



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 15th THURSDAY 12:00 NOON

BIG SIR GREETING NOVEMBER 2018

Wow, we sure had some interesting speakers the last couple of months. I hope the new Branch I go to will have speakers as qualified and informed as we have had the last year. We still need a "Big Sir" and a "Little Sir" We are drowning. Going down into the deep abyss. How dramatic. Everyone on the Executive Board is now working 2 or 3 positions and plan to do so for the next year and you would have plenty of help, BUT nobody is stepping forward. I am surprised your wives' didn't volunteer you like mine did; to get you out once or twice a month. Se La Vie. Our Executive Board voted unanimously NOT to merge with Branch 87 as their presentation was that they wanted everything. Their Name, Location, etc. etc. I set up a vote for our members that were in attendance to express their desire about merging. Of all our members present, Not anyone Voted to Merge. Thank you. Starting in January, if you want to attend SIRs, you can attend Branch 87 East Stockton. They meet at the I.A.C. on the 3rd Thursday of each month. They are struggling also. They are down to 45 members and having a problem trying to recruit new members or there is a Branch in Lodi and one in Manteca. I would think and hope that our Bridge Club, Golfing Teams, and Bowling would continue under another Branch or change the name of their group. Our Chaplain will have to find work elsewhere. He, John Mendonca, has been under the weather lately and could use your prayers. We are going to finish out the year with a bang. The Christmas Luncheon where your significant other gets to attend and get out of the house and be entertained by professional people. The Lincoln Choir has been so good and entertaining, we are having them back again this



year and quite possibly the last. Get your tickets early, none will be sold at the door. We will have a gift exchange. All to be \$10.00 or under. OR some white elephant you have at your home you would like to get rid of. Something someone gave you that you don't want. It would be terribly funny if they got it back. This is always fun and there ARE a lot of nice gifts. Ron Korock has the tickets and they are \$26.00 per person. The menu will be Ham or Beef. There will be a no Host Bar starting at 1130 for those of you that like an appetizer before lunch, and if you want to start earlier, the club house bar is open at 6 am. God Bless you all.

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



NEW IN THIS EDITION

- Big Sir Greetings**
 - November Birthdays, etc.**
 - October Luncheon**
 - Christmas Luncheon Info**
 - November Speaker**
 - November Calendar**
 - New Articles on the Website**
 - "Not a Pretty Picture" Notice"**
- Check it out – Please!**

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:

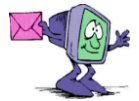
John Mendonca is our chairman for this committee. His phone number is 477-0743. Whenever you are aware of a member who has a serious illness or whose family has experienced some tragic circumstances, please give John a call. Please don't be hesitant to call John if you are aware of a member who is having 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





Date Course Format Cost/timing Start/Type Host Other Comments

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 November 2018

- Nov. 3 Housewife’s Day
- Nov. 6 Election Day
- Nov. 11 Veteran’s Day
- Nov. 12 Branch Executive Meeting
- Nov. 13 Sadie Hawkins Day
- Nov. 15 Branch Luncheon
- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving
- Nov 23 Last Day for Bulletin Input
Also Black Friday
- Nov. 28 French Toast Day

■ Indicates Branch Function

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Our November Luncheon speaker will be Paul Wagner, current Branch 46 member and Past Big Sir, Little Sir, and Secretary. Paul is a member of the Lions Club and every year, as a Lions representative, he travels south of the border to Mexico, Central America, or South America to provide donated eye glasses to the poor. Paul has a slide show presentation of this activity and his travels that he regularly gives to the Lions club.



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.

Computer Link- There are 14 write-ups in the Computer Newsletter this month. We don't have enough space to describe all the articles so here's a brief description of a couple we found interesting. You'll have to click on the link provided for more. Numbers are the item numbers in the newsletter. Just go to the website and click on **Computer**.

