



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14

PROMOTING THE INDEPENDENCE &
DIGNITY OF RETIRED AND SEMI-RETIRED MEN

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Little Sir: Don Langley
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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 Neil, 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
Sirs 14 website: <http://branch14.weebly.com>

AT CARMICHAEL ELKS
5631 Cypress Avenue
Carmichael

NEXT MEETING APRIL 28 2016

LUNCHEON MENU

BREADED PORK CHOPS WITH AU GRATIN POTATOES AND VEGETABLES



BIG SIR-DAN FRANKE-944-7676

Welcome to April. Spring is here and the reservoirs are getting full. Time to go golfing, fishing or just take a walk on a beautiful Spring day. Speaking of a walk....our April 27th walking tour of historic old-town Folsom should be a wonderful outing. It is not too late to sign up if you didn't sign up at our luncheon. Call Hal Snow or send him an E-mail asking to be added to his list.

Membership and attendance continue to be a concern. Help us to continue to thrive by bringing a guest to our next luncheon. And if possible, try not to schedule other activities on the fourth Thursday of every month in order that you can attend every one of our luncheons. Remember that if for some end-of-the-world reason you are not able to make our Sir luncheon, call or send a note to Hal Higgins. It is very important that we have a fairly accurate count for the Elks kitchen staff. Lunch in April should be breaded pork chops with au gratin potatoes. I am sure that Little Sir Don will have an interesting speaker to go along with the food and wonderful conversations with friends. I look forward to seeing everyone with numerous guests on Thursday, April 28.



LITTLE SIR-DON LANGLEY -944-4219

The month went by very fast. Not much happening on the possible merge with SIRS 127. Golf didn't go well, probably because of the weather. The Woodworkers did have a great time with the usual bull session and demonstration of slabbing a log.

I really enjoyed the speaker on Satellites, but some said it was a little too technical. All in all it was a good month for me. I hope next month is the same

ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES



ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN , Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

45 Active members, March 1, 2016

13 Members Absent

32 Members served, March 24, 2016 (71%)

1 speaker

33 Lunches served, March 24, 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

45 Active members , March 1, 2016

+1 J Meek # 142

From inactive

46 Active members, April 1, 2016

2 Inactive members, March 1, 2016

-1 J Meek #142

To active

1 Inactive members, April 1, 2016

0 New member pending, April 1, 2016

WE WELCOMED BACK JIM MEEK AND ANDY EFFINGER THIS MONTH
JIM HAD BEEN INACTIVE BECAUSE OF HEALTH PROBLEMS AND ANDY HAD BEEN
AWAY BECAUSE OF BEREAVEMENT

Please make the the following changes in your 2016 Roster:

Pg 16 Remove Jim Meek from inactive and put on active

Pg 17 Change Bob Neil home phone from 209- 3542 to 251-7567

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>

SONS IN RETIREMENT - APRIL BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

(All Members)

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
4/2	MEEK	James	142
4/5	JACKSON	Bob.	117
4/14	CLARK	Duane R.	168

MARCH BIRTHDAY BOYS



Don Bagley, Dan Franke, Ray Johansen, and Dick Jackson.
(Hugh Thompson and John Scofield did not attend meeting)

WINE WINNERS



Jim Cates and Alan Cates. Birthday boys Ray Johansen and Dick Jackson also won.
(Thanks to Howard Mann for the extra two bottles of wine.)



GOLF--ORLEY HIGHFILL--944-0409

Golf was dormant for the winter but spring is here now. We started golfing on March 14, 2016 at Antelope. Only three golfers were there. Next golf is at Bradshaw on March 28. Try to make it. If we cannot get more golfers I may have to cancel the whole season.

The business card golf schedules are available. Pick one up at the April meeting or at March or April golf. The schedule is also printed in the 2016 roster

Future tournaments:; March 28, Bradshaw, 09:00; April 11, Antelope, 09:00; April 25, Indian Creek, 09:00; May 09, Antelope, 09:00; and May 23, Bradshaw, 09:00.



WOODWORKERS -CHAIRMAN-BOB WALL-393-1034

The SIRs Woodworker meetings on 3/25/16 was held at Don Langley's barn. 8 SIRs and one guest attended.

Al Russo was host and favored us with donuts, cookies and a delightful hot egg omelets which helped to treat all of our taste buds. Thank You Al.

Wall suggested more group efforts such as toaster tongs and birdhouses from cedar fence boards. Gene showed a small clock set into a small scrap end of wood that normally would be tossed. Holding scraps to be reviewed each month might help. One man's junk is another man's treasure.

For the learning segment Don and Dan had set up an Alaskan Mill, Chain Saw, and other tools to cut a slab from this 20 ft by 3 ft trunk of redwood. Tools and techniques were explained and those that wanted could try one of the two saw positions. Not a place for beginners.

The April meeting will be on 4/29/16. Again we will meet at Don's barn from 10 am to noon.

Dan Franke was elected to serve as host for that meeting.

Photographs show the size of the log and woodworkers assessing the situation.

SAWDUST



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 988-5979

Nothing reported this month

SIR's Branch 14 Bi-Monthly Activity-Hal Snow



SIR's Branch 14 is on the move again to tour Old Historic Folsom. On **Wednesday, April 27th** beginning at 10 AM, we will meet in front of Folsom History Museum, 823 Sutter to begin a one and one half hour walking tour (approx. 4 easy city blocks walking). Parking is across the street in front of the Museum. This docent-led tour will identify many of the historic landmarks and events of the 1800's era.

Cost will be \$15/person. Spouses and friends are welcomed. For those who wish, lunch will be at nearby Karen's Restaurant immediately following the tour.

For directions to Sutter Street or to sign up, call Hal Snow at (916) 788-4434.



Branch 14 Photo Contest Rules - 2016 - Tom Silver, Coordinator

The 6th annual photo contest will be held during the Ladies' Day Luncheon, October 27, 2016. The three categories will be **Architecture, Nature and Portrait.** Up to two finished, unframed prints per category, a maximum of 5" X 7" may be submitted, either at the September 22th meeting or mailed to me to be received by October 1st, so I will have time to organize and assemble the displays.. The photos must have been taken within the year preceding the contest. The categories are defined as follows:

Architecture - A manmade structure or structures. Structures may include non-building structures, such as bridges, dams, roadways, fixtures, appliances, or anything that might be designed by an architect.

Nature - Natural objects, landscapes, seascapes, weather phenomena, astronomical objects, wild creatures, or other scenes of the natural world not containing any manmade objects.

Portrait - "...an image or likeness of a person or persons." Can be posed or candid. For lack of a more appropriate category, pets are allowed in this category.

Photos may be post-processed with tools such as PhotoShop, Lightroom Images Plus or other such tools, as long as the processing is performed by the photographer submitting the photo for the contest. Having photos printed by a drugstore or other market does not violate this rule.

The backs of photos must include the photographer's name and the intended category for it. A title for the picture may also be included. Camera and/or exposure data need not be included. Display orientation (top/bottom of picture, not always obvious), will be determined by the information on the back.

All members of Branch 14 and their wives or other luncheon guests may enter the contest. Please be sure they have read the contest rules. The polls will be open before lunch is served, and all luncheon attendees may vote, including contest coordinators. The polls will be closed sometime during lunch, the votes tallied, and the results announced. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded. It would be helpful to have a couple of volunteers to assist with the count.

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.

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