



# FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14

PROMOTING THE INDEPENDENCE &

DIGNITY OF RETIRED AND SEMI-RETIRED MEN

## 2015 OFFICERS

Big Sir: Dan Franke  
Little Sir: Don Langley  
Secretary: Bob Jackson  
Ass't: Duane Clark  
Treasurer: Dick Lewis  
Ass't: Bill Boxell

## Directors

Don Langley	Bob Nield
Paul Willett	Bob Wall
Joe Freitas	Duane Clark

## STATE OFFICERS

Area 9 Governor:  
Regional Director Region 3: Victor C. Mershon  
State President: Donald A. Dill



## ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

Attendance: Hal Higgins  
Ass't: Duncan Lyle  
Badge Custodian: Orley Highfill  
Ass't:  
Bowling: Don Reinmuth  
Bucket Brigade: Joe Freitas  
Ass't:  
Bulletin Editor: Hal Higgins  
Bulletin Reporter and Photo Contest: Tom Silver  
Chaplain: Dick Lewis  
Golf: Orley Highfill  
Greeters: Jim McCoy  
Ass't: Andy Effinger  
Membership, Administration: Hal Higgins  
New Membership Recruitment: Bob Nield  
Programs: Don Langley  
Photographer: Joe Freitas  
Sirs 14 Photo Group: Bob Wall  
Sunshine: Bob Jackson  
Telephone Tree: Hal Snow  
Ass't: Bob Nield, Paul Willett, and Jim Poindexter  
Tour Director: Hal Snow  
Woodwork: Bob Wall

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING-10:45  
GENERAL MEETING - 11:30

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

AT CARMICHAEL ELKS  
5631 Cypress Avenue  
Carmichael

## NEXT MEETING JUNE 23 2016

LUNCHEON MENU  
CHICKEN BREAST MARSALA WITH RICE AND VEGETABLES



### BIG SIR-DAN FRANKE-944-7676

"WE ARE SIR - MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE"

This is the new slogan for SIR recently created by Project 2016 and adopted by the State SIR Board. A tremendous amount of work has been done recently to revitalize our organization. Another major change in the organization is that we are de-emphasizing "retirement". You are no longer required to be retired or semi-retired to join SIR. The requirement now is anyone who has "discretionary time" in order to attend our luncheons and events. SIR no longer stands for "Sons In Retirement" because we no longer want to emphasize the word "retirement". SIR is now not meant to be initials for an acronym but rather the word Sir which simply is a "respectful or formal term used to address a man". I will speak to these changes at our next luncheon but remember that all these changes are designed to increase membership.....so do your part and invite potential new members to our next luncheon on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Lastly, I want to apologize to all of you....and especially Little Sir Don Langley for being absent at the May luncheon. My father became critically ill the morning of our luncheon and my attendance at his side in the hospital became my priority. I am glad to report that, at this time, he is still with us and waging a strong battle to recover. Thank you Don for being so kind and stepping in for me with so little notice. Big Sir Dan Franke



## **LITTLE SIR–DON LANGLEY –944-4219**

With so many absent members for the May lunch, we only had 25 people, and one was the speaker. It brought back the realization that we need to do something to increase our membership. We have such a great group and if we could get bodies to the lunch, I'm sure most would fit right in. Having 25 people and paying for 31 lunches is not sustainable. A merger with another branch would be a temporary fix, but would only delay the problem if we don't bring in new members.

The Big SIR and I attended a Regional meeting with other SIR braches and have some good ideas that we will try to implement at the June meeting.

The May lunch was somewhat of a disaster for me. First, the speaker I had scheduled cancelled two days before the meeting. Fortunately he provided a replacement. Then the Big SIR had a family emergency and couldn't attend and with other absences I ended up being Little SIR, Big SIR, Woodworkers, Golf and Badge person.

I did enjoy the speaker, Joey Johnson who is the Incoming Board President for the American River National History Association. She spoke on the American River Parkway and the Effie Yeaw Center. I love the Effie Yeaw Center, If you have never been there, I suggest you pick a nice sunny day and go. See the Center and take a walk on one of the many trails through the nature area.

## **ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES**



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

44 Active members, May 1, 2016  
18 Members Absent  
 26 Members served, May 26, 2016 (59%)  
 1 guest  
1 speaker  
 28 Lunches served, May 26, 2016

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

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

44 Active members , May 1, 2016  
     No change  
 44 Active members, June 1, 2016  
 3 Inactive members, May 1, 2016  
     No Change  
 3 Inactive members, June 1, 2016  
 1 New member pending, June 1, 2016

(We had very poor attendance at the May meeting, 18 members absent. Our next meeting is on June 23. Please mark your calendar)

## **SIR HAPPENINGS**

The latest edition of 'SIR HAPPENINGS' is now available on the SIR website. Check out the other travel opportunities available.

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings>

(SIRS 14 NEXT ACTIVITY)

**LITTLE ME**  
**(A Comical Musical Play by Neil Simon)**

**Presented by the  
Fair Oaks Theatre Festival and  
American River College Department of Theatre and Film**

**Friday, June 24th - 8:30 PM (Gate Opens at 8PM)**  
**Veteran's Memorial Amphitheatre**  
**(The Theatre Under the Stars)**  
**(East End of Village Park, 7991 California Blvd.,  
Fair Oaks)**

**Laughs and Love!** Neil Simon's LITTLE ME details madcap and dizzying rise to stardom by Belle Poitrine - a no-talent beauty from the wrong side of the tracks. Lunatics and lovers abound as we watch Belle relive her life and go through seven husbands. The whole family will be rolling the aisles and humming the delightful tunes all the way home.

**Group Rate - \$13** for members and their friends of the Fort Sutter Sons in Retirement Branch 14 and the Heritage Oaks Residential Community.

**To obtain the group rate, attendees must call Hal Snow at 788-4434 for reservations and send checks or money to Hal Snow, 100 Hemingway Ct., Roseville, CA 95747 by June 18. Checks are payable to FOTS. Tickets will be distributed at the gate the evening of the event.**

**\* Bring seat cushions or rent them there at \$2.00 each.**



#### **GOLF-ORLEY HIGHFILL-944-0409**

(Orley is under the weather. Don Langley filled in for him.)

Seven of us played at Bradshaw Golf Course. We all had a good time and most went to In-N-Out for lunch afterward.

We have a great bunch of golfers and Orley has done a fantastic job of taking care of us.

Unfortunately he isn't going to be able to continue. I have temporarily filled in for him, but we need someone to step up and take over. We don't want to lose our golf club. If someone doesn't volunteer, Big SIR Dan and I will have to corner someone and twist their arm.

In June we play Antelope on June 13th and Indian Creek on June 27th, both at 9:00.

Hope to see you there.

#### **GOLF SCORES**

##### **ANTELOPE GREENS GOLF COURSE      MAY 09 , 2016**

BILL BOXELL 81	DAN FRANKE 78	DICK JACKSON 79
DON LANGLEY 77	BOB NIELD 85	DON REINMUTH 83

##### **BRADSHAW GOLF COURSE      MAY 23, 2016**

DAN FRANKE 61	DICK JACKSON 85	DON LANGLEY 69
BOB NIELD 94	TONY PLANZER 79	DON REINMUTH 89
HAL SNOW 36 (9 holes)		

Future tournaments:: June 13, Antelope, 09:00; June 27, Indian Creek, 09:00; July 11, Antelope, 09:00, and July 25, Bradshaw, 9:00..



#### **WOODWORKERS -CHAIRMAN-BOB WALL-393-1034**

(Bob Wall's wife was in the hospital so Don Langley did the report for him)

Six of us met at my shop, had coffee and chocolate chip cookies made by my wife, Ann. We told the usual stories and experiences. Then we got serious and made a bunch of toaster tongs at the request of other SIR members. We discussed how fast the year was going and decided we needed to start making things for the Ladies Day.

All had a good time and are looking forward to the next meeting, again at my shop on June 24, at 10:00 am.

## MAY WINE WINNERS

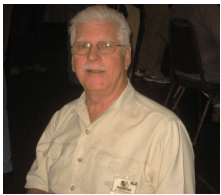


### **SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 988-5979**

Orley Highfill is at home sick but they cannot find out what is wrong with him.

Dan Franke's father is in the hospital and doing better. (See Big Sir report)

Bob Wall's wife, Diane was in the hospital but we hope she is home now.



### **2016 PHOTO CONTEST - Tom Silver, Contest Coordinator**

Only about four months remain for taking photographs for the next contest. Contest entries must be turned in at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting or received by me by mail or dropped off by Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. My address is 5311 Mississippi Bar Dr., Orangevale, 95662.

As you know, one change in the conduct of the contest last year was displaying the name of the photographer and an optional photo title. The purpose of the change was to provide recognition of every entrant, whether or not the entry won a ribbon, and a title often helps explain what the observer is seeing.

As for where on the display panel photos are attached, I randomly select each photo's position without reference to photographers' names. I separate all the entries into the three categories, Architecture, Nature, and Portrait, and then number them on the back. If there are, say, 12 entries in the Architecture category, then they are numbered 1 through 12. I put 12 markers into a hat, shake them up, and blindly draw them, one at a time, and establish each photo's position on its category panel, from left to right, top to bottom. The same is done for the other two categories. I don't know if any particular positions are more advantageous than others, but randomness of placement is achieved.

**It appears that reliable weather for getting out and taking pictures is finally here, so get out there!**

## **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 who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Branch Attendance Committee giving a valid reason, or who attends less than six (6) regular meetings within the last twelve (12) consecutive month period, may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SiRs (Rule 100 and 101)

### **MEETING DATES IN 2016**

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

**Fort Sutter Branch 14**  
**Hal Higgins**  
**7324 Villa Del Sol Ln**  
**Citrus Heights, CA 95621**