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60th Anniversary—Sons in Retirement Annual Meeting: Business, Entertainment, Dinners 177 Member Participants + Wives



More Photos From The Annual Meeting



Photos Submitted by Sir Lee Moy

News from the Branches

Celebration in Saratoga Branch 32



Anthony Sylvester Ridolfo was born October 27, 1918 in Montclair, New Jersey to Rosalia Mascera Ridolfo & Sylvestro Ridolfo. They were both born in Cerami, Provence of Enna, Sicily. She immigrated to the US in 1909. He had emigrated earlier.

As a young boy he liked to play marbles. He was the champion marble player of his neighborhood, starting with 4 or 5 marbles and ending up with 1,000 or more, some of which were worth \$1.00 - this during the depression years. He was also an enthusiastic stamp collector and knew the history and value of each stamp.

His Uncle Sam gave him his first set of golf clubs. Tony confessed to his son Tom that he would try to hit golf balls through the open kitchen window of the neighbor's house. Imagine finding a "white meat ball" in the spaghetti sauce. For longer shots, he would try to hit balls onto the roof of the church. Wonder if he disclosed this to the priest when he went to confession?

He attended Montclair High School where he lettered in golf. He was a good student, especially in science despite once demonstrating how not to put out a chemical fire with water – the phosphorous based chemical mixture exploded and blew out the windows in the science room. He also tried to make nitroglycerine and dropped the bottle into a creek but, fortunately, it didn't explode!

He attended Rutgers University, earning a BS. Tony and his wife, V C, met at Ohio State University. Tony was in the College of Pharmacy working on his PhD and VC was working on her BS in Bacteriology. They would take breaks at the same time and would see each other in the stair well between the floors of the science building. They enjoyed talking to each other and became friends. In September of 1942, the Dean of the OSU School of Pharmacy asked Tony if he would be willing to go to the University of Toledo to teach pharmacy, as they were in dire need of teachers due to the war. Tony said yes. He told VC that he had an opportunity to teach at Toledo, and he asked her to marry him. She said yes, they went to the Justice of Peace on Saturday morning, got married, packed their bags, took the train to Toledo, and Tony started work on Monday.

Barely a year later he enlisted in the Navy and spent a couple of years on a destroyer escort in the South Pacific. After the war he and VC returned to Columbus, Ohio, so that he could complete his doctorate in pharmacy. Using the GI Bill, he was accepted into the OSU School of Medicine in 1950. Graduating in 1954, the family moved to Speedway, IN, where he finished his residency and joined Eli Lilly & Company doing clinical research. His research focus was mainly with diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis. He had well over fifty publications during his career.

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In 2005 he and VC came to visit their son Tony and wife Sue for the winter – and they never left! He joined SIR, playing golf and going to the luncheons. He hasn't played in 10 years, stopping shortly after getting his 2nd hole in one at 90. He still goes to the YMCA twice a week for swim exercises and bridge, and, of course, the monthly SIR luncheons.

Happy 100th Tony!

Another HLM—Arnold Branch 152



Left to Right: President Southern, Tom Jones HLM recipient, and Jim Walton Big Sir

On August 21st Arnold Branch 152 held its Regular Lunch Meeting with a special twist, having our State President Derek Southern visiting for a second time this year to present Sir Thomas (Tom) C. Jones with an Honorary Life Membership.

Tom joined Arnold SIR in 2000 and has been an active member ever since. Tom served as Secretary in 2003; Historian in 2008; Little Sir in 2004 and 2010; Big Sir in 2005 and 2011; and has filled in on our Board Executive Committee when officers have been unable to attend. He has also served on our Auditing Committee numerous times.

Efforts by active members like Tom have spurred Arnold SIR Branch 152 to a 46% membership increase in the last 21 months.

News from the Branches



Branch 5, Southern Peninsula

Hello,

I think you will enjoy the cake we had at our June 27 Membership Meeting to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of SIR (June 23, 1958.) We all sang "Happy Birthday to SIR."

Ken Newton, Area 13 Governor, was also with us and presented 3 Senior Sir Certificates.

