



## 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.*

**WE ARE BACK!!!**

### **NOVEMBER 19th THURSDAY 12 NOON LUNCHEON MEETING**

#### **BIG SIR GREETING NOVEMBER 2020**

Your Executive Board met at my house on Monday and got several things accomplished. After hearing our neighboring Lodi Sirs were starting luncheons again at Elkhorn we voted to start them again as well, using Elkhorn's current rules. I contacted Elkhorn after the meeting and we still have our Thursday dates scheduled when we want them and the date for the Christmas luncheon on December 3rd as well. The price for our regular luncheons remains the same. We haven't determined a price for the Christmas luncheon yet. The rules for dining will include everyone wearing masks upon entering the building until they sit at the tables to eat. There will be lots of hand sanitizer for our members to use. At present they plan to serve us directly from the kitchen but may have a buffet line with a see-through curtain where their food servers dish up for us. Seating will be four to a table. Some of the large tables will be set up for bridge to begin again before the meetings off to one side. Our Little Sir Mike Sather is now hustling to get us a speaker for November. He will also be checking to see if the Lincoln High Choir is available again this year for the Christmas Luncheon. We haven't had time yet to get ticket printing going for the Christmas Luncheon but we will have to have them for the November luncheon in order to let Elkhorn know how many are coming.

At present the menu for November is expected to be roast pork, scalloped potatoes, and buttered carrots with some kind of berry desert. An email will be sent out to all members to encourage everyone to attend the November luncheon and let us know who is planning to come. We aren't required to have a minimum for Elkhorn but they

would like to have a good estimate so they have enough food and don't cook too much. We aren't sure how many of you are still feeling you should stay away from gatherings so we can't give them any kind of a reasonable estimate at this time.

On a more serious note, our treasurer advised us that we will not be able to cover expenses for December even if we are able to have a luncheon with a 50-50 raffle in November. We voted to ask each member to donate \$10 or more to get us going again financially separate from the bucket brigade in November. Please send your donations to our treasurer John Doisy. Board members present at the meeting donated \$80 to get the ball rolling. Our assessment to State SIRS is coming up. We also would normally have an extra expense this time of the year to put out new membership rosters, and we voted not to do this but to just put out information on deletions, changes, and new members. Keep your 2020 rosters. There is space at the back for additions.

On another note, our bulletin editor, Jack Lamberty, has decided to step down after eight years, and Dave Stull has volunteered to take over. Many thanks to Jack for all the work he has done putting it together over the years.

We still don't have enough SIRS emailing our secretary John Bayley to vote to keep our current officers for next year. This is a must do task and another email will be sent out requesting those who haven't voted to do so in order to comply with state and branch rules.

Things are definitely looking up for our branch to get moving again, and I encourage all of you who are able to do so to join us for a time of good fellowship in November. All for now....

**Glenn Nellman**

**Big Sir 2020**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Editor's Note:** At this time, Bridge and Bowling activities have been canceled indefinitely due to the pandemic. Branch luncheons have also been canceled until further notice. Golf is back in business. Check the last announcement on this page. The Meeting Dates and Speakers page in this Bulletin list future speakers, but this also is subject to change.

## Miss a Meeting?

When you know you will miss a luncheon meeting please give our Attendance Chairman, Dick Andersen, a call (406-9399) [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.

## 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.

## 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!!



## Can't Drive? Need a Ride?

There are Branch 46 volunteers who would be more than happy to drive you to and from our monthly luncheons. For whatever reason, if you need transportation to our luncheons or any other SIR event, please do not hesitate to call. Our contact for this service is **Pete Lepisto: 948-2265**. We need you there! Please call!



## GOLF

Chuck  
Argus



November 11 – Grand Finale at Mickey Grove - individual stroke play.

The Micke Grove tournament is the last one for the year. Tournaments will begin in the spring of 2021 probably March or April

## NEW IN THIS EDITION

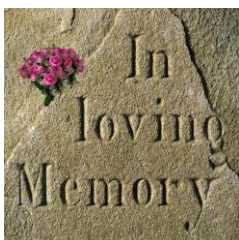
- Big Sir Greeting
- (Read it – lot's of new stuff)
- Nov. 2020 Birthdays & Anniversaries
- Nov. Calendar
- Oct. BEC Minutes
- Sir Travel Opportunities
- SIR Website
- Memoriam
- Oct. BEC Minutes

## SIR MEETING DATES & SPEAKERS 2020



**Editor's note:** At this time, all of this, except where noted, is on hold due to the pandemic. However, when the "all clear" notice comes, most of the speakers will be available and can be booked into our remaining luncheons and also our 2021 luncheons.

