



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 17th THURSDAY NOON

BIG SIR GREETING MAY 2018

Another month is almost gone. They really go fast or maybe it is because I am too busy or old. We had a great meeting. Honored two 90 year olds, Bob Shallenberger and Dale Dunmire with certificates and a hearty round of applause from the gang. Our speaker Pete Grossgart from the Port of Stockton, Marketing Manager, was very informative about the Port and the massive amount of material that is exported every day. They have thousands of acres and 15 berths for ships to load or unload. He was also very accommodating and is going to provide a Special Tour for our group. Anyone that wants to see the inside of the Port. Tours are about 2 to 3 hours long and start at one (1) o'clock. Pete says he is an expert tour guide and you will really learn something new. The Tours are for **May 2nd**, **May 3rd**, and **May 15th**. He can only fit 10 people in his van for each trip. (NO walking). So, the sooner you call with the names and number of persons in your group (you, wife, grand-kids) the better chance you have to get in. Call me at (209) 636 4650 or (209) 479 1445 Before the 27th of April. If we don't get enough people for some days we will have to cancel. The meeting place is 2201 W. Washington, St. Inside the Port of Stockton. If you get lost, call (209) 946-0246. The Picnic is here before you know it. Get your tickets at the next meeting. There will not be a meeting on June 21st as that is our Picnic at Micke Grove. If you get lost call ME, I'll be there. We have a new member, Earl Gilford, and previous



this year are Glenn Nellman and John Gualco. When you see them around say, howdy. The sheets and cards are on the tables so you can introduce some of your friends, neighbors or relatives to come and have lunch and hear great informative speakers. They can get involved in our Bowling, Golf, Bridge or whatever else we have going. They do not have to be retired. You must attend seven meetings each year which includes the Xmas luncheon and the Picnic. Thanks to Pete Lepisto for becoming a Director 2018-2020. You are all invited to come to the Executive Board Meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Holy Cross Church, 1200 West Hammer Lane. Moment of Silence for Lou Thanen. He will be missed. He was a good friend. Our speaker for May will be Steve Moore, Sheriff-Coroner, San Joaquin County. How is the crime in your area? If you have a PC and are not getting your bulletin in color, you are missing out on something.

Dave E. Derksen Sr. **Big Sir 2018**

NEW IN THIS EDITION

- Birthdays/Anniversaries for May
- April Luncheon Happenings
- May Speaker (Sheriff Moore)
- New Member Addition
- June Picnic Info
- Senior Sirs
- Memoriam
- New Director

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, Dick Andersen, a call (478-3753) or send him an e-mail: whalelady@comcast.net

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 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 & 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. Abraham Mackey
Any questions, call me at 471-7007 or abraham4880@gmail.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.**



Lodi-Stockton SIR Golf 2018 Combined Schedule

Date	Course	Format	Cost/timing	Start/Type	Host	Other Comments
May 2	Swenson	4 man Scram	\$37 adv	9:00 S/G	Stevens	
May 16	Dry Creek	4 man 2 BB	\$39, adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	
May 30	Micke Grove	ABCD Qualifier	\$33 adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford / Rancho Solano, Aug 13	
June 27	Swenson	4 man blind draw	\$50 adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	Lunch included
July 11	Swenson	State Qual-Indiv	\$40 adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	
July 23	Discovery	2 man Scram	\$55 adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	MONDAY
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Aug 15	Elkhorn	2 pers mix Scram	\$56 adv	8:30	Rutherford	Lunch
Aug 29	Manteca GC	4 man Modified	\$37+5 adv	9:00 S/G	Cossey	
Sept 19	Castle Oaks	2 man BB	\$50 adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	Range balls
Sept 27	Tracy CC	4 man Scram 1,2,3	\$46	9:00 S/G	Cossey	Thurs, Range Balls
Oct 17	The Reserve	2 man Scram	\$47 adv	9:30 S/G	Rutherford	
Oct 31	Swenson	2 man Alt, Mod	\$37 adv	9:00	Swenson	
Nov 14	Micke Grove	Indiv Medal Finale	\$35 adv	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	WKG

Hosts: Tournament Bill Rutherford 916-776-9222; John Stevens 470-5251; Bob Cossey 478-1440; Nick Smith 466-2219

Roster Changes/Corrections

Please add the following new member to your roster

GILFORD, Earl (46) (Robyn) (04/18)
 8970 Cherry Hills Pl BD Dec. 19
 Stockton, 95209 Ph 954-9059
 earlstephen5959@comcast.net
 SJC Management Analysis // My Animals, Garden



**Welcome
To Branch 46
Earl!!**

April Luncheon Happenings

The speaker for the April Luncheon was Mr. Peter Grossgart, the Marketing Manager for the Port of Stockton. Mr. Grossgart is responsible for planning, developing, and implementing the port's maritime trade and real estate business development efforts. Mr. Grossgart gave a slideshow presentation of the Stockton Port highlighting an overhead view of the entire port and discussing the main types of cargo the port handles. The port consists of 2050 acres including one-time naval base Rough and Ready Island which was obtained in 2000. The port seeks diversity in the products that are handled. Typically, these are steel, fertilizer, gypsum, sulfur, cement, and rice. The steel cargo is by far the largest in weight, and consists of rolled steel coils which are converted into electrical wire, mainly for the electronic industry. Gypsum goes to the valley farmers as a soil conditioner. Interestingly, cement shipments went from 2.2 million tons to zero (0) following the 2008 recession. Now the tonnage is approaching the prior level and is expected to continue increasing. Almost all the rice grown in California goes through the port to Japan on Japanese ships. The Port of Stockton handles almost every type of cargo with the exception of containers and autos. Other than containers and autos, it is the leader in tonnage shipment among all the ports in California.



Peter Grossgart
Port of Stockton Marketing

Interested in a Port tour? Sign-up sheets were made available at the conclusion of Mr. Grossgart's talk, and several branch members have already signed up. There are three dates available for a tour: May 2, May 3, and May 15. Big Sir Dave Derksen is handling the signup, and anyone interested should call him at 636-4650.

Big Sir Dave Derksen awarded Senior Certificates to two Branch 46 members at the Luncheon. A Senior Certificate is given to branch members who reach the age of ninety. The recipients were Bob Shellenberger and Dale Dunmire. Bob has been a member of the branch for 25 years, having joined in November of 1993. Dale joined in February of 1995 and has been in the branch for 23 years. New member Earl Gilford was introduced and welcomed to the Branch. Roster information for Earl is listed in this edition.



Bob Shellenberger

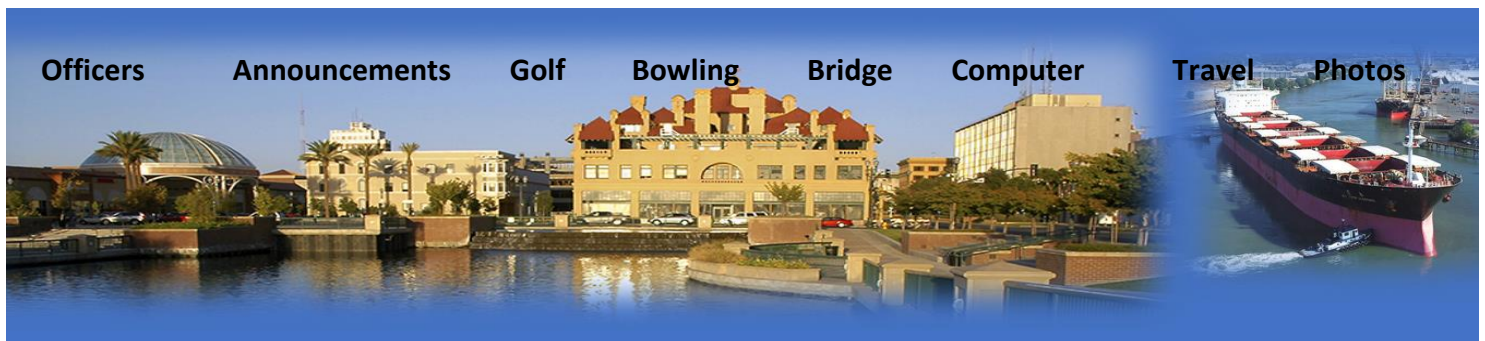


Dale Dunmire



Shining Armor Award

This month's Knight in Shining Armor Award goes to Sir Pete Lepisto for bravely stepping forward into one of our 2018-2020 Director positions. Pete has previously served as a Director in addition to being our Big Sir in 2014. He is also Chairman of our ROMEO activity. We still need a second Director for the 2018-2020 time period in addition to several committee volunteers for the current year, namely Greeter, Bucket Brigade, and Photographer. (See April bulletin)



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

Website Remember, to access the website, use the CTRL, Click feature on the above link.

