



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: AUGUST 16th THURSDAY 12:00 NOON

BIG SIR GREETING AUGUST 2018

Well, here we are, another month already. They go by faster and faster.

We had a very nice and interesting speaker for our last meeting. Rod Jones who is the docent for the "senses" trail in the Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

The past several years, we have had excellent, interesting speakers. If you are not getting out of the house and coming to our luncheons, you are really missing out. If you have an E mail address, you received a memo by me to all members that we needed officers to continue our branch. We are in dire need of 8 officers. Big Sir, Little Sir, Asst. Treasurer, Secretary, and two Directors for 2019 – 2021. These positions are mandatory. If we cannot fill these positions, we will be dissolved and integrated into another branch. The 24 committee chairman positions which are from Auditor to Raffle are pretty much covered. I took 7 positions last year and if we get the officers I will still do those positions, if necessary. There are other persons filling in to important jobs as bridge, Dave Palmer and Dick Anderson; Duke Wilkinson, Bowling, Ron Korock; Golf, Abe Mackey and John Stevens; Bulletin and Web page, Jack Lamberty; Chaplain, John Mendonca; Bucket Brigade, Ellis Weeks and his Crew; John Doisy, Pete Lepisto, Bill Halboth, Paul Wagner, et al. We have an Executive Board Meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month to conduct routine business for our Branch. And our Luncheons are the 3rd Thursdays each month except June and December when we have the Ladies Day Picnic and the Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon. At our luncheon, I told the anonymous quote that in all Organizations such as ours; 10 percent do all the work, 10 percent complain



about everything, and 80 percent just coast along and do nothing but enjoy the actions of other people. This was pretty obvious at our July luncheon as when I spoke of Our Crash and Burn NOT ONE PERSON VOLUNTEERED TO BE NOMINATED FOR ONE OF OUR KEY OFFICES. One questioned whether or not we explored the possibility of merging with another Branch, and I stated that we heard that the other Stockton Branch was also having difficulty with keeping their membership up and I had mentioned this to the Regional Director and the President. I have not heard anything yet. I informed them that I was going to the Annual Meeting in Lincoln in August and I would get more information then. We are supposed to submit to the President by August the names gathered by the Nominating Committee. As I said before, if we do not take some action, WE are going to CRASH and BURN.

Thank you for your service.

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

NEW IN THIS EDITION

- **--August Birthdays and Anniversaries**
- **--August Calendar**
- **--August Speaker**
- **--July Luncheon**
- **--Notice!! Be sure and read the Big Sir Greeting and the July Luncheon write-ups for information about our serious 2019 Officer problem.**

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 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

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

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.**

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





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

IMPORTANT DATES For Branch 46 August, 2018

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	31	

XX indicates Branch function

- August 3 International Beer Day
- August 4 International Hangover Day
- August 7 Purple Heart Day
- **August 13 Branch Executive Meeting**
- August 14 V-J Day
- **August 15 Branch Luncheon**
- **August 24 Last Day for Bulletin Input**
- August 26 National Dog Day
- August 28 National Red Wine Day

August Speaker

The speaker for the August Luncheon will be Tom Penhallegon from the Sonora Lions Club. Tom has had first hand experience with the Rim Fire that took out a large portion of Calaveras County in 2013. He was in charge of the food kitchens that fed and housed victims of the fire and currently is working in Calaveras County to educate citizens as to how to prepare for a disaster as small as a kitchen fire or as great as the Rim Fire or the flood threat last year. He also speaks on how to obtain relief from a disaster after it occurs.



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.

Interesting "Hits" Branch 46 is still maintaining its international popularity. In June and July the website had "hits" from Quanzhou, China. Quanzhou is a port city on the east coast directly across the Taiwan Strait from the country of Taiwan.

Travel Link – There are 4 pages of Travel Opportunities in this month's Travel section including a new opportunity for travel on May 9, 2020. PASSION AT OBERAMMERGAU.

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

6. Powering Wearable and Implantable Devices Due to technology advances there are an increasing number of these devices like cardiac pacemakers and wearable devices such as hearing aids or smart watches. A key drawback to these devices is their battery whose limited capacity restricts their long term use. Interestingly, the human body has a large range of chemical, thermal, and mechanical forms of energy. Researchers are studying this with the goal of producing the energy needed to power implanted and wearable devices. As an example, the bellows-like motions you make while breathing can generate 0.83 watts of power and arm motion can generate up to 60 watts.

10. Hacking Vehicle Computers to Control Wipers, Radio, Steering, Brakes – Everything. Two researchers have been developing different hacks to penetrate the increasing computer control in all of our vehicles. The result is that these two guys can sit in their living room with their equipment and do everything to a car from shutting off the brakes, starting the wipers, turning on the radio and increasing the volume and you can't turn it off. All they need is the IP number of the computer in your car. The link provided for reading brings up a very interesting and scary article about the exploits of these two guys. Manufacturers are starting to take notice, and Chrysler has recalled 1.4 million cars just to make their computers more secure.