Date	Function	Speaker	Organization	Topic
1/16/2020	Branch Luncheon	Roger Speed	Stop S.J. Suicide	Suicide
2/20/2020	Branch Luncheon	Tod Ruse	Sheriff Dept. Historian	S.J. Dept History
6/15/2020	BEC Meeting	<b>Canceled</b>		
6/18/2020	Branch Luncheon	Stan Dennison	Clear Captions	<b>Canceled</b>
7/13/2020	BEC Meeting	<b>Completed</b>		
7/16/2020	Branch Luncheon	Mike Lella	Italian Dad in German Army/ Book	<b>Canceled</b>
8/17/2020	BEC Meeting	<b>Completed</b>		
8/20/2020	Branch Luncheon -	Sheriff Winthro	Sheriff Dept Update	<b>Canceled</b>
9/14/2020	BEC Meeting	<b>Canceled</b>		
9/17/2020	Branch Luncheon	Suzanne Shultz	D.A. Office Senior Fraud	<b>Canceled</b>
10/19/2020	BEC Meeting	<b>Completed</b>		
10/15/2020	Branch Luncheon	<b>Canceled</b>		
11/16/2020	BEC Meeting	<b>Scheduled</b>		
11/19/2020	Branch Luncheon	<b>Scheduled</b>	yea! Speaker Mike Lella, See page 7 for write up	
12/03/2020	Christmas Luncheon	<b>Scheduled</b>	Lincoln High Choir?	



### *In Memoriam*

Sadly we must report the passing of Sir William "Bill" Smith on September 2, 2020. Bill was 98 years old and a longtime member of Branch 46 having joined in 2010. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to the family and friends of Bill at this sad time in their lives.



**“Branch 46 Exec/Board Meeting at Nellman Residence”**

**Photos by John Bayley & John Doisy**



## **YOUR LEADERS AT WORK!!**

**Branch 46 Exec. Board Meeting at Nellman Residence**

### **Important Notices to Members**

1. We need money! Read the Big Sir Greeting. Each member is requested to donate at least \$10. We need this mainly for our November luncheon expenses and our quarterly State SIR assessment. Please get your donation to John Doisy as soon as possible.
2. We need your vote! As you know, our 2020 Officers and Chairmen have all volunteered to serve another year for 2021, and the candidate slate must be approved by December. John Bayley has sent out E-mail to all members requesting either a “Yes” or a “No” vote, and out of 80 members, only 21 have responded. John has made it very easy to reply to the Email. Just type in a “Yes” or “No” on the face of the E-mail and hit the “Reply” key. We need at least 41 “Yes” votes for approval.
3. Plan on attending the November 19 Luncheon at Elkhorn and also the December 3 Christmas Party, also at Elkhorn. You can purchase tickets to the Christmas affair at the November luncheon.



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



As usual, we are including Bill Bromiley’s monthly newsletter – this time for October. There are 13 technical articles, and we’re providing info on some that we found interesting. For the complete writeup on these or any of the others, logon to our branch website (web address listed above) and click on the Computer link. You can access the link by using the Cntrl Click method; however, sometimes this doesn’t work and you may have to copy the long link and then paste it into your browser.

**1. Race for Coronavirus Vaccine Pits Spy Against Spy** Intelligence services of Russia, China and Iran are working to steal vaccine development techniques and data from pharmaceutical companies, universities and government health focused agencies in the U.S., Britain and Canada. Details of this spy drama are in the New York Times article

at the link. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/05/us/politics/coronavirus-vaccine-espionage.html?referringSource=articleShare>

**5. Brace for Pandemic Plus Holiday On-line Shopping Volume**

We are in a global pandemic and the holiday shopping season is already starting. The volume of on-line shopping is increasing simply because it continues to be a very popular method of purchasing millions of items. Purchasing of everything has moved on-line as individual stores, shopping centers and shopping malls have reduced their operations and even closed. Shoppers have changed the way they shop to avoid crowds and stay at home. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/16/technology/holiday-shopping.html>

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR BRANCH 46**

**November 2020**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	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					

- Nov. 1 Daylight Savings Time (Fall back)
- Nov. 2 All Soul’s Day
- Nov. 3 U.S. General Election
- Nov. 4 Check your Blood Pressure Day
- Nov. 5 Men Make Dinner Day  
(check your blood pressure again)
- Nov. 11 Veteran’s Day
- Nov. 13 Friday 13
- Nov. 15 Clean your Refrigerator Day
- Nov. 17 World Peace Day
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day

## SONS IN RETIREMENT PORT OF STOCKTON BRANCH NO. 46

### November 2020 BIRTHDAYS

Vaughn PIPES 04 Micah TRAHAN 04 Gene CAMPBELL 07  
Bob STEWART 10 Jim MC LEOD 13 Duane FREBERG 17  
Ellis WEEKS 18 Michael MARTIN 21 Frank CLARK 30

### ANNIVERSARIES

Melba and Noel BERBANO 23, 1983  
Janis and Micah TRAYHAN 4, 1960  
Mary and Earl HOVE 07, 1959

#### SIR BRANCH 46

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Dated: 10/19/2020

The B.E.C meeting was held at the house of the Big Sir.

**Attending:** John Bayley, Dave Derksen, Dick Andersen, Glenn Nellman, David Palmer, David Stull, John Doisy, and Mike Sather

A quorum was present and The Big Sir called the meeting to order at 0830.

