



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: NOVEMBER 16th THURSDAY 12:00 NOON

BIG SIR GREETING NOVEMBER - 2017

Not much on the calendar this month except for "Men Make Dinner Day" on November 2 and Veterans Day on Nov 11. If you want, go ahead and pretend you didn't read anything about men making dinner. Tell the little woman you never pay any attention to that calendar in the branch bulletin. This year Veterans Day comes on a Saturday so Friday will be a Federal Holiday (no mail, etc).

If you haven't already, please sign up for the Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon in December. Also, be sure you have an envelope with the Big R tickets. If you miss the November luncheon, we'll mail you the envelope. Also, please read the Christmas Luncheon information in this issue.

Unfortunately, our active membership has decreased by nine (9) members in the past month. Seven members have requested transfer to inactive, and two have been removed permanently. This is the direct result of Membership Chairman Ron Korock and Attendance Chairman Dick Andersen directly contacting delinquent members. Names are provided further on in the bulletin. This brings our membership numbers to 89 active and 18 inactive. 89 is the lowest active membership in branch history and stresses the importance of bringing in new members. If you haven't already, please pick up one or two of the SIR cards at the sign in table. If you have a friend who you think would enjoy being a SIR, give him a card and bring him in as a guest. If he is reluctant, give the card to his wife. She might want to get him out of the house

Our speaker for the luncheon was Mr. Donald Blount, Stockton Record Editor. Mr. Blount gave

an interesting talk on a variety of subjects, including the previous real estate mortgage scandals in Modesto and a soliciting-type letter he received from the Ku Klux Klan. You can read more about this in the Luncheon Happenings section of this edition. In fact, Mr. Blount's Sunday (Oct. 22) column in the Record was mainly about his visit and talk to our Branch plus his opinion of the Ku Klux Klan letter which was printed in his column. Also of importance to Branch 46, he stated that the newspaper's bridge column (missing in the October 22 edition) will definitely continue in the Record.

I would like to thank Mr. George Snider for volunteering to fill our previously vacant Secretary slot. George is a recent transfer from the Lodi (Acampo) branch, and his roster information has been provided in the October bulletin.

And finally, our sympathies and get well wishes (actually get healed wishes) to John Mendonca, our Chaplain, Par 3 Golf guru, and also one of our Directors. John broke his hip on the golf course last month and will be out for a while. We'll let John tell you what happened when he returns.

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NEW IN THIS EDITION

--Birthdays & Anniversaries

--October Luncheon

--November Calendar

--November Speaker

--New Website Listings

--Roster Changes

7 Inactive & 2 Permanent

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



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. John Mendonca

Any questions, call me at 477-0743 or 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

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.**



IMPORTANT DATES FOR BRANCH 46 NOVEMBER 2017

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		

Note: For the complete 2017 schedule, visit the branch website:

<http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

18 Hole Golf Schedule – November 2017

Nov 15 Medal Play Micke Grove
Stevens

Please plan to play. Questions- please call
John Stevens, 957-7775, jbsteve@aol.com

Note: This will be the last tournament of the year. 18-hole golf will start again in February, and the complete 2018 schedule will be published in the February bulletin.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Our speaker for the November luncheon will be Mr. Kevin Hertell, Zoo and Interpretive Services Manager for the Micke Grove Zoo and the Oak Grove Nature Center. Kevin began his career in Animal Welfare related work over 37 years ago. He has worked in all levels of government, in the private sector and also in not-for-profit. His previous positions include Naturalist, Animal Control Officer, Environmental Specialist, Wildlife Biologist, Animal Sanctuary Manager, Managing Director, Animal Care Center Manager and Executive Director. Kevin holds a B.S. in Wildlife Conservation and Management, with a minor in Spanish, as well as an M.S. in Biology with emphasis on Animal Behavior. Kevin moved to Lodi late last year and began his position with San Joaquin County in January of this year.

- **Nov 2 Men Make Dinner Day**
- **Nov 3 Housewife’s Day (clean up from Nov 2)**
- **Nov 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends**
- **Nov 11 Veterans Day**
- **Nov 13 BEC + Sadie Hawkins Day (remember?)**
- **Nov 16 Branch Luncheon**
- **Nov 23 Thanksgiving**
- **Nov 25 Last Day for Bulletin Input**
- **Nov 28 French Toast Day**

Flu Vaccine Shortage

Even though the regular [flu](#) season has yet to start, the nation is facing a severe shortage of seasonal [flu vaccine](#) as well as [swine flu vaccine](#). Federal officials and independent flu experts have said the situation was unavoidable, given that the global swine flu pandemic had raised demand for all flu shots far beyond what manufacturers can make in a year. The shortage is so severe in New York City that clinics won’t give flu shots unless you’re over 65. Solution for Sirs: **Get yours now!**

WHY ARE THESE WOMEN SMILING?