See you at the 60th Anniversary Annual Meeting.

Foster Kinney

Big Sir

Branch 5, Southern Peninsula

From Blu Yonder Branch 127—Carmichael

MEXICOS BEGUILING MARGARITA

Knowing cats currently are greatly intrigued with the hallucinatory experiences following ingestion of various Mexican plant preparations, such as mescaline. The experience is exciting -there are visions. It has illegal overtones. It is historical - the Huichol & Tarahumara Indians of Mexico hopped up into a fertility dance with quite a bit of zing which was largely contributed by the juice of mescal buttons. If, as is possible, you are allergic to cops and dancing around in feathers to make a point with your date, there is always the quite standard procedure of visiting your liquorstore and buying a bottle of redistilled mescal, otherwise known as tequila.

In Mexico, the time honored way to down tequila is to first put a pinch of salt on your tongue (or lick it off the back of your left hand), then gulp a solid shot of tequila all in one motion and wash it down by taking a healthy suck on a lime. A suaver system of intake is known as the MARGARITA. Sometimes it is made with lemon, salt, triple sec and tequila. But our formula comes from Manhattans golden home of Mexican preparation - the famous La Fonda del Sol restaurant. At the La Fonda del Sol they mix it, si:

One and one half ounces Tequila, a strong dash of Cointreau, juice of one half lemon. Mix. Prepare the glass be rubbing the rim with the rind of a lime, then dip the rim in coarsesalt and spin. Shake drink mixture in too much ice, pour, sip reverently.

Branch 160, Lake Tahoe



Visit the SIR Website at sirinc.org and read "SIR HAPPENINGS"—the SIR State Newsletter. Plus, in living color, BRANCH 160 (Lake Tahoe Branch) newsletters on our Website.

<http://branch160.sirinc2.org>

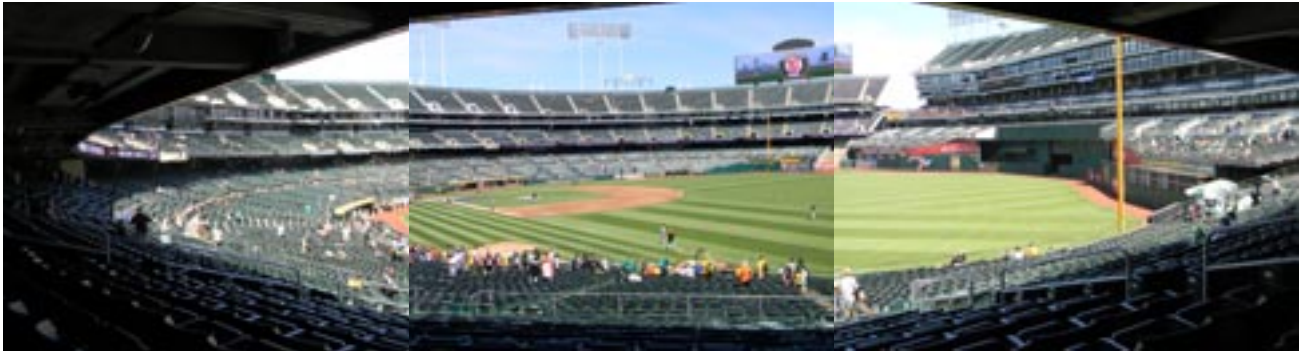


Richard Pike, right, could do no wrong and fired a gross 72 and net 64 at Dayton Valley Golf Course. He is our 2018 SIR Branch 160 Golf Champion. His prize was our perpetual championship trophy and "dinner for two".

Presented by our Golf Chairman Sig Heidemann.

News from the Branches

SIR Day at the Oakland Coliseum San Francisco Giants vs Oakland A's



SIR Branch 159
Fresno Members traveling
to the Oakland Coliseum.
Sir Lee Moy, State SIR Sports

News from the Branches



Annual SIR Day at the Ball Park A's 6 vs Giants 5-10 innings



News from the Branches



The many happy SIR members at the game. The temperature was in the 70 degrees, shaded area, free beer on hand, autographs and gem plays on the field.