**Invocation:** Given by David Stull

**Minutes:** There being no revisions to the last meeting minutes, John Bayley moved and Dick Andersen seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion Passed

#### **Big SIR:**

- A. Votes for 2021 Officers. John Bayley noted that we only had 20 votes including all of the officers. He said he would send out a new email asking for a vote. All the members would have to do is reply to the email with a Yay or Nay vote. Hopefully we will get more response.
- B. Donations were discussed as we are running out of money. It was voted on and approved that another email would go out requesting a voluntary \$10 (or more) be sent to Treasurer John Doisy. The Board members donated \$80 at the meeting to get the ball rolling.
- C. Starting the luncheons again was discussed. John Bayley made a motion and Derksen seconded that we start regular monthly luncheons at Elk Horn. Motion Passed. Big Sir will check with Elkhorn on price and dates available. Having the annual Christmas Luncheon was discussed. Dave Derksen made a motion and John Bayley seconded that we plan on having a Christmas Luncheon. Motion Passed
- D. Glenn noted that Jack Lamberty was resigning as the Bulletin Editor. The upcoming bulletin would be his last. David Stull volunteered to take over as Bulletin Editor.
- E. There was a request to discuss a possible merger with the Lodi Chapter. Discussion followed. The suggestion was tabled until after the first of the first of the year and we see how the November and Christmas luncheons go.

**Little SIR Report:** Mike Sather would need to find a speaker for the November Luncheon.

**Treasurers Report:** John Doisy handed out the treasurer's report. There was no income and only one expenditure and that was for the bulletin. Ending balance is \$575.69. He said that a major expense coming up was putting out the annual member listing booklet. Since it has places in the back to add new members, it was decided that we would not put out a new one but send out updates to all members who could then added them to the 2020 Booklet

There being no further **Old Business** or New **Business:** The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, John Bayley, Secretary

# November Luncheon Speaker

Our speaker for the November Luncheon will be Mike Lella who will talk about his father's life during World War II as a spy for the Allies in Italy. His life has been documented in a book called Beneath the Scarlet Sky. Pino Lella was just 17 when he began helping Jewish people in Italy escape to Switzerland. At 18 his parents forced him to join the German Army, a move they thought would keep him out of combat. After an injury, he ended up driving one of the top-ranking German Generals around Italy where he was able to continue his underground activities.



## TRAVEL



### *SIR Travel Opportunities October 2020 (Rec'd October 5)*

**Feb 8-23/2021 Panama Canal aboard Emerald Princess:** Board in San Francisco, Air from Fort Lauderdale, FL Home pickup Pre Trip Orientation. Ports of Call Cabo San Lucas, Jan Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, Puntarenas, Costa Rica, Fuerte Amador, Panama and Cartagena. Colombia. Price range from \$3335 Interior to \$4170 Balcony DO. SO slightly higher. For additional information contact contact Roy Newman #45 530 755-3713 [roy.newman@comcast.net](mailto:roy.newman@comcast.net) or Talbot Tours 800 662-9933 [info@talbottours.com](mailto:info@talbottours.com)

**April 22-May9/2021 Adriatic and Aegean Princes Cruise:** 14 day cruise. Ports of call, Italy, Greece, Sicily, Turkey and Spain. Sailing from Rome to Barcelona. Includes, if booked by 2/25/2020. Premier Beverage Package, Unlimited Wi-Fi , Pre-Paid Gratuities and One night Pre & Post Cruise night Hotel Stay. Price range from \$4450 Interior to \$5750 Mini Suite Per-Person DO. For additional information contact Bill Stires 209 544-2684 or cell 209 998-5445 or [bstires46@gmail.com](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com)

**May 2-10/2021 Columbia River Cruise: Aboard the American Empress.**

7 night cruise from Clarkston, WA to Vancouver, WA. Includes Home pick up, R/T Air Pre-cruise stay in Spokane WA (includes Breakfast) Complimentary shore excursion, plus beer and wine with dinners. Price range \$4170 to \$4565 DO. \$6245 to \$6840 SO For Additional Information contact John Pletsch #32 [jeplet@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeplet@sbcglobal.net)

**July 11-19, 2021 Canadian Rockies by Train:** Featuring the Calgary Stampede, Banff, Lake Louise, Athabasca Glacier and Vancouver BC. Includes 7 Breakfast, 1 Lunch and 4 Dinners. R/T air from SFO. Travel by Collette. Cost \$6880 DO, SO slightly higher. For additional information contact Bill Rodman #38 408 274-4521 [brodman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brodman@sbcglobal.net) or Alan Patmore 408 867-4197 [alan-patmore@earthlink.net](mailto:alan-patmore@earthlink.net)

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 to Tom Molinari State Travel Chairman [stmolinari55@gmail.com](mailto:stmolinari55@gmail.com) or 707 762-1880 1243 Santa Ines Way- Petaluma, CA 94954