



## 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: OCTOBER 17th - THURSDAY NOON**

### **BIG SIR GREETING OCTOBER 2019**

Welcome to October. Check out the calendar in this issue. Important dates other than the Branch functions are International Older Persons Day, National Golf Lovers Day, and Yom Kippur. These fit in well with the SIR organization. Columbus Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> is a Federal Holiday; however, not all states honor it. We recognize it as a no-mail Monday. And, of course, there's Halloween on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Attendance for the September Branch Luncheon was 51 members or 65%, the second highest percentage this year. And our branch membership is now at 78. We started the year with a membership of 70 active members; however, our recruiting efforts actually brought in 13 new members, but we lost 5 members due to attrition (deaths and resignations).

Our speaker for the luncheon was Elbert Holman who has served Stockton as sheriff, city councilman, and Vice Mayor. Mr. Holman kept our attention by describing a 30-year investigation and conviction of a double murder which took place in 1982. See the luncheon writeup in this edition. Incidentally, Mr. Holman is now a candidate for County Supervisor in the 2020 election.

Be sure to mark December 5 on your calendars as the date for the Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon. We will be set up at the October Branch Luncheon to take reservations and sell tickets. And hats off to our Little Sir, Glenn Nellman, for working with Lodi Branch 145 (actually Acampo) on the 2020 picnic. It appears we will be joining them for the Ladies Day Picnic, and it will be in May of next year.

May was selected to escape the possible hot days in June.

We're still missing a candidate for our 2020 Little Sir. In this regard, our current Little Sir, Glenn Nellman, has been pursuing multiple leads for speakers for the first 2-3 months of 2020. Since one of the Little Sir's jobs is to provide speakers for the Branch Luncheons, this will take a lot of pressure off the position during the initial months of his term. And this isn't a difficult job to start with. Lining up speakers and assisting the Big Sir constitute most of the work necessary. Also, keep in mind that we need replacements for our Treasurer and Membership chairmen. So, we have three critical positions open in the Branch. If you are interested in any of these positions or know someone who you think could fill one, please contact our Big Sir or anyone else in our officer/chairmen roster on the Bulletin back page.

**Mike Sather Big Sir 2019**

### **NEW IN THIS EDITION**

- Birthdays & Anniversaries**
- 1 New Travel Opportunity**
- October Speaker**
- October Calendar**
- September Luncheon**
- Roster Additions (3 New Members)**
- New Articles on Website. (Summary)**
- Christmas Party Info**
- In Memoriam**
- October Speaker**

# Announcements

## Miss a Meeting?

When you know you will miss a luncheon meeting please give our Attendance Chairman, Dick Andersen, a call (478-3753) [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.

## 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 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.

## 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. Any questions, call Abraham Mackey at 471-7007 or Email at [abraham4880@gmail.com](mailto:abraham4880@gmail.com)

## 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!!**

## 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).

# Previous and Coming Speakers

## BEC      Luncheon      Speaker

**Jan 14**      **Jan 17**      **Peter Jaffe**  
Stockton Symphony Conductor

**Feb 18**      **Feb 21**      **Bill Brennan**  
“Cold War from the Bottom of the Ocean”

**Mar 18**      **Mar 21**      **Russell Stark**  
Stockton Metropolitan Airport

**Apr 15**      **Apr 18**      **Tod Ruhstaller**  
Haggin Museum

**May 13**      **May 16**      **Glenn Nellman**  
Branch 46 Little Sir  
Adventures of a SJ Deputy Sheriff

**June 17**      **June 20**      **Ladies Day Picnic**  
New Location - Bregman Estate

**July 15**      **July 18**      **Sally Snyder**  
Business Owner, Snyder Vineyards  
President, Worlds of Wonder, Lodi

