



## 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.*



# **SEPTEMBER 17th LUNCHEON MEETING CANCELED DUE TO PANDEMIC**

## **BIG SIR GREETING SEPTEMBER 2020**

The month of August is a time of heat waves, but the month of September is a month of transition. Weather starts cooling off so that by October we are usually down into the 80s most days and may even have some rain and fog. We are still without any activities but golf for our branch, and who knows when we will be able to break bread together at a monthly luncheon. Hope we can do so sometime soon.

Our Treasurer reported that we can pay our monthly bills through November, but we will be out of money in December. One possibility is to ask the members to donate money to keep us going until our other sources of income pick up again. We still have to pay our assessments to the State and to pay for our Bulletin costs. When we begin the New Year, we would normally be putting out new updated directories that have a one-time cost as well. We will have to do something.

We have decided through the nominating committee and board action to have the Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary, and Treasurer to stay on for another year as their terms were minimized by the Covid disaster, and no one volunteered to fill their spots. We have submitted the names to the State via the required Form 20 and will need a vote of the membership to validate the decision. Some other board members have agreed to remain in their positions for one more year, but three Director positions will have to be filled for next year to be a viable branch. We need volunteers for three positions by January.

While we don't do politics in SIR, I feel I need to encourage each of you who are voting in the upcoming election to double check your ballots before you either mail them in or turn them in at the polls. Thousands of ballots fail to be counted each year because they are either done incorrectly or arrive too late.

Until we can get together again, stay positive about our branch future, and stay safe...

**Glenn Nellman**

**Big Sir 2020**

## **NEW IN THIS EDITION**

- September Birthdays
- September Calendar
- September BEC Minutes
- SIR State Quarterly Newsletter  
(Lots of new Consumer Tips)
- Sir Travel Opportunities  
(New Listing on Travel page)
- SIR Website  
(check if you've been hacked)
- 2021 Officer Candidates  
(Read Big Sir Greeting-this page)
- Golf  
(See Announcements page)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Editor's Note:** At this time, Bridge and Bowling activities have been canceled indefinitely due to the pandemic. Branch luncheons have also been canceled until further notice. Golf is back in business. Check the last announcement on this page. The Meeting Dates and Speakers page in this Bulletin list future speakers, but this also is subject to change.

## Miss a Meeting?

When you know you will miss a luncheon meeting please give our Attendance Chairman, Dick Andersen, a call (406-9399) [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 luncheon meeting, and he eventually joins, you will also receive FREE ten 50–50 tickets.

## Sunshine and 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, give John a call. Please don't be hesitant to call if you are aware of a member who is having problems. A call from the SIR would be greatly appreciated.

## Switching to E-mail

Sending out your bulletin via Snail-mail (USPS) is time-consuming and expensive. If you have a computer, but are now receiving your bulletin thru USPS, please consider switching to E-mail. Simply contact Jack Lamberty, and we'll take care of the rest. 451-1165. [JackL68734@aol.com](mailto:JackL68734@aol.com)

**Remember – E-mail is in color!!**



## Can't Drive? Need a Ride?

There are Branch 46 volunteers who would be more than happy to drive you to and from our monthly luncheons. For whatever reason, if you need transportation to our luncheons or any other SIR event, please do not hesitate to call. Our contact for this service is **Pete Lepisto: 948-2265**. We need you there! Please call!



## GOLF (The only announcement I can find)

Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
Castle Oaks, Ione

## SIR MEETING DATES & SPEAKERS 2020



**Editor's note:** At this time, all of this, except where noted, is on hold due to the pandemic. However, when the "all clear" notice comes, most of the speakers will be available and can be booked into our remaining luncheons and also our 2021 luncheons.

| Date       | Function           | Speaker                                  | Organization                     | Topic             |
|------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1/16/2020  | Branch Luncheon    | Roger Speed                              | Stop S.J. Suicide                | Suicide           |
| 2/20/2020  | Branch Luncheon    | Tod Ruse                                 | Sheriff Dept. Historian          | S.J. Dept History |
| 6/15/2020  | BEC Meeting        | <b>Canceled</b>                          |                                  |                   |
| 6/18/2020  | Branch Luncheon    | Stan Dennison                            | Clear Captions                   | <b>Canceled</b>   |
| 7/13/2020  | BEC Meeting        | <b>Completed</b>                         |                                  |                   |
| 7/16/2020  | Branch Luncheon    | Mike Lella                               | Italian Dad in German Army/ Book | <b>Canceled</b>   |
| 8/17/2020  | BEC Meeting        | <b>Completed</b>                         |                                  |                   |
| 8/20/2020  | Branch Luncheon -  | Sheriff Winthro                          | Sheriff Dept Update              | <b>Canceled</b>   |
| 9/14/2020  | BEC Meeting        | <b>Scheduled</b>                         |                                  |                   |
| 9/17/2020  | Branch Luncheon    | Suzanne Shultz                           | D.A. Office Senior Fraud         | <b>Canceled</b>   |
| 10/12/2020 | BEC Meeting        | <b>Scheduled</b>                         |                                  |                   |
| 10/15/2020 | Branch Luncheon    | Status not determined - Open for speaker |                                  |                   |
| 11/16/2020 | BEC Meeting        | <b>Scheduled</b>                         |                                  |                   |
| 12/11/2020 | Christmas Luncheon | Lincoln High Choir                       |                                  |                   |



