



# 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: JULY 20<sup>th</sup>**

**THURSDAY 12:00 NOON**

## **BIG SIR GREETING JULY - 2017**

There's lots of good things happening in July – special days for everyone. For the patriotic and history lovers, we have Canada Day, Independence Day, and Bastille Day. Canada Day celebrates July 1, 1867, when three separate dominions joined the British Federation and became known as Canada. Of course we all know about our own Independence Day – that's the day when dogs and cats hide under the bed. And Bastille Day commemorates the storming of the Bastille in France in 1790, considered the turning point of the French Revolution. And don't forget National Ice Cream Day on July 16 and also National Cheesecake Day which occurs on July 30.

As usual, the Branch June Picnic was a resounding success. Although the weather was hot, 93 in the sun, there was the usual cool Delta breeze which kept the shelter tolerable the entire day. Right now, as I write this, the outside temperature is 107! I want to thank Paul Wagner, Dick Andersen, Bill Werner, Jack Lamberty, John Moskito and family, Dave Derksen and Sally Adler, Gary Calhoon, John Mendonca, and Ron and Joyce Korock for all their help in setting up and running the various activities. And, once again, the Mexican-American Lions Club, provided a great barbecue with tri-tips and delicious pinto beans that had everyone going back for more. Winners of the golf chipping contest and Bingo are listed in the write up further on in the bulletin along with a page of photos. There are lots more picnic photos on the Branch website.

Finally, we still need candidates for the Branch positions of Little Sir, Secretary, and Treasurer. The branch cannot function effectively without even one of these officers. These jobs are not difficult so if you have the slightest interest in helping your branch or know someone you could recommend, please contact the nominating committee chairmen Paul Wagner (931-9001) or Jack Lamberty (451-1165).

**John Doisy - Big Sir 2017**



**Happy 4th of July!**

## **NEW IN THIS EDITION**

- --June Picnic Report plus Photos
- --Birthdays and Anniversaries
- --New Member Info
- --July Speaker
- --Calendar with Important Events
- --July thru Sept 18 Hole Golf

## 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)



### 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)

## 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)

## 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)

## 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)



## 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 July 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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- July 1 Canada Day
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 10 Branch Exec Meeting
- July 14 Bastille Day
- July 15 Cow Appreciation Day (go out  
o and hug a cow)
- July 16 National Ice Cream Day
- July 20 Branch Luncheon
- July 25 Last Day for Bulletin Input
- July 30 National Cheesecake Day



Note: For the complete 2017 schedule, visit the branch website: <http://branch46.sirinc2.org>  
**18 Hole Golf Schedule for July, August, & September:**

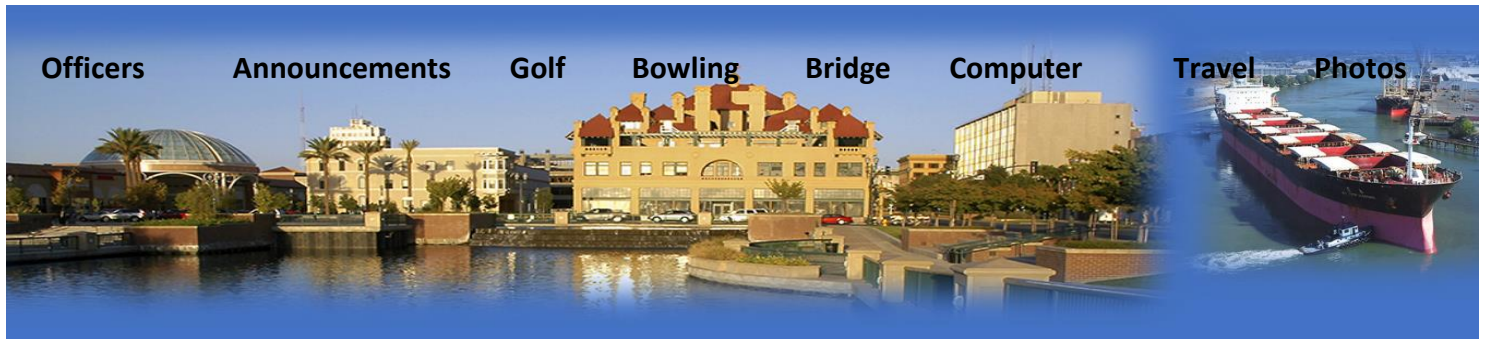
- July 7 State Individual Qualifier Medal Play Swenson Golf Course Rutherford
- Aug 7 (Monday) 2 Man Scramble Discovery Bay Rutherford
- Aug 16 2 Person Mixed Scramble Elkhorn Rutherford
- Aug 30 4 Man Manteca Bob Cossey
- Sept 13 2 Man BB Castle Oaks Rutherford
- Sept 28 4 Man Modified Tracy Bob Cossey

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

## JULY SPEAKER

The speaker for the July luncheon will be Mr. Wes Rhea, Certified Tourism Ambassador & Certified Destination Management Executive (CTA & CDME). Since 2011, Mr. Rhea has been the Executive Director of Visit Stockton, previously known as the Stockton Convention and Visitors Bureau. Visit Stockton was formed in 1979 and is the official destination marketing organization for Stockton. Visit Stockton is funded by the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID), which is an assessment paid by hotels for overnight stays. The current budget is just over \$1.5 million. Visit Stockton has a team of 7 people and is located in downtown Stockton in the historic B&M Building at 125 Bridge Place.