**Aug 12**      **Aug 15**      **Jane Adams**  
Sandhill Cranes

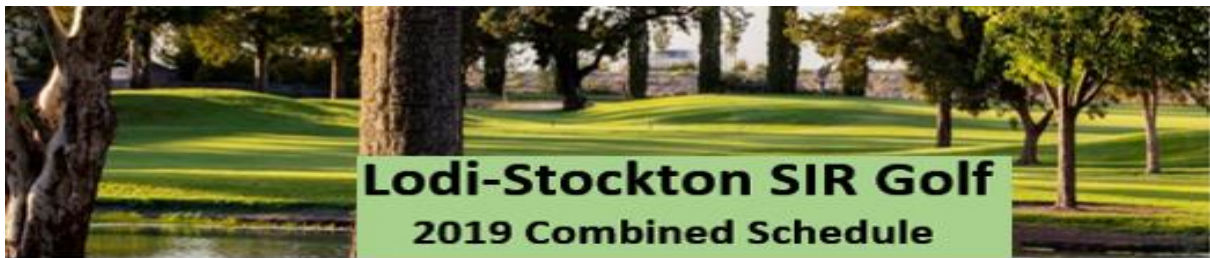
**Sept 16**      **Sept 19**      **Elbert Holman**  
S.J. Sheriff Dept. and D.A. office  
City Councilman, and Vice Mayor

**Oct 14**      **Oct 17**      **Brad Davis**  
Coach, UOP Women's Basketball

**Nov 18**      **Nov 21**      **Jacqi Stevens**  
San Joaquin Genealogical Society

**Dec 2**      **Dec 5**      **Ladies Day Christmas Party**  
Elkhorn Golf Club





Date	Course	Format	Cost/timing	Start/type	Host	Other comments
Sept 25	Swenson	4 man Scramble	\$?, Adv	9:00 S/G	Mackey, Stevens	
Oct 16	The Reserve	2 man Scram	\$47 Adv	9:00 S/G	Rutherford	
Oct 30	Swenson GC	2 man Alt. Mod	\$?, Adv	9:00 adv	Stevens	
Nov 13	Micke Grove	Indiv Medal Finale	\$37 Advance	8:30 S/G	Rutherford	WKG

Tournament Hosts: Bill Rutherford 916-776-9222, John Stevens 470-5251 Abe Mackey. 209-471-7007

## OCTOBER SPEAKER

The speaker for our October Luncheon will be Bradley Davis, Head Coach for the UOP Women’s Basketball Team. Currently, Brad is in his 4<sup>th</sup> year as Head Coach of the Tigers. This year marks his 13<sup>th</sup> season at Pacific with the three previous years as Associate Head Coach of the Tigers under Lynne Roberts. Before coming to Pacific, Davis was the varsity girls head coach at Chico High School and, prior to this, the head coach at Durham High School. Brad currently resides in Stockton with his wife, Corrie, and their two daughters.

## Important Dates for Branch 46 October, 2019

Red dates Indicate Branch Functions

- Oct 1 International Day of Older Persons
- Oct 4 National Golf Lovers Day
- Oct 8 Yom Kippur
- Oct 14 Columbus Day (Federal Holiday)  
(Also Branch Executive Meeting)
- Oct 17 National Pizza Day  
(Also Branch Luncheon – No Pizza)
- Oct 21 Last Day for Bulletin Input
- Oct 28 National Chocolate Day
- Oct 29 National Cat Day
- Oct 31 Halloween

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30	31		

SIRS BRANCH 46

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Tom PATLA Dick ANDERSEN Cal BROADWATER
Chuck SIFFING John GUALCO Corwin JONES
Jack STEIGERWALD Phil WADDY

GREETINGS TO OUR SIRS MARRIED IN OCTOBER:

Lani & Charlie LEBERMAN October 24, 1995
Velda & Frank RUBINO October 16, 1971

SPECIAL GREETINGS TO OUR SIR MARRIED 60 YEARS:

Drina & John MOSKITO October 3, 1959

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Active Members 78
Exempt Members 9

September Meeting Attendance: 51 = 65%

RON KOROCK - MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

ROSTER ADDITIONS & CHANGES

Rasmussen, Whitey (#70) (Dorothy) (9-16)
2115 Berkeley Ave BD Feb 12
Stockton 95205 Ph 466-1875
Power Plant Senior Supervisor - Fibreboard Corp.
Fishing Instructor, Bass Pro Shop, Delta boating