Are We Being Hacked? Branch 46 could be a victim. Once again we are getting “hits” from foreign countries on our website. In April, someone from the Phillipines logged on and was looking at our Recruiting link. This is the one on the front page labeled “New? - Join Us”. I plan on sending him an application Also, two more “hits” in April from Quanzhou, China and Beijing. They didn’t look at any link – just wanted to see the pretty front page I guess.

Computer- There are sixteen write-ups in the Computer Newsletter this month which vary from the latest on Facebook’s problems to a write-up on Apple making its’ own processing chips. Write-ups that I found interesting are described briefly below. Numbers are the paragraph numbers in the newsletter.

6. Advanced Facial Recognition. A man wanted by police in China for “economic crimes” assumed that he was safely hidden in the 5 million population of Nanchang. So he felt safe when he joined nearly 60,000 people gathered at a concert. What he did not know was that the police were using advanced facial recognition cameras and technology to find and track wanted individuals. He was tracked from the gate where he entered to his seat where he was arrested. The article at the link will tell you more about the Chinese system being used and some of the concerns that may arise from its use in China and in other countries.

9. Carpool Lane Cheaters - Technology May Catch You The Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is currently testing equipment designed to catch drivers illegally using carpool lanes. These automated systems can snap photos of a passing vehicle, accurately count the number of people in the vehicle, and send citations to violators. When the system is implemented, tickets and fines of \$490 may soon be appearing in the mailboxes of carpool lane violators.

11. Soon The Audio Speakers In Your Car Will No Longer Be Needed. Technology advances combined with consumer demands have led to the disappearance from our cars of antennas, eight-track decks, cassette decks, and even CD players. Soon you will find that speakers are gone too. A German firm, Continental, has developed a technology that makes parts of the car interior vibrate to produce immersive sound that is equal to any premium sound system on the market today. The technology turns the rear window into a subwoofer, the windshield, floor, dashboard and seat frames provide midrange sound while the A-pillars become tweeters.

Expect to see this technology in cars by 2021.

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.

MAY 2018 BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SIRS BRANCH 46
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – RON KOROCK

OUR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO...

Ray CARTER
Roger SPEED
John HILL

Bill HALBOTH
Cliff WILBURN

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

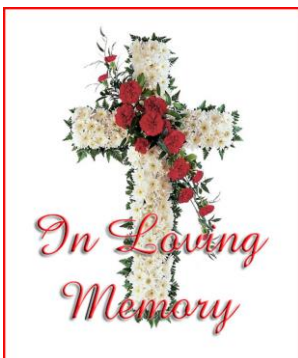
SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO COUPLES MARRIED LONGER THAN 60 YEARS

Connie & Wally PARSONS married 64 years May 29, 1954

Current Membership: 84 Active, 21 Inactive
April Meeting Attendance: 50 = 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

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ARMED FORCES DAY, MAY 19 AND MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 28



In Memoriam

Sadly, we must report the passing of Sir Lou Thanas on March 23. Lou was a longtime member of Branch 46, having joined in September, 2003. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to the family and friends of Lou at this sad time in their lives.

THE OFFICIAL BRANCH 46 LADIES DAY



Micke Grove June 21 12:00 Noon

Sign up at the May Luncheon!

It's easy, Here's a bucket list :

1. **May 17** - Sign up at the May Luncheon. Forgot? Go to Step 2. Otherwise go to step 4.
 2. **May 18 - June 14.** Call Ron Korock (951-4759) We need a head count 1 week before.
Forgot? Go to step 3.
 3. **##!*** Come anyway. Bring money. Don't worry – plenty of food. Go to step 4
- STEP 4 - June 21 GO TO MICKE GROVE!**

EAT



WIN



BINGO



CHIP



**Tri-Tips \$17 per Person Catered by
Lodi Mexican-American Lions Club**

May Luncheon Speaker

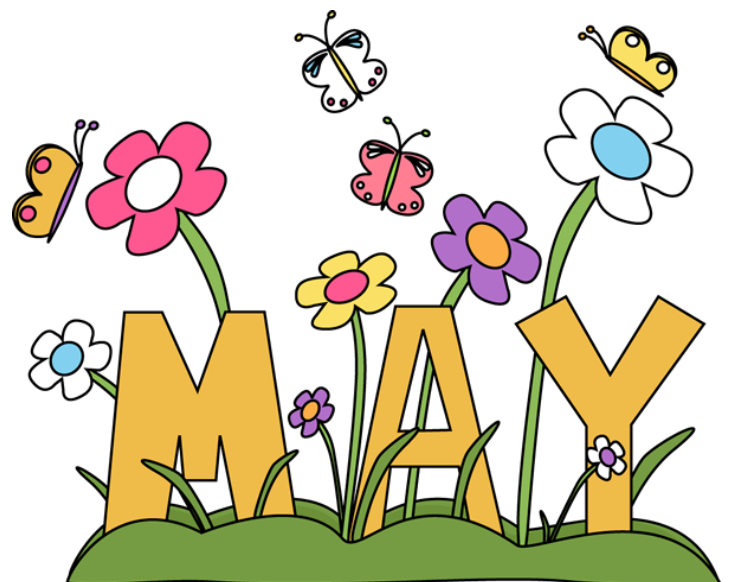
The Speaker for the May luncheon will be San Joaquin County Sheriff Steve Moore. Sheriff Moore has been with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office since 1982 and is currently serving his third term as County Sheriff. He has over 30 years of law enforcement experience and has commanded every major division within the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Moore holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology Law Enforcement and is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Sheriff Moore is married with two children, and the Moore family resides in Linden.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR BRANCH 46 MAY, 2018

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	31		

XX indicates Branch function

- May 1 May Day
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo
- May 11 Eat What You Want day
- May 13 Mother's Day
- May 14 Branch Executive Meeting
- May 17 Branch Luncheon
- May 19 Armed Forces Day
- May 23 Last Day for Bulletin Input
- May 25 National Wine Day
- May 28 Memorial Day



SIR Travel Opportunities 2018 -

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 12-18, 2018: Southern Charm Discovery. Trip features Jekyll Island, Savannah & Charleston, Jacksonville, St Simons Island, Andrew Low House, and choice of Boone Hall Plantation or Patriots Pt. Naval Museum. Cost is \$2836.00 covers air taxes & fees, hotel & transfers, gratuities and R/T air, Bill Rodman, Br 38, 408-274-4521 or Alan Patmore, 408-867-4197.

May 25-Jun 9, 2018: Historic Cities of Eastern Canada & New England. 16- day trip begins in Toronto then Lake Ontario, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal. Then travelers will board Holland America cruise ship and cruise down the St Lawrence river to Charlottetown, Sydney and Halifax and onto Bar Harbor ending in Boston. Cost is \$3695 to \$5185 (without Airfare). Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

Sep 8, 2018: Colorado Train Trip. 7- day trip with stops at the US Airforce academy, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Colorado National Monument and Colorado Museum. Cost \$3035 and includes 15 meals, R/T Air, home pickup and back, professional tour manager, Larry Yarberry, Br 8, 925-890-9245.

Sep 13-23, 2018: Alaska Inside Passage. 11-day cruise starting in SF with ports of call at Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and Victoria B.C. Trip includes R/T transfer, Gratuities, Shipboard credit, and Photo. Cost \$1899.00 to \$3249 depending on cabin. Tom Molinari, Br 147, 707-762-1880.

Sep 23-Oct 2, 2018: American Queen St Louis to Memphis. The cruise begins with overnight stay in St Louis and ends with another overnight in Memphis, including tours in each city. The trip includes all transfers, R/T Air, port changes hotel cost, shore excursions, all meals on board ship, complimentary beer and wine. Ports of call include Alton, Chester, Cape Girardeau, Paducah, Dover, New Madrid, Ashport Landing, and Memphis Cost is \$3300 to \$5960 depending on cabin. Mike Console, 408-246-1080 Br 32. San Jose.

Oct 21-31-2018: Crystal Mozart River Cruise. Enjoy Europe's majesty and history of the scenic Wachau Valley, An Austrian wonderland. Stops include Durnstein, Melk, Bratislava, Budapest and Vienna. Prices start at \$6485 for deluxe stateroom with large picture window. Crystal's complimentary services includes butler, gratuities, unlimited refreshments, free internet, port charges, and transfers. Larry Martinson, Br 114, 408-528-0746 or Jim Stoner, 408-238-8458.

Feb 15-Mar 2, 2019: Cruise from San Francisco to Ft Lauderdale. 15 day cruise aboard the Coral Princess with port stops at Cabo San Lucas, San Juan Del Sur, Puntarenas, Fuerte Amador, cruising through the Panama Canal, Cartagena, and Ft Lauderdale. Cost ranges from \$3390 to \$4190 depending on stateroom and includes, home pickup, shipboard meals and entertainment, R/T airfare, luggage handling, transfers, all drivers and porters, gratuities, all applicable taxes and travel gift .Arkady Belogolovsky, Br. 54, 408-253-3956, or Joe Salamida, 408-767-2838.

Send your brief trip information to Tom Molinari, stmolinari@sbcglobal.net, by the 25th of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed.