



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 21st - THURSDAY NOON

BIG SIR GREETING NOVEMBER 2019

Welcome to November. As I have been saying, the most important date this month is, as always, our Branch Luncheon - this year on the 21st. This is closely followed in importance by Veteran's Day on the 11th, Thanksgiving Day on the 28th, and, finally, the one that affects all of us, Daylight Savings on November 3. Notice that I did not say anything about the day after Thanksgiving. Keep any information on that day from your wife or significant other.

Also, keep in mind that the upcoming luncheon is the last chance to sign up for our Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon on December 5. Check out the full page notice in this edition for all the necessary information. Of course, if you miss signing up at the November luncheon, you can always mail in your checks and Big R tickets. You can also be a big surprise and just show up at the luncheon without notifying anyone. But remember that we need a head count and food preferences one week before the luncheon.

Our speaker at the October luncheon was Brad Davis, Head Coach UOP Women's Basketball. Brad gave a very informative talk on his background, the UOP program including his recruiting philosophy, plus information on the current players. More on this in the report on the October Luncheon in this edition. Basketball season starts in November, and the first game at UOP is November 8 with the University of Missouri @ Kansas City. Brad encouraged branch members to attend, and Little Sir Glenn Nellman is spearheading our attendance at this game. Glenn also has a full page article in this Bulletin on Personal Safety Tools based on his long time experience as a County Sheriff Sergeant. Also, we introduced our latest member, Mike

Trahan, thus increasing our active membership to 79. Mike is a transfer from Branch 112 in Rancho Cordova, and information on Mike is presented in this edition under "Roster Additions".

Finally, I want to repeat our urgent need for a Little Sir for the year 2020. The main function of the Little Sir is lining up speakers for the 2020 year. Our current Little Sir has been very active lining up 2020 speakers on his own. His current goal is to book the first three speakers and, so far, he has several good possibilities.

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
- --November Calendar
- --October Luncheon
- --Roster Addition
- --New Articles on Website. (Summary)
- --Christmas Party Info
- --In Memoriam
- --November Speaker
- --Little Sir Rambling (Good Article on Personal Safety Tools)

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

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.

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

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

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.

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 Cub





Date	Course	Format	Cost/timing	Start/type	Host	Other comments
Oct 30	Swenson GC	2 man Alt. Mod	\$37, 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

A Reminder : NCGA Dues are now due.

November Speaker

Attention all SIRs!! Are you curious about your ancestry and aren't sure how to go about researching it? Do you want to know about the various sites that advertise about sending your DNA to find lost or unknown relatives? Then you will want to come to the November Luncheon to hear Jacqi Stevens, President of the San Joaquin Genealogical Society, for information on how to be your own sleuth about your family history or find out how to find people who can help you do it.

Jacqui Stevens has many years of service with various agencies in San Joaquin County (Human Services, Mental Health, Public Health) and is now pursuing her lifelong passion for family history research. She currently teaches genealogy classes at the Stockton Institute for Continued Learning and at local libraries. She also produces a daily blog at "A Family Tapestry" and is a partner with her husband and daughter at the training company, Summit Solutions Consulting, LLC. She has a Bachelor of Music Degree in Therapy and a Masters Degree in Public Administration and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR BRANCH 46
November 2019**

Red Dates are Branch Functions

- Nov. 3 Daylight Savings
- Nov 5 Election Day
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 13 Sadie Hawkins Day
- Nov 18 Branch Executive Meeting
- Nov 21 Branch Luncheon
- Nov 25 Last Day for Bulletin Input
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving
- Nov 29 Black Friday

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SIRS BRANCH 46

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SIRS BRANCH 46
Membership Chair – Ron Korock

Our Birthday Greetings to...

Frank CLARK	Vaughn PIPES	Michael MARTIN
Jeff LUOND	Gene CAMPBELL	Duane FREIBERG
Ellis WEEKS	Jim McLEOD	Bob STEWART

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

Melba & Noel BERBANO married November 23, 1983

Very Special Recognition to our SIR and his wife married 60 years ...

Mary & Earl HOVE married November 7, 1959

Members: Active = 79 Exempt = 8
October Meeting Attendance 41 = 53%

ROSTER ADDITIONS & CHANGES

Please make the following addition to your roster

TRAHAN, Micah "Mike" (65) (Jamil) (10-14)
640 N. El Dorado St. BD Nov. 4
Stockton 95207 Ph 453-4057
houinstructor@yahoo.com
Barber/U.S. Army // Bowling, Golfing, RVing





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 13 new articles in the November computer newsletter by Bill Bromily, and all of these are on our website. Three 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.

1. NASA Invites Tourists To The International Space Station

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has announced a new plan for as many as two private citizen missions per year to fly to the International Space Station and “stay for up to 30 days, with the first mission coming as early as next year.” The private astronauts will need to meet NASA's medical standards and the training and certification procedures for regular NASA crew members and also cough up \$50 million per seat.

8. Beep. Ding. Vroom. Electric Cars Need to Make Noise for Safety. Electric vehicles are virtually silent so pedestrians and bicyclists can be taken by surprise by an approaching vehicle. All auto manufacturers are preparing for 2020 when a federal regulation takes effect for all hybrid and electric vehicles, which are quieter than their gas-guzzling ancestors, to emit noise at certain speeds for pedestrian safety.

11. Five Simple Ways To Protect Your Personal Data. The deeply connected items in our life, particularly our smartphones, can collect data about us and share that data with others without our knowledge or authority. The “smartphone game you play in the waiting room at the doctor's office, the mobile app that gives you a weather forecast, the photo you share with online friends—all have the ability to reveal intimate details about your life.” The Consumer Reports article at the link tells you how to simply eliminate five different threats to your personal data in little more than five minutes of your time.



CHRISTMAS LADIES DAY LUNCHEON



December 5, 2019 @ 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 5.

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 2019

**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 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 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.



October Luncheon Happenings

The speaker for the October Luncheon was Brad Davis, Head Coach of Women's Basketball for UOP. This is Brad's 13th season with Pacific and his 5th season as Head Coach. Prior to coming to UOP, he was an English teacher and the Varsity Girls Head Coach at Chico High School.



Glenn Nellman-Brad Davis-Bill Halboth
UOP Basketball Coach (Center)

At UOP, the Tigers were 19-13 last year and made the second round of the women's WNIT despite having only 9 players suit up. This year they will have a full 15 player roster which includes a 6'5" freshman center, the San Francisco player of the year in her senior year. Brad focuses on the Central Valley for recruiting and there are 15 full scholarships to support this. Players from Sacramento, Stockton, Manteca, Turlock, as well as the Bay Area are on the roster. The Tigers have already been invited to play in the pre-season WNIT to represent their conference and will have a first round game at home on Friday, November 8 at 7PM. Coach Davis strongly encouraged Branch 46 members to attend this game. For those interested, contact Little Sir Glenn Nellman for additional information.

During the luncheon, Mike Trahan was sworn in as the latest member of Branch 46. Information on Mike is presented later in this edition. Mike is a transfer from Branch 112 in Rancho Cordova and says the food here is much better.



New Member
Mike Trahan

WELCOME TO BRANCH 46

MIKE!!

In Loving Memory

IN MEMORIAM

Sadly, we must report the passing of Sir Frank Rubino on October 6, 2019 at the age of 99 - 2 months shy of his 100th birthday. Frank was a longtime active member of Branch 46, having joined the branch in 2007. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to the family and friends of Frank at this sad time in their lives.

LITTLE SIR RAMBLING - Personal Safety Tools

In this addition to the monthly bulletin I hope to provide information of use to our members that would take up time at a meeting. It may not apply to all, but it will usually provide information to at least some now, and others for future use. Today will be on personal safety tools. In the past few years law enforcement has been forced by the courts to vastly expand the ability of the average citizen to get concealed weapons permits. For some, this is the way to go, but for others there are monetary issues. To get the permits you not only have to pay a nice chunk of change for just the application, but for the actual permit. You have to take and pass a certified private sector class on gun safety, law, and do a range qualification. If you fail the class you have to take the whole thing over again, and, in some cases, pay a new application fee. After you do this, you have to pass the background check and, in some cases, pay another huge chunk of change for the actual permit. Application, class, and permit will run from \$600 to \$1,000 dollars depending on where you live, even if you already have a firearm. A decent handgun will run from \$500 to \$900 plus, depending on brand and caliber. Should you actually have to use the gun, it will be taken as evidence until all legal proceedings are done, and you might not get it back for several months or even a year or more, leaving you without protection unless you possess more than one handgun.

There are other options that may be more suitable. One is pepper spray, and the other is a stun gun. Pepper spray dispensers are cheap, and there is no longer a permit or class required. Some are aerosol and some are pump type dispensers. They often come with a little carry case so you don't accidentally activate it. Drawbacks are getting it out on time and being able to get a good squirt or spray into your attacker's eyes. Another drawback is that the spray outlet can be clogged with dried product when you test it periodically and then it won't work when you need it most. Along with cost, the other good thing about them is that if they take it as evidence it is no big deal as you can go right down to the store and buy another. You should replace these automatically every year or so whether you use them or not.

The final item is the stun gun or stun gun flashlight. Periodically they can be found on sale at places like Big Five for around \$50 and come with a charger cord. You can get a black canvas carry case that clips onto your belt. With the flashlight type that I carry, because it looks like a flashlight, the bad guys don't realize what it is at first and just see it as an LED light you are shining in their eyes to temporarily blind them. This will allow you to get close enough to touch them and activate the charge to either momentarily disorient them or, for a longer period, incapacitate them long enough so you can get away or disarm them. With this type you actually touch them with the end of the flashlight to transfer the charge instead of shooting out a wire to try to hit them. You can take this item anywhere except into public buildings, schools, or public meetings. With this item, you can also go down to the store and buy another if yours is taken as evidence. Some people carry them when out for a walk to protect them from dogs on the loose who become aggressive.

No matter what tool you decide upon you need to read what state or local laws may have to say about them, and, of course, you can't carry any on planes through the security lines. They have to be in your checked luggage and retrieved after you leave airport security areas.....Good luck and be safe.....It's a jungle out there.

Little Sir

Glenn Nellman



TRAVEL



Editor's note: There are 28 Travel opportunities listed on the Branch website for the time period between November 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 by the 25th 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 or 707 762-1880, 1243 Santa Ines Way- Petaluma, CA 94954



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*

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 or 209-451-1165.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

**MEETING DATES FOR
2019**

November 21,
December 5

LADIES DAY LUNCHEON

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