Blicharz, Dave (47) (8/12)
2982 Old Ranch Circle BD Aug 10
Stockton 95209 Ph 477-2829
dblicharzsbglobal.net Testing Tech for AT&T

Campbell, Gene (#61) (9-16)
8700 West Lane, Space 169 BD Nov 7
Stockton 95210 Ph 408 250-0269
genelcampbell@icloud.com
General Engineering Tech. - Palo Alto Veterans
Hospital, Working Out at In-Shape, Bocce,
Cribbage, Pinochle

WHITEY, GENE & DAVE
WELCOME TO BRANCH 46



## **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. There are 14 new articles in the October computer newsletter by Bill Bromily, and all of these are on our website. Two that we found interesting are briefly described below. Just log on to our website, click on Computer and check out the summaries of the articles. Be sure and click on the link referenced at the end of each article. These links are the complete, published version of the articles.

### **2. Artificial Intelligence Program Beats Professional Cardplayers**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) programs are being developed by technology experts around the world at an ever-increasing pace. The goal in every case is to have software that can control tasks that without AI require human input or, as a minimum, monitoring the task because of unpredictable issues that only a human brain can resolve. As an example, current focus in many AI laboratories is completely developing software for autonomous driving of vehicles in real driving settings. Resolving complex, unexpected issues while planning and executing success is often tested in card games. A new AI program that Facebook built with Carnegie Mellon University, called Pluribus, recently beat five poker professionals in a six-player Texas Hold'em tournament. After 10,000 hands, the system averaged profits of about \$1,000 per hour using \$1 chips, a "decisive margin of victory," according to a Facebook blog post."

### **14. Closer to a Blood Test Predicting When a Person Will Die**

Researchers have been studying 44,000 healthy patients whose ages ranged from 18 to 109. The patients' overall health has been tracked for up to 16 years. The researchers report in *Nature Communication* that the patients' blood test were around 80% accurate in predicting mortality risk within five to 10 years. "The researchers analyzed a group of 226 so-called metabolites, or by-products of things that various cells and tissues in the body pour into the blood stream for circulation and removal. From this collection of markers, the team narrowed down the list to 14 that they determined could together, and along with the person's sex, provide a pretty good picture of each person's health risk, and, by association, their risk of dying in the next five to 10 years."

[https://time.com/5656767/blood-test-longevity/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=the-brief&utm\\_content=20190831&xid=newsletter-brief](https://time.com/5656767/blood-test-longevity/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=the-brief&utm_content=20190831&xid=newsletter-brief)



# LADIES DAY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



December 5, 2019 - @ Elkhorn

Please sign up for the Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon at the October or November Luncheon. Cost is \$26 per person. Here are some of the events that will take place during the luncheon.

## 1. ENTERTAINMENT BY THE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

## 2. BIG 'R' TICKETS FUND-RAISER



We will distribute envelopes with 12 Big 'R' tickets. We intend to complete the job at the November 21 luncheon and then mail the remaining envelopes to those who have not yet received any. This is a fund-raiser at the Christmas Ladies Day Luncheon. Remember, you are not obligated to buy any tickets, but you can't win anything without turning in the stubs before the drawing.

**We require \$1.00 coming with each stub, \$5.00 for 6 stubs or \$10.00 for all 12 stubs.**

You don't have to be present to win one of the prizes. Just put your name and telephone number on each stub, make checks out to SIRS Branch 46 and mail them to:

Pete Lepisto - 3407 Sonoma Ave -- Stockton, 95204

You can also bring them to the November 21<sup>th</sup> meeting, or the Christmas Ladies Day Luncheon on December 5. Keep in mind that all ticket donations help in supporting SIR Branch 46 operating expenses.

## 3. CHRISTMAS PARTY GIFT EXCHANGE

Branch 46 has a tradition of exchanging gifts at our annual Christmas party. The gifts will be distributed by a separate raffle along with the BIG "R" activity. Each donor will receive a free ticket for this drawing. If you or your wife or significant other have a hobby or skill for making items that could be donated, that's great. If you don't have a hobby, purchased items may be donated. We ask that every couple attending the party bring an approximate \$10 gift to assure enough gifts for everyone to take one home. Tables will be set up to receive your gift as you arrive.





