



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14



2019 OFFICERS

Big Sir: Al Russo
Little Sir: Hugh Thompson
Secretary: Bob Jackson
Ass't: Duane Clark
Treasurer: Dick Lewis
Ass't: Bill Boxell

Directors

Don Langley
Paul Willett
Joe Freitas
Dennis Scovill
Steve Willett
Tom Tompkins

STATE OFFICERS

Area 3 Governor: Giorgio Dina
Regional Director Region 1: Mark Stuart
State President: Ed Bensen

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

Attendance: Hal Higgins
Ass't:
Badge Custodian: Dick Jackson
Ass't:
Bowling: Don Reinmuth
Bucket Brigade: Joe Freitas
Ass't: Jim Poindexter
Bulletin Editor: Hal Higgins
Chaplain: Dick Lewis
Golf: Dick Lewis
Greeters: Len Ohlendorf
Ass't:
Membership, Administration: Hal Higgins
New Membership Recruitment: Hal Snow
Ass't: Dennis Scovill and Len Ohlendorf
Programs: Hugh Thompson
Photo Group: Paul Cary
Photographer: Joe Freitas
Sunshine: Bob Jackson
Telephone Tree: Tom Tompkins
Ass't: John Evers, Bob Jackson, and Steve Willett
Tour Director: Hal Snow
Woodwork: Dan Franke

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING-10:00

WE MEET THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

At Stock Ranch Road Retirement
Community
7418 Stock Ranch Rd
Citrus Heights

MEET AND GREET-11:00

State website: www.sirinc.org

GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH: 11:45

Sirs 14 website: : <http://branch14.com>

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

LUNCHEON MENU

BBQ Beef Sandwich w/fries OR Lemon Herb Mediterranean Chicken Salad
Soup will be French Onion and Dessert will be Gingerbread Cake



BIG SIR-AL RUSSO (714) 642-0586

Branch 14's August luncheon of 2019 was another fun affair featuring good food, a wonderful speaker and lots of comradery.

The continued health of Branch 14 requires our continued attention to recruiting. I strongly encourage you to bring guests who may evolve into members. I realize this is a drumbeat you have heard before, but this remains an important issue.

Another topic that requires your attention is the orders for SIR shirts being accumulated by Bob Jackson. Contact Bob if you would like to order a shirt. We are attempting to increase our presence by becoming walking billboard advertisements for SIR. Cost will be about \$30.

Ladies Day is rapidly approaching as it will be October 24. The woodworkers will have many items for sale, the music will be soothing, and the flowers will brighten up the atmosphere. Please make your plans to attend. Being accompanied by a lady is not necessary. Please feel free to bring anyone whose company you enjoy. More details will be forthcoming. Officers for 2020 were voted in at the meeting. However, the position of Little Sir remains unfilled. Please consider volunteering for this most important position. Have a great month, see you in September. Al



LITTLE SIR-HUGH THOMPSON- 276-5117

Meeting of Friends 8/22/19

HISTORY BRANCH 14: Dick Lewis and Dan Franke spoke to the Branch giving insight into what is unique about 14 and what they have seen, liked and could see some changes needed.

Combined Birthdays: Both July and August (10) friends were honored with a bottle of wine being won by Len Ohlendorf of this combined group.

Branch drawing: The wining wine ticket was drawn by Hal Higgins.

Branch Speaker: Giorgio Dina, SIR Area 3 Governor.

Our friend Giorgio shared with the Branch his background and how he came to become involved in SIR and what it has meant to him. He shared his observations of other SIR Branches with whom he is closely associated. His view of the Annual meeting was complemented by his observations of what he has observed makes a branch (like ours) strong or weak.

61st STATE SIR annual conference meeting: Speaking for Big Sir, rough notes and a verbal report on the Board of Directors meeting and the Annual meeting were provided by Little Sir:

The Annual program was filled with separate events for spouse enjoyment plus friendships were initiated among spouses seeing each other at drink and food gatherings.

Discussion of topics renewed friendships between members from distant locations

Rules have been condensed into Policies and Procedures for SIRINC (which is a corporation).

New Officers were elected.

New identification badges that are easier to read and cost ¼ of the current rate were approved

SIR Insurance to protect SIRINC and each of the SIR leaders of activities and events was clarified. SIRINC insurance is involved in one \$15K hiking case, and one death due to food poisoning. To maintain protection, all SIR activities must be reviewed and approved by the Branch Board for each activity or series of activities on a given date, time, and location.

Communications of operating data between branches and from the branches to State using approved forms demonstrated their importance like Forms 20,27,28,63,64 (see Web for definitions).

SIRINC of which "Sutter Fort" is Branch 14 helped to form a new "SIR FOUNDATION". This foundation can, independent of the non-service organization SIRINC, collect and give funds to those in need such as the members of Branch 52 and 135 of Paradise and Branches 84, 110 of Chico. The Foundation collected \$45, 000 and sent out 70 - \$300 checks to help members needing help. The rest of the funds will continue to be sent to those in need.

State SIR chairmen for Golf, Bowling, Bocce, RV, and sporting events highlighted plans, tournaments, etc.

Outstanding Branches were recognized and given awards

Little SIR learning and conclusion from meetings: Branch 14 is made up of really good people and is a good branch.

Compared to others we are small. Compared to others we are doing a lot of things right. Compared to others we have some challenges ahead. Based upon past experiences, we should do just fine if we have your help.

SEPTEMBER 26TH MEETING of Friends

BE THERE!! I have asked many at STATE SIR and in our Branch, EVIDENTLY, WE DO NOT KNOW OF THIS AGENCY THAT IS DESIGNED TO HELP US. COME LEARN AND BRING A SENIOR AGED FRIEND. The **California Department of Aging**. The Agency on Aging Area 4 Director Pam Miller is sending Mary Schleeter, Regional Services Specialist, to speak to us. Unless I misunderstand, this agency is in business to help each of us as we may need help, independent of income. COME AND LEARN.

SURFERS AT LADIES DAY
JULY 25, 2019



Little Sir, Hugh Thompson and wife, Faye

WINE WINNERS
AUGUST 22, 2019



Hal Higgins and Len Ohlendorf

SONS IN RETIREMENT - SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

| BIRTHDAY | LAST | FIRST | NU |
|----------|---------|-----------|----|
| 9/4/30 | HARRIS | Jack F | 29 |
| 9/11/46 | KRUEGER | Kenneth G | 54 |

BR 14 ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER 2019

| ANNIVERSARY DATE | LAST | FIRST | WIFE |
|------------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| 9/17/75 | PECCianti | Doug H | Dianne |
| 9/10/89 | WALKER | Jlm | Sue |
| 9/15/84 | WILLETT | Steve P | Brenda |

Please make the following changes in your 2019 Roster:

NO CHANGES

BIRTHDAY BOYS
JULY



Hal Higgins, Bill Boxell, Don Reinmuth, and Jim Poindexter

AUGUST



Len Ohlendorf, and Tommy Silver



ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN , Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

48 Members, August 1, 2019

19 Members Absent

29 Members served, August 22, 2019 (60%)

2 Guests

1 Speaker

32 Lunches served

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

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (ADMINISTRATION) Hal Higgins

48 Members, August 1, 2019

No change

48 Members, September 1, 2019

1 New member pending, September 1, 2019

SIR'S BRANCH #14
LADIES DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, October 24, 2019

STOCK RANCH ROAD

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

MAIN DINING ROOM

11 AM Social Time, Lunch 12 Noon

Menu: To be determined. Hope to have Steak or Salmon

Serve yourself Wine and beer

\$16/person 2 for \$25

Fun With:

Social Time/Guitar Music

Wood Art for Sale/Auction

Call Al Russo (714) 642-0586

| Guests | Sponsor |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Mike Bunnell George Kardous | Dennis Scovill |



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 338-6969
No illnesses reported .



Branch 14 Activity Chairman Hal Snow 788-4434

SIRS OUTING – PESCATORE WINERY

Well, SIR's Branch #14 is off again to a fun outing on Saturday, September 14, at 12 Noon. The outing will consist of tasting some delicious wines, lunch, and a winery tour. Lunch will consist of appetizers, mixed greens and cherry tomatoes, chicken breast stuffed with cheese sun dried tomatoes and basil, orzo salad, and French apple pie squares. Cost for all this is \$20/person.

Pescatore Winery is located at 7055 Ridge Road, Newcastle. To get there your choices are to 1) follow your GPS directions up Hwy 80 to Newcastle or 2) Take Hwy 80 to north on Sierra College Blvd, right on Hwy 193, left on Gold Hill Rd., and right on Ridge Rd. Winery is on the left. Disregard road closed sign. We encourage attendees to car pool if possible.

For additional signups or cancellations, call Hal Snow at (916) 622-7344.



BOWLING CHAIRMAN –DON REINMUTH 456-1844

Bowling begins Tuesday Aug 28, 2019, at 12:30 preceded by 10 minutes of practice. Cost is \$7.00 which includes \$4.00 for the house, \$2.25 prize, and \$.75 Secretary. All regular team members must pay \$2.00 per missed bowling day to the prize fund

Initial bowling fee is \$26 plus \$1.00 if you want to donate to BVL.

We always need bowlers. If you know of anyone let me know.

GOLF- DICK LEWIS-(916) 961-1244



GOLF SCORES

RANCHO CORDOVA GOLF COURSE

AUGUST 12, 2019

BILL BOXELL 104

DAN FRANKE 79

DON LANGLEY 94

DICK LEWIS 51*

ROBERT NIELD 97

TONY PLANZER 96

* nine holes

Next golf: Tee times for Antelope Greens Aug. 26 at 7:16 and 7:24



WOODWORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE 239-5888

We had 15 woodworkers attend our August meeting at “the barn”. Plenty of good eats and conversation on a rather warm day. The crafts for our Ladies Day sale are starting to pile up. Check out the photo of this month’s additions and the exceedingly handsome group who are working hard to provide nice items. Howard Mann provided templates and samples of a wood hook that are used to hold purses. These hooks can hang on a table edge and hold a purse. Quite handy for the ladies at restaurants etc. Look for a number of these to be sold at the Ladies Day sale. That’s it for this month. See everyone next month on Friday, September 27th at “ the barn”.

THE WOODWORKERS



AND ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION

DO YOU NEED A BLANK SIR APPLICATION

You can download it from the SIR website: www.sirinc.org

Open the web site and go to *member information*
and open *Forms*.

Blank applications are at the top of the page, download what you want

DID YOU KNOW THAT BR 14 HAS IT’S OWN WEBSITE

Bob Jackson manages it.

[Http://branch14.com](http://branch14.com)

You will be amazed what Bob has on it.

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 shall be required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period unless the Branch BEC has approved a different attendance requirement(s).

MEETING DATES IN 2019

January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27,

July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24, November 21, and December 19.

Fort Sutter Branch 14
Hal Higgins
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