

**Meeting dates for 2020:**  
 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>

**NOTICE! ALL MEETINGS  
 SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION  
 DUE TO PANDEMIC**

**PRESIDENT**

Ed Benson

**REGION 2 DIRECTOR**

Rick Kindle 652-8608

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Richard Provost 222-1910

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**2020 COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES**

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open

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**BRIDGE (mixed)**

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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**

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**PICNIC (June)**

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