Wes has been very active in the Stockton community serving our numerous boards and committees. Wes currently serves locally on the boards of United Way of San Joaquin (Past President/Current Secretary), the Stockton Historical Maritime Museum, the Downtown Stockton Alliance (Treasurer) and the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce (ex-officio). He was also a Past President of the Stockton Asparagus Festival. A leader in the travel and tourism industry, he is currently serving on the boards of the Western Association of Convention and Visitors Bureau's (past President), and the Central Valley Tourism Association (past President). Wes resides in Stockton with his wife Kristi and sons Max and Jack.



## BRANCH 46 WEBSITE

<http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

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

**Note: 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 July edition of Bill Bromiley's Computer Newsletter. There are some interesting write-ups in the edition I can relate to that are described briefly below.

**Security Awareness:** OUCH!, the Monthly Security Awareness Newsletter recommends, among other things, keeping your system current with the latest updates. These updates probably contain the necessary software to block cyber attacks such as Ransomware. Also, backup your system either with a physical device or cloud storage. The article discusses the pros and cons of both methods.

**Ponzi Schemes Meets Ransomware to Attack You.** As you know, Ransomware is where the hacker infects your computer and essentially blanks out your entire system, then charges you a ransom (\$\$) varying from \$100 to thousands to return things to normal. In this scary article, the latest methods of Ransomware are described. You can either pay the fee, or infect two of your friends (or someone you know). If this works, the hackers return your system to normal with no charge.

**Military Veterans.** Starting on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2017, all honorably discharged U.S. military veterans will be able to shop online at websites of any military exchange. (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard). Think of this online opportunity like shopping at Amazon but with cheaper prices and no tax. Veterans must pre-register by visiting the registration web site at: <https://www.vetverify.org/>.

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](mailto:JackL68734@aol.com).





**\*\*\* HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY 2017 \*\*\***  
**BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**  
 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - RON KOROCK

**OUR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO...**

Earl Hove	Jim BUTTERFIELD	Jim ESCOBAR
"Zig" ZEIGLER	Robert VERHINES	John WESTHAFFER
Lee TALBOTT	Tom RUT	Larry SMITH

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Renee & Willie BRANHAM	anniversary date	July 11, 2003
Mary & Abraham MACKEY	anniversary date	July 26, 1980
Molly & Chuck ARGUS	anniversary date	July 10, 1976

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

Sharon & Nick SMITH	anniversary date	July 1, 1967
Pat & Chuck SIFFING	anniversary date	July 4, 1967
Edie & Steve VIADO	anniversary date	July 22, 1967
Beverly & Craig POTTER	anniversary date	July 03, 1965
Judy & Ray CARTER	anniversary date	July 27, 1963
Gertraude & Donald KING	anniversary date	July 15, 1961
Rosemary & Tom PATLA	anniversary date	July 23, 1960

**special congratulations to SIRS married more than 60 years!**

Alice & Jack LAMBERTY	anniversary date	July 30, 1954
Loretta & Vaughn PIPES	anniversary date	July 01, 1950
Alice & Bob SHELLENBERGER	anniversary date	July 29, 1950

Active Membership: 99      Inactive Membership: 11

**ROSTER ADDITION**

**Please add the following to your Roster**

**Redding, "Jay"** (#88) (Jan) (5-23)  
 5473 Covey Creek Circle      Bd Nov. 18  
 Stockton 95207      Ph 951-5043  
 JosephARedding@Yahoo.com  
 OB-GYN Physician // Bridge, Bowling, Golf



## June Picnic Happenings

Although the temperature reached 93 degrees outside the Micke Grove Mokelumne Shelter, the usual Delta breeze made conditions quite tolerable inside, and the Branch 46 Annual Ladies Day June Picnic was a rousing success with lots of food, games, and good company. As usual, the Mexican American Lions Club of Lodi catered the luncheon with a serving of tri-tips, pinto beans, garlic bread, and mixed salad. Ice cream, sodas, and bottled water were supplied by the branch. Activities included a golf chipping contest, 50/50 raffle, and bingo. Winners for the chipping contest were: 1st place: John Moskito, 2nd place: shared by Paul Wagner and Ellis Weeks. Bingo winners were Elaine Werner, Rachel Martinez, Dave Derksen, and Mary Hove.

Once again, John and Drina Moskito brought a large tub of fresh cherries to share and, needless to say, the tub was completely empty at picnic's end. Gary Calhoon set up and ran the chipping contest, Dave Derksen ran the 50/50 session, and Joyce Korock assisted in the Bingo games. Also, Ron Korock supplied the loud-speaker system. And our thanks go to Big Sir John Doisy and Ex-Big Sir Paul Wagner (also Branch Secretary) for the extensive amount of pre and post picnic work. "Photos of the Picnic are shown below, and a complete set of photos can be seen on our website." Just go to <http://branch46.sirinc2.org> and click on "Photos".

### **BRANCH PICNIC AT MICKE GROVE -JUNE 15, 2017** Photos by Dave Derksen & Jack Lamberty





## SIR Travel Opportunities 2017/6

**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.

**Note #2** There are three (3) new trips listed in this travel section edition. (1) October 13 – 20, 2017- Niagara Falls & Grand Hotel; (2) May 12-18, 2018 – Southern Charm Discovery; and (3) September 13-23, 2018 – Alaska Inside Passage. Due to space limitations in the bulletin, they may not appear here. If you're interested in any of these, go to our website <http://branch46.sirinc2.org> and click on the Travel link.

**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.

**Sep7-20, 2017: Prague, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.** This itinerary offers sights that will delight your senses. Highlights include: Prague, Rothenberg, Munich, Salzburg, Hitler's Eagles Nest, Oberammergau, Kleine, Scheidegg, Black Forest, Rudesheim and the Rhine River Cruise. The deluxe tour RTAir, 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

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