



# FORT SUTTER NEWS

## BRANCH No 14



### 2022 OFFICERS

Big Sir: Tom Tompkins  
Little Sir: Ken Krueger  
Secretary: Bob Jackson  
Ass't: vacant  
Treasurer: Dick Lewis  
Ass't: Bill Boxell

### Directors

Dennis Scovill	Al Russo	Len Ohlendorf
Milo Tubbs	Dennis Micheletti	Chris Barker

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### ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

Attendance: Hal Higgins  
Ass't: vacant  
Badge Custodian: Dick Jackson  
Bowling: Bill Boxell  
Bulletin Editor: Hal Higgins  
Chaplain: Dick Lewis  
Golf: Dick Lewis  
Greeters: Dave Wolf  
Ass't:  
Membership, Administration: Hal Higgins  
New Membership Recruitment: Dennis Scovill  
Ass't: Len Ohlendorf  
Programs: Ken Krueger  
Photo Group vacant  
Photographer: Joe Freitas  
Sunshine: Bob Jackson  
Telephone Tree: Tom Tompkins  
Ass't: John Evers, Milo Tubbs, Dennis Micheletti, and Jack Melvin  
Tour Director: Dennis Micheletti  
Ass't: Len Ohlendorf and Dave Wolf  
Winemakers: Ken Krueger  
Woodworkers: Dan Franke

BEC MEETING-11:00 ZOOM 2<sup>ND</sup> THURS  
MEET AND GREET- 11:00  
GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH-11:45

WE MEET THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
State website: [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)  
Sirs 14 website: : <http://branch14.com>

At Cogir of Stock Ranch Senior Living  
7418 Stock Ranch Rd  
Citrus Heights

## NEXT MEETING AUGUST 25, 2022

### LUNCHEON MENU

*Soup – Sausage & white bean Or House salad  
Entre-Grilled Pesto Chicken sandwich w/ fries Or  
Meatball Sandwich w/ macaroni salad  
Dessert-Dutch apple pie*

This is the August 2022 bulletin



### BIG SIR-TOM TOMPKINS (916) 961-3670

Greetings from your Big Sir,

I hope your summer is going well and you and your family are safe and healthy.

SIRs Branch # 14 had a great meeting Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, our featured speaker came down with COVID and could not join us, however, Art Garcia from the National Cemetery in Dixon was with us and gave an interesting overview of the cemetery, answered a few questions, and presented the Vietnam Veteran Lapel pins to the Vietnam Veterans of our Branch. Congratulations men and thank you for your service to our country.

Our Little Sir, Ken Krueger, has set up speakers for the rest of the year. Our speakers have been outstanding, thank you Ken.

Our July birthday wine winner was George Kardous, congratulations George. Happy July birthday.

Just an FYI, State Sir has a new member recognition pin. It is called "The Distinguished Service Award" (DSA). This pin is the second highest award that members can be given, behind the Honorary Life Member which is the highest award given by State Sirs. The DSA award is earned by those who for 3 years have demonstrated exceptional and extraordinary service to their branch. The DSA award is limited to 1 in 25 members of branches of 100 members or more and 3 are allowed in branches of less than 100 members. This award is available to applicants nominated by the BEC using form # 45B and approved and presented by the Area Governor. All new Big Sirs will receive the DSA at the end of their current terms, also, present Big Sirs who are serving their second term or more will receive the DSA award immediately. The DSA award presented to Big Sirs does not count towards the Branch's limit.

Do you like to travel? State Sirs has a couple of interesting trips planned.

# 1) Autumn Colors trip to the East Coast. October 13-22, 2023.

# 2) A trip to scenic Ireland. April 14-27, 2023.

Contact Bill Stires @ (209) 988-5445 or e-mail him @ [bstires46@gmail.com](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com) for a brochure.

August 13<sup>th</sup> at Sunrise Mall- Our next recruiting booth is coming up. We will be at the Sunrise Mall Farmers Market. Please come and join us at our booth. Time is 10:30- 3:30.

Your Branch # 14 needs you: For a Sirs Branch to continue to be successful, it needs volunteers. Please consider stepping up and supporting your Branch # 14 as a volunteer. See your Big Sir or your Little Sir to get involved. We can use your help to keep our branch interesting and vibrant. Thank You.

Happy Birthdays-To our August birthdays boys: Bill La Grassa, Len Ohlendorf, Tony Planzer, Tom Silver and Milo Tubbs.

Happy Birthday men.....

Please mark your calendars for August 25<sup>th</sup>. That is our next SIRS meeting. See you then.

Be safe and stay well.

Tom Tompkins

Big Sir

Branch # 14



### LITTLE SIR - Ken Krueger (916) 751-0568

Hi all. So, how fast can you guess the words in the box?

Our July luncheon was a bit unusual as our scheduled speaker, Tom Sharp, called in sick; he has Covid. Tom is a financial advisor who has his finger on the economic pulse about investments. The good news is that he has agreed to return in December to give us an update on Wall Street and related topics.