## September Luncheon Happenings

Our speaker for the September Luncheon was Elbert Holman, a former city councilman, Vice Mayor, and a 20 year veteran of the SJ County Sheriff's Department. As if this wasn't enough, Mr. Holman is currently a candidate for County Supervisor in 2020. He had previously spoke to the Branch on the aftermath of Stockton's bankruptcy in 2008. This time he pointed out that the City of Stockton was recently rated #2 among financially sound cities in California.



**Elbert Holman**

The main topic of Mr. Holman's talk was his experiences as an investigator in the 1982 murders of Renee Rontal and Nancy Rubia, two 13-year-old Stockton girls whose bodies were found in a Delta ditch on Bacon Island west of Stockton. Two Stockton gang members were eventually located and convicted some 30 years later in 2015. Mr. Holman's investigation continued over the 30-year period with follow ups on various leads, interviews, and even a trip to the Mexican State of Durango where one of the suspects was reported living. This trip was not successful, but the suspect was eventually arrested in Tijuana. The murder trial lasted a year, and Mr. Holman said the main reason for the long trial was the fact that the suspects' defense lawyer, Richard Hawk, managed to effectively slow the proceedings. Hawk gained notoriety as one of the defense lawyers for Juan Corona who was convicted in 1971 of the murders of 25 farm laborers in Northern California.

Also, during the luncheon, three new members shown below were introduced, and their roster information is presented in this edition. Gene Campbell and Whitey Rasmussen are transfers from Branch 87.



**Dave Blicharz**

**& Sponsor**

**Roosevelt Loyd**



**Gene Campbell**



**Whitey Rasmussen**

**WELCOME TO BRANCH 46 GENTLEMEN!!**

## **Little Sir Rambling – UOP Women’s Basketball for 2019**

Lodi Branch 145 and Stockton Branch 46 are putting together a joint activity and we welcome participation by members of all other Branches. This November is the start of the college basketball season, and the University of the Pacific in Stockton will have a very good women’s basketball team this year. Head Coach Bradley Davis will be our Luncheon speaker in October to tell us how the program is progressing. The Tigers were 19-13 last year and made the second round of the WNIT before losing to the eventual champions with only ten players on the roster. This season they already have been invited to play in the preseason WNIT to represent their conference and will have a first-round game at home on Friday, November 8 at 7PM that we are targeting for SIRS to get together to attend.

This year UOP will have a full 15 player roster which includes two five-star players, one of whom was the conference defensive player of the year last year. We also have a couple of fifth year transfers from Colorado State who played on championship teams and started most games, a 6’5” freshman center, the San Francisco player of the year in her senior year, one of the most highly touted point guards from Australia, a player from the French national team, plus a returning second team all conference forward, and a couple of returning 6’2” players as well as our returning best three point shooter. This is likely the deepest, tallest, and most talented roster ever at UOP. Players from Sacramento, Stockton, Manteca, and Turlock, as well as the Bay Area are on the roster.

This is not a sponsored event where you have to sign up and pay ahead of time for tickets. It is just a joint event and each Sir is responsible for their own transportation and ticket purchases. The Spanos Center on the JOP campus holds over 6000 and attendance at the women’s college games usually don’t run much over 1200. Tickets for seniors are only \$8 for regular games and may be a little more for a WNIT game. Tickets are good for any seat but those lower level folding seats in Section 1 at half court. The folding seat sections on either side are first come first serve other than season ticket holders. Bring wives, children and grandchildren if you like. The Tiger Dancers and Tiger pep band usually perform, and the Powercat Mascot is usually around for photo opps. We have heard interest expressed by members of Modesto, Turlock, and Sonora chapters so far.

If you have any SIR’s gear you should wear it, and if we get enough Sirs attending the game we may get some recognition over the PA system and some contacts with the many seniors who attend the games.

