



# 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 19<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY 12:00 NOON**

## BIG SIR GREETING JULY 2018



The Picnic was a great success. We had good food. A lot of games for everyone and almost all was happy. I did not win. Abe was a nice addition to the picnic with his 50's and 60's vintage songs. We are getting near to the time when we have to submit the officers for next year to the District. We do not have a full slate. As a matter of fact we have a long ways to go. Now is the time to step up and get involved in the inner workings of our Branch. You will find it rewarding and interesting. It only takes two meetings a month. One Executive Board meeting on the second Monday and our regular SIR meeting on the third Thursday. You have plenty of help from the other officers, soooo get involved! I have been involved in an office, one way or the other, for 70 years. Anyway, it is YOUR turn. We have an Executive Board Meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup> and I encourage any to attend and get a feel of the camaraderie that builds with our relationships. The annual meeting this year will be at the Thunder Valley Resort in Lincoln, just above Sacramento. It is a Casino. (oh, oh!) and this year they invited the Little Sir to go also. (and our wives, of course). They have many other activities besides the many gambling games. They have the shows and golf, bocci ball, bowling, shopping tours for the ladies, and more. This is a good time to become acquainted with members of the other Branches in our district. It is August 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup>. The business meeting will be the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup>. My wife and I will attend to represent our Branch. If you have not been attending our luncheon meetings, you are missing out on some interesting speakers; and a good chance to mingle with your fellow friends and neighbors. Our speaker for July will be a representative from Calaveras Big Trees. This is where they have the "Braille Trail" for the blind. Should be a great talk.

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

## NEW IN THIS EDITION

- Ladies Day Picnic
- How to Order Wine at a Restaurant
- July Birthdays & Anniversaries
- July Calendar
- Ladies Day Picnic Photos
- July Speaker
- Check the website article for links to great videos of robots in action

## IMPORTANT DATES

For Branch 46 July 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

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 7 Strawberry Sundae Day
- July 9 **Branch Executive Meeting**
- July 13 Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>
- July 19 **Branch Luncheon**
- July 23 **Last Day for Bulletin Input**
- July 28 National Milk Chocolate Day
- July 30 National Cheesecake Day

## 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 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 & 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](mailto: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](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.**

## 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)**





<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Cost/timing</u>	<u>Start/Type</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Other Comments</u>
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 Working
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

## JULY SPEAKER

The July speaker will be from the Calaveras Big Trees Organization and, in particular, one of the groups supporting the Big Trees State Park “Three Senses Trail”. The Calaveras Big Trees Association built the original trail in 1976 to enable the blind and disabled to enjoy the Giant Sequoia forest. They named it “The Three Senses Trail”, and it eventually became known as the “Braille Trail”.





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

**Website** Remember, to access the website, use the CTRL, Click feature on the above link. Or, if that doesn't work, go to your internet provider and type in the above address for the link.

**Travel Link** – There are 4 pages of Travel Opportunities in this month's Travel section including several new listings for both 2018 and 2019.

**Computer Link**- There are fifteen write-ups in the Computer Newsletter this month. Write-ups that I found interesting are described briefly below. Numbers are the paragraph numbers in the newsletter.

**7.0 Russian Malware.** There is a sophisticated malware system linked to Russia that has infected hundreds of thousands of internet routers. The FBI has made an urgent request that you reboot your internet router simply by disconnecting the power cord, waiting 30 seconds, then plug it back in. Read the article summary for additional information.

**11. The New Always Connected PCs. (ACPCs)** The hottest current focus on PCs is the Always Connected laptop PCs. At present there are only three of these on the market. They supposedly feature amazing battery life, instant-on power, and pervasive connectivity (whatever that is). They currently are in the \$900 price range but are expected to become cheaper.

**13. Boston Dynamics Starts Showing Some Classified Robots.** The links associated with this article show amazing videos of experimental robots resembling animal predators and also humans. These videos show robotic animals doing everything possible from running, jumping, and even leaping from ground level to the top of a garage, performing a loop in the air, and landing safely on the roof. I highly recommend viewing these videos, and here are two of the video links provided in the write up.

<https://youtu.be/rVlhMGQgDkY>

<https://youtu.be/aFuA50H9uek>

# WHY ARE THESE DESKS EMPTY?



**Remember the happy faces behind each desk in the June Bulletin? Well, they went away. No one has volunteered for our 2019 Slate. And this is now a serious problem for Branch 46. We cannot effectively continue in 2019 without these officers.**

**AND YOU COULD BE ANY ONE OF THEM!**

**Check out the brief job descriptions below.**

**MAKE YOUR CHOICE AND CONTACT OUR NOMINATING CHAIRMAN, JOHN DOISY 478-4728**

**Big Sir: See that State requirements are met including all reports created by Branch officers. Make arrangements for Ladies Day Picnic and Christmas Luncheon. Conduct monthly Luncheon meetings and Executive meetings.**

**Little Sir: Line up speakers for the luncheons and help the Big Sir with the Ladies Day Picnic and Christmas Luncheons.**

**Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer: Collect money, pay bills, maintain bank account, send out monthly report on financial status.**

**Secretary and Assistant Secretary: Write and send out minutes for the monthly Executive meeting. Maintain Form 20 for the branch which is the roster of officers plus branch chairmen and report any changes to the roster.**

**Note: This is a short list (very short) of the duties for each officer. There is much more involved, and, if you are interested, please contact any of the current or previous officers for more information.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER THIS. WE NEED YOU!**

## **JUNE HAPPENINGS (PICNIC)**

The June Ladies Day Picnic at Micke's Grove was a roaring success with an attendance of 41 Sirs and guests. In spite of a temperature prediction of 97 degrees, Delta breezes kept the Mokelumne Grove Shelter relatively comfortable during most of the picnic. Once again, the Lodi Mexican-American Elk's Club catered the event and provided an excellent meal of barbecued tri-tips with pinto beans and salad. John and Charlotte Doisy arrived at the shelter very early and did all the initial setup work on the tables. Paul Wagner brought bottled water, soda pop and ice cream bars. Ron Korock supplied the speaker system and served as the money collector for late comers. Ron also made up a set of name tags for all attendees. Big Sir Dave Derksen was the MC and kept the program going. Dave sold tickets for the 50/50 and also ran that event. Once again John Moskito and Frank Martinez brought several containers of fruit for the guests.

Following the luncheon, Dave introduced Sir Rick Kindle, the Area Governor for Region 18 which includes all branches from Lodi to Fresno plus additional branches east of Hwy 99 in the foothills. Rick presented a Certificate of Appreciation to John Doisy for his work as Big Sir in 2017. Our congratulations to John for this well-deserved recognition. Our thanks go to Abraham Mackey who brought his guitar and serenaded us with "songs of the sixties" during the picnic.

John Mendonca ran the golf chipping contest which was won by Earl Hove after a playoff between Earl and Frank Martinez. The Bingo activity was run by Joyce Korock and John Doisy. The winners were Janet Wagner, Ron Korock, Mary Hove (2 wins), and Velda Rubino.

Photos of the picnic are provided further on in this bulletin, and additional photos are shown on the Branch website.



## **How to Order Wine in a Restaurant**

1. Look at the wine list and tell the waiter what you want.
2. When the waiter brings it to you, take a sip.
3. If it's OK, say it's OK.
4. Then shut up about the wine.
5. Don't talk about the wine anymore.
6. Nobody gives a damn how much you know about wine, OK?
7. And above all, don't keep sloshing the wine around

and looking at it as if it's magical unicorn blood.

8. It's wine for God's sake.

9. In an hour it will be urine, the same as Bud Light.

**Editor's Note: This little gem appeared in the Turlock Branch 143 Newsletter**

# BRANCH PICNIC AT MICKE GROVE - JUNE 21, 2018

Photos by Jack Lamberty & Dave Derksen

Note: for more photos of the picnic, go to our website and click on "Photos"



**\*\*\* HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY 2018 \*\*\***  
**BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - RON KOROCK

**OUR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO...**

Earl Hove  
"Zig" ZEIGLER  
Lee TALBOTT

Jim BUTTERFIELD  
Robert VERHINES

Tom RUT  
John WESTHAFFER  
Larry SMITH

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Mary & Abraham <b>MACKEY</b>	anniversary date	July 26, 1980
Molly & Chuck <b>ARGUS</b>	anniversary date	July 10, 1976

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

Sharon & Nick <b>SMITH</b>	anniversary date	July 1, 1967
Pat & Chuck <b>SIFFING</b>	anniversary date	July 4, 1967
Edie & Steve <b>VIADO</b>	anniversary date	July 22, 1967
Judy & Ray <b>CARTER</b>	anniversary date	July 27, 1963
Gertraude & Donald <b>KING</b>	anniversary date	July 15, 1961
Rosemary & Tom <b>PATLA</b>	anniversary date	July 23, 1960

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

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

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Active Membership: 84

Inactive Membership: 21





## *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, & you will be able to socialize with your fellow Sirs.

**Editor's Note:** Be sure to check out the Travel Opportunities on our website. There are 4-5 pages and several new listings.

**July 25 – Aug 3, 2019: Alpine Swiss Villages:** Unpack twice, an In-Depth Look at the World Famous Bernese Oberland, Plus Swiss Confederation (National) Day Celebration!!! 7 Nights in the quaint alpine village of Wengen (1000 people at 4,800 feet, surrounded by 14,000 foot mountains like the Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau. And 1 Night in Zurich. Includes R/T Air and Airport Transfer, 15 Meals, Taxes and Gratuities. Price DO \$5375 – Single \$5995

For further Information contact Roy Newman 530 755-3713 [roy.newman@comcast.net](mailto:roy.newman@comcast.net)

**Aug 23 – Sept 9, 2019 Princess Cruise Iceland and Norway on the Pacific Princes**

R/T London (Dover) Includes Home Pickup, R/T Air, 1 Pre-night London, 14 day cruise, Luggage Handling for One suitcase, All transfer between the Airport, Ship and Pier. Plus All Driver and porter Gratuities and Pre-Trip Orientation. Prices DO Inside \$6032 to Balcony \$7212-Single Inside \$10362 to Balcony \$12732 For further information contact Archie Belogolovsky 408 253-3956

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**Sept 3-13, 2019 Princess Cruise Alaska – Grand Princess:** R/T San Francisco, Visit Ketchikan, Skagway, Juneau, Sitka and Victoria, Price Range \$2155 to #3440. For additional information contact Werner Schlapfer #101 925 443-8291

**September 7-22 2019: - TASTE OF BORDEAUX:** AMA Waterways Cruise on Almadolce, 4 Night Pre-Cruise-Spain – 3 Night Post Cruise Loire Valley/Paris. Price range from \$7995 Fixed Window to Suite with French Balcony \$9930. All transfers and Airfare included. Contact Jim Stoner 408 238-8458 or Larry Martinson 408 528-0746 #114

**Oct 11-18, 2019 Niagara Falls and the Grand Hotel:** The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island and the Magical Niagara Falls. Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum, city tour by horse drawn carriage around Mackinac Island and Maid of the Mist Cruise. **(Passport Required)** Includes: R/T Air 7 nights' accommodations, Deluxe Motor coach and Driver, 13 Meals and Baggage Handling (except airline baggage fees) Price \$3335 Dlb Occ \$3995 Single, For Additional information contact Roy Newman #45 530 755-3713 or [roy.newman@comcast.net](mailto:roy.newman@comcast.net)

**Nov 4-23, 2019 Inside Vietnam:** Grand Circle Cruise, .Visit Hanoi, Danang and Saigon. Travel by Air, Bus and Boat. Included 18 breakfast, 13 lunches and 10 dinners. Price \$3775 **Limited information provided.** For additional information contact Jim Hohenshelt #62 408 2451-4421 or [jim\\_hohenshelt@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_hohenshelt@yahoo.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

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