How fast can you guess  
these words?

1. BOO\_S
2. \_\_NDOM
3. F\_\_K
4. P\_N\_S
5. PU\_S\_
6. S\_X

\*Answers: 1. Books; 2. Random; 3. Fork; 4. Penis; 5. Pulse; 6. Six.  
You got all wrong, didn't you? You dirty minded freak!

In the absence of our speaker, we were fortunate to have Art Garcia, from the National Cemetery in Dixon stop by to present about a dozen Branch 14 Viet Nam era veterans with a welcome home commemorative pin. This short ceremony was very well received by all in attendance. Our scheduled August speaker is Bruce Hester, whose topic will be "How Mongolia Saved the World." It should be an interesting talk.

During the luncheon, I reported that I have nearly completed a Branch 14 Facebook page. It is out there but is a little kludge right now. I have a bit more to learn about Facebook before it will be ready for prime time. Hopefully, it will be done before our next meeting.

I am happy to report that the BEC has reinstated the practice of holding a free raffle at the monthly luncheon. This was a regular practice prior to the pandemic which somehow got lost as we began to reconvene for our lunches. The raffle tickets are free. All those in attendance are given one raffle ticket when they check in; the drawing takes place at the end. The BEC has decided that a bottle of wine will be the prize. However, the Winemakers group will also be donating a bottle of home-made liquor as a second prize. So, stick around to the end.

The final point that I will make is that a Railroad train ride and museum tour will take place on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please see the related article below in this bulletin.

OK guys, that's it for now. BE SAFE out there, and I hope to see you at the August luncheon. AND, again ..... Don't forget to occasionally invite a guest; remember, they not only eat for FREE, but could be the source for future BEC members.

## BRANCH 14 VIETNAM ERA VETS



Getting pin and certificate from Art Garcia

## ART GARCIA



Cemetery Representative, Dixon, VA

**No changes in your 2022 Roster this month.**

### COVID PROTOCOL FOR ATTENDING LUNCHEONS

Each member will wear a mask on entering the building and proceed to the receptionist. The receptionist will check your temperature and check your name on the Branch roster. If your temperature is OK you may then proceed to the dining room. Upon entering the dining room you may remove your mask.

### SONS IN RETIREMENT - AUGUST BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
8/6/35	SILVER	Tommy	86
8/12/38	LAGRASSA	William W.	65
8/3/46	TUBBS	Milo	128
8/24/46	OHLENDORF	Len	12
8/31/50	PLANZER	Anton J.	191

## JULY BIRTHDAY BOYS



**George Kardous and Hal Higgins**

## WINE WINNER



**George Kardous**

## RAFFLE TICKET WINE WINNERS



**Bob Jackson and Greg Matzen**

## BRANCH 14-DATE JOINED SIR-AUGUST

DATE JOINED SIR	LAST	FIRST	NU
8/23/12	FRANKE	Dan E	140
8/23/18	KNOX	John	36
8/26/21	MELVIN	John Prescott	160/

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## GUESTS

GARY ARCHIBALD  
DAVID JONES

Sponsor: David Schwartz  
Sponsor: David Schwartz



## **ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES**

### **ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771**

56 Members, July 1, 2022  
 24 Members Absent  
 32 Members served, July 28, 2022 (57 %)  
 2 Guests  
 34 Lunches served

Remember to call me if you want an excused absence for a meeting. Read Page 3 in your Roster

### **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (ADMINISTRATION) Hal Higgins**

56 Members, July 1, 2022  
 No Change  
 56 Members, August 1, 2022  
  
 2 New members pending, August 1, 2022



### **BOWLING CHAIRMAN –BILL BOXELL 966-0518(Editor's note: Bill Boxell has COVID.)**

As I understand it our first meeting for bowling will be August 23th at 11:00, at Country Club Lanes, 2600 Watt Ave., Sacramento. Anyone interested in bowling and joining our league should attend. The league starts the following week, August 30. Shadows balls at 12:20 and bowling at 12:30. Be there early to pay your bowling fees. (Hal)



### **GOLF- DICK LEWIS- 961-1244**

On Friday July 29 we are played at Antelope Greens. Below are the golf scores

Tony Planzer	85
Dennis Scovill	85
Dick Jackson	85
Dick Lewis	81



### **SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 952-4049**

As far as I know

Bev Snow is getting out of the hospital next week. Will require extensive care with breathing machines, etc.. Caregivers coming. This may or may not free some ime for Hal . Future uncertain. Hal Snow reporting to me as of Friday.



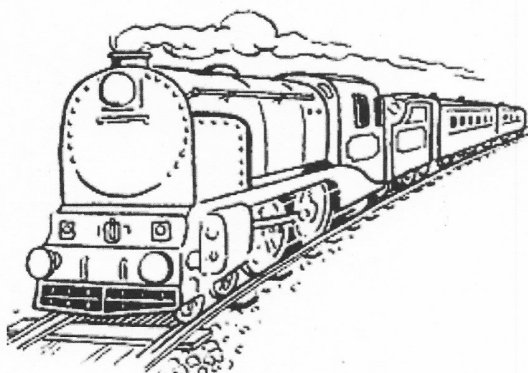


**TOUR DIRECTOR-DENNIS MICHELETTI- (916) 417-2817**

### **RR Museum Tour**

See the description of the tour below, however, **the sign up date for the museum is extended to August 22 and not July 26** as shown on the flyer.