JULY LUNCHEON HAPPENINGS

The speaker for the July luncheon was Rod Smith, a member of the Arnold Lions club and president of the Calaveras Big Trees Association or CBTA. Mr. Smith provided several interesting facts about the Big Trees Park and his organization. The area covers 6500 acres and contains 1100 giant sequoias. It first became a tourist attraction in 1852 when the existence of the trees was first widely reported. In 1931 it became a California State Park and in 1974 the CBTA was formed. Mr. Smith gave an excellent slide presentation and spoke mainly about one of the current CBTA projects, a project called the "Three Senses Trail" also known as the "Braille Trail". The trail was first started in 1976 as a special place for disabled visitors and encouraged all visitors to experience the forest via smell, touch and sound. The CTBA is currently redesigning the trail to make it more habitable for visitors and also to meet ADA standards. The trail will be about 900 feet in length and contains Braille signs on the trail and strung cable fences lining the trail on either side. It is expected to be completed by the end of July with an estimated cost of \$225,000.

Big Sir Dave Derksen awarded a Senior Certificate to "'Zig" Zeigler. A Senior Certificate is given to branch members who reach the age of ninety. "Zig" has been a member of Branch 46 for over 10 years, having joined in February, 2008. Also, Earl Hove was awarded a Golf Certificate for having won the Golf Chipping contest at the June Picnic.

Dave also addressed the Branch problem of not having any new officers or directors for 2019 slate. Dave had written a three page document on the problem entitled "Crash and Burn" and E-mailed it to all members and also provided copies at each table. It described our problem in detail and essentially stated that if we do not have the required officers and directors by the end of the year the Branch would shut down. There was some discussion on the problem but no volunteers. Jay Sorensen of Branch 87 (Stockton) was a guest at the luncheon and provided a short but incisive talk on the situation which also exists at his branch. He advocated, as many others have done, that the two branches (46 and 87) merge into a single branch. Big Sir Dave stated that he had already contacted the Regional Director suggesting this, but has yet to hear anything. He intends to bring it up again at the annual Big and Little Sir meeting in August.



Rod Smith
Calaveras Big Trees Assn.



Earl Hove
Chipping Champ



Jay Sorensen
SIR Branch 87

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2018 SIRS BRANCH 46
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – RON KOROCK

OUR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO...

Don COMBS	Steve VIADO	Jim SEPIOL
John PULVER	Bill WERNER	Bill NOEL
Chuck ARGUS	Roosevelt LOYD	

CELEBRATING THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nellie & John HILL	anniversary date	August 25, 2001
Tambi & Roosevelt LOYD	anniversary date	August 11, 1982

50 YEARS OR MORE GREETINGS GO TO ...

Connie & Dick ANDERSEN	anniversary date	August 24, 1968
Dianne & Larry SMITH	anniversary date	August 20, 1968
Janet & Jim SEPIOL	anniversary date	August 19, 1967
Bonnie & Mac McCREARY	anniversary date	August 07, 1965
Suzie & Frank CLARK	anniversary date	August 08, 1964
Donna & Bill HALBOTH	anniversary date	August 04, 1962
Judy & Bob COSSEY	anniversary date	August 12, 1961

AND CELEBRATING 60 OR MORE YEARS ...

Pat & Jim PICKERING	anniversary date	August 10, 1956
Nancy & Jim HARRIS	anniversary date	August 30, 1952

<u>Membership...84 Active, 21 Inactive</u>
<u>July Meeting Attendance...42 = 50%</u>

SIR Happenings Newsletter

The August edition of the Happenings SIR Newsletter is now available on the State SIR Website. Just go to the website (<http://www.sirinc.org>) and scroll down to the SIR HAPPENINGS link. This edition contains articles from several branches and also news from various State sponsored activities.

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

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

Oct 13 – 20, 2019 Princess Cruise Pacific Northwest: 7 Day - R/T San Francisco, ports of call, Astoria, Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria, BC Price range from \$1697 interior to \$2527 Mini-Suite per person DO. For additional information please contact Bill Rodman Br #38 408 274-4521 brodman@sbcglobal.net **Ed. note: This is a new travel opportunity. It was put on our website on June 30**

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

May 9 - 21, 2020. “THE PASSION PLAY IN OBERAMMERGAU”, A once in a lifetime experience! This portrayal of the passion of Christ is only played out every ten years and has been continued by the cast of residents of Oberammergau since 1634. Tour highlights include MUNICH, PRAGUE, BRATISLAVA, BUDAPEST, VIENNA, DANUBE CRUISE, SALZBURG and the OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY. Yes, this tour is being announced early because the seating is limited and tickets sell out rapidly. Sponsored by Amador County Branch #96. For further details, please contact Lee Suess 209-296-2235 baldeagle@volcano.net or Tom Rushing 209-772-3485 bevrushing@aol.com

Ed. Note: This one is also new – came in 7/5

Send your brief trip information to Tom Molinari at stmolinari@sbcglobal.net by the 25th of the month.

Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed

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