



Big Sir's Notes

Terry Marchione

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014

Those of you who attended the July lunch were introduced to the slate of officers for 2014. The names were also published in the July edition of the Sir Call. At the August luncheon we will ask for nominations from the floor and, if not, we will then vote to elect the nominees.

TEAM COLORS

Don't forget that August is the annual team colors day. Wear a hat, shirt or whatever you might have that will show everyone the colors of your favorite team, be it college or professional.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OR DUES?

As I announced at the July lunch, the State Sir organization has granted branches the option of going to a dues based method of financing branch operations as opposed to the current "voluntary" contribution method. Since this will result in the change in the by-laws, it still must be approved by the Big Sirs at the annual meeting on August 5th. If it is approved, your BEC will be discussing this at the August 8 meeting. The meeting starts at 9:15am and you are invited to attend and offer any input you care to. If you cannot attend then send me an email with your comments.

SPECIAL THANKS

We all owe a big thank you to our fellow Sirs who man the check-in table at our lunches. These guys are there month after month. They basically give up their social hour every month, arriving at the lunch barely in time to eat. The leader of the group, **Jerry Kaplan** has ably organized the group which normally consists of **Al Munayer, Ted Coggiola, Howie King and Sig Kalteis**. When a sub is needed, I frequently see **John Pearl**. Next time you check in please express your appreciation for the work they do. While I'm at it, what about that guy **Jon Korfhage** who has elevated the job of greeter into an art form. He sure puts everyone in a good mood when he greets you at the front door.

CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION

There is not much new to report at this point. Right now, the work is scheduled to begin in November of 2014. Obviously this will result in the need to relocate our luncheons for some unknown period of time. Your current Little Sir, **Doug Eisner** is in the process of making this happen. **Doug** is very experienced in negotiating with various venues so we are in good hands. **Doug** will keep us all informed as we move ahead.

The August luncheon
will feature
Rex Meredith
“The Ultimate Comedic
Performer”
Gathering time 10:45 -11:00am
Seating time - 11:45am

Little Sir’s Corner
Doug Eisner



Boy, I can't wait for the August 8 luncheon! Not only will we be voting on next year's BEC members, but we'll also be sporting the colors of our favorite teams! Should be quite a colorful event. But, wait, that's not all...We'll wrap up the meeting with a special luncheon speaker!

Be prepared for a great change of pace from our usual luncheon presentations because, at this meeting, we'll enjoy the stand-up comedy of **Rex Meredith**, billed as "The Ultimate Comedic Performer"!

Rex was born in Houston, TX and began singing at high school events and night clubs at the tender age of 15. He combined his vocal talents, his bizarre sense of humor, and a huge helping of charisma to fashion a multi-decade career as an entertainer and professional comedian. **Rex** has made numerous TV appearances, including **The Johnny Carson Show**, **An Evening at the Improv**, and **Showtime's Comedy special**. Additionally, **Rex** has performed the opening act for some of the biggest names in the entertainment business, including **Johnny Mathis, Rodney Dangerfield, Robin Williams, Eddie Murphy, Willie Nelson, and Ray Charles.**

I'm looking forward to **Rex's** musings on celebrities, current affairs, male/female relationships, medical mysteries, and other such foolery. Hope to see you there!

Membership
Steve Sprague



Our Branch 146 Membership Numbers:

As of the Executive Committee meeting on July 11th, we have 269 active members (including our eight Honorary Life Members). This is a loss of one from the previous month. We currently have one applicant awaiting BEC approval.

Status Changes:

Inducted: **Doug Timmons**, Badge 88
Al Twyford, Badge 231

Resigned: **Edwin Gunn**, Badge 237 and **George Knies**, Badge 244.

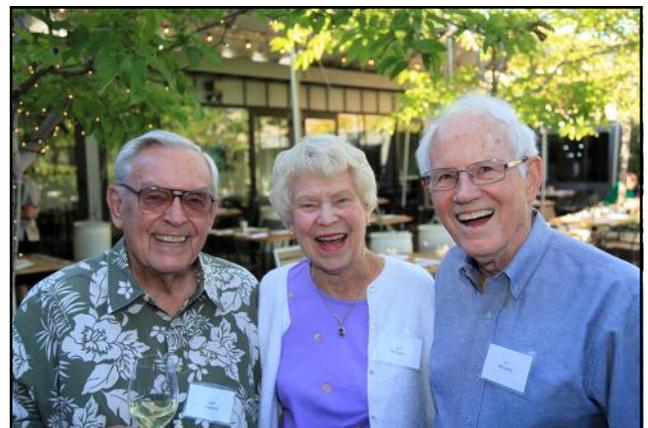
Moved to Inactive: **Joe Fitzsimmons**, Badge 59.

July Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 195 (72% of membership)
Guests: 5
Visitors: 0, Speaker: 1
Total Attendance: 201

Changes to the Inactive Roster:

As noted above, **Joe Fitzsimmons** has been added. **Jerry Berggren**, #88, could not be contacted after two years on inactive status and was therefore dropped. Our inactive roster therefore remains unchanged at sixteen members.



Dale Haukland, Sue & Lo McCarley

Couples Duplicate Bridge

Lo McCarley



Bob & Janet Yolland hosted eight couples for a gala evening of duplicate bridge on July 17th. No substitutes this month. All the couples in Couples Duplicate were there except for the **Jim & Allison Todhunter**. There was an unusual spread between the first place and last place -26 points. **Carl & Anne Johnson** took first place with 46.5 points. The couple that came last had just 20 points (we will keep their names secret). **Lynn & Dasha Freeman** came in second with 43 points, **Bill & Margaret Rees** took third with 35 points, and **Lo & Sue McCarley** with 29 points came in fourth. **George Zurich & Susi Cherry** will host the next bridge on August 21st.

Couples Duplicate Bridge 2

Jim Adams



The three tables of Couples Duplicate Bridge 2 were hosted by **Dave & Joan Pierce** on July 9. They proceeded to score in all but one of 20 boards- a probable new record for this group! However, **Terry & Sharon Marchione** matched their total scores for both 1st and 2nd half, resulting in a 1st place tie with 26 points each. **Ken & Elaine Richter** tried hard to keep pace but the momentum was elsewhere that evening, forcing them into 3rd place with 20.5 points. The other couples obviously left both their "A" and "B" games at home but promise to bring them next time.

SIR Happenings Newsletter

SIR Happenings is the statewide SIR Newsletter. Just go to www.sirinc.org and click on SIR Happenings to read the current issue. You may enjoy reading about the activities of other branches.

Party Bridge

Fred Bolton



1st Monday at 10 am at various members' homes. Contact Fred Bolton for details. Bring a lunch.

We played three tables of bridge at the home of **Bob Burley** on July 1. First place went to **Bill Reese** with 4390 points, second to **Bob Donahue** with 4320 and third to **Bill Snyder** with 4060. Our next game will be at the home of **Fred Bolton** on Aug. 5.

Duplicate Bridge 2

Dick DeVoe



Many thanks to **Bill Schultz** for hosting our July 12 three-table event. **Dave Pierce** jumped ahead of the pack in the 1st half and then cruised into 1st place. **Dick DeVoe** found traction in the 2nd half, capturing 2nd place overall.

Sid Landman, Bill Schultz and **Jim Stedman** all tied for 3rd, but didn't challenge the top finishers. None of these 5 players placed last month, indicating that anyone bringing their "A" game (and a bit of good luck) can win.

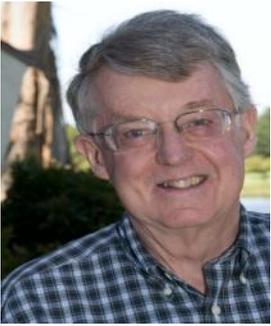
Duplicate Bridge

Doug Eisner



The Men's Duplicate Bridge Group 1 played 3 tables at **George Zurich's** home. **Jim Stedman** had a terrific second half and came from back in the pack to grab first place with a score of 28.0pt. **Lo McCarley**, who had led at half time, slipped down one place into second place with a score of 27.0pt. In an extremely unusual event, third place was shared by 3 players, **Lynn Freeman, Bob Donahue, and Jim Brown**, who all tallied 25.5pt.

