



# 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: MAY 18<sup>th</sup>**

**THURSDAY 12:00 NOON**

## **BIG SIR GREETING MAY - 2017**

The month of May is loaded with important dates including May Day, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day. And speaking of memorials, May 9 is Lost Sock Memorial Day, a special day all of us can relate to. Check out the calendar provided in this edition for dates and for all the important Branch 46 activities in May.

Our speaker for the April luncheon was Mr. Elbert Holman, Stockton Vice-Mayor and member of the City Council. Mr. Holman discussed his time on the Council and, in particular, the time period during and after Stockton's bankruptcy. He emphasized the fact that Stockton now has a 15 year plan, and the city's finances are under control. More on Mr. Holman's talk is given in the April Luncheon Happenings write up in this edition.

Not mentioned in the April Happenings is the fact that the luncheon itself left a lot to be desired. The amount of food prepared was insufficient, and there were five members who actually did not receive a meal. They were reimbursed, but this is obviously unacceptable. Also, the number and type of entrees did not meet contract requirements. To my knowledge, this is the first time something like this has occurred, and it will not happen again. We are currently discussing the problem with Elkhorn and have asked them to tell us how they plan to prevent this in the future.

Apparently, our recruiting efforts are beginning to pay off. Currently, we have 100 active members compared to 98 last month and 96 at the beginning of the year. Also, our luncheon attendance was 60% which is up compared to 2016. You may not have noticed it, but at the sign in table there was a stack of wallet-size cards describing the Branch, our activities, along with information about contacting us. These cards will be there at next month's luncheon and, if you haven't done so already, pick up a few and hand them out to

anyone you think might like to join us. Thanks to Dave Derksen for making up and printing the cards.

Again on the recruiting theme, our 2018 Officers slate is still missing a Little Sir, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you are interested in one of these positions or know someone who you think could fill one, please contact Paul Wagner.

And, finally, don't forget to sign up for the June Picnic at Micke Grove. Signup sheets will be available at the May luncheon and information on the time, date and activities is given further on in this bulletin. Also, be sure to check out the Lee Talbott tribute in this edition. As the tribute states, we will sorely miss Lee. And it's still not too late to sign up for Romeo 2 on May 4. Contact Pete Lepisto at 948-2265.

**John Doisy - Big Sir 2017**

## **May Luncheon Speaker**

The speaker for the May luncheon will be from the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office. The subject will be "**Protocol Investigation on Officer-Involved Shootings**".



## ***NEW IN THIS EDITION***

- ❖ **May Birthdays and Anniversaries**
- ❖ **Calendar with Important Dates**
- ❖ **April Luncheon Happenings**
- ❖ **May Speaker Information**
- ❖ **Roster Additions and Changes**
- ❖ **Tribute to Lee Talbott**

## 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)



## 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.



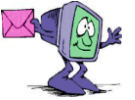
## 9 Hole Golf

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](mailto:johnmendonca@yahoo.com)

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

### 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](mailto:JackL68734@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. 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)

### 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  
MAY 2017**

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			

- ❖ **May 1** May Day
- ❖ **May 6** Kentucky Derby
- ❖ **May 8** **BEC Meeting**
- ❖ **May 9** Lost Sock Memorial Day
- ❖ **May 14** Mother's Day
- ❖ **May 18** **Branch 46 Luncheon**
- ❖ **May 20** Armed Forces Day
- ❖ **May 25** **Last Day for Bulletin Input**
- ❖ **May 29** Memorial Day

## Roster Additions

Please add the following new members  
to your roster

**Smith, Prince** (#75) (Di) (4-10)  
3560 Lake Front Circle BD Feb. 21  
Stockton 95209 957-2246  
[PrincePSmith@aol.com](mailto:PrincePSmith@aol.com)  
Firefighter Stockton//Trav., Cruising, Gym

**Escobar, Jim** (#60) (Wanda) (4-10)  
1916 Laredo Ct BD July 14  
Stockton 95209 478-1435  
[JLBAR@comcast.net](mailto:JLBAR@comcast.net)  
Public Works Dir//Golf, Biking, Shooting, Trav.



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

- May 17 Dry Creek 4 man 2 best ball Host  
Bill Rutherford
- May 31 Micke Grove ABCD State Qualifier  
Host Bill Rutherford
- June 23 Swenson 4 man blind scramble, and  
annual picnic Host Gary Calhoon

Please plan to play. Questions- please call Gary  
Calhoon 474-6448, [garycalhoon@comcast.net](mailto:garycalhoon@comcast.net)



## 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**

**Call Pete Lepisto 948-2265**



**BRANCH 46 WEBSITE**

<http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

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

Be sure to check out the travel link on the website. There are several new trips listed on the last page which we couldn't put in the bulletin due to space limitations.