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News from the Branches

Take Me Out To The Ball Game by Lee Moy

On July 22 several SIR Branch 159 members joined 40+ Sirs from Northern California. We were treated to a most entertaining game.

At stake was the inaugural Bay Bridge series trophy and title. Bragging rights. The Oakland A's were hosting the cross-bay San Francisco Giants.

Our local membership had a very relaxing Amtrak train ride. Amtrak does provide direct drop off at the Coliseum for an additional fee.

The first 20K received a free Rickey Henderson Bobble-Legs bobblehead. Henderson tossed the celebrity first pitch.

During warm-ups I was able to get an autograph from SF Giants reliever Sam Dyson. He affixed it to the bill of my SIR cap!

Newly-acquired Jeurys Familia (NY Mets All-star, 2016) got the win as the A's down the Giants 6-5 in extra innings. Marcus Semien scored from second on Matt Chapman's infield chopper that was mishandled by Brandon Crawford.

A's Khris Davis and Matt Olsen went yard twice before a third consecutive sell-out crowd. Andrew McCutchen went deep once. Pablo Sandoval pinch-hit started a Giants' rally in the fourth.

Next year State SIR Sports is planning to make this an annual event at the Coliseum. We had seats in the shade; in a lower box seat section. Due to "dynamic pricing" ticket prices for the same seat went for \$30 more. **(Photos on previous pages)**

Lake Of The Pines —Branch 170 July Couples Luncheon





The 2018 SIR State Championship and Open Individual Play (The US Open of SIR Golf, Seven Flights)

State Championship

1. 70 Divisional Qualifiers will play on November 14th for the SIR State Championship in seven flights!
2. Green Fees and Cart will be paid by the State Golf Committee.
3. In addition to the winners of each flight getting their beautiful jackets, we will have a voluntary \$20 Buy In for prize money for the 70 Division qualifiers. A \$1,400 prize fund if we have a 100% Buy-In.

Open Play

1. When & Where: Nov 13th & 14th at Seaside CA, Bayonet Course.
2. Two days of open play tournaments, 140 positions on November 13th, and 70 positions on November 14th. Thousands of dollars of prize money. You can play both days if you get your application in soon enough!
3. Approximately 24 positions will be reserved on Day 1 for women to play in their own special tournament. We want to encourage your spouses and significant others to play in our destination events.
4. Applications for men and women are posted on our website.

Why not get a group together and enjoy the Seaside, Carmel, Monterey, Pebble Beach area at the most magnificent time of the year.

For questions about the tournament you may contact **JERRY** at one of the following options:

Phone: (209)551-8220; or Email: sirjerry42@gmail.com

News from the Branches

Travel -Branch 103, Stanislaus

By Bill Stires

PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

January 30-February 15, 2019

\$3525 to \$4550 P/P dble.

Ports of call: Day 1 Pre-Cruise Night in Fort Lauderdale Day 2-3-4 Board the Coral Princess and 2 days at sea Day 5 Cartagena, Columbia Day 6 Cruise the Panal Canal Day 7 Fuerte Amador Day 8 At Sea Day 9 Puntarenas, Costa Rica Day 10 San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua Day 11-13 At Sea Day 14 Cabo San Lucas, Mexico Day 15-16 At Sea Day 17 Arrive in San Francisco for the trip home Fly to Fort Lauderdale and sail back to San Francisco.

LAND TOUR OF DENALI CRUISE OF ALASKA

AUG.23-SEPT. 3, 2019

Cruise on the Crystal Symphony (848 passengers). All inclusive, all transportation, hotels, all beverages, free Wi-Fi, pre-paid gratuities, enrichment classes and more. Shore excursions are not included.

4 day land tour of Denali and 8 day cruise of Alaska (Anchorage to Vancouver) Cruising the Inside Passage and Tracy Arms.

Prices \$5350 to \$6525 per person. \$300 per person discount at time of presentation, \$125 discount if paid by check, save 2.5% of cruise fare if paid by February 15, 2019.