We'll play next on August 19 at **Lo McCarley's** house.



Couples Party Bridge

Dave Pierce

Terry and Sharon Marchione organized an “Eat First/Play Later” event on June 28th. After enjoying the

delicious 4th Friday BBQ at Boundary Oak, we played at the **Marchiones**. **John and Linda Boyan** were rewarded for being such good hosts the last time by placing 1st with a whopping 4290. **Dick and Christy DeVoe** were 2nd with 3530 and **Doug and Patti Eisner** 3rd with 2910. Then on our regular date, July 2nd, **Joan and Dave Pierce** hosted a BBQ for the group. Everyone contributed to the feast. Culinary levels were high but afterward scores were low. **George and Pam Rammell** were rewarded for bringing some good wines by placing 3rd, 1860 points. **Terry and Sharon** were rewarded for organizing the 1st BBQ with 2nd place, 2200 points. **Doug and Patti** were the only ones with no trouble scoring, taking 1st with 4890 points. The evening ended with celebration of some July birthdays, although nobody looked any older. Good friends, good food, and good cards will keep you young.

Couples Golf

John Harrington



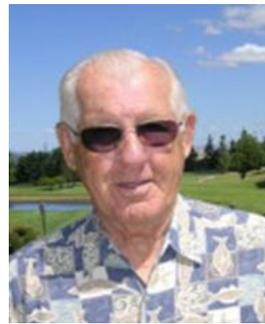
We had a great day of golf at Paradise Valley Golf Course in Fairfield. Twenty eight players enjoyed the beautiful weather and fun golf. We played a best ball tournament with each couple being a team. **Steve and Marna Dawkins** were first with a net 62, followed in second place by **Ray and Tippy Weisz** at a net 63, and **Rich Hanford and Sandy Wagner** in third place at a net 64. In fourth place we had a tie at 65 between **Ron and Anne Plachy** and **Jon and Barbara Korfhage**. Unfortunately the host fouled up by not seeing the tie and only paid **Jon and Barbara Korfhage**, so I'm indebted to **Ron and Anne Plachy**. Money was also won for closest to the pin, **Jim Baldrige** at about 12 feet for the

men and **Anne Burk** at about 25 feet for the Ladies. Low putts were won by **Steve Dawkins** for the men at 30 and **Anne Plachy** for the girls at 32.

Paul and Maggie Masta are the hosts for the July 24th event at Deer Ridge in Brentwood. If you and a partner are interested please contact **Paul Masta** the host or **John Harrington** chairman of Couples Golf to get on the roster. It's a true pleasure to have such a nice group of people that participate. Many thanks to everyone that could make the event and a great fun day of golf. Bn 251 please contact **Jim Burk** or **Chuck Campbell** to claim your free lunch.

Bob and Janet Yolland

June event hosts



GOLF

Ray Weisz

Golf is one of our most popular activities with over 100 registered golfers. We are fortunate to have a large

assortment of venues and formats: We play Tuesdays at Boundary Oak. Players are randomly paired and starting tee times are posted on our web site, www.sir146.com. In addition to regular stroke play, we have many Tuesday tournaments specifically set up for our players.

There is a 9-hole group that plays at Diablo Hills. They play every Thursday except the second Thursday of the month, which is the luncheon date. For those with golf playing partners, there is Couples Golf offered on the 4th Wednesday of the month, April through October.

Like playing other courses? On the first Thursday of each month (From May through October) we offer Away Golf. Do you enjoy competing against other SIR players from different branches? We have several different formats throughout the year.

Since we have so much going on, we have found it necessary to publish a weekly Golf email (GEM) outlining upcoming events and results from past events.

All of our golfers should be receiving GEMs. If you would like to be added to the distribution list

SIRS 146 & Friends Oktoberfest Dance

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

6 pm to 10 pm at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant

Price is \$99 per couple and includes hors d'oeuvres
and dinner

Live music for listening and dancing

Your choice of:

Beef

Fish

Pasta

Please send your check, made out to SIRS 146 Dance to:

Richard Kincaide

10750 Inspiration Cr.

Dublin, CA 94568

Phone: (925) 479-9935

Tables of eight are encouraged

<u>Your Name and Your Partner</u>	<u>Meal Desired</u>
Couple 1 -	Meal -
Couple 2 -	Meal -
Couple 3 -	Meal -
Couple 4-	Meal -

Fishing Report

Paul Dubow



The ocean was the favorite place for our anglers this month. **John Wall** of Branch 146, along with **Carl Moyer**, **Ekk Keller**, **Terry Miller**, **Gordon Linebaugh**, and **Barry Rauchle** limited out on salmon in a half day of fishing out of Bodega Bay. **John** caught the two biggest fish, both weighing in at 25 lbs. When the ocean settles down and the fish show, the salmon fishing has been very good and we have high expectations for the rest of the season. In another outing, **Terry Miller** and **Carl Moyer** landed some nice rockfish and ling cod from the big pond. **Kent Cremolini** and **Barry Rauchle** joined a group for a five day outing sailing out of San Diego in the rough waters of the Pacific off the coast of Mexico. The group caught bluefin and yellowfin tuna as well as yellowtail. There were five bluefin caught that weighed over 100 lbs., but our duo did not get any of these.

In other venues, **Mike Corker** picked up a keeper striper fishing in Honker Bay and **Karl Droese** and **Paul Dubow** caught a limit of mackinaw trout on Lake Tahoe. **Bill Landers** took a friend's grandson out to the Delta and they landed quite a few black bass.

We will be very busy this summer with Delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout, king, and kokanee salmon in mountain lakes and rivers; halibut, salmon, and rockfish from the ocean, as well as some long distance trips to Mexico, Canada, and Alaska. Please feel free to join us, even if you have not fished in years or never fished at all.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 22, at the Legends Sport Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30am but come earlier and join us for breakfast and the exchange of wild fish tales. For further information, you can contact Big Fish **Pete Gates** at 925-937-2035, secretary treasurer **Tom Boltz** at 925-825-5695, of branch fishing coordinator **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.



ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Malcolm Hendry



The ROMEO group meets on the third Thursday at 6:30pm. We select eclectic restaurants in the East Bay recommended by you, as well as those favorably reviewed in the media.

"SLO HAND BBQ"

This is your basic no frills restaurant that prides itself on ribs cooked for hours, in a smoker that rotates the meat over the oak burning below. Beef brisket, tri tip, pulled pork and chicken are also on the menu, along with a selection of tasty side dishes. The ethos here is to keep the seasoning simple and let the smoker do its magic. The owner spent years in the beer business, and it shows in his taps that feature many imported and domestic selections. A wine selection is also available.

Location: 1941 Oak Park Blvd, Pleasant Hill, Ca 94523 (parking in front or a lot across the street)

Web Site: www.slohandbbq.com

Phone: [925-942-0149](tel:925-942-0149)

Please let me know by Tuesday August 13, that you will join us.

Your suggestions for restaurants you would like us to visitors welcomed

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Sons In Retirement Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.



THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIRS 146 Luncheon

August 08, 2013

Salad

Mixed Spring Greens
Vine Ripened Tomatoes, Fresh Mozzarella and Basil
Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrees

Herb Dijon Crusted and Slow Roasted Pork Tenderloin
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy & Seasonal Vegetables

Or

Baked Lemon Pepper Marinated Alaskan Cod
Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Carrot Cake with White Chocolate Frosting



I was recently talking to a fellow Sir and he told me about a summer job he had girdling trees. He asked what was the purpose of this. Girdling is defined as constricting or removing the outer tissue around a stem or trunk as deep as or deeper than the cambium, which disrupts the flow of carbohydrates through the phloem. In English this means you are cutting off both water and food to the plant. The result is the tree or plant will die above the area girdled. Therefore I think the purpose of his job was to kill the trees.

On a more positive note, when I got home from a recent trip I found a tiny black looking insect on my fennel. I put the "bug" into a jar with some leaves from the plant and it grew into big green caterpillar. I put a stick in the jar and the caterpillar made a chrysalis. I am now waiting for it to hatch into a black swallowtail. No meeting in July but we have a tentative trip planned with the wine tasting group toward the end of August.



Book Corner

Ken Richter

The next time the Book Corner will be open is at the September 12th Luncheon. All books are welcome. Thanks to Sir **Hank James**, Sir **Syd Whalen** and Guest **Steve Olsen** for their help packing up the books. This month the Book Corner donated 2 boxes of books to the Assistance League of Diablo Valley



Dick & Janice Woodman

Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Aug 28-Sep 7, 2013: SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Golden Age Cruise. Save the date for a CELEBRATION! We will leave out of San Francisco and visit the ports of Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Ketchikan, Victoria and return to San Francisco on the Grand Princess. The cost of the Cruise is from \$1579 to \$3300 depending on accommodations and includes: Gratuities on the ship, Ship board Credit, Cocktail Party, Hospitality Suite, Transportation by Motor Coach to and from the Pier, Wine, Gifts and a Alaska Salmon Bake excursion. We currently have over 400 SIR members signed up for this trip.

Contact **Bob Spellman**@ 934-8428 if you want more information.

Oct 18, 2013: SIR Day at the Races. It's that time again to enjoy a day at Golden Gate Fields watching the Ponies run. Cost is \$29.00pp which includes admission, reserved parking, daily race program, great buffet lunch and tax & tips. Start saving your pennies now so you can make a bet or two. Who knows you might be a big winner.

Contact **Bob Spellman** @ 934-8428.

Jan 9, 2014: Cuba: Music, Culture & the Roots of Revolution. A people to people program that visits Santiago de Cuba a cultural melting pot of Afro-Cuban tradition as well as Baracoa an unspoiled gem on the coast. The Cuban capital of Havana will also be included. The cost of \$5295 includes RT Airfare, all accommodations, 28 meals, Private Motorcoach, and English speaking guide.

Contact **Russ Aubry**, Br 171, 510-644-2692.

May13, 2014: Hidden Gems of the Dalmation Coast & Greece. A 16 day cruise aboard a privately owned Grand Circle small ship with a maximum of 50 passengers. Ports of Call include Zagreb, Split, Hvar, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Montenegro, Butrint, Albania, Corfu, Delphi and Athens. Prices range from approximately \$4595 to \$6170 depending on accommodations and airfare. Trip also includes 37 meals, 12 exclusive tours with personal headsets, home hosted dinners, and resident Grand Circle Program Director.

Contact **Ken Richter**, 689-6217.



Gary Schwab
playing Bocce with arm in cast!



Table Pool

Bill Weinberg

1st and 3rd Monday at 11:30 am. (at Masse's 2721 N. Main, Walnut Creek)

We usually have three or four pool games going when we meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 11:30am at Masse's 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. The cost is \$5 for as long as you want to play. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us and we usually play about 2 hours, but not everyone stays for the final curtain. Haven't played in years? Come join us. All Sirs in our Area 2 are welcome.

SongSirs

This is the inaugural article for one of our most visible SIR activities, since this group leads our branch with a rousing rendition of “God Bless America” at the end of every monthly lunch. However, you should know that this does not just happen by chance – the group practices regularly in order to keep those voices in tune.

Just as importantly, the SongSirs practice for regular performances at a number of senior living residences, senior centers and hospitals in the greater Walnut Creek / Concord area. These “gigs” are always much appreciated and receive an enthusiastic welcome from our audiences. The songs we sing are often seasonal such as Valentine’s Day, or Christmas – or geared to the facility where we perform. **Harry Tutton** usually introduces us as the SongSirs from SIR Branch 146 and the songs with a humorous tidbit. Our most recent gig was in July at the Veteran’s Hospital in Martinez, where many of our retired service men and women receive care. Our repertoire included all the service songs, as well as other patriotic numbers. We were asked to sing for several of the nursing areas to accommodate those who were not able to come to the central area and our performance was very much appreciated.

The SongSirs practice usually every first and third Wednesday at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church at 2:30pm – we welcome new members who like to sing and share their enthusiasm for music with others.

Manager - **Don Tubb**
Director - **Pete Miller**
Accompanist - **Dave Obera**



Corrie & Susan Oranje

Cooking II

Bob Yolland



Our July event was hosted by **Bill Roberts**, whose comfortable patio and home was the perfect setting for another excellent meal. The attendees this month besides **Bill** were **Dennis Hallett**, **Ken Richter**, and **Bruce Borgman**, and our guest was **Bob Spellman** subbing for **John Demos**. Other regulars **Bob Yolland**, **Bill Cammerer**, and **Corrie Oranje** were also not able to enjoy this event.

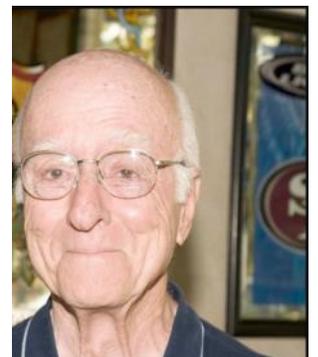
Bill served a cheese selection and salami wrapped cheese for hors d’oeuvres, and for our lunch served a wonderful plate of a penne pasta salad, with Roma tomatoes and Asiago cheese; devilled eggs, and a main course of a moist grilled chicken breast which had been marinated in soy, red wine vinegar, oil, oregano and basil. For dessert **Bill** had fixed a fresh strawberry vanilla pudding dish. Of course the meal was accompanied by some fine wines, and our usual brilliant and erudite conversation.

The August meal will be hosted by **Bruce Borgman**.

Bocceball

Martin Lyle

We play 2nd and 4th Mondays at 8:30am May through October at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park Concord near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads. Rain cancels play.



We are having good turnouts for each session, and the warmer weather will be appreciated. Each time we have brand new players, as well as our regulars.

Come and join us for a good time. Rain cancels. Ladies are welcome.

Sunshine

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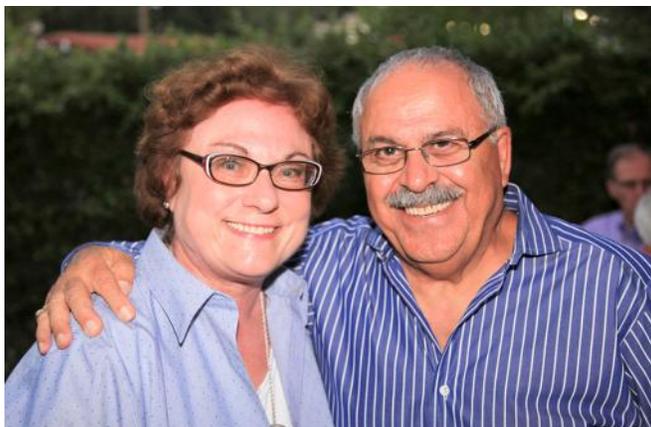
Let us keep the following
Sirs in our thoughts and
prayers during Au-
gust. We look forward to continued healing and
[their](#) return to good health.

George Knies
Mike Cavallo
Ed Malboeuf
Chuck Bobinecz
Elmer Kaprielian
Dominic DiMatteo
Guy Rudberg
Charlie Kiser
Jim Helmick
Bob Van Luchene
Ron Pascoe
Lynn Miller
Frank McNamee
Joe Barry

We are deeply saddened with the passing of recent
Sir **Bill Schmeb** on July 6th. We offer our condole-
nces to his family.

Please try to contact a sick Sir to offer support and
encouragement during his illness. A friendly call
is always welcomed.

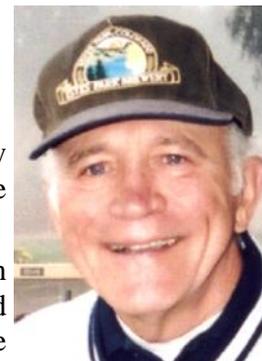
If you are aware of a sick Sir, please let me know
by phone or e-mail, as shown above, so that our
Sir membership can be advised.



Diane & Al Munayer

Poker Club 4

Chuck Bobinecz



Our next session is on July
22nd. We will meet at the home
of Sir **Frank Rockwell**.

If you wish to be a sub or are in
another poker group and would
like to be a sub, please let me
know or contact one of the regu-
lar players. The regular players are Sirs **Frank
Rockwell, Pete Gates, Bob Mehus, Garth Cum-
mings, Skip Thomas, Rich Hanford** and **Chuck
Bobinecz**.

Poker #6

Frank Lucas



Poker group #6 is off and running. Currently there
are six members and we would like to add one more
member plus at least one alternate to our group.

If you are interested in joining a poker group, this is
your best chance, because it may be a while before
another poker group forms.

Call or email Frank Lucas at either of the following:
(925) 933-3360 or Fplucas.fl@gmail.com

Or stop by the Activities table August 8th and check
in with Poker Group #6 member **Al Twyford**.



Genealogy Group

Verner Laursen

The SIR 146 Genealogy Interest Group (GIG) will hold our initial meeting on August 28th at the Concord Family History Center at 3700 Concord Blvd. from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. The Concord Family History Center is located on the backside of the Church of Latter Day Saints on the south side of the street. It is a little over a 1/10 of a mile east of Farm Bureau Road.

It is open to members of SIR 146 and their spouses. The purpose would be to assist people, from beginners to people with experience, with their research into their family history. Meetings at the Concord Family History Center would provide us with others to help us in our research. Bring your laptop or tablet computer.

If anyone in your family is interested in getting started or continuing their research on their family please contact me. You can contact me by email to let me know of your interest or you can call me if you have questions.

See you on August 28th at the Concord Family History Center.

Verner Laursen

vlaursen@astound.net
(925) 672-7483



Bill & Pam Klein



Phil Goff



Derek Southern

Area 2

Computers and Technology Group

Phil Goff and Derek Southern Co-chairs

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive.

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group advises all Sirs and their guests that our next meeting will be a trip to the **Computer Museum in Mountain View on August 15**. Their museum website is at <http://www.computerhistory.org> if you want to preview the attractions. We have asked for a docent led tour so we need to let them know how many of us to expect. Spouses are definitely welcomed.

Some members signed up at the July 18 meeting, and an email will shortly offer signups to all. The cost for our special docent led tour is \$16 and this **must be paid AT THE LATEST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE TRIP** by August 5th! No refunds after August 5th as the final payment will be made on that date.

The initial plan is to car-share leaving Walnut Creek at 9:15am for our scheduled tour at 10:45am. The Museum has a great cafeteria (report from Branch 171 members who visited a couple of years ago) and there are other restaurants in the area. The departure time may be adjusted to an earlier time, but any change will be notified to participants beforehand.

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group remind all Sirs and their guests that the following meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge will be on **Thursday, SEPTEMBER 19th at 9:30** am. We hope to offer a presentation about the important topic of Home Security Systems. We are inviting a speaker from ATT who can describe to us the state-of-the-art in terms of controlling a system from a smart phone or tablet, as well as the more usual demands of a security system.

Luncheon Attendance

Jim Burk

Our SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at “The Clubhouse” restaurant at Boundary Oak Golf Course.

The next luncheon will be **August 8th**. The price of our regular luncheon is **\$25** with a no-host bar. Please take note of this change in price over last year. Remember we assume you are coming, but if for any reason you are unable to attend, please e-mail nolunchbranch146@gmail.com by noon Friday the week prior to the luncheon (**August 2**). The noon deadline has to be strictly enforced as that’s the time the restaurant requires us to give them a guaranteed number of meals to prepare. Members failing to meet this deadline, or “no show” for the luncheon, will be required to reimburse the Branch for the liability we will incur with the restaurant for your meal. [Note: Only if you do not have a computer, call **Jim Burk** at (925) 946-1192 by the same deadline referenced above to let him know you will not be attending. If no one answers, leave your name, badge number, phone number and a short message.]

Payment: Remember that our luncheon will be called to order at 11:45a.m., so please allow enough time to check-in and make payment. A check for \$25 made payable to “SIR 146” is requested for your lunch on luncheon day.

Sir bringing a Guest: Please e-mail also by noon on the Friday prior to the luncheon leaving your name, badge number, and your guest’s name with proper spelling.

Special requests: If you require a vegetarian meal or any special meal, please make that request. Your request will remain in effect until you cancel it through the luncheon chairman. If for medical reasons you cannot eat lunch, please notify the luncheon chairman and your request will remain in effect until you cancel it.

New members, guests, and sponsors: There will be a dedicated luncheon table set for any new members and their sponsors as well as guests and sponsors with place cards prepared so that you will be assured of a seat. New members along with their sponsors will be asked to join our Membership Chair in the Lakeview Room after the luncheon for a brief orientation session that is both informative and helpful to your acclimation to the Branch.



Couples Dining Out

Bruce Borgman



For this month’s event this popular branch activity enjoyed a fine dinner at Metro in Lafayette on July 15. We had 17 couples in attendance for a total of 34 diners and we had decided to use the large patio for our dinner. We started with a social hour at 5:30pm and then the seating of tables of six and eight for dinner allowed for great socialization where we got acquainted with SIRS and their spouses we might not know as well, or sat with old friends.

We started with soup or salad. The entrees were excellent – a Petrale sole, chicken breast “Gascon” or the largest pork chop that many of us had ever seen, as well as a vegetarian gnocchi choice, accompanied by organic veggies. This was followed by the scrumptious desserts and coffee and tea. All agreed it was another successful event.

A number of suggestions were discussed for our next event in September, likely the 16th or 17th, depending on restaurant availability. Restaurants that were suggested included Prima, Massimo, Brava Bistro and several in Danville. The chair will be checking those out with sampling here and there – a tough job, but hey, somebody’s got to do it!

We encourage all the SIRS who have not yet joined us for this activity – come and enjoy a fine dinner with us in September!



Lynette & Bill Holly

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday August 28, 2013, 8:00am at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be one of our own SIRs, **David Munson** from Branch 174. **David** has studied the government and other public economic web sites for many years in order to make better investment decisions based on present conditions. **David's** presentation will be "**How to understand the U.S Budget.**" **David** spent 35 years as an International Banker working in Europe and Asia as well as domestic assignments with Wells Fargo, Bank of America and Bank of Hawaii. **David** is an excellent speaker and brings an intimate amount of knowledge to his presentation.

The Legends restaurant opens at the course opens at 7:00am so plan to have an enjoyable breakfast with your colleagues. Plan to bring a guest or a prospective SIR to let them know about our Investment Group and enjoy an informative presentation.

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Past Big Sir Jim Stedman & Joe Barry



Walkers

John Lewis



*Every Friday at 9:30 am at various locales. Call **John** or just show up. Rain cancels any walk.*

*August walks planned by **Martin Lyle***

Aug. 2 Shadelands Canal Walk West Walnut Creek
Meet: Deli Delight 323 N. Wiget Ln.
Walk: North from Deli. West at Canal
Coffee: Deli Delight Shadelands Office Pk.

Aug. 9 Alamo Plaza North Danville Blvd. & Stone Valley Road
Meet: At Alamo Plaza Parking by Peets
Walk: West on Stone Valley Rd.
North on Iron Horse Trail
Coffee: Peets Coffee Alamo Plaza Alamo

Aug. 16 Pleasant Hill , North Morello & Taylor
Meet: At shopping center parking
Walk: North along Contra Costa Canal
Coffee: Panera Bread Willows Shop Ctr.

Aug. 23 Walnut Creek Civic Center, North
Meet: At Civic Arts Parking
Walk: North on Iron Horse Trail
Coffee: La Scala Civic & Locust

Aug. 30. Hap McGee Park , Iron Horse North, La Gonda Way , Alamo
Meet: Take 680 South Exit El Pintado Immediate Rt. On La Gonda Way Takes you right to park
Walk: West across bridge to Camile Ave. North on Iron Horse Trail
Coffee: Peets coffee Alamo Plaza

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