



## 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: CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON December 6th THURSDAY 12:00 NOON**

### **BIG SIR GREETING DECEMBER 2018**

We had a great meeting in November and Paul Wagner did a great, informative job telling us about the Lions Club International and their eyeglass program throughout the world. We can breathe again and say Thanks for two fine men to step forward and volunteer for the position of Big Sir and Little Sir. Mike Sather who has been a CPA, now retired, is our 2019 Big Sir, and Glenn Nellman, a retired Sheriff's Sergeant is our Little SIR. When you see and meet them at our Xmas Luncheon, please thank them and congratulate them for stepping forward. We now have a full operating roster as some of our Executive Board volunteered to work in some of the committee spots. Our Xmas luncheon with the entertainment of the Lincoln High School Choir again this year is going to be a success. We already have more signed up than we had last year. What a wonderful program! Glenn, our 2019 Little Sir, is already working on some great speakers for next year and it looks exciting. We were honored at our November luncheon to present the State Presidents' certificate to Jim McLeod and Vaughn Pipes for attaining the ripe age of 90. Congratulations again! We have openings for players in our coed Bridge group. Even if you are single, we will find you a partner or you can bring one. Contact Dick Anderson or me. Also, we have



openings in our golfing group, either the 9 hole (Abe Mackey) or 18 hole (John Stevens). If you want to start another activity or program, (poker, pinochle, sewing club) let us know and we will advertise it for you and see what you get. We can open these up to your friends and neighbors, who can become members. We have again contracted with Elkhorn for our food and meeting and are looking for another successful year. Many thanks and a lot of appreciation for the persons that worked with me to make it a great year. God Bless you all and especially them. Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.  
Dave E. Derksen Sr.      **Big Sir 2018**



### **NEW IN THIS EDITION**

- --Big Sir Greetings
- --November Birthdays, etc.
- --November Luncheon
- --December Calendar
- --Good News – Read this!
- --In Memoriam
- --Christmas Luncheon Info
- --Website



# Important Dates

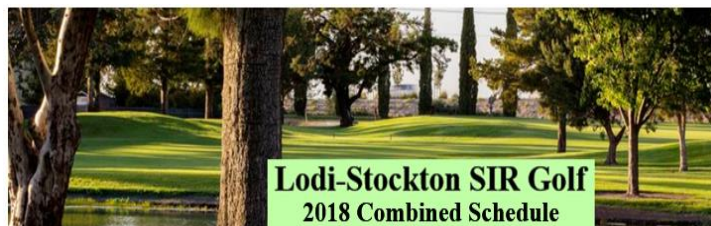
## For Branch 46 – December 2018

- --Dec. 6 Christmas Luncheon
- --Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- --Dec. 9 Christmas Card Day
- --Dec. 12 Poinsettia Day
- --Dec. 21 Shortest Day of Year
- --Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- --Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

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## STATE SIR HAPPENINGS

The November issue of the State SIR quarterly newsletter is out and can be brought up by clicking on the State link: <http://www.sir.org>, then click on the "SIR HAPPENINGS" icon, then on "HAPPENINGS Nov. 18". This is recommended reading for all Branch members. It is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SIR organization and the current issue contains articles on the State annual meeting, entertainment, and lots of news from various branches throughout the State. On page 3 there is a very interesting writeup about a 100-year old member from Branch 32 in Saratoga who is still going strong.



18 hole golf had a great season. Those interested in helping by running a tournament or two next year please let me know. We will be meeting in the next month or so to set up the schedule for next year. Our first tournament will be in February. The NCGA Dues are now due. The renewal amount is \$45. A check should be sent to: Bill Rutherford, 1067 1st Avenue, Walnut Grove, 95690.

Any of you who have not been involved with 18 hole golf, but would like to be, call me (470-2521), and I will help you get involved. We all have a good time.

You are not required nor expected to play in every tournament. You may pick and choose which ones to participate in.