**SONS IN RETIREMENT  
PORT OF STOCKTON BRANCH 46  
SEPTEMBER 2020**

***BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO***

- Paul WAGNER 02**
- Drew MEYERS 05**
- Bob COSSEY 07**
- Jim MORGALI 07**
- Noel BERBANO 08**
- Paul RUE 09**
- Ron KOROCK 12**
- Corky MAYER 22**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**

- Barbara and Ethan IVES 15th, 1997**
- Sharyn and Robert CARR 9th, 1967**
- Pat and Tom RUT 4th, 1965**
- Donna and Don COMBS 4th, 1960**
- Mary and John GUALCO 4th, 1960**
- Lily and Ernest ITO 11th, 1960**
- Diane and Jim MORGALI 22nd, 1957**

**IMPORTANT DATES For BRANCH 46**

| September 2020 |     |      |     |       |     |     |
|----------------|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|-----|
| 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  |       |     |     |

**Red Text Indicates Branch Function**

- Sept 1 VJ Day World War II**
- Sept 7 Labor Day**
- Sept 13 Grand Parents Day (Let the kids know)**
- Sept 14 Branch Executive Meeting**
- Sept 17 Constitution Day**
- Sept 20 Last Day for Bulletin Input**
- Sept 26 Johnny Appleseed Day**

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



As usual, we are including Bill Bromiley's monthly newsletter – this time for September, 2020. There are 13 technical articles, and we're providing very brief info on some that we found interesting. For the complete writeup of all 13 articles, logon to our branch website (web address listed above) and click on the Computer link. Each article provides a summary of the writeup plus a computer link to the original writeup. You can access the link by using the Cntrl Click method; however, sometimes this doesn't work and you may have to copy the long link and then paste it into your browser.

### **1. ZOOM Video Conferencing - Everything You Wanted and Need To Know**

This is a detailed article about Zoom and how it is becoming the next communication platform.

**2. ULA and SpaceX Win Space Force Launch Provider Competition.** These two companies have taken over all the government space programs, replacing the ones we used to know such as Boeing, Lockheed, and Martin,

**3. 15 Signs You've Been Hacked - How To Fight Back.** Space does not permit listing all possible solutions for the user if you are experiencing any of these signs. However, most include actions you should do immediately and also in the future.

1. You get a ransomware message
2. You get a fake antivirus message
3. You have unwanted browser toolbar
4. Your internet searches are redirected
5. You see frequent, random popups
6. Your friends receive social media invitations from you that you didn't send
7. Your online password isn't working
8. You observe unexpected software installs
9. Your mouse moves between programs and makes selections
10. Antimalware, Task Manager or Registry Editor is disabled
11. Your online account is missing money
12. You've been notified by someone you've been hacked
13. Confidential data has been leaked
14. Your credentials are in a password dump
15. You observe strange network traffic patterns



**SIR BRANCH 46  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**Dated: 08/17/2020**



The B.E.C met at Holy Cross Methodist Church, 1400 W. Hammer Lane, Stockton, CA

**Attending:** John Bayley, Dave Derksen, Dick Andersen, Glenn Nellman, David Palmer, and Pete Lepisto

A quorum was present, and The Big Sir called the meeting to order at 0830.

**Invocation:** Given by Dave Derksen

**Agenda:** Pete Lepisto moved and Dick Andersen seconded that the Agenda be approved as written. Motion passed.

**Minutes:** There being no revisions to the last meeting, John Bayley moved and Pete Lepisto seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion Passed

**Big SIR:** There are no new changes from the state. Golf has started today.

**Little SIR Report:** Mike Sather was not there but as Chair of the Nominating Committee, he had informed the Big Sir that all current office holders have agreed to stay on for the coming year.

**Treasurers Report:** John Doisy was not present but had submitted the Form 28 for the month of July. It showed we started July with \$965.89 and ended the month with \$716. The only expenses were for the Board meeting room (\$40), Bulletin Prep (\$70.65) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter State Assessment (138.75). He also noted that at the current expenditure rate we would be out of cash in December.

**New Business:** The Big Sir said we need to ratify the decision of the current officers staying on for the coming year. Dave Derksen moved and Dave Palmer seconded that we accept this slate of officers for the coming year. Motion passed unanimously. There being no further old or new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

John Bayley, Secretary

## **SIR STATE HAPPENINGS (QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER)**

The July 29th 2020 issue of the State quarterly newsletter is out and available for all to read. Just go to the State SIR website (<http://www.sirinc.org/>), scroll down and click on the “SIR Happenings” link, then click on “HAPPENINGS May 2020” This issue is very interesting. SIR State President Ed Benson’s letter talks about continually engaging SIR members, the need to attend ZOOM meetings, and building SIR’s public image. Regarding our public image, SIR has engaged MCO Associates, a highly recommended public image consulting firm in Sacramento to provide us with a plan.

Additionally, there are 38 pages of commentary, photos, reports from various branches, plus several pages of “Consumer Tips.” Here some tips we found interesting and may be applicable to members of SIR.

**Page 33. False Products for Sale.** Con artists love to take advantage of new health scares to cash in on public anxiety. There are 1000s of products being sold on line with claims that they help or can prevent Covid-19. These range from ‘protective hats,’ access to Beta tested vaccines to vitamins and supplements that can build your system to ward off virus infection. Snopes.com plus several others are listed as just a few good online sites that try to keep up with the fake claims.

**Page 36. Hotel Concierge Tipping Info:** (You’re not going to like this) Tip \$5 to \$10 for theater tickets or dinner reservations; \$20-plus for special services. Tip \$3 - \$4 per night for Housekeeping Service. Leave cash daily on the desk or in front of the TV, and particularly at a time when you are sure your Housekeeper will be the first and only person to see it that day.

**Page 37. Plastic Lens Care.** By law, all eyeglasses sold in the U.S. must be made of either high impact resistant plastic or tempered glass. Plastic is less expensive, easier to shape and lighter in weight. 90% of all eyeglasses are fitted with plastic lenses. These lenses should be cleaned with care as they are easily scratched even when coated with scratch resistant, protective coating. Never use any dry paper products – not even Kleenex. And use these products in a wet or moist form so the fibers are soft enough to avoid scratching the lens surface. **Tip:** Premoistened Lens Cleaning Towelettes can be purchased in bulk packs of 120 for as little as 5 cents each.

**Page 38. Consumer Reports New CCR Feature:** CR has just announced a new program that allows shoppers to get ratings and reviews on products by scanning the QR code on the product display materials or on the product for “brick & mortar” locations using your Smartphone camera. This code will also be displayed on web pages for online shopping websites. This feature was designed to assist the increasing population of online shoppers and combat fake online reviews and scams. This new CCR feature is available to all. Membership to CR is not required.



# TRAVEL



## *SIR Travel Opportunities August 2020 (Rec'd Aug 4)*

**Sept 27 - Oct 3/2020: Princess 7 day Coastal Cruise.** On the refurbished Princess Star (2017). Ports of call San Diego, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles (Long Beach) and Ensenada. R/T from San Francisco Pier. Includes R/T transfers from Livermore to SF Pier, Drivers & Stevedore Tips, Taxes and Port Expenses (\$210), Luggage Handling and a bottle of Wine per cabin and Cocktail Party. Price range from \$1438 interior to Mini-Suite \$2008 DO. For additional information contact Werner Schlapfer #101 925 4453-8291 [werner@schlapfer.com](mailto:werner@schlapfer.com)

**Dec 30/2020-Jan 3/2021 New Years in Palm Springs:** At the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells, Resort. For 5 days!! Tour includes Home pickup, R/T Air to Ontario, all breakfasts and two dinners and Gala New Year's Eve Party with cocktails, dinner and live band and much, much more. Daily tours included, Hollywood Movie Locations Aerial Tram and Living Desert Zoo. Price range \$2495 DO to \$3065 SO. For additional information contact Joe Salamida Br# 54 408 767-2838

[ascreenman756@gmail.com](mailto:ascreenman756@gmail.com) or Archie Belogolovsky 408 253-3956 or Talbot Tours 800 662-9933 [info@talbot tours.com](mailto:info@talbot tours.com)

**Feb 8-23/2021 Panama Canal aboard Emerald Princess:** Board in San Francisco, Air from Fort Lauderdale, FL Home pickup Pre Trip Orientation. Ports of Call Cabo San Lucas, Jan Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, Puntarenas, Costa Rica, Fuerte Amador, Panama and Cartagena. Colombia. Price range from \$3335 Interior to \$4170 Balcony DO. SO slightly higher. For additional information contact contact Roy Newman #45 530 755-3713 [roy.newman@comcast.net](mailto:roy.newman@comcast.net) or Talbot Tours 800 662-9933 [info@talbot tours.com](mailto:info@talbot tours.com)