FUTURE TRIP

Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Stay in Oberammergan, Germany for the Passion Play (only per-

formed once every 10 years). August 29-Sept. 9, 2020.

The play is a staging of Jesus' passion, covering the short final period of his life from his visit to Jerusalem and leading to his execution by crucifixion.

Price: Approximately \$5700 per person. Air Fare to be determined in Oct. 2019.

Price includes all transportation, hotels, gratuities for tour manager, and more. \$500.00 deposit per person holds spot. Final payment not due until March 1, 2020

All the reservation forms are available on the SIR Area 22 website for printing:

<http://sirinc2.org/branch144/travel>

Note that friends, neighbors, family, etc. can go on these trips. they do not need to be SIR members to enjoy the trips.

Contact Bill Stires for detailed Flyers and Applications for all SIR travel at 544-2684. Mail to Bill at 241B Leveland Lane, Modesto, CA 95350. bstires46@gmail.com

Travelers are urged to carry with them an up to date list of their medications.

Branch 103 Website

The Branch 103 Website can be found at www.sirinc2.org/branch103

Publication Deadline for Future Issues

SIR Happenings will be published Quarterly in the future.

Deadline for future issues will be:

- January 15 for the February Issue
- April 15 for the May Issue
- July 15 for the August Issue
- October 15 for the November Issue

News from the Branches

Men vs. Women Humor & More—SIR Branch 98/Roseville

*Bookseller conducting a market survey asked a woman,

“Which book has helped you most in your life?”

The woman replied, “My husband’s check book!!”

* A prospective husband in a book store “Do you have a book called Husband – the Master of the House?”

Sales girl: “Sir, fiction and comics are on the 1st floor!”

* Someone asked an old man: “Even after 70 years, you still call your wife – darling, honey, luv. What’s the secret?”

Old man: “I forgot her name and I’m scared to ask her.”

* Pharmacist to customer: “Sir, please understand, to buy an anti-depression pill you need a proper prescription ...

Simply showing marriage certificate and wife’s picture is not enough !

* There are 3 kinds of men in this world. Some remain single and make wonders happen. Some have girlfriends and see wonders happen Rest get married and wonder what happened!

***COOL MESSAGE BY A WIFE:** Dear Mother-in-law, Don't teach me how to handle my children. I am living with one of yours and he needs a lot of improvement!?

* When a married man says, I WILL THINK ABOUT IT - what he really means is that he doesn't know his wife's opinion yet.

for dinner?!

* A lady says to her doctor: "My husband has a habit of talking in his sleep! What should I give him to cure it?"

The doctor replies: "Give him an opportunity to speak when he’s awake”.

Two Sisters & Da Bull



Two sisters, one blond and one brunette, inherit the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble....

In order to keep the bank from repossessing the ranch, they need to purchase a bull so that they can breed their own stock.

Upon leaving with \$600, the brunette tells her sister, “When I get there, if I decide to buy the bull, I’ll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home.”

The brunette arrives at the man's ranch, inspects the bull, and decides she wants to buy it. The man tells her that he will sell it for \$599, no less. After paying him, she drives to the nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news.

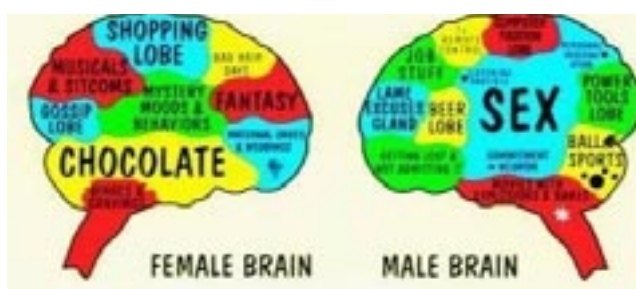
She walks into the telegraph office, and says, “I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I’ve bought a bull for our ranch and I need her to hitch the trailer to our pickup truck and drive out here so we can haul it home.”

