



# 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: SEPTEMBER 21st THURSDAY 12:00 NOON**

## **BIG SIR GREETING SEPTEMBER - 2017**

There's a few important dates in September that deserve our attention, the first being Labor Day on September 4 - a national holiday which always comes on Monday and gives us a three day weekend, although that isn't such a big deal anymore for us old retired folks. In fact, it's usually an inconvenience since banks and a lot of other favorite places will be closed. If your grandkids come to visit on Labor Day, remind them that the following Sunday (September 10) is Grandparent's Day. And whatever you do, don't forget Wife Appreciation Day on Sunday, September 17. Take her out to dinner at Wine & Roses in Lodi or, if you're so inclined, try In & Out Burger in Stockton. They're both nice places.

If you were at the luncheon you know that we plan on giving SIR license plate holders to our new members. We also sell them to existing members. At the luncheon, Paul Wagner took orders for 20 plates, and we'll have more available at future luncheons.

As you know, SIR membership is declining locally and also throughout the State. Bringing in women would be one possible solution, so, at the last BEC meeting, it was decided to conduct a survey at our luncheon asking each member for his opinion on allowing women to join SIR. Of the 50 members at the luncheon, 30 responded with 17 in favor and 13 against. That's 57% to 43%, hardly a landslide. Written opinions ranged from "No. This is a men's social club" to "Yes. As long as they're under 50 and good looking".

Our thanks go to Paul Wagner who accepted the floor nomination for 2018 Branch Secretary. Since he's already our 2017 Secretary, there should be very little training involved. This leaves us with two openings in our 2018 Branch Officer slate - Treasurer and Little Sir. By the end of August we are required to send to State Form 20 listing Branch officers for 2018. This year the form will go in with blanks for Little Sir and Secretary. Once again I urge you to either step forward or let us know of someone you would recommend for either of these two slots. Please call me, Paul Wagner, or Jack Lamberty with any information or names for these two positions.

John Doisy - Big Sir 2017

## **Luncheon Speaker Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
<b>September 21</b>	<b>Wes Rhea</b> Stockton Chamber of Commerce (ex-officio)
<b>October 19</b>	<b>Donald Blount</b> Editor, Stockton Record
<b>November 16</b>	<b>Kevin Hertell</b> Micke Grove Zoo

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

- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- August Luncheon Happenings
- Calendar with Important Events
- September Speaker
- September & October 18-Hole Golf
- Couples Bridge Results & Photos
- Speaker Schedule thru 2017

## 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 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. 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.**



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

**18 Hole Golf Schedule for September, & October:**

- Sept 13 2 Man BB Castle Oaks Rutherford
- Sept 28 4 Man Modified Tracy Bob Cossey
- Oct 11 2 Man Scramble The Reserve Rutherford
- Oct 27 2 Man Scramble Van Buskirk Stevens

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

**SEPTEMBER SPEAKER**

The speaker for the August 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.

**Important Dates for Branch 46  
September, 2017**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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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

- Sept 2 VJ Day (Formal Surrender)
- Sept 4 Labor Day
- Sept 10 Grandparents Day
- Sept 11 BEC
- Sept 13 Defy Superstition Day (Break a Mirror)
- Sept 17 Wife Appreciation Day
- Sept 21 Branch 46 Luncheon
- Sept 24 Last Day for Bulletin Input
- Sept 28 Ask a Stupid Question Day (I can do that)



**SIRS BRANCH 46**  
**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN – RON KOROCK**

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

Paul WAGNER	Larry COX	Corky MAYER
Gary CALHOON	Drew MEYERS	Bob COSSEY
Noel BERBANO	Ron KOROCK	Jim MORGALI
Fred BIANCHINI	Paul RUE	Don WEDEGAERTNER

**BEST WISHES TO THOSE MARRIED IN SEPTEMBER:**

Barbara & Ethan IVES                      anniversary date    September 15, 1997

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MARRIED 50 YEARS OR MORE:**

Sharyn & Robert CARR	anniversary date	September 6, 1967
Pat & Tom RUT	anniversary date	September 4, 1965
Sue & Frank CHICAGO	anniversary date	September 21, 1964
Lily & Ernest ITO	anniversary date	September 11, 1960
Donna & Don COMBS	anniversary date	September 4, 1960

**SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MARRIED 60 YEARS OR MORE:**

Diane & Jim MORGALI                      anniversary date    September 22, 1957

Active Membership: 99    Inactive Membership: 11

August Meeting Attendance: 50 = 51%

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**ATTENDANCE RULE 100**

**Attendance at monthly meetings is required by SIR By-law Article 8, Rule 100: Any member who fails to meet Rule 100 conditions may be notified in writing of his pending termination of membership when:**

1. A member does not attend three consecutive monthly luncheon meetings.
2. A member misses five luncheon meetings in a twelve-month period.

**From the Branch**

Well, we don't want to kick anyone out, but members need to be aware that the most important SIR activity is not bowling, bridge, golf, or travel, but rather attendance at the monthly luncheon meetings. There are no dues for belonging to SIRs, but the organization does have expenses which are met by the voluntary contributions to the bucket at the monthly meeting. If you are not attending, you are probably not contributing to the bucket, which means that those who do attend are subsidizing your membership.

What you can do:

1. Attend the monthly luncheon meeting regularly.
2. If you find that you will miss a meeting, call the Attendance Chairman, Dick Andersen, 478-3753 prior to the meeting date.
3. Send in a contribution to the bucket brigade when you miss a meeting. Or double your donation at the next meeting.

## August Luncheon Happenings

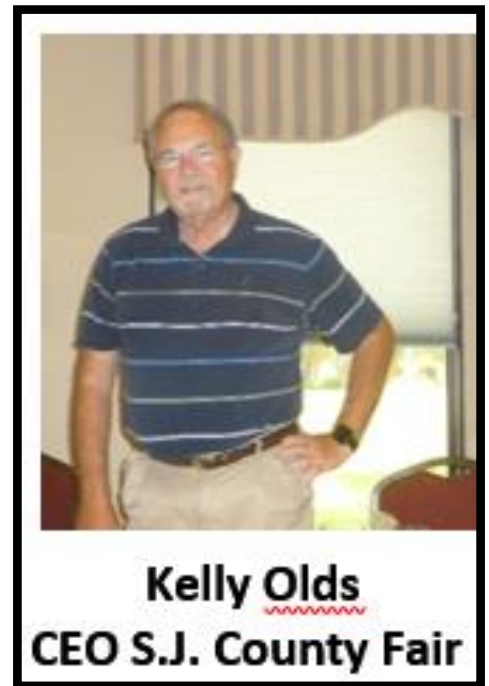
The speaker for the August Luncheon was Mr. Kelly Olds, the CEO of all activities at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds occupy 252 acres which contain 60 structures and a total of 5 employees. Mr. Olds stated that the County Fair is only one of many activities that use the fairgrounds. In fact, during 2016, there was some type of event going on every day at the fairgrounds. Examples include the Asparagus Festival, boats, weddings, funerals, car shows, animal shows, and a five day kennel show. To sustain these activities, the fairgrounds must raise \$200,000 each month, and they receive only \$30,000 per month from the state.

Mr. Olds said that the state bureaucracy was one of the biggest problems in trying to run and also improve the fairgrounds. As an example, it required 2 years to get approval and funding for solar panels for some of the structures. On a lighter note, he told about a wedding that had been scheduled, then canceled. Then, the day before the original date, someone showed up to decorate the wedding area. They were told by the fairground people that someone had called and said the wedding had been canceled. They called the bride and she said no, the wedding was still on. The fairground scrambled, and the wedding took place the next day. It turns out the ex-wife of the husband-to-be had called everyone involved and said the wedding was off!

Other happenings at the luncheon included the annual election of the branch 2018 officers and chairmen. Paul Wagner was nominated and approved from the floor for branch secretary, and the 2018 slate as published in the August bulletin was approved unanimously. Still to be filled are the slots for Branch Treasurer and Little Sir.

A survey was conducted during the luncheon concerning admission of women to the SIR organization. "Ballots" were passed out to each table, and handed in at the end. 30 out of 50 attendees voted with 57% in favor and 43% opposed.

SIR license plates with the Branch 46 name on them were offered for sale during the luncheon. Paul Wagner conducted the sale, and orders were taken for 20 plates.





# COUPLES BRIDGE

SIR couples get together twice a month at each other's homes to play Contract Bridge over a 5-month period. For this session there were sixteen couples divided into two sections of 8 each. These five-month sessions are followed by a bridge luncheon in January and July, where awards (\$) are given out to the winners from the previous session followed by a post-luncheon bridge tournament involving all couples. The luncheon for this spring session was held at U.J.'s on July 21. Results and photos follow.

## Couples Bridge at UJ's, July 21, 2017

Photos by Dick Andersen

### Section "A" High Scores for the Money

Fayne & Mava Wolford.....27810  
Corwin & Linda Jones.....23190  
John & Hadai Bayley.....21980  
John & Charlotte Doisy.....20770

### Section "B" High Scores for the Money

John & Dee Pulver.....28900  
Dick & Connie Andersen.....25030  
Larry Smith & Ruth Strombom...22491  
Bob & Alice Shellenberger.....22100



### Post Luncheon Winners

John Pulver (not shown)  
Dee Pulver, Ethan Ives,  
Alice Shellenberger





## 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 check out the travel link on the website.**

**Travel** – The Travel link on the website contains 6 new opportunities including Spring Training for the San Francisco Giants.

**Bridge** – The Bridge link on the website has a lot more photos of the semi-annual awards luncheon.

**Computer** -The Computer link on the main website page features the September edition of Bill Bromiley's Computer Newsletter. Interesting write-ups that we can relate to are described briefly below.

**#7 Roomba Floor Vacuum:** Do you have one of those floor vacuums that automatically wander around your house, banging into walls and tables and collecting dust and debris?

If you do, check the model #. If it's a Model 980 or higher then it is also collecting data about your house floor plan and other stuff. The manufacturing company collects the data when the Roomba is recharging. They plan to sell data on your house to anyone who is interested. Apparently, your house plan can tell someone what they can sell you. Don't ask me what or how they do this— read the article. We have a model 800 so we're not worried yet. The article says they get your permission first, but I would certainly check on this if I had a 980.

**#13 Robots Replacing Workers in Wisconsin.** This is a very interesting, non-technical article about a manufacturing company in Wisconsin who needs 132 workers for their assembly lines but can't find anyone capable due to problems with alcohol, drugs, depressions, or opioids. So they buy 2 robots which arrive in 4 boxes and are put on the assembly line. The article describes the effects on the workers, the benefits to the company, and robot situation in general. Something I never thought about before is the tremendous financial savings, not necessarily due to increased manufacturing, but the fact that the company doesn't pay salaries, health insurance, or retirement benefits to the robots.

**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).**

## *SIR Travel Opportunities 2017/8*

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.

**Editor's Note:** Check these out carefully. Several have been removed from the last version, and there are six (6) new opportunities added including SF Giants spring training. Due to space limitations in the bulletin, not all travel opportunities appear in the bulletin and, in particular, some of the new ones. If you're interested, go to our website at <http://branch46.sirinc2.org> and click on Travel.

**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

**Sep 23-Oct 2, 2018: American Queen.** Steamboating is a unique blend of American beauty and history, and the adventure of exploring Mark Twain's riverside American. This trip starts in St Louis with stops in Chester, Cape Girardeau, Paducah, Dover, New Madrid, Ashport Landing ending in Memphis. Cost of \$3300 to \$5960 include Airfare, transfers, all meals aboard ship, complimentary beer and wine with dinner, hop on and off Tours, guided tour in Memphis and luggage handling plus fees. Mike Console, Br 32, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch 408-274-2992

**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 6-15, 2017: Highlights of Sicily.** 9 day trip visiting Rome and Naples: then travel thru Calabria before arriving in Sicily for 5 days of touring Taormina, Mt Etna, Agrigento and Palermo before taking an overnight cruise to Naples and then to Rome.

Cost of \$1250pp plus RT Air from SFO to Rome. Contact Henry Puccinelli, Br. 22, 415-897-2364.

**Oct 13-20, 2017: Niagara Falls & Grand Hotel.** 7-day trip also including Mackinac Island, Henry Ford Museum IMAM Movie, motorcoach and airfare. Cost \$3095.00 pp. Paul Peters, Br 73, 510-724-8345

**Oct 29-Nov 5, 2017 Panama Canal Cruise.** 15-day Cruise from SF with 20 stops including Puerto Vallarta, Puerto Chiapas, Puerto Quetzal, Puerto Corinto, Puerto Caldera, Panama Canal, Cartagena and Ft Lauderdale. Cost include home pickup and return and Airfare from Ft Lauderdale. Cabins start at \$3099 to \$4575. Larry Yarberry, Br 8, 925-890-9245.

**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.

**Dec 29-Jan 2, 2018: Rose Parade New Year's Making a difference.** A way to honor and celebrate all of the people in our communities. RT air, 4 nights' hotel, 7 meals, deluxe Motorcoach, Professional escorts. Reserved seating at the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament of Roses Parade with many tour options included. Joe Salamida, Br 54, 408-767-2838 or Archie Beloglovski, 408-253-3956.

**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.

**Jan 12-22, 2018 Cruising the Mexican Riviera.** A 10-night cruise from SF on the Grand Princess with ports of call in Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlán, Cabo San Lucas and back to SF. Cost ranges from \$1565 to \$2375 depending on cabin and includes all taxes and fees, all tipping for drivers, pre-trip orientation, home pick up and return and all shipboard meals. Rollo Parsons Br.141, 408-268-5245 or Brian Serpa, 408-227-7658.

**Feb 8-16, 2018: Tropical Costa Rica.** Highlights of this trip include, air, insurance, 13 meals, gratuities and guides. You will visit the unique ecosystem of the Monteverde Cloud Forest, the Doka Coffee Estate, the Arenal Volcano the Cano Negro Nature Preserve and much more. Cost is \$3299. Jim Stoner, Br 114, 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson, 408-528-0746.