**April 22-May9/2021 Adriatic and Aegean Princes Cruise:** 14 day cruise. Ports of call, Italy, Greece, Sicily, Turkey and Spain. Sailing from Rome to Barcelona. Includes, if booked by 2/25/2020. Premier Beverage Package, Unlimited Wi-Fi, Pre-Paid Gratuities and One night Pre & Post Cruise night Hotel Stay. Price range from \$4450 Interior to \$5750 Mini Suite Per-Person DO. For additional information contact Bill Stires 209 544-2684 or cell 209 998-5445 or [bstires46@gmail.com](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com)

**May 2-10/2021 Columbia River Cruise: Aboard the American Empress. New**

7 night cruise from Clarkston, WA to Vancouver, WA. Includes Home pick up, R/T Air Pre-cruise stay in Spokane WA (includes Breakfast) Complimentary shore excursion, plus beer and wine with dinners. Price range \$4170 to \$4565 DO. \$6245 to \$6840 SO For Additional Information contact John Pletsch #32 [jeplet@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeplet@sbcglobal.net)

**July 11-19, 2021 Canadian Rockies by Train:** Featuring the Calgary Stampede, Banff, Lake Louise, Athabasca Glacier and Vancouver BC. Includes 7 Breakfast, 1 Lunch and 4 Dinners. R/T air from SFO. Travel by Collette. Cost \$6880 DO, SO slightly higher. For additional information contact Bill Rodman #38 408 274-4521 [brodman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brodman@sbcglobal.net) or Alan Patmore 408 867-4197 [alan-patmore@earthlink.net](mailto:alan-patmore@earthlink.net)

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 to Tom Molinari State Travel Chairman [stmolinari55@gmail.com](mailto:stmolinari55@gmail.com) or 707 762-1880 1243 Santa Ines Way- Petaluma, CA 94954



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**SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH #46**  
 c/o of Temple Gallagher  
 9292 Alhambra Avenue  
 Stockton, CA 95212

***Executive Board  
 Meeting:  
 September 14th***

**Meeting dates for 2020:  
 October 15<sup>th</sup>,  
 November 19th**

**NOTICE! ALL MEETINGS  
 SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION  
 DUE TO PANDEMIC**

**PRESIDENT**

Ed Benson

**REGION 2 DIRECTOR**

Rick Kindle 652-8608

**AREA 18 GOVERNOR**

Richard Provost 222-1910

**2020 OFFICERS**

**BIG SIR**

Glenn Nellman 369-8620

**LITTLE SIR**

Mike Sather 601-1642

**SECRETARY**

John Bayley 298-0327

**ASST. SECRETARY**

John Stevens 470-2521

**TREASURER**

John Doisy 478-4728

**ASST. TREASURER**

Bob Stewart 946-0897

**DIRECTORS**

**2018 thru 2020**

Pete Lepisto 948-2265

Dave Palmer 242-2093

**2019 thru 2021**

Jack Lamberty 451-1165

Dave Derksen 636-4650

**2020 thru 2022**

David Stull 479-4944

**2020 COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Dick Andersen 406-9399

**AUDITORS**

Dave Palmer 242-2093

open

**BIOGRAPHER**

**BOWLING**

Ron Korock 951-4759

**BRIDGE (SIR)**

Dave Palmer 242-2093

**BRIDGE (mixed)**

Dick Andersen 406-9399

**BULLETIN EDITOR**

Jack Lamberty 451-1165

**BUCKET BRIGADE**

Ethan Ives 239-4212

Ellis Weeks 951-2320

Jack Steigerwald 541-740-8787

Bob Stewart 946-0897

**CHAPLAIN**

John Mendonca 477-0743

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Glenn Nellman 369-8620

Mike Sather 601-1642

**FLAGBEARER**

John Westhafer 957-0424

**GOLF (Par 3 course)**

**GOLF (18 hole)**

**GREETERS**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Dave Derksen 636-4650

**MEMORIALS & SUNSHINE**

John Mendonca 477-0743

**MUSIC**

Maynard Bostwick 474-7007

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Mike Sather 601-1642

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

open

**PICNIC (June)**

Glenn Nellman 369-8620

Mike Sather 601-1642

**PROGRAM**

Mike Sather 601-1642

**ROSTER**

Dave Derksen 636-4650

**TRAVEL**

Dave Derksen 636-4650

**WEBMASTER**

Jack Lamberty 451-1165