They're going to the Branch 46
Christmas Luncheon!!
Elkhorn - December 7, 2017



**Please sign up for the Ladies Day Christmas Party at the November Luncheon.
We need to get a head count to Elkhorn 2 weeks prior to the luncheon.
Cost is \$26 per person and we need to know your preference – Ham or Tri-tips.**

CHRISTMAS PARTY GIFT EXCHANGE

Branch 46 has a tradition of exchanging gifts at our annual Christmas party which will be held at Elkhorn Country Club on December 7. The gifts will be distributed by raffle along with the BIG "R" activity. Each donor will receive a free ticket for the 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 on December 7.

Entertainment will be provided by the Lincoln High School Choir

Note: Please plan on arriving early. Doors will open at 11:30, and the choir will perform for us between 12 and 12:30 since it is a school day.

Big 'R' Tickets 2017

**For the Christmas Ladies Day Luncheon
Don't Be Caught Without Them!!**



We will distribute envelopes with 12 Big 'R' tickets. We intend to complete the job at the November 16 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 would appreciate \$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:

Ron Korock
1129 Mill Way
Stockton, 95204 Ph 951-4759

You can also bring them to the November 16th meeting, or the Christmas Ladies Day Luncheon on December 7. Keep in mind that all ticket donations help in supporting SIR Branch 46 operating expenses.





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

Remember, to access the website, just use the CTRL, click feature on the above link.

Travel: The Travel link has 3 new opportunities and goes into 2019

Computer -The Computer link on the main website page features the November edition of Bill Bromiley's Computer Newsletter. Interesting write-ups that we can relate to are described briefly below. Numbers are the paragraph numbers in the newsletter.

- 1. How to Switch:** Tells how to change your smart phone's operating system (e.g. from Apple iOS to Google, Android & vice versa.)
- 2. Identify Cancer in Seconds During Surgery.** Surgeon touches questionable tissue with new tool and gets report "normal" or "cancer" within seconds.
- 4. Afraid of High Places? Climb a 1500 ft. Communications Tower.** Not a technical item, but well worth the time to watch a video taken by a drone as a technician replaces a burned out navigation light.
- 6. Don't Charge your Mobile Phone Overnight- Why?**
- 7. How to Restore an iPhone and Use Recovery Mode:** If your iPhone has run into trouble the article shows how to get it back up and running including recovery mode steps if necessary.
- 8. Global Shift Toward All Electric Vehicle.** More on the continuing world-wide developments to electric & non-polluting vehicles.
- 9. Electric Car Battery Design and Charging Technology Rapidly Improving.** Some electric cars now have ranges of 300 miles or more and longer ranges available soon.
- 10. Why We Changed to Protecting our Social Security Account Number
and**
- 11. How Can We Replace Insecure Social Security Account Numbers:** Two interesting articles on our Social Security accounts.
- 14. Detecting Infectious Disease With a Smartphone.** Smartphone provides test results to experts in the field in 30 minutes. (was 5 days)

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.

NOVEMBER 2017
BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SIRS BRANCH 46
Membership Chair – Ron Korock

Our Birthday Greetings to...

Frank CHICAGO	Jeff LUOND	Ellis WEEKS
Donald KING	Michael MARTIN	Jim McLEOD
Frank CLARK	Vaughn PIPES	Bob STEWART
Jay REDDING	Greg YOUNG	

and our warmest regards to the following SIRS and their wives ...

Jane & Roger SPEED	married	November 10, 1984
Melba & Noel BERBANO	married	November 23, 1983

50 years or more congratulations to ...

Mary & Earl HOVE	married	November 7, 1959
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Members: Active = 89 Inactive =18
October Meeting Attendance 58 = 65 %

ROSTER CHANGES

Please make the following changes to your roster

Active Member Removal

#111 Willie Branham

#144 Rich Kinzey

Active to Inactive

#69 William Smith

#17 Howard Stokes

#16 Jim Pickering

#123 Art Kinney

#136 John Westafer

#153 Ken Durham

#107 Don King



OCTOBER LUNCHEON HAPPENINGS

Our October Luncheon speaker was Mr. Don Blount, Editor of the Stockton Record. Mr. Blount had been the Managing Editor since 2005 and became Editor in May 2017. Prior to this he was the Managing Editor of the Modesto Bee and the Deputy Business Editor of the Sacramento Bee. He has also worked for newspapers in Denver and Allentown, PA.

Mr. Blount described the real estate mortgage scandals in Modesto where new mortgages were sold to unsuspecting home owners and, somehow, payments went to the sales people who kept the money. Soon home owners were receiving delinquent mortgage payment notices from two mortgage companies. He also read a letter he had received from the Ku Klux Klan in a southern state describing their organization in glowing, religious, white-oriented terms. In response to audience questions at the end of his talk, Mr. Blount made the following points. (1) The Stockton Record tries to be objective in its coverage of the President. In this regard, all wire service stories or reports are screened, and only those that meet their criteria are carried in the newspaper. (2) Doonesbury was cut because it was running nothing but repeat cartoons. (3) The bridge column will be back in the Record next Sunday.



