



# 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 Scovill  
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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Attendance: Hal Higgins  
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Ass't:  
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Bucket Brigade: Joe Freitas  
Ass't:  
Bulletin Editor: Hal Higgins  
Bulletin Reporter and Photo Contest: Tom Silver  
Chaplain: Dick Lewis  
Golf:  
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](http://www.sirinc.org)  
Sirs 14 website: : <http://branch14.weebly.com>

AT CARMICHAEL ELKS  
5631 Cypress Avenue  
Carmichael

**NEXT MEETING MARCH 23, 2017**

**LUNCHEON MENU  
CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE**

## BIG SIR-DON LANGLEY -944-4219



I enjoyed the speaker from DMV. He brought up some things I haven't thought about. I really haven't thought I would ever be unable to drive. It gives you something to think about.

I have done all I can do toward merging with Branch 127. There has been very little effort on their part. I had Frank, their Big SIR, take a survey of their membership. The results were mixed, and I believe further efforts will be in vain.

I am planning on arranging a BBQ for our June meeting. The Elks will set up tables out back, and BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs, plus the fixings at the same price as our regular meeting. We will invite wives and guests and maybe have some wood items for sale. Will have more information at our March meeting.

I was sorry to hear Bob Nield is leaving our branch. Hopefully he will enjoy Texas. He will be missed. He is a good member, always willing to help others, and will always be welcome if he ever returns.



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

When I accepted the job of Little SIR, I learned that I am responsible for finding speakers for our luncheon meetings. Don Langely gave me a head start by already having a couple of speakers lined up. Both speakers were very interesting, and stimulated some good discussions. Our February speaker was from the Department of Motor Vehicles, and gave us some good information on what we need to know as "aging" drivers. His job is to help us if we have any issues in dealing with DMV, or even to just answer questions about what to expect. If you ever want some individual help or want some information, call Jerrod Sieberg at 916-657-6464.

Our March speaker will be a representative from the Sacramento Electric Vehicles Association. He will be able to tell you some things about transitioning to "zero emission vehicles" that you may not know about. There should also be a couple of electric vehicles in the parking lot to show you what is available today.

Finally, I am asking everyone for a little help in getting future speakers. If you have a story you think may be of interest to other members, please volunteer. Some of the past speakers from our ranks that I remember were about dental hygiene, rockets, and I even volunteered my wife to talk about our WW2 French connection. If you have something to share, or know someone who could provide an interesting presentation, please see me. Or if you have an experience where you used or needed some kind of services that would be of interest to others, let me know and we can try to find the right person to discuss it with our group. Any suggestions you have will be considered.

### **ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES**



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

47 Active members, February 1, 2017

18 Members Absent

29 Members served, February 23, 2017 (62%)

1 Guest

1 Speaker

31 Lunches served, February 23, 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, February 1, 2017

No Change

47 Active members, March 1, 2017

2 Inactive members, February 1, 2017

-1 Powell

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Dropped

1 Inactive members, March 1, 2017

1 New member pending, February 1, 2017

### **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 - MARCH BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

(All Members)

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
3/10	FRANKE	Dan E	140
3/10	JOHANSEN	Ray	220
3/14	THOMPSON	C Hugh	72
3/15	SCOFIELD	John	41
3/17	JACKSON	Richard W	206
3/26	BAGLEY	Donald	106

## SIR-WIFE ANNIVERSARY (MARCH)

Anniversary Date	Last Name	First Name	Wife
3/5/66	NELSON	Steve	Donna
3/27/01	POINDEXTER	James E.	Ginger
3/5/05	THEARLE	Albert D	Wendy

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS



Tom Farnsworth, Dick Lewis, Mike Carran, and John Young

## FEBRUARY WINE WINNERS



Mike Carran and Hal Higgins



## **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 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Branch 14 Photo Contest is on. Mark your calendars for the September 28<sup>th</sup> luncheon for submission of entries and October 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

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



Bill Boxell is back with us after a very long illness, we hope he is here for good, keep well. Carol Nelson, Paul Willett's wife, had a shoulder replacement and is doing well, not driving the Corvette yet. Now for our Buddy Hal Higgins, he wanted to spoil his wife Pat, so he took her to Mexico on vacation and she proceeded to fall and break her hip, had it replaced in Mexico, now that's scary. Gary Macauley's wife Jeanie is recovering from foot surgery, Jim McColm has been back with us now, but I just noticed how much weight he has lost, great job Jim. Bob Wall is still out with back problems, he has been through hell, Joe Freitas's wife Jane has to go every Wednesday for treatment, hope everyone is doing better and on the road to recovery.



**BOWLING CHAIRMAN –DON REINMUTH 456-1844 ( Don is on vacation so I did a partial report for him -Hal Higgins)**

#### SOME GOOD BOWLING SCORES

name	games	series
Bill Boxell	175, 190, 192	518
Hal Higgins	163, 164, 164, 168, 182, 182	532
Bob Jackson	139, 148, 148, 161, 168, 177	411, 430, 442
Jim McCoy	147, 153, 156, 157, 167, 185, 196	431. 436, 474
Bob Nield	126, 132, 136	376

#### HIGH ROLLERS SCORES

Hal Higgins 532 + 79  
 Bob Jackson 168 + 43, 430 + 55. 442 + 67  
 Jim McCoy 185 + 45, 196 + 56, 474 + 54

#### SPLITS MADE

#### WOODWORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE 944-7676



A small turnout of woodworkers (5) did not stop us from having a great day. With almost a box of donuts per person, there was plenty of sweets and coffee. There was conversation about what each of us are currently working on. We also discussed several wood projects for our Ladies Day sale. We then had a class/demonstration on the use of the biscuit-joint cutter tool. Four different types of wood joints were shown where the use of biscuits would make the joint much stronger. After this the conversation somehow got onto electric vehicles. Little Sir Dennis Scovill then offered to give all of us a ride in his new Tesla Model X. What a very impressive marvel of technology this vehicle is. We ended up driving over to Sir Al Russo's house to checkout the large eucalyptus tree that fell in his yard. Thankfully, the tree fell in about the best location it could have and did no damage to his house or wood shop. We also checked on the progress Al has made in the setup of his new wood shop. A short return ride in the Tesla to the Barn and that was our day.



## 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.

**Fort Sutter Branch 14**  
**Hal Higgins**  
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**Citrus Heights, CA 95621**