We hope to see a lot of Sirs attending this game to root for our area players and what is likely the number one women’s basketball team in the Central Valley this coming season.

**Glenn Nellman Little Sir 2019**





# TRAVEL



Editor's note: There are 28 Travel opportunities listed on the Branch website for the time period between Sept. 2019 to September 2020. All but one of these have been previously reported. The new opportunity is listed below. To check out the complete travel list for this time period, go to the website and click on the Travel link. <http://branch46.srm2.org/>

**Feb 11-21, 2020 Princess Mexican Riviera Cruise. NEW** Includes-R/T North Bay Transfers to and from SF Pier. Gratuities, Ship Board Credit, Photo. Visit Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlan and Cabo San Lucas. Price range from Interior \$1526 to \$2296 Balcony DO. Promo the month of Sept - \$100 deposit holds your Cabin. Military Vets receive addition Ship Board Credit. For additional information contact #147 Tom Molinari 707 762-1880 or Sonoma Travel Tina Powell 707 763-1545

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, Tom Molinari State Travel Chairman [stmolinari@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stmolinari@sbcglobal.net) or 707 762-1880, 1243 Santa Ines Way- Petaluma, CA 94954



## IN MEMORIAM

Sadly, we must report the passing of Sir Robert (Bob) Veaco on September 1 at the age of 96. Bob was a longtime active member of Branch 46, having joined the branch in 1998. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to the family and friends of Bob at this sad time in their lives.



NOTICE: Articles to be included in the Branch 46 monthly "Bulletin" should be submitted NO LATER THAN the monthly luncheon meeting. Submit them to Jack Lamberty at [JackL68734@aol.com](mailto:JackL68734@aol.com) or 209-451-1165.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**OCTOBER 14, 2019**

**MEETING DATES FOR  
2019**

October 17,  
November 21,  
December 5

**LADIES DAY LUNCHEON**

### **SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH #46**

c/o of Temple Gallagher  
9292 Alhambra Avenue  
Stockton, CA 95212

#### **PRESIDENT**

Ed Benson

#### **REGION 2 DIRECTOR**

Rick Kindle

652-8608

#### **AREA 18 GOVERNOR**

Pat Reed

#### **2019 OFFICERS**

##### **BIG SIR**

Mike Sather

601-1642

##### **LITTLE SIR**

Glenn Nellman

369-8620

##### **SECRETARY**

John Bayley

298-0327

##### **ASST. SECRETARY**

John Stevens

470-2521

##### **TREASURER**

John Doisy

478-4728

##### **ASST. TREASURER**

Bob Stewart

946-0897

#### **DIRECTORS**

##### **2017 thru 2019**

Ron Korock

951-4759

Bill Halboth

477-3155

##### **2018 thru 2020**

Pete Lepisto

948-2265

Dave Palmer

242-2093

##### **2019 thru 2021**

Jack Lamberty

451-1165

Dave Derksen

636-4650

#### **2019 COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES**

##### **ATTENDANCE**

Dick Andersen

478-3753

##### **AUDITORS**

Dave Palmer

242-2093

open

##### **BIOGRAPHER**

##### **BOWLING**

Ron Korock

951-4759

##### **BRIDGE (SIR)**

Dave Palmer

242-2093

##### **BRIDGE (mixed)**

Dick Andersen

478-3753

##### **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**

Mike Sather

601-1642

Glenn Nellman

369-8620

##### **FLAGBEARER**

John Westhafer

957-0424

##### **GOLF (Par 3 course)**

Abraham Mackey

471-7007

##### **GOLF (18 hole)**

John Stevens

470-2521

##### **GREETERS**

##### **MEMBERSHIP**

Ron Korock

951-4759

##### **MEMORIALS & SUNSHINE**

John Mendonca

477-0743

##### **MUSIC**

Maynard Bostwick

474-7007

##### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Dave Derksen

636-4650

##### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

open

##### **PICNIC (June)**

Mike Sather

601-1642

Glenn Nellman

369-8620

##### **PROGRAM**

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##### **ROSTER**

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##### **TRAVEL**

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