John Stevens

## In Memoriam



Sadly, we must report the passing of Sir Howard Stokes on October 28. Howard had been a member of

Branch 46 for over 8 years. Howard was a WWII veteran and a survivor of the Battle of Okinawa. He was also an outstanding track star at Lodi High and UOP (COP). In one year, he held the fastest time in the nation for the 200M low hurdles. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to the family and friends of Howard at this sad time in their lives.

**Editor's Note: I was on the Stockton High track team, and it was always a pleasure to watch Howard run (and win) whenever we competed with Lodi.**

# GOOD NEWS!



## We've Been Saved!!

Thanks to a lot of knights in shining armor, we now have a complete slate of officers and directors for 2019.



### Officers

**Big Sir:** Mike Sather

**Little Sir:** Glen Nellman

**Secretary:** John Bayley

**Treasurer:** John Doisy

**Asst. Secretary:** John Stevens

**Asst. Treasurer:** Bob Stewart

### Directors

**2017 to 2019**

Ron Korock, Bill Halboth

**2018 to 2020**

Pete Lepisto, Dave Palmer

**2019 to 2021**

Jack Lamberty, Dave Derksen

***Merry Christmas to all!***

# NOVEMBER LUNCHEON HAPPENINGS

Our November Luncheon speaker was 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. The activity is called "Lions in Sight" and involves collecting used eye glasses in the California-Nevada area, processing them, and then distributing them to the communities south of the border.

The glasses go through several phases of preparation before being shipped out. This mainly involves determining the prescription of each set of lenses, labeling, and then packaging in accordance with the prescription. This is done with an optical camera device that can quickly scan a lens and determine the prescription. Paul showed photos of hundreds of boxes of these labeled lenses ready for shipping by boat to various locations.

Lions currently have clinics in 8 countries which are actually workshops with physicians, optometrists, and medical personnel. He showed photos of several locations where hundreds of people were lined up waiting to be examined. These workshops are able to handle up to 1200 people in one day.

Big Sir Dave Derksen announced that we now have full slate of Officers and Directors for 2019. He read off the names of the nominees which were then approved by all present. A listing of the 2019 officers and directors is presented on the "Good News" page in this edition.

Senior certificates were presented to Jim McCleod and Vaughn Pipes.

Photos of these two gentlemen managed to disappear and will be shown (hopefully) in the January edition. This serves to emphasize the fact that Branch 46 is in dire need of an official branch photographer.





**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.

**Travel** – The complete travel listing provided monthly by Sir State is listed on the website. Just go the website and click on “Travel”. Travel opportunities extend from December 2018 to early 2020 including two new listings for (1) Shakespeare Festival in Oregon, June, 2019 and (2) an Alaskan cruise-September 2019. These are marked “NEW” in red.

**Computer Link**- There are 18 write-ups in the Computer Newsletter this month. While all are interesting, we found one that is recommended reading for military veterans. Number 5 is about discounts available to military veterans. While this is actually a commercial advertisement by a company called “Veterans Discounts”, it also provides lists of companies and stores that provide discounts to veterans for clothing, hardware, restaurants, services, and so on. Supposedly all you have to do is show some type of military ID such as your veterans card. Just go to the website and click on **Computer**.

**DECEMBER 2018 BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

SIR BRANCH 46 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – RON KOROCK

**OUR 2018 BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO...**

John BAYLEY	Frank RUBINO	Don YERIAN
Walter NICHOLS	Art KINNEY	John MENDONCA
Elvin TYLER	Mike SATHER	Jim PICKERING

**OUR BEST WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING SIRS AND THEIR WIVES ON THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ...**

Janet & Paul WAGNER	married	December 31, 1995
Janet & Greg YOUNG	married	December 03, 1994
Elfie & Jim BROADWATER	married	December 08, 1973
Susan & Mike SATHER	married	December 27, 1969

**and to those SIRS married 50 or more years ...**

Rachel & Frank MARTINEZ	married	December 13, 1964
Elaine & Bill WERNER	married	December 15, 1962

**and very special greetings to two couples married more than 60 years ...**

Shirley & Ellis WEEKS	married	December 21, 1957
Mava & Fayne WOLFORD	married	December 23, 1954

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**Membership: 78 Active members, 15 Inactive      November Meeting Attendance: 50 = 64%**



## **A GENTLE REMINDER!!**



## **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON!**

**Dec. 6, 12:00 @Elkhorn**

**No tickets? No Problem!!**

**Pay at the Party**

**Just let us know ahead of time**

**How many? Tri-Tips or Ham?**

**Please notify Ron Korock by November 30. 951-4759**

### **HERE'S WHAT YOU'RE MISSING IF YOU DON'T COME:**

- 1. Gift Exchange – bring a gift if you wish to participate**
- 2. New Officer & Director Installation.**
- 3. Lincoln High School Choir at 12:00**
- 4. Luncheon at 12:30**
- 5. Big "R" (\$)**

**(Events not in order)**



## *SIR Travel Opportunities Nov. 2018 (Rec'd 11/2)*

**Sept 5-18, 2019 Tuscany & Rome Italy:** Visit Montecatini, Florence, Lucca, Pisa, Siena, San Gimignano and Rome. Attend 2 cooking classes, cheese farm and Roma sites. Includes 12 Breakfast, 1 Lunch and 5 Dinners Plus R/T Air, Motorcoach and Boat. Price \$6218 DO-\$7318 SO - \$6158 Triple O. For additional information, contact Bill Britton 925 443-9913 [bill.britton@comcast.net](mailto:bill.britton@comcast.net) Trip provided by Collette NEW

**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](mailto: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](mailto:brodman@sbcglobal.net)

**Oct 18-25, 2019 Niagara Falls & Grand Hotel:** Includes home pick up, round trip airfare to Detroit, 7 nights accommodations, deluxe motorcoach, 13 meals, admission fees as noted, baggage handling. From scenic drives, museums, the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, horse drawn carriage rides, and magical Niagara Falls. Highlights include greenfield village, Henry Ford Museum, Mackinac Island, Mighty Mac suspension bridge, city tour by horse drawn carriage around Mackinac Island, Floral Clock, whirlpool Rapids, Table Rock, Maid of the Mist Cruise. Cost \$3335 per person includes roundtrip airfare. Larry Yarberry 925 890-9245 [l.yarberry42@comcast.net](mailto:l.yarberry42@comcast.net)

**Oct 20 to 27, 2019 Princess Cruise Pacific Northwest 7 Day-R/T San Francisco** Ports of call, Astoria, Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria, Price 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](mailto: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.co

**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](mailto:baldeagle@volcano.net) or Tom Rushing 209-772-3485 [bevrushing@aol.com](mailto:bevrushing@aol.com)

**Aug 29-Sept 9, 2020 Top of Switzerland with Oberammergau:** 11 day tour form 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](mailto:wsmp101130@sbcglobal.net) or Alamo World Travel 848 874-7800

**Sept 14-26, 2020 Imperial Splendors and Oberammergau:**, Tour includes Home pickup, round trip airfare, professional tour manager, 19 meals, 11 nights first-class hotel sland transportation via private deluxe coach, admission to all activities indicated. Tour highlights: Munich welcome dinner, visit the famous Hofbrauhaus, Prague Guided sightseeing Hradcany Castle , Bratislava the capital of Slovakia, Budapest guided sightseeing, Danube cruise, Salzburg guided walking tour and special dinner at St. Peter Stiftskeller restaurant, Oberammergau Passion Play. Cost \$6,267 includes estimated airfare. Larry Yarberry 925 890-9245 [l.yarberry42@comcast.net](mailto:l.yarberry42@comcast.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**  
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