The Computer link on the main website page features the May edition of Bill Bromiley's Computer Newsletter. There are a couple interesting write-ups in the edition that I've described briefly below. **Illegal Skimmers on ATM'S.** This article tells you how to detect and, in some cases, disable illegal hardware that has been placed on ATM for the purpose of getting card information and your PIN. It describes where the hardware is located and has several photos of actual illegal hardware which has been placed on an ATM. **Unpublished Apollo Photos** TIME just published a series of previously unpublished photos from the Apollo program, from the pre-moon landing missions in the 1960's, through the first landing in 1969, to the follow-on missions into the mid 1970's. In the days of the Apollo program, photography was nothing like we have today, and many of the photos reflect this deficiency. However, there are several excellent photos taken by the astronauts while on the moon that are well worth viewing.

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.

## April Luncheon Happenings

The speaker for the April Luncheon was Mr. Elbert Holman, a relatively longtime member of the Stockton City Council and currently Vice-Mayor of Stockton. Mr. Holman is retired with 34 years in law enforcement including 20 years with the San Joaquin County Sheriff Department, and 14 years in the County District Attorney's Office, the last five years as a Chief Investigator.

Mr. Holman's talk was mainly directed toward the work of the City Council during and after Stockton's bankruptcy period, 2012 to 2015. In the years prior to bankruptcy, Stockton was apparently unaware of this problem until the depression of 2008 and 2009 came about. At the time of the bankruptcy filing, Stockton was \$64 billion underwater with 22% unemployment and also known as the foreclosure capitol of the world. He compared bankruptcy to a "time out" allowing the city to regroup, cut costs, and negotiate with debtors including CalPERS (California Public Employees Retirement System). The city officially came out of bankruptcy in 2015. He considers the city to be healthy at this time, mainly because finances are under control. There is a 15-year plan which, surprisingly, includes a predicted deficit period at some time in the future.

Mr. Holman also stated that we don't have near enough police, and Stockton is ripe for crime since we are essentially a blue collar city located in the middle of the state. We have 430 police officers, and the hiring program is going well now that we are out of bankruptcy. Mr. Holman is the last surviving member of the original City Council which was in office at the time of the bankruptcy filing. Due to city regulations, he cannot run for office again when his term is up. He is confident the new mayor can handle the city in the future and encouraged us to read the mayor's State of the City address coming out on May 19.

During the luncheon, new member Mr. Jim Escobar received his membership packet along with his Rooster pin. Jim's membership application was approved at the BEC meeting in April. His sponsor is Sir Bill Noel. Complete information for Jim is given in the Roster Additions write up in this issue.

**Welcome to Branch 46, Jim!**



**Elbert Holman**  
**Stockton Vice-Mayor**



**Jim Escobar**

# FOOD - FORTUNE \$ - & FUN! BRANCH 46 PICNIC!!!

JUNE 16 MICKE GROVE



## Bingo!



## Golf Chipping!



## Big "R" !



## Barbeque!

Tri-Tips! \$17.00 per Person

Catered by

Lodi Mexican American Lions Club



## Sign up at May Luncheon!

# MAY 2017 BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SIRS BRANCH 46  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – RON KOROCK



## OUR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO...

Ray CARTER  
Roger SPEED  
Bill HALBOTH

Rich KINZEY  
Cliff WILBURN  
John HILL

Bob WESTWOOD  
Norio KAWAI

## OUR BEST WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR WIVES CELEBRATING MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Janet & Richard MAYO

May 13, 1977

## SPECIAL WISHES TO A COUPLE MARRIED MORE THAN 50 YEARS

Chris & Rudy BLANCO

May 27, 1965

## SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO COUPLES MARRIED LONGER THAN 60 YEARS

Connie & Wally PARSONS married 62 years    May 29, 1954

Janice & Lou THANAS married 65 years    May 27, 1951

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Current Membership: 100 Active, 10 Inactive  
April Meeting Attendance: 60 = 60%

THIS MONTH WE RECOGNIZE TWO DAYS HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN  
WHO HAVE SERVED, OR CURRENTLY SERVE, IN ONE OF THE U.S. MILITARY  
BRANCHES

ARMED FORCES DAY, MAY 20 AND MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 29

# Farewell to a Friend and Fellow SIR

**Lee Talbott is leaving the area and relocating in San Diego. For the past eleven years Lee has been a vital part of Branch 46 and will be sorely missed.**



For personal reasons, Lee Talbott and his wife, Darlene, are moving to San Diego. Lee joined Branch 46 in 2006 and has held many positions in the branch. In 2008 he became branch secretary and in the succeeding years was elected to Little Sir and then Big Sir in 2010. Following this, he became a branch director and also volunteered to be Attendance Chairman – a job he has held continually into 2017.

In addition to being the “badges in the bucket” guy, Lee was a continuous volunteer. You could find him managing the gift table at the Ladies Christmas Luncheon, calling for the Big “R”, running the chipping contest at our June Picnic, or collecting for the Bucket Brigade. Lee was an avid golfer and bridge player and had been chairman of the Par-3 Course golf activity. He was an enthusiastic member of the Couples Bridge activity and also was a regular at the early morning bridge games prior to our Branch Luncheon.