The telegraph operator explains that he’ll be glad to help her, then adds, it will cost 99 cents a word. Well, after paying for the bull, the brunette realizes, with only \$1 in her purse, that she’ll only be able to send her sister one word.

After a few minutes of thinking, she nods and says, “I want you to send her the word “comfortable.”

The operator shakes his head. 'How is she ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to your pickup truck and drive out here to haul that bull back to your ranch if you send her just the word comfortable?'

The brunette explains, “My sister's blonde. The word is big. She'll read it very slowly.. ”
“com-for-da-bul”.



Health & Welfare

THINGS EVERY HOMEOWNER MUST KNOW

“DIY is partly about know how. But sometimes, being in the know is even more important. Knowing the right materials to choose, remembering a clever trick or understanding the cause of a problem can make all the difference and probably save you money. Here are a few favorite tidbits of knowledge, picked up over 30+ years of home ownership, maintenance and improvement that might help.” So says Gary Wentz, Editor in-chief of “**THE FAMILY HANDYMAN**”

- 1) **Common leak, Easy fix.** Most plumbing valves —like shutoffs under your sink or outdoor faucets— Have a packing nut and a packing washer. And sooner or later, they’ll leak. In most cases, the fix is simple: just tighten the packing nut. If that doesn’t work, remove the packing nut (after you turn off the water) and remove the washer. Take it to your home center and get a replacement, they should have a match.
- 2) **Stay Safe on the Roof.** Weather you’re reroofing or just cleaning gutters, a roof harness can prevent serious injury. You can get a complete kit for less than \$150 online.
- 3) **Don’t Squish ANTS.** The easiest way to wipe out an in-house ant colony is to set out ant bait. The ants will crawl across the floor and carry the toxic treats back to the colony. Let them help you.
- 4) **Oil Poly vs Water-based.** Neither is better than the other, however, Oil can be put on thicker than water-based. Oil dries slower, has a yellowish look and fills the air with nasty fumes. Water-based cleans up with soap & water, is colorless and goes on easier.
- 5) **Make Paint Last.** Here is the most common peeling scenario for exterior paint: over time, paint develops cracks allowing moisture to get behind the paint which weakens the paint’s bond causing peeling. If left alone, that process spreads & accelerates. But you can avoid that by touching up the cracks every year. Paint spots that don’t look bad yet may seem like a waste of time, but it will save you major work later.
- 6) **Avoid Squeeze-Tube Caulk.** Caulk is available in tubes that require a caulk gun and in squeeze tubes like the ones for toothpaste. When neatness counts, go with the gun, which allows better control on both placement & flow.
- 7) **Solid Cord Connection.** A knot keeps the ends of your cords from pulling apart as you drag the cords around.
- 8) **Bargain Power Tools.** You can find online several sources of “reconditioned” tools, sometimes at excellent prices. People that have tried them including professionals report having NO bad experiences, so give it a try.
- 9) **Spend more on Painter’s Tape.** When buying masking tape, let the price be your guide. More expensive tapes block paint better & release easier without damaging surfaces. You might save \$3 on cheap tape, but you’ll regret the purchase.
- 10) **An Extinguisher Can Save Your Home.** A fire extinguisher can mean the difference between a minor fire and total destruction. Experts recommend that you have one on each level of your home. I have one under the kitchen sink and one in the garage. Just remember that household extinguishers are meant for small fires. With a larger fire or fast-spreading fire, forget the extinguisher and call 911/
- 11) **Replace Washer Hoses.** Washing machine hoses that leak or even burst are a common cause of water damage. Some insurance companies offer a discount of up to 10% on your premiums if you replace the rubber hoses on your washing machine with no-burst stainless steel hoses. In 10 minutes you could save five times the cost of the hoses on your next bill. But this is a smart move even if your insurance doesn’t offer a discount.
- 12) **Many Locks, One Key.** At most home centers, you can buy “keyed alike” locks in pairs, but what if you want three? Just look for a “key code” sticker on the package. The same code number means the same key. You can also rekey locks yourself. To see how, search for “rekey” at familyhandyman.com.