1. By 2019 Half of Mobile Phone Calls Will Be Scams

According to First Orion, a company that provides phone carriers and their customers caller ID and call blocking technology, spam calls on cellphones will leap from 3.7 percent of total calls in 2017 to more than 29 percent in 2018 and to a projected 45 percent by early 2019. It says nothing about landline phones, but is still an interesting and scary article. Unfortunately, it says nothing about any forthcoming solution.

11. How to Charge Your Phone Faster.

Since we're all retired, charging our phone faster probably isn't a big deal. But this is still an interesting article, providing the do's and don'ts plus recommendations for charging your phone. One interesting fact is that it doesn't matter whether your phone is on or off – charging time will be the same.

NOVEMBER 2018 BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SIRS BRANCH 46 Membership Chair – Ron Korock

Our Birthday Greetings to...

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

and our warmest regards to the following SIR and his wife ...

Melba & Noel **BERBANO** married November 23, 1983

50 years or more congratulations to ...

Mary & Earl **HOVE** married November 7, 1959

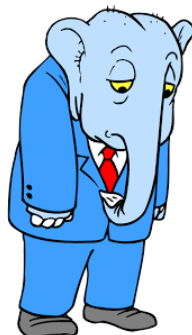
Members: Active = 78 Inactive =15 October Meeting Attendance 42 = 54 %

NOT A PRETTY PICTURE, IS IT?
If you're a member of
Branch 46 and you're reading
this on November 1, then you
have 60 days to change it!!



All you have to do is volunteer or nominate someone for Big Sir or Little Sir. If you have someone in mind and you're reluctant to contact them, please contact one of the officers, directors, or chairmen listed on the back page. All their phone numbers are there. If we have blanks for these positions on December 31, then the branch is automatically dissolved.

DON'T RUIN NEW YEARS EVE!



ALL WE NEED IS TWO NAMES!

OCTOBER LUNCHEON HAPPENINGS

The speakers for the October Luncheon were Amber Seto and Janet Smith, both from the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office. They spoke on Fraudulent Scams and Current Trends directed towards retirees.

The presentation was very good and covered a lot of different subjects and situations. All were directed toward scams of various types and are described briefly below in a list format.

--**Rx Scam:** This scam offers you prescription drugs at a lower price; however, its main purpose is identity theft by a series of questions concerning your medical information. (e.g. Medicare number, Social Security)

--**Medicare:** Here, their main purpose is to get your Medicare and Social Security numbers. They then bill Medicare using your account. Remember, nothing is free and the Government will never ask for personal information.

--**Nephew in Jail.** We've probably heard of this or received a phony distress call where your nephew or grandson urgently needs bail money. Hopefully, you hung up. In this case, our luncheon speaker urges you to notify your friends and relatives of the call. There may be others who have never heard of this scam.

--**Lottery.** You've won \$50 million and you need to send money as a deposit. Never send money to get money.

--**IRS.** If someone from the IRS calls, the D.A. speaker said she always calls back and has a series of questions she asks. If no answer on the first question, she asks another and so on. Eventually the person hangs up. But she calls back again, asks questions, get hung up on and keeps this up until they don't answer. This eventually stops them from calling her number.

--**Microsoft.** This is a scam where, through E-mail, they will call and offer to fix something on your computer if you give them access to your computer. They will get on and you can see their arrow wandering around on your system. They may eventually fix your problem, but the main purpose was to get into your system and obtain password or any account information you may have.

--**Rebates.** You may get a call saying you have a rebate coming and they need to know your account number so they can deposit it. Of course, don't give it out.

--**Problem.** The speaker said that they (D.A office) cannot investigate any of the phone numbers that call unless they have a search warrant. There are too many scam numbers reported for them to do this. However, she said that a change to this is in the works.

--**Branch 46.** Big Sir Dave Derksen announced that the Executive Committee had unanimously rejected any merger with Branch 87 and requested a vote from the present membership on this. A motion was made to "not merge with Branch 87", and seconded. Dave then requested that all in favor of the motion stand up. State rules say that 4/5 (four-fifths) of the members present must agree for the motion to pass. The four-fifths requirement was easily met since almost everyone present stood up. Dave once again stated that unless a Big Sir and Little Sir volunteered for the positions by December 31, then the branch would dissolve.

However, he emphasized the fact that the December 6 Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon was still on, complete with gift exchange, Big R, and Lincoln High School Choir.



CHRISTMAS LADIES DAY LUNCHEON



December 6, 2018 - @ Elkhorn

Please sign up for the Christmas Luncheon 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. 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 6.

Entertainment will be provided by the Lincoln High School Choir

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



Big ‘R’ Tickets 2018

**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 15 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:

Pete Lepisto
3407 Sonoma Ave
Stockton, 95204

You can also bring them to the November 15th meeting, or the Christmas Ladies Day Luncheon on December 6. Keep in mind that all ticket donations help in supporting SIR Branch 46 operating expenses.



SIR Travel Opportunities Nov. 2018 (rec'd Sept. 30)

Editor's Note: Be sure to check out the Travel Opportunities on our website. There are 5 pages with listings from December 2018 to August 2020.

Aug 23 – Sept 9, 2019 Princess Cruise Iceland and Norway on the Pacific Princess R/T London (Dover) Includes Home Pickup, R/T Air, 1 Pre-night London, 14 day cruise, Luggage Handling for One suitcase, All transfer between the Airport, Ship and Pier. Plus All Driver and porter Gratuities and Pre-Trip Orientation. Prices DO Inside \$6032 to Balcony \$7212-Single Inside \$10362 to Balcony \$12732 For further information contact Archie Belogolovsky 408 253-3956 arkadybel@gmail.com or Joe Salamida 408 767-2838 ascreenman756@gmail.com #54

Sept 3-13, 2019 Princess Cruise Alaska – Grand Princess: R/T San Francisco, Ports of Call; Ketchikan, Skagway, Juneau, Sitka and Victoria, Price Range \$2155 Interior to \$3440 mini-Suite per person. For additional information contact Werner Schlapfer #101 925 443-8291

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

Oct 20 to 27, 2019 Princess Cruise Pacific Northwest 7 Day-R/T San Francisco Ports of call, Astoria, Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria, Prince range **from** \$1299 Interior to \$ \$2169 Mini Suite. Includes R/T transfers to/from Pier-Gratuities-Ship board Credit and Photo. Additional information contact Tom Molinari 707 762-1880 or stmolinari@sbcglobal.net or Tina Powell Sonoma Travel toll free 888 900-7772

Nov 4-23, 2019 Inside Vietnam: Grand Circle Cruise, .18 day Overseas Adventure Travel Tour of Vietnam. Small group (Max 16 for tour) Visit Hanoi, Danang Bay and Saigon. Travel by Air, Bus and Boat. Included 18 breakfast, 13 lunches and 10 dinners. Price \$3775 Options: 3-night stopover in Hong Kong ,6 night pre-trip to The Tribes of Northern Vietnam and 6 night post trip tour of Cambodia and Angkor Wat. Additional information contact Jim Hohenshelt #62 408 394-7226 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

Aug 29-Sept 9, 2020 Top of Switzerland with Oberammergau: 11 day tour from Zurich to Munich. Includes pre-tour night in Zurich and post tour night in Munich. Places to visit Zurich, Affoltern, Interlanken, Brienz, Ballenberg, Lucerne, Innsbruck. OBERAMMERGAU (PASSION PLAY) and Munich. Breakfast daily, some lunches and dinners provided. Price per person DO \$4575, Airfare not included, but estimated to be \$1200 per person available in October 2019. For additional information contact Bill Stires 209 544-2684 wsmp101130@sbcglobal.net or Alamo World Travel 848 874-7800

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.