## *SIRs Branch #14 Great Train Day*



### *Train Ride & Railroad Museum Tour*

August 27, 2022 arrive at the train station no later than 9:30 am, ride starts at 10 am. It will go from Old Sacramento to Miller Park & back along the Sacramento River in a Air Conditioned 1st Class train car with a drink and snack included. Then off to the docent conducted tour of the Rail Road Museum at 11:30 am. Lunch after the event will be at member's choice & is not included in this event.

*No children or members under 18 to be included.*

*RSVP absolutely necessary by July 26th with a check for \$27.00 made out to SIR Branch #14.*

*The museum will be \$11.00 paid at the door.*

*Please RSVP to Dennis Micheletti @ [dmichelett@aol.com](mailto:dmichelett@aol.com) or 916-417-2817, because the cutoff date is before our next meeting you can mail your check to Dennis Micheletti @ 4205 Birgit Way, Sacramento, CA 95864-0703.*



**WINEMAKERS –CHAIRMAN: KEN KRUEGER (916) 751-0568.** The Winemaker group met On Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup> and again on July 20<sup>th</sup> both times at Don's Barn.

The primary activity of the first meeting was the preparation of a Crème de Menthe. To that end, Dennis S. brought a couple of pints of simple sugar, which we put aside while we mixed about 2 cups of fresh mint leaves with 2 pints of 140 proof brandy. We then set everything aside for a week and went home happy.

The meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> was devoted to the distillation of approximately 2 cases of home- made zinfandel. This process yielded about a gallon of 150 proof brandy. Following this process, we tasted a few of our earlier efforts and again went home happy.

At this time, we have an array of high-octane spirits that we intend to turn into several liquors. Our intent is to bring these libations to our luncheons, where they will be distributed to members in attendance via the free raffle at the conclusion of the meeting. We would welcome any other ideas to find homes for our products; please let us know.

Our next meeting will be a 9:00 am at the barn on August 17<sup>th</sup>: 6431 Grant Ave. Carmichael. If you are interested in joining us, please either give me a call (Ken Krueger) or show up our next gathering. **Cheers!**



**WOOD WORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE 239-5888 (by Ken Krueger)**

The Woodworkers met at Don's Barn on the Friday following the luncheon. Dan was once again missing in action, this time on an Alaskan cruise. Don and Ken stepped in for him and led the meeting astray, Hahaha. Not really. There were 11 members in attendance who once again enjoyed fresh coffee and brownies provided by Don's wife Ann.

A suggestion was made that we should move our meeting site to the various woodshops used by our members. Following discussion, a sign-up sheet was passed around that resulted in the following meeting schedule:

August – Ken Krueger's Shop at 6737 Sutter Ave, Carmichael

September – Mike Selser's shop in Auburn (address in next month's bulletin)

October - Don's Barn at 6341 Grant Ave, Carmichael

November – Al Russo's shop at 3637 Marshall Ave, Carmichael

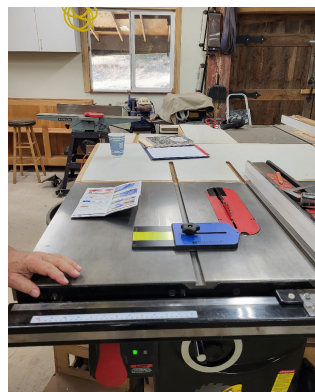
Show-and-tell consisted of Howard Mann presenting a beautiful plant stand that he had recently constructed. Ken then sort-of demonstrated a new thin strip cutting jig that he had recently purchased from Rockler. This led to a discussion of several alternative ways to make thin strips.

Don announced that he was getting rid of his old extensive library of old woodworking magazines. He encouraged everyone to take what they wanted. This offer still stands. Come by the barn and take what you want. The remainder will be recycled.

Don't forget, the next meet is at Ken shop August 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 to noon. See you there.



**Howard Mann showing plant stand**



**Ken Krueger thin strip jig**

## **DECLARATIONS**

**NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION** - All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, 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. (Rule 345).

Checks, money orders or credit cards for Travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the Branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency (Rule 420 and 421).

Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale (Rule 60). **REQUIRED ATTENDANCE**~A member shall be required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period unless the Branch BEC has approved a different attendance requirement(s).

A member shall be notified in writing, e-mail, and/or telephone by his Branch if he is in violation of the Attendance Rule 100 and is subject to the termination of his Branch membership. See Rule 107. (Revised 6/7/18) (Revised 4/10/18) (Revised 10/30/18)

### **MEETING DATES IN 2022**

**January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23,  
July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 17, and December 15**

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