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For More things Homeowners Must Know visit www.familyhandyman.com

News from the Branches

Sir Steve Lauterbach Branch 152, Arnold

“Congratulations are in order for [Steve Lauterbach](#). Steve flew to the heat and humidity of Manchester, Tennessee to participate in “A Race for the Ages” which took place over Labor Day weekend. The race ended at noon on Monday, Labor Day, and participants were given their age in hours to complete the race (i.e., Steve as a 70 year old had 70 hours to complete the race).

So Steve queued up at the starting line 70 hours before noon on Labor Day... 2pm on Friday. He completed 101 miles and was successful in reaching his goal, which was to be awarded the 100 mile belt buckle. This required Steve to log more than 33 miles per day for three consecutive days. To put it in perspective, 101 miles is the driving distance from Dorrington to the Costco outlet in Tracy, and 4 miles shy of 4 complete marathons.

Steve’s training partner and fellow race participant had this to say about the experience: “The extent of mutual support, camaraderie, kindness, humor, empathy, and friendship cannot be completely understood or appreciated by those who do not participate in these events. Overwhelmingly, the most outstanding features of a 3-day race are the spirit of mutual support, the personal challenge of pushing on, and the inexorable fatigue. The mental game of staying focused, retaining a positive outlook, and dealing with the storm clouds in one’s mind is always pervasively there.”

Congratulations



Reeling With Ryniec Branch 152, Arnold

Heenan Lake, a 130 Acre reservoir that feeds the East Carson River drainage, is located on Highway 89 near Monitor Pass at an elevation of about 7500'. The reservoir is controlled by the California Fish & Game Dept for the purpose of propagating the Lahonton Cutthroat trout. The Lahonton Cutthroat is native to the Eastern Sierra Nevada / Utah region known as the ancient Great Lahonton Basin. The F&G has an egg gathering station at Heenan Lake that operates in May to collect and fertilize eggs then transport to Moccasin, Nimbus and Carson River Hatcheries for rearing and planting in the typically alkaline rich waters of the Eastern Sierra. The public is welcome to visit, observe and or help as needed.

Volunteers are welcome.

The best part about Heenan Lake is NOW... The F&G allows limited fishing during September and October. It is weekends only, Catch & Release, barbless hooks and no motorized watercraft. The lake can be busy at this time but also very rewarding for the beautiful location in the mountains with cool mornings, light breezes and fresh mountain air.

We are fly fishing from float tubes and pontoon boats of various makes and models. Some fishers use kayaks and canoes. Typically it’s a 5 weight, 9’6” rod with 5 weight intermediate sinking line, 9 foot leader. We fish this gear with various bug imitations like Copper Johns, Pheasant tails, buggers, etc. The fish range in size from 20” to 27” and are very healthy and can give you a good run for you money. The males are a bright red in the gill plates and mauve sides while the females look more like rainbows... Heenan Lake is close to a “bucket List” item for Fly Fishers.

Tight Lines... Dave Ryniec



Bits and Pieces

Looking For More Activities????

Area 13 has compiled an abundance of SIR Activities in their Directory. The complete directory is now available on the [sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org) website under SIR Branch Websites. There is an Area 13 link in that directory:
http://www.sirinc2.org/area13/Area13Activities_20180920.pdf.

Sir Ed Benson suggested that the extensive activity information be available to everyone, and possibly in the future all Areas will have a list available. Some valuable information from Area 13 follows, but if you follow the link above, you will see a very thorough list of activities that you may want to join. The suggestions listed below might be helpful guidelines for your Area branches in forming a similar directory. Area 16 also has their own website at <https://sirinc2.org/area2/>. That website has links to other branch activities.

1. Introduction.

Together, the SIR Branches of Area 13 offer a cornucopia of activities for members. Each Branch possesses a unique culture and tradition and members contribute their varied backgrounds and experiences. Activities such as Golf and Bocce are common to most, if not all branches and some are offered because members have a unique passion or rich experience that they can share. In some instances, Branches have banded together to share an activity that is either new, does not have the level of interest to be supported by a single branch or connects Sirs with a shared passion for something like Wine. This guide is intended to make it easier for Sirs to take advantage of activities offered by other branches.



3. Activities That Are Currently Inactive

Often activities become popular because of the energy of



one or two people and others are attracted by their passion. When the “champion” moves on, or simply tires of investing the time and energy needed for a successful activity there is often no one left to carry the torch and interest withers. Branch 4 was blessed with a Sir who possessed a passion for cars of any type, especially classics and his passion was contagious. I believe other branches had similar experiences. This doesn't mean a new champion won't appear and revive the activity.

- Classic Cars.
- Pinochle.



4. Joining Another Branch's Activity.

What if you see an activity offered by another branch. In most cases joining their activity involves contacting the activity's chair and signing up. Patience may be required; activities such as Golf often require advance sign-ups so tournaments can be scheduled. One discovery you will make should you attend another branch's activity is that ALL SIR Branches are full of great people! This Directory provides the information you need.

5. What If You Want To Start an Activity?

Start by talking to your Big Sir and see if there are other Sirs who share your interests. He might ask you to write a short newsletter article and to discuss your idea at a monthly meeting. Your Big Sir can also bring your idea to his meetings with other Big Sirs and help generate interest. Monthly updates in your newsletter and at meetings helps a lot. Remember, enthusiasm is contagious! If you want to start an activity that is similar to one another Branch has, you may want to contact the activity's chair and gain the benefit of their experience.

News from the Branches

Traveling The Oregon Coast— Tom Gosswiller, Branch 152, Arnold

If you are inclined to do a little road trip and are headed north, I will give you a few ideas while you travel the Central Oregon Coast. I'll start with Newport, Oregon. Newport sits in almost the center of Oregon's beautiful coastline. Newport is known as the Dungeness Crab Capital of the world. Sport fishermen come to Newport to try their luck at everything from salmon and halibut fishing to crab and clam catching. They have an annual Seafest that is very popular with thousands of people enjoying wine, beer, and seafood. There are many restaurants in Newport but my personal favorites are The Rouge Brewery with its great fish and chips. Sample a few of the fine beers on tap while looking over the Newport marina. Another great restaurant is Local Ocean located at the north end of Bay Boulevard across from the commercial fishing docks. Great food and



fresh fish. Their little fish market inside names the boat that it came off of that day.

There are many stops along the highway 101 as you travel north.

Devil's Punch Bowl is a popular stop for very nice ocean views. Cape Foul Weather is another great stop with stunning views off its high cliffs. One of my favorite pastimes on the Oregon



Coast is whale watching. The town of Depoe Bay is one of the best locations to see whales. Depoe Bay is known as the whale watching capital of the Oregon Coast. Depoe Bay is also home

to the worlds smallest fishing harbor. Just watching the boats come in to the harbor is quite a sight but add in the whales and it is a day of entertainment.

There are great eateries along the three small blocks of ocean front stores. One of the best is Tidal Raves, sitting on the ocean side



with beautiful views and an all glass wall. Reservations are a must for dinner. For old world charm and great food go to Gracie's Sea Hag. It's been a mainstay for over 40 years. Great clam chowder and the combination Louie is always good! The newest place in Depoe Bay is The Horn Public House. They brew their own beer and have a nice selection of food with a view from the second floor. There are many wonderful sights on the Oregon Coast. Enjoy and happy travels!

From The Editor

When to SIR (or Sir)

When I send the SIR Happenings to my awesome Assistant Editor, Sir Fred Gotthardt, the most common issue is the misuse of the salutation Sir, or reference to our organization, SIR. I am Sir Jerry Sabo and not SIR Jerry Sabo. When a individual member of our organization is referenced, they are Sir John Doe or Sirs members such as; all Sirs in attendance enjoyed the luncheon. When we refer to our organization then we should say SIR Branch 59, but not SIRs branch. (no plural). We can say SIR Branches but not SIRs Branches. Unfortunately, many bowling tournament applications instuct the applicant to write a check to SIRS Branch XYZ or SIRs Branch XYZ—should be SIR Branch XYZ.