Donald Blount
Editor, Stockton Record



SIR Travel Opportunities 2017/10

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, and you will be able to socialize with a group of your fellow Sirs.

Note: Once again, by request, we are showing travel info starting in 2018 and now extending to 2019. Check the website for travel listings in 2017. <http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

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. or Lee Suess, 209-296-2235.

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.

Mar 4-8, 2018: Giants Spring Training. 5- day trip to Scottsdale to see three MBL Cactus league games. Reserved seats, R/T air for SFO, Accommodations at the Hilton Garden Inn including breakfast. Hosted dinner at Talking Stick Resort/Casino and more for only \$1445.00pp. Contact Derlin German, Br. 58, Petaluma, 707-763-6162

Apr 4-14, 2018: Tulip Time in Holland. A 7-night Cruise R/T to Amsterdam aboard AMA Waterways. Celebrate the beauty of the Netherlands and Belgium in the springtime. You will visit the legendary Keukenhof Gardens, and pass colorful row houses and houseboats, See Ann Franks home then indulge in culinary bliss via Belgium chocolates and stroopwafel. Cost ranges from \$4830.00 to \$6195.00 based on cabin choice and includes complimentary bikes, unlimited complimentary fine dining and wines, all guides, gratuities and taxes, R/T air, choice of excursions, and river view staterooms or suites. John Pletsch, Br.32, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

Apr 18-27, 2018: Spring Tulip River Cruise. 10-day Cruise featuring Dutch and Belgium Waterways. Highlights include Amsterdam, Volendam, Hoorn. Arnhem. Middelburg, Ghent, Bruges, Antwerp, Kinderdijk windmills. Utrecht and Keukenhof Gardens. Cost \$4376 to \$7176 and includes RT Air, Insurance, Air Taxes, Hotels and transfers. Bill Britton, Br121, 925-443-9913.

May 12-18, 2018: Southern Charm Discovery. Trip features Jekyll Island, Savannah & Charleston, Jacksonville, St Simons Island, Andrew Low House, and choice of Boone Hall Plantation or Patriots Pt. Naval Museum. Cost is \$2836.00 covers air taxes & fees, hotel & transfers, gratuities and R/T air, Bill Rodman, Br 38, 408-274-4521 or Alan Patmore, 408-867-4197.

May 25-Jun 9, 2018: Historic Cities of Eastern Canada & New England. 16- day trip begins in Toronto then Lake Ontario, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal. Then travelers will board Holland America cruise ship and cruise down the St Lawrence river to Charlottetown, Sydney and Halifax and onto Bar Harbor ending in Boston. Cost is \$3695 to \$5185 (with out Airfare). Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

Sep 8, 2018: Colorado Train Trip. 7- day trip with stops at the US Airforce academy, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Colorado National Monument and Colorado Museum. Cost \$3035 and includes 15 meals, R/T Air, home pickup and back, professional tour manager, Larry Yarberry, Br 8, 925-890-9245.

Sep 13-23, 2018: Alaska Inside Passage. 11-day cruise starting in SF with ports of call at Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and Victoria B.C. Trip includes R/T transfer, Gratuities, Shipboard credit, and Photo. Cost \$1899.00 to \$3249 depending on cabin. Tom Molinari, Br 147, 707-762-1880.

Sep 23-Oct 2, 2018: American Queen St Louis to Memphis. The cruise begins with overnight stay in St Louis and ends with another overnight in Memphis, including tours in each city. The trip includes all transfers, R/T Air, port changes hotel cost, shore excursions, all meals on board ship, complimentary beer and wine. Ports of call include Alton, Chester, Cape Girardeau, Paducah, Dover, New Madrid, Ashport Landing, and Memphis Cost is \$3300 to \$5960 depending on cabin. Mike Console, 408-246-1080 Br 32. San Jose.

Oct 21-31-2018: Crystal Mozart River Cruise. Enjoy Europe's majesty and history of the scenic Wachau Valley, An Austrian wonderland. Stops include Durnstein, Melk, Bratislava, Budapest and Vienna. Prices start at \$6485 for deluxe stateroom with large picture window. Crystal's complimentary services includes butler, gratuities, unlimited refreshments, free internet, port charges, and transfers. Larry Martinson, Br 114, 408-528-0746 or Jim Stoner, 408-238-8458.

Feb 15-Mar 2, 2019: Cruise from San Francisco to Ft Lauderdale. 15 day cruise aboard the Coral Princess with port stops at Cabo San Lucas, San Juan Del Sur, Puntarenas, Fuerte Amador, cruising through the Panama Canal, Cartagena, and Ft Lauderdale. Cost ranges from \$3390 to \$4190 depending on stateroom and includes, home pickup, shipboard meals and entertainment, R/T airfare, luggage handling, transfers, all drivers and porters, gratuities, all applicable taxes and travel gift .Arkady Belogolovsky, Br. 54, 408-253-3956, or Joe Salamida, 408-767-2838.

Send your brief trip information to Bob Spellman at bobnjo@astound.net by the 25th of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed.