



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14

PROMOTING THE INDEPENDENCE &

DIGNITY OF RETIRED AND SEMI-RETIRED MEN

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Big Sir: Don Langley
Little Sir: Dennis Scovill
Secretary: Bob Jackson
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Joe Freitas	Hal Snow

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Greeters: Jim McCoy
Ass't: Andy Effinger
Membership, Administration: Hal Higgins
New Membership Recruitment: Bob Nield
Programs: Dennis Scovill
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 FEBRUARY 23 2017

LUNCHEON MENU

BAKED CHICKEN WITH MASHED POTATOES AND AND VEGETABLES



BIG SIR-DON LANGLEY -944-4219

Well, I survived my first day as Big SIR. I felt a little like a fish out of water without Dan Franke's guidance. Next month I will try to be a little more organized. I still have no word from Branch 127 on their thoughts on the merger. I still think a merger is good for both groups. It won't solve all our problems and we will still have to work on recruiting new members. If Branch 127 doesn't show better interest, I'm going to give up on them.

I was very impressed with the speaker this month. I firmly believe climate warming is an urgent problem that we have to take seriously. The speaker was very well versed on the subject and presented it very well. The audience seemed to be attentive and did ask questions, although some of the questions were more of a lecture using alternative facts that didn't seem to address the true problems of climate change.

I am looking forward to our next outing, visiting the Capitol - hope to see you there.

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>

**LITTLE SIR– Dennis Scovill 635-5847**

I made it through my first meeting as Little SIR without making any mistakes! Those of you who were paying attention might recognize this as an "alternative fact". Either way, the meeting seemed to go well.

Our speaker, Mr. Harold Ferber, gave us an interesting perspective on climate change and some of the activities and ideas from the group that he works with. It sparked some lively debate, so I consider it a successful presentation. It is an important issue that I believe we all should think about, regardless of our personal positions.

Our speaker next month is from the California DMV, and will explain how DMV works with senior drivers. That is a very appropriate topic for all of us to understand.

Finally, our golf activities are still in flux. We all miss Orley, who took care of us golfers for many years. Our group has evolved somewhat to reflect the interests of new members and "maturing" of our long-time members. Unfortunately, our participation has been pretty small for the last couple of years. So where do we go from here? Options discussed are to find someone to fill Orley's shoes, try to play with another SIR group, or just get our players together informally every couple of weeks. We are open to other ideas, but more importantly, we are looking for someone to coordinate the activity. If you are interested in the job, let me know. It should not take a lot of work.

**ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES****ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN , Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771**

47 Active members, January 1, 2017

18 Members Absent

29 Members served, January 26, 2017 (62%)

1 Speaker

30 Lunches served, January 26, 2017

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

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (ADMINISTRATION) Hal Higgins

47 Active members, January 1, 2017

No Change

47 Active members, February 1, 2017

3 Inactive members, January 1, 2017

-1 Vipond

#50

Resigned

2 Inactive members, February 1, 2017

1 New member pending, February 1, 2017

Please make the following changes in your 2017 Roster:

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SONS IN RETIREMENT - FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

(All Members)

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
2/6	FARNSWORTH	Thomas G.	91
2/16	LEWIS	Richard E.	342
2/23	YOUNG	John W.	148
2/25	CARRAN	Mike A	61

2017 OFFICERS



PAST BIG SIR DAN FRANK GETS CERTIFICATE FROM NEW BIG SIR DON LANGLEY



SONS IN RETIREMENT- BRANCH 14- FEBRUARY SIR-WIFE ANNIVERSARY

Anniversary Date	Last Name	First Name	Wife
2/3/73	REINMUTH	Donald E.	Jane

JANUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS



Dennis Scovill, Steve Willett.
Gene Holdren, and Hal Snow

JANUARY WINE WINNERS



Paul Willett and Hal Snow



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 988-5979

Information from the Sun Shine Man: Bob Wall is still having back problems and misses our meetings, he is in rehab and doing better. Bill Boxell is out with a cold it may be still due to his lung problems as well so give him a shout out & wish him well.



Branch 14 Photo Contest - 2017 - Tom Silver, Coordinator

With the expectation that our Branch 14 will remain intact long enough for our 2017 Ladies' Day Luncheon to take place, the 7th Annual Branch 14 Photo Contest is on. Mark your calendars for the September 28th luncheon for submission of entries and October 27th for the contest.

After some discussions regarding the contest rules, I would like to add a couple of twists to the rules. One would be to add a fourth category, "Other," to the three we have been using (Architecture, Nature, and Portrait). We occasionally stumble on the traditional rule for our Nature category to not include any manmade objects. This can result in a good photograph of, say, a bird at a feeder, a California Condor with a numbered tag showing, a salmon leaping up a ladder, a shoreline with a lighthouse in the distance, or a deer jumping a fence from being eligible for the Nature category, but not a good fit for the other categories, either. One could put that shoreline panorama into the Other category, especially if the lighthouse light happens to be flashing! Also, photo subjects often overlap categories, and a fourth, bailout category might be helpful when trying to decide what photos to submit.

A second rule consideration is regarding the Portrait category. Researching the definition of "portrait," I keep finding "...an image or likeness of a person..." or similar wording. But, as you know, pet photos, in our rules, have no place to fit in but in the Portrait category. A look at the State Fair's photo contest rules shows different categories for people and animals as subject. Now, I do not propose to imitate their elaborate regulations. They have 15 Divisions (categories) and 1-5 Classes under each division, one of them being drone photographs! I propose that a pet "portrait" would belong in the Other Category, unless there is also subject matter in the photograph to permit it to be submitted in one of the other categories.

How much, if any, of these changes become the rules depends on consideration of feedback from the membership. This is meant to be a fun contest, judged by us and not a battery of professional photographers, also, of course, our branch is not bereft of those! It is certainly a friendly way to practice for participation in the more prestigious contests that are out there. The contest display always has some delightful surprises in it. The complete, final rules for 2017 will appear in a later bulletin. Meanwhile, be taking photos!





BOWLING CHAIRMAN –DON REINMUTH 456-1844

Our teams are doing very well in their divisions as the season nears the time for playoffs and championship games. I think Jim McCoy's team has a good chance to be in the finals. We bowl every Tuesday At 12:30 at the Country Club Lanes on Watt Ave and El Camino Ave All are invited to come and watch you may even see some very good bowling.

The league needs bowlers. If you or someone you know wants to bowl please let me know and I will help you get on a team or if you prefer to be added to the sub list.

SOME HIGH SCORES BOWLED:

Games	Series
Jim McCoy 148, 159, 160, 195	457
Hal Higgins 162, 169, 182, 191	487, 501
Bill Boxell 170, 186	
Bob Jackson 176, 177, 197	444, 467
Bob Neild 157	

Splits Made	High Rollers
Jim McCoy 5,6,10 5,8,10 (3, 10 3x)	Hal Higgins- 501+54, 191+42
Hal Higgins 3,9,10	Bob Jackson- 443+95, 197+81, 467+113
Bill Boxell 4,7,10 3,10 4,7,10	176+58
Bob Nield 3,5,10	high handicap game 276, series 738



WOODWORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE 944-7676

The woodworkers group had a meeting like no other woodworkers meeting. We started off at The Barn with our usual coffee, donuts and B.S. session. Then we had a quick show-and-tell of several items that members had built over the past month. It was at this time that we strayed off the usual. We carpooled over to Al Russo's home and the real wood WORKING began. Al, with the help of fellow Sirs woodworker members, has built a wonderful wood shop and wood shed on his property and it was now time to fill them with his tools and wood from his L.A. home. About ten of us spent the next two hour unloading the 26' U-Haul and filling his wood shed and wood shop. It was a lot of good hard work and a great way for Sirs members to help one of our fellow members. I must say that Al has some of the most beautiful exotic wood that I have ever seen and I can't wait to see the wonderful woodcrafts he will be building. Al was very appreciative. See everybody next month at The Barn.



THE BARN

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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