Please use the correct form of personal salutation, Sir Joe Smith or organizational form SIR Branch X.

Both Sir Fred and Sir Jerry will have a lot less work to do as we edit your input to the SIR Happenings. Unfortunately, I cannot always edit your submissions when they are a part of a graphic.

Thanks,
Sir Jerry Sabo
Editor of SIR Happenings

Bits and Pieces

Branch 170, Lake of the Pines



Our Tournament in September was at Auburn Valley, and we had a large turn out to participate in both a 9-9 & an 18 format. The Winners were: Front 9, 1st Place Ron Wolyn and 3rd Place, Ray Tschirhart.

Back 9, 3rd Place Pat Graham.

18 holes, 2nd Place Daryl Chandler, 3rd Place Ray Tschirhart.

Closest to the Pine on #8 Ron Wolyn 6' 6".

Our October Tournament will be held on October 15th at Apple Mountain.

Our November Tournament, the last for 2018 will be at Black Oak on November 12th.

November 14th is the SIR State Individual Championship. Those that have qualified and will be competing at Bayonet in Monterey: Grego Kosinski, Jim Gunn, Duane Heaton, Tom Wright, Ron Wolyn, Larry Shelley and Peter Voskes.

Reminder to watch this site for up coming SIR Tournaments and their results.

Ray Tschihart will be our 2019 SIR Golf Chairman. Thanks Ray!

Branch 59 Member and Former Area Governor Sir Tom Sherba (Far Right)



“It was a moving experience to witness the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery,” said Sherba. “I’m really glad I went on the Honor Flight. It was patriotic, and gave me hope for the future of this great country.”

The cost for veterans is free, and includes airfare, transportation, food and lodging. Each HFBA includes around 25 Bay Area veterans and their guardians, partner volunteers who attend to the veterans’ needs and pay their own way (around \$1,000).

Honor Flight Bay Area (HFBA), a nonprofit that provides veterans with free trips to tour Washington, D.C., memorials dedicated to their service and the wars in which they fought.

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News from the Branches

LAKE TAHOE BRANCH 160 FOUNDERS DAY

OCTOBER 31, 1990

28 years ago . . . how time flies!

Back in the summer of 1990, SIR Area governor Campbell O'Neill from Placerville's Hangtown Branch 29 ran an ad in our local newspaper asking retired men to attend an informational meeting concerning the establishment of a Branch of SIR at Lake Tahoe. The meeting was held at the old 89 Bar & Grill on Emerald Bay Road, and was attended by half a dozen locals and four men from Branch 29. Current Members Bob Peterson, Al Bartley and Ken Koegl spread the word and ran newspaper ads and put out fliers and the response was great. Right away they moved the luncheons to Carrow's Restaurant for several meetings before moving to Timber Cove Lodge (soup and sandwiches served by "Angie's"). On October 31, 1990, the SIR State organization granted probationary status to the new Branch 160. Probation was to continue until the new Branch could show a total membership of 75 men, at which time we would be officially chartered. That happened on April 22, 1991.

This branch has grown to well over 100 members, some of whom are very involved in our activities, and serving on committees and as officers. It is important that we continue to grow in membership, because that makes it a lot easier to find officers and committeemen, and increases our monthly donations so we don't have to sweat that out so much. When one of the many SIR Branches folds up, more often than not it is because the guys won't help out by filling the leadership chairs.

Those are a couple of selfish reasons for bringing in new members. But consider this . . . retired and semi-retired men living everywhere from Woodfords and Meyers, through South Lake Tahoe and Stateline, up both sides of The Lake and down in The Valley -- these guys need us as much as we need them! When you invite an acquaintance to be a guest at the luncheon and he decides to join, figure you have done him a big favor. He doesn't need to become real active, if only he enjoys the monthly luncheon as a social event, that's fine. And who knows . . . there may be some real talent among these fellows.

So here we are, after 28 years of building . . .

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