



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
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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 2ND 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
Sirs 14 website: : <http://branch14.com>

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

ATTENTION SIRs

Because of COVID Cogir has cancelled our December 15 luncheon there. Bob Jackson has graciously offered the Masonic Lodge at no charge for our December 15 meeting. The Lodge is located at 5944 San Juan Ave, south of Greenback Lane. The menu, to follow, will be from the South Forty BBQ

This is the December 2022 Bulletin



BIG SIR-TOM TOMPKINS (916) 961-3670

Hello SIR members,

December is upon us, chilly nights, shorter days, even some of the trees are starting to turn colors.

As a school student this is a great time of year, lots of no school days. As a parent, maybe not so much.

This year has flown by, lots has happened in our branch. We are holding our own as far as membership is concerned, thanks to the many members who have been diligent in bringing in their friends and neighbors. You have made our branch # 14 successful. Keep up the great work.

In January, we have our great new leadership team taking over. Ken Krueger will be an excellent Big Sir, he has a lot of great ideas and is surely going to have a very successful year at the helm. Our Little SIR David Schwartz, is a relatively new member in our branch, but he has rolled up his sleeves and working hard to see that the future of our branch is bright. **Our branch is** in good hands in the years to come. Thank you, Ken, and David, for stepping up and taking on these responsibilities.

State Sirs has regrouped and is putting together some exciting ideas for all Sir branches. Membership recruitment tools, website and Facebook tools, new and improved logo colors and revising Sir advertising text. All of these new ideas from State Sir will help our branch grow and continue to be vibrant.

In closing, I would like to thank Hal Higgins who always kept me on the straight and narrow and continues to do an admiral job with our bulletin and tracking our membership. Our branch would be lost without Hal. Also, Bob Jackson, our secretary, who was always there when I needed advice and guidance. Bill Boxell who is always glad to take our money and keeps the bowling league rolling. Mr. Dick Lewis, our treasurer, who makes sure our money is safe and our account is up to date. Dennis Scovill, who has continually given his time at the Sunrise Farmers market recruiting members for our branch. Thank you to all of the committee members who continually keep our member informed and involved in our activities. Dennis Micheletti for stepping up and taking over our branch excursions. A special thank you to Ken Krueger and Len Ohlendorf who graciously filled in for me in my absence. **Thanks guys.**

I thank all of you for your confidence, support, and good-fellowship over the past year. It has been an honor to serve as your Big Sir.

Sincerely,

Tom Tompkins

Big SIR Branch 14



LITTLE SIR - Ken Krueger (916) 751-0568

An old lady was always travelling the same route on a bus. Over time, she became friendly with the driver and started bringing him nice little bags of peanuts.

The bus driver was enjoying the nuts at first, but after a few days he said to the old lady, "Come on, Mrs. Bilker, it's really nice of you, I'm loving the peanuts, but please stop bringing me so much, have some for yourself!"

"Ah, young man," laughed the old lady, "I don't have my teeth anymore, I couldn't eat them even if I wanted to. But I really like the yummy chocolate coating around them!"

Happy December. We were all disappointed that Stock Ranch has had to cancel both our November and December luncheon dates due to a massive Covid outbreak. Hopefully they will be back in business for our January meeting. We will let you know as soon as we know. In the meantime, it looks as if Bob Jackson has arranged for us to meet at the Mason's lodge for our December luncheon. Good job Bob J. and thank you for arranging it. There is more on the December luncheon elsewhere in this bulletin.

The only good news regarding the canceled November luncheon is that the scheduled speaker, Alan Baker, has agreed to speak to us in January. Our Speaker for December will be Tom Sharpe, who will talk about what's happening in the financial world.

I attended a State Sir sponsored forum on Zoom earlier this month. The Major focus of the forum was on how to increase membership in local Sir branches with particular focus on changing the State by-laws to permit women to join. In this regard, the findings of a System-wide survey of all branches were presented where the results showed that nearly 90% of the responding branches do not favor the inclusion of the fairer sex. Currently, State Sir is considering the possibility of making the inclusion of women a local call, where each individual Branch decides what works for them. More on this later after the State's position clarifies. My biggest take-away from the forum is that the very best recruiting practice is person-to-person contact, where members reach out to friends and acquaintances with similar interests. So, . . . if you make a new friend at the golf course, the bowling alley, or at Woodcraft, tell them about Branch 14 and invite them for a free lunch.

OK guys, that's it for now. As Always, be SAFE out there, and I hope to see you all on December 15th.

SONS IN RETIREMENT - DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
12/18/39	FREITAS	Joseph M.	74
12/15/41	LANGLEY	Donald P.	17
12/16/53	BARKER	Chris	70
12/15/54	KIMSEY	William	147

BRANCH 14-DATE JOINED SIR-DECEMBER

DATE JOINED SIR	LAST	FIRST	NU
12/18/08	JOHANSEN	Ray	220
12/20/18	PASCOE	Nicolaus	48
12/19/19	BARKER	Chris	70
12/19/19	JENSEN	Douglas L	93
12/19/19	JULIAN	Ray	92



ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

NO MEETING

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

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (ADMINISTRATION) Hal Higgins

54 Members, November 1, 2022

No Change

54 Members, December 1, 2022

3 New members pending, December 1, 2022





BOWLING CHAIRMAN –BILL BOXELL 966-0518

Here are the results of our bowling for October
Week 9 of League play

Team 2 OLD FARTS, Div 3-2nd place

Bob Jackson 157, 152, 174-High games for the month, 457-High series

Team 7 KING PINS Div 4-1st place

Dennis Micheletti 170,157,155-High games for the month, 452-High series

Dave Schwartz 144,133,130-High games for the month, 369-High series

Joe Freitas-213,148,147-High games for the month, 468-High series

Hal Higgins-152-134,131 High games for the month, 397-High series

Team 11 ONE BOARD LEFT, Division 2-5th place

Bill Boxell-180, 177,169 High games for the month, 514 -High series

Team 15-GROOVERS Division 4-3rd Place

John Knox-156, 151,116 High games for the month, 381-High series

We are still having fun in the league and there are still openings on some teams. If any of you would like to come out and have fun on our league, remember we bowl on Tues. 12:30, at Country Club Lanes, and it only costs \$9.00. If you are interested in bowling, give me a call and we'll make it happen.



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

We will be having a docent conducted tour of the Crocker Art Gallery in the middle of January 23. Waiting for confirmation for the coordinator for the exact date

Dennis



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 952-4049

All is well on the Western front.



WINEMAKERS –CHAIRMAN: KEN KRUEGER (916) 751-0568.

The Winemaker group met at Don's Barn on November 16th. There were 4 of us in attendance: Al Russo, Don Langley, Dennis Scovill and yours truly. We rolled up our sleeves and then rolled out the still and proceeded to distill a couple of cases of pinot noir into a couple of quarts of 140 proof pre-liquor.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 14th at Don's Barn. This is one day prior to our regular monthly luncheon. The goal for the December meeting is to prepare a bottle or two for our December luncheon raffle and, of course, to sample some of our previous products.

Again, our next meeting will be at 9:00 am at the barn on Wednesday December 14th - 6431 Grant Ave. Carmichael. If you are interested in joining us, please show up on the 16th. **Cheers!**



WOOD WORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE (916) 239-5888

As noted previously, from time-to-time the Woodworkers group visits the shops of various members. This activity gives us insights into how other have set things up and solved various woodworking issues, such as storage, tool selection/placement and dust collection.

The woodshop of interest in November was Al Russo's "Lost Acre Woodshop;" which is aptly named, as Al's shop is nestled in a heavily wooded, picturesque setting in rural Carmichael. Missing from the meeting was our esteemed leader: Dan Franke who was in Paris where he and Linda are enjoying a great European tour.

There were 11 members in attendance who enjoyed fresh coffee and donuts provided by our host. Al then led the group through the history of his shop, which included before and after pictures, and a great tribute to Don Langley and Dan Franke who helped him turn an eye-sore into a remarkable, 1st class shop. We then had our usual show-and-tell. Bob Waters showed off a recently made euro-style rolling pin, Bob Koch demonstrated a recently acquired bench vice, Don discussed the making of a chess board for his granddaughter, and Ken Krueger showed us how not to make a cutting board.

Next month's meeting will be on Friday, December 16th back at Don's Barn, 6341 Grant Ave., Carmichael.

Al Rosso lead a discussion of his shops history and capabilities.



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!

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**

This bulletin was approved by the Big Sir