



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14

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

2017 OFFICERS

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



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Al Russo Bob Nield
Paul Willett Dan Franke
Joe Freitas Hal Snow

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Area 9 Governor:
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ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

Attendance: Hal Higgins
Ass't: Duncan Lyle
Badge Custodian: Dick Jackson
Ass't:
Bowling: Don Reinmuth
Bucket Brigade: Joe Freitas
Ass't: Jim Poindexter
Bulletin Editor: Hal Higgins
Bulletin Reporter and Photo Contest: Tom Silver
Chaplain: Dick Lewis
Golf: Tony Planzer
Greeters: Jim McCoy
Ass't: Andy Effinger
Membership, Administration: Hal Higgins
New Membership Recruitment: Bob Nield
Programs: Dennis Scoville
Photographer: Joe Freitas
Sunshine: Bob Jackson
Telephone Tree: Hal Snow
Ass't: Bob Nield, Jim Meek, and Paul Willett
Tour Director: Hal Snow
Woodwork: Dan Franke

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 JANUARY 26 2017

**LUNCHEON MENU
BEEF STROGANOFF WITH NOODLES AND VEGETABLES**



BIG SIR-DON LANGLEY -944-4219

It's amazing how fast this year has gone by.

I'm amazed how fast my year as Little SIR went by. Now it's my time to be Big SIR. Hopefully we can have as good a year as the last. Bowling, golf, special events were great and the Woodworking group grew to 13 members with a great year topped by donating over \$800 to our Ladies Day event.

I really enjoyed our joint meeting with Branch 127. Hopefully we can work out the details and make it permanent with the merger of the two groups. With our dwindling membership, we have to do something soon. Even with a merger we will have to improve our effort to get new members.

I have started serious talks with Branch 127, and asked them to take a survey of their members concerning the merger and what day to meet. I let them know that their day, the 3rd Thursday doesn't work for our group as several members have conflicts on that day, and we would lose them. Hopefully they could move to our day, the 4th Thursday, or we would have to go through a lengthy process or picking a mutually acceptable day.

I have also been given several suggestions for change this year: (1) Replace the gold pan with a \$20.00 donation once per year and (2) have a 2nd Ladies Day with a BBQ during the summer. If you have other suggestions, please send them to me. **Let's have a great 2017.**

LITTLE SIR– Dennis Scovill -635-5847



I have been a part of this group for several years now, and have been sitting back just watching others do all the work. I guess Don Langley noticed, and he offered me a job. I look forward to working with Don and the rest of the group for the next year.

For those of you whom I have not gotten adequately acquainted, I offer little background: I am a California transplant and have lived here for most of the past 30 years. I worked for Federal Highway Administration for about 35 years and got to live in several other States. I was involved such things as engineering, environmental studies, transportation planning, and air quality, to name a few. Since retiring, I have been traveling a lot, playing more golf, and mainly just enjoying life.

With my background and interests, I am especially interested in hearing our speaker for January: Mr. Harold Ferber will be here from the Sacramento Climate Change Lobby. He is a retired Chief Administrative Law Judge, and will likely be speaking about the impacts on a warming planet, fossil fuels, and the need for other sources of energy.

95 years old certificate



**JIM MCCOY with PAST BIG SIR,
DAN FRANKE**

New member



**CARL SIKORA with NEW BIG SIR,
DON LANGLEY**

ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES



ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN , Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

46 Active members, December 1, 2016
18 Members Absent
28 Members served, December 22, 2016 (61%)
1 Speaker
1 Guest
30 Lunches served, December 22, 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

46 Active members, December 1, 2016
+ Sikora #59 New Member
47 Active members, January 1, 2017
3 Inactive members, December 1, 2016
No change
3 Inactive members, January 1, 2017
1 New member pending, January 1, 2017

SONS IN RETIREMENT - JANUARY BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

(All Members)

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
1/5	SNOW	Harold	166
1/6	LYLE	Duncan C.	115
1/9	WILLETT	Steve P	57
1/10	WALL	Bob	154
1/15	HOLDREN	Eugene	84
1/19	SCOVILL	Dennis A.	265
1/28	THEARLE	Albert D	185

SIR-WIFE ANNIVERSARY (JANUARY)

Anniversary Date	Last Name	First Name	Wife
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1/20	FARNSWORTH	Thomas G.	Sheila
1/7	HIGGINS	Hal	Pat
1/7	MaCAULEY	Gary	Jeanie

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS



JOE FREITAS, DON LANGLEY, AND
HOWARD EASTHAM, won wine)

WINE WINNER



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Branch 14 Photo Contest - 2016

- Tom Silver, Coordinator

Architectue Category -

Third Place

“Old Wagon”

Barbara Silver



Nature Category -

Third Place

“Portland Japanese Garden”

Pam Franke

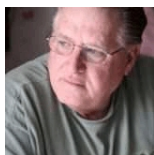


Portrait Category -

Third Place

“Buddies ”

Tom Silver



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 988-5979

Don Bagley is still at Rosewood Rehab – he was accepted to the Masonic Home in Union City, he will be moving in January. Bob Wall is still having back problems the operation he had didn't fix the problem. Hal Higgins was sick today but still dropped off his report. Tony Planzer had surgery for a separated retina and will not be our golf chairman for 2017. Bill Boxell is back with the lung problems as well, so give him a shout out & wish him well. Dick Dunn returned to the group after falling and going into Rehab, welcome back Dick.

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>



BOWLING CHAIRMAN –DON REINMUTH 456-1844 (Until Don recovers from surgery I will be doing the bowling report-Hal Higgins)

SOME GOOD BOWLING SCORES

name	games	series
Bill Boxell	160, 171, 176	513
Bob Jackson	121, 123, 135	341, 346
Jim McCoy	145, 147, 149, 154, 169, 169, 182, 202	432, 456, 478, 499
Hal Higgins	153, 169, 181	456, 483
Bob Nield	127, 132, 134, 139, 141, 154, 154, 185	378, 388, 400, 441

HIGH ROLLERS SCORES

Jim McCoy 182+41, 202 + 61, 483 60
499 + 76
Bob Nield 185 + 64, 441 + 78

SPLITS MADE



WOODWORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE 944-7676

Usually it is the sawdust flying in the barn but this time there were more cookies and donuts flying as there was an abundance of sweet treats. Several members brought wood projects to work on and others brought completed items that they had made for Christmas gifts. It all added up to another fun day in the shop. Next month there will be a short class in the use of biscuit joints and the biscuit cutter tool. See you at the barn (6341 Grant Ave., Carmichael) on Friday, January 27th at 10:00am. Dan

Editors Note: Below are Woodworker projects:



DON LANGLEY, with Christmas project



SNOWMAN by Dan Franke

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 2017

January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22,
July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 16, and December 28.

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