As Attendance Chairman Lee was responsible for attendance records on every member of Branch 46, and he was the one you called in case you couldn't make a meeting. He maintained absentee records on every member and, working from home, would contact anyone whose attendance did not meet the State requirements. He would then consult with the delinquent member and, between the two of them, decide whether or not to place him on inactive status or, in some cases, remove him from the branch roles.

Darlene the best at their new location. They have an open invitation to visit us at any of our functions whenever they are in the area.



**Editor's Note: Lee's new address is 5563 Adobe Falls Rd.-Unit B, San Diego, CA 92120;  
Ph: 209 915-0305, wltal@aol.com**

## *SIR Travel Opportunities 2017/4*

**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

**Ed. Note:** We have 3 pages of Travel Opportunities now and usually have room for only one page in the bulletin. You are encouraged to check out our website which has all three pages listed – there are 4 new trips included on the last page.

**May 10-25, 2017: 100<sup>th</sup> 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, Salt Lake City and Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Tour cost is \$2795 which includes Professional Guide, Hotel Accommodations, 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.



**Sep 6-19, 2017: Atlantic Isles Cruise.** This 13 day luxury cruise aboard the Crystal Symphony begins and ends in Lisbon, Portugal, with several exotic ports of call in the Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands, and Morocco. Crystal distinguishes itself from other cruise lines by offering the very best in service, food, entertainment and cultural programs. All beverages are included. Prices start at \$8095 and include deluxe stateroom, \$250 shipboard credit, RT Air, all gratuities, port charges and transfers in SF. Larry Martinson, Br. 114, San Jose, 408-238-0746 or Jim Stoner, 408-238-8458.

**Sep 7-20, 2017: Prague, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.** This itinerary offers sights that will delight your senses. Highlights include: Prague, Rothenburg, Munich, Salzburg, Hitler's Eagles Nest, Oberammergau, Kleine Scheidegg, Black Forest, Rudesheim and the Rhine River Cruise. The deluxe tour RT Air, most meals, accommodations, tour manager, admission to all activities, luggage handling, and all taxes. Cost \$5495 including air. Lee Suess, Br 96, Jackson, 209-296-2235.

**Sep 10-23, 2017: Southern Italy & Sicily.** A 14 day trip touring Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento, Valley of the Temples, Giardini, Naxos, Taormina, Catania, Matera, Alberobello, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento and Pompeii. The cost of \$4,849 pp includes Cancellation Insurance, RT airfare, all taxes, fees and surcharges. Bill Britton, Br 101/121, 925-443-9913

**Sep 28-Oct 6, 2017: Norman Rockwell New England.** Tour through the backroads of the Berkshire and Adirondack Mountains as you admire the fall foliage and visit the life memories of Norman Rockwell. The tour includes Boston City Tour then ferry cross Lake Champlain to Burlington VT and into the Green Mountains. Then cross the Connecticut River in New Hampshire into the coastal town of York Beach, Maine. Price is \$3385, John Pletsch, Br 32, San Jose, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080 or Tom Duncanson Br. 20, 831-662-8605.

**Oct 5-13, 2017: Sicily in Depth.** Escorted Tour of Catania, Syracuse, Ragusa, Agrigento, Palermo, Erice, Cefalu, Taormina, Giardini, Naxos, Mt Etna, and Savoca. Cost of \$1913 pp for land only, add approx \$950 for Air. Henry Puccinelli, Br. 22, 415-897-2364.

**Oct 22-29, 2017: Coastal Cruise R/T from SF.** The 7 day cruise starts in SF and ends in SF aboard the Grand Princess. Stops will include Santa Barbara, Long Beach, Ensenada and San Diego. Price of \$1220 to \$1695 depending on cabin includes bottle of wine, port tax, group protection plan, and porter tips. Bill Rodman, Br 38, San Jose, 408-274-4521.

**Nov 2-9, 2017: Branson, Bentonville & Beyond.** Wine, Dine and Yacht with Branson entertainers and see the beautiful scenery and historic sites of the Northwest Arkansas. Tour includes: RT Air, 7 nights Deluxe Hotel, Professional Guide, Deluxe Motorcoach, 17 meals, admission to attractions and taxes and baggage. Tom Duncanson, Br 20, Santa Cruz, 831-662-8605.

**Nov 9-20, 2017: Florida's Sunshine Trail.** This 12 day trip spotlights Florida's top attractions including Orlando, St Augustine, Cocoa Beach, Kennedy Space Center, West Palm Beach, Key West and Miami. Air Boat experience through the Everglades, Naples, and Fort Myers. Cost \$4250, Mike Console, Br 32, San Jose, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.

**Dec 29- Jan 2, 2018: New Year's in Memphis at New Graceland Guest House.** Highlights include 4 nights at the New Graceland Guest House, Gala New Year's Eve Dinner, Tour of Graceland, Rock n Soul Museum, Memphis Music Hall of Fame, The Cotton Museum, Lorraine Motel & Nat'l Civil Rights Museum. Fabulous Memphis Farewell Dinner & entertainment. Tom Duncanson, Br 20, Santa Cruz, 831-662-8605.

Send your brief trip information to Bob Spellman at [bobjo@astound.net](mailto:bobjo@astound.net) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed.