



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: JUNE 15th PICNIC at MICKE GROVE

THURSDAY 12:00 NOON

BIG SIR GREETING JUNE - 2017

There's lots of interesting things going on in the month of June. The most important of these is the Branch 46 Picnic on June 15 at Micke Grove. There are a couple of other dates which, when compared to the June Picnic, are relatively minor. These are Flag Day on June 14th and Father's Day on June 18. Check out the official Branch 46 Calendar of Important Dates further on in the Bulletin. On the subject of the Picnic, you can still go even if you haven't bought tickets. You can sign in at the Picnic and then join in on the fun. Just let us know as soon as you can if you're coming. We'll need to tell the caterers to put on two more Tri Tips. Information and phone numbers are provided in this bulletin.

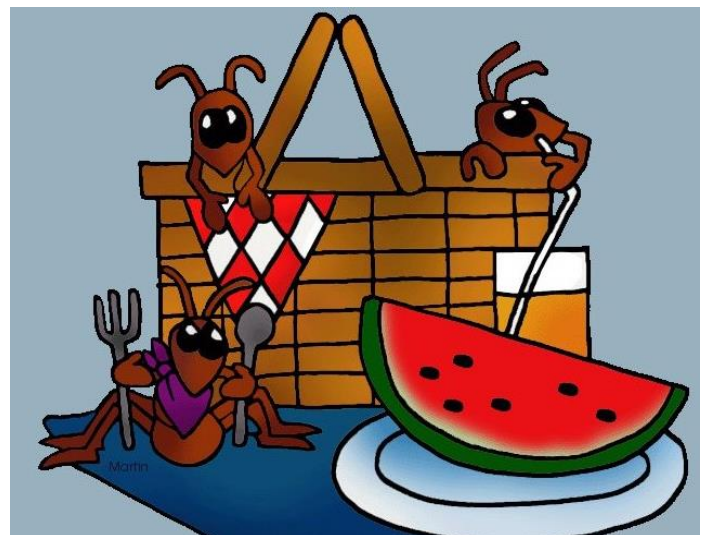
The State SIR organization has established a new system titled "RAMP" This is an acronym for "Recruiting, Activities, Member Relations, and Publicity". The program was created in response to the statewide declining membership. It is a well-thought out program with a detailed set of descriptions and instructions for each of the four areas. Each branch is expected to adopt the program and, if necessary, create new positions with chairmen as necessary. In our case, one or two of our current committees should be able to meet the RAMP requirements with a few changes. I will report more on RAMP in the next months.

When you read the Birthdays and Anniversaries page in this bulletin, you will notice we now have 98 active members compared to 100 reported in last month's bulletin. Although we have brought in new members this year, the combination of resignations and transfers to inactive has resulted in a net loss of active members. If you haven't

already, I encourage you to pick up some of the recruiting cards we have placed at the sign in table at the luncheon and hand them out to your friends, golf or bowling companions, or anyone you think might like to join us.

Finally, as I mentioned at the May Luncheon, we still need candidates for our slate of 2018 officers, namely Treasurer, Secretary, and Little Sir. For more information on this, check out the recruiting page in this bulletin. See you at the picnic!

John Doisy - Big Sir 2017



NEW IN THIS EDITION

- ❖ --June Birthdays and Anniversaries
- ❖ --Calendar with Important Events
- ❖ --May Luncheon Happenings
- ❖ --Romeo 2 Photos
- ❖ --June-August 18-Hole Golf
- ❖ --PICNIC at MICKE GROVE!!

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 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

Sunshine & Memorials:

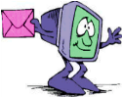
Rich Mayo is our chairman for this committee; however, Rich is on a temporary leave of absence. So if you are aware of a member who has a serious illness or whose family has experienced some tragic circumstances, please call John Mendonca who is substituting for Rich. John's phone # is 477-0743.



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
June 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	

- ❖ June 7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
- ❖ June 14 Flag Day
- ❖ June 15 PICNIC!!
- ❖ June 18 Father's Day
- ❖ June 21 Summer Begins
- ❖ June 24 Last Day for Bulletin Input
- ❖ June 27 Sun Glasses Day



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

18 Hole Golf Schedule for June, July and August:

June 23

4 Man Scramble, Blind Draw and Picnic Swenson Golf Course
Calhoon-Rutherford

July 7

State Individual Qualifier Medal Play, Swenson Golf Course
Rutherford

Aug 7 (Monday)

2 Man Scramble Discovery Bay
Rutherford

Aug 16

2 Person Mixed Scramble
Elkhorn Rutherford

Aug 30

4 Man Manteca Bob Cossey

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



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 checkout 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 June edition of Bill Bromiley's Computer Newsletter. There are three interesting write-ups in the edition that I can relate to and are described briefly below.

Technology Reduces Lost Luggage. Airlines are now starting to employ what is called RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) to help solve the lost baggage problem. For an extra fee at check in, you can have a special chip embedded on your baggage tag, and, with your smart phone, you can track your baggage as it is loaded and unloaded (if at all). The airline also uses the system to locate your lost baggage, assuming, of course, that it isn't flying away to another destination.

Danger, USB Charging Stations. Many airports have charging stations for your smart phone where you can use your phone line to recharge your phone. The problem is, your USB line can also be used to transfer data to your computer and vice-versa. This means that something sneaky installed in the airport charging station can access private information stored in your phone. Bottom line: Don't use public charging stations for your smart phone or your laptop.

Eight Risky Password Mistakes. I'm sorry I read this article. Apparently, I've been creating my computer passwords in a pattern that's a lot easier for hackers to determine. Even if you create a password with numbers, letters, capitals, and symbols, if you're like me, you use the same pattern: numbers together, capital letters all in a line, same with lower case, and the symbol at the end. Apparently, almost everyone does the same. Hackers love us. It makes their work a lot easier if they can count on this type of a pattern. The solution is to put every character in your password randomly. Sure! Just try to remember it then!

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.



NOTICE!!

**PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE
MAY BULLETIN PICNIC DATE!!!
THE CORRECT DATE IS
THURSDAY, June 15**

(Copy Editor has been fired)

Micke Grove 12:00 Noon

You can still sign up at the Picnic. Just give us a few days' notice.

Call Ron Korock at 951-4759

- Golf Chipping
- Tri-Tips
Mexican-American
Lions Club
- 50/50



LOTS OF FOOD - LOTS OF FUN - SEE YOU THERE!!

May Luncheon Happenings

The speaker for the May Luncheon was Mr. Angelo Carrasco, a criminal investigator for the San Joaquin County Office of the District Attorney. Mr. Carrasco has been a Police Officer since 1993, starting with the State of California where he began with investigation of Medi-Cal Fraud. During this time he was assigned to the Governor's Medi-Cal Task Force along with the FBI and the US Attorney's Office. Here he was able to assist in the successful prosecution of many medical providers including doctors, dentists, labs, and clinics who were defrauding the state.

In 2001, Mr. Carrasco joined the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigations where he worked in the Welfare Fraud Unit, Insurance Fraud, Homicide/Gangs, Main Line, and ID Theft. He is currently the Protocol Coordinator for investigations involving officer-involved shootings or officer-involved "critical incidents". In this regard, he assembles teams from all agencies involved, and the investigation is conducted at many different levels. Mr. Carrasco emphasized the fact that, due to the depth and range and number of agencies involved, a "cover up" would be virtually impossible. Every lead is investigated, and all results are tape recorded, sent to the DA, assembled, and sent back to each agency. Final results from each agency are returned to the DA who makes the decision whether or not to file criminal charges. Mr. Carrasco stated that, in his 17 years of experience with the DA Office, only one of this type of case has resulted in charges.



**Angelo Carrasco
Criminal Investigator
SJ County DA Office**

BRANCH 46 2018 OFFICERS

This is what we look like today for 2018



Big Sir



Little Sir



Secretary



Asst. Secretary



Treasurer



Asst. Treasurer

This is what we should look like



Big Sir



Little Sir



Secretary



Asst. Secretary



Treasurer



Asst. Treasurer

As you can see, we still need candidates for our slate of 2018 officers. Once again, if you have even the slightest interest in filling one of these three positions or know someone who you think could do the job, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairman, Paul Wagner. For information, 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). **Editor's note:** I've been Branch Secretary in the past. It's an easy, yet important position and an excellent way to become familiar with the workings of the Branch.

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. Any member of Branch 46 can attend these meetings and participate in the discussions; however, voting is limited to officers and directors.

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE 2017



OUR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO...

Nick SMITH	John POZAR	Cliff ROBERTSON
Charlie LEBERMAN	Fayne WOLFORD	Abraham MACKEY
Doug KLINGER	Bruce FERNANDES	Dave PALMER

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Janie & Bob WESTWOOD	anniversary date	June 08, 2009
Becky & John STEVENS	anniversary date	June 04, 1994
Di & Prince SMITH	anniversary date	June 05, 1973
Jane & Maynard BOSTWICK	anniversary date	June 21, 1981
Ngidgi & John BAYLEY	anniversary date	June 02, 1973
Carol & John SHARPE	anniversary date	June 24, 1973

The following SIRS have been married **50** years or more

Carolyn & Peter LEPISTO	anniversary date	June 17, 1967
Linda & Corwin JONES	anniversary date	June 24, 1967
Joyce & Ron KOROCK	anniversary date	June 24, 1967
Joan & Matt GAFFNEY	anniversary date	June 20, 1964
Moirra & Walter NICHOLS	anniversary date	June 22, 1962
Dee & John PULVER	anniversary date	June 23, 1962
Mary & Don WEDEGAERTNER	anniversary date	June 14, 1958

Congratulations to the SIRS married **60** years or more

Nancy & John POZAR	anniversary date	June 24, 1956
Shirley & Don YERIAN	anniversary date	June 09, 1956

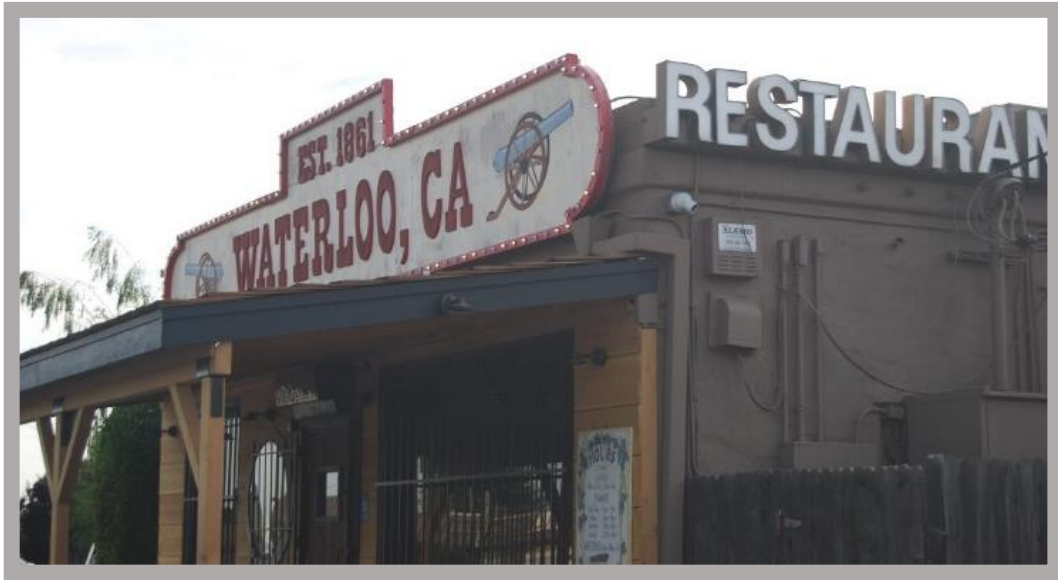
Membership: Active = 98 , Inactive = 11

May Meeting Attendance: 56 = 57% of Active Members

Membership Chairman: Ron Korock

Romeo -2 — Waterloo Inn

Photos by Ron Korock & Dave Derksen



SIR Travel Opportunities 2017/5

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, some of which extend to October, 2018.

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. *This trip is now waitlisted*

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. (*This trip is now waitlisted*)

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.

**Send your brief trip information to Bob Spellman at bobjo@astound.net by the 25th of the month.
Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed**