



# FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14

PROMOTING THE INDEPENDENCE &

DIGNITY OF RETIRED AND SEMI-RETIRED MEN

## 2015 OFFICERS

Big Sir: Robert Nield  
Little Sir: Dan Franke  
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Don Langley	Jim McColm
Paul Willett	Bob Wall
Joe Freitas	Duane Clark

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Attendance: Hal Higgins  
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Ass't: Don Langley  
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Membership, Activities Group: Gary Wheeler  
Member Relations Group: Hal Snow  
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Ass't: Jim McColm  
Programs: Dan Franke  
Photographer: Joe Freitas  
Sirs 14 Photo Group: Bob Wall  
Sunshine: Bob Jackson  
Telephone Tree: Hal Snow  
Ass't: Merle Dodd, Paul Willett, and Jim Poindexter  
Tour Director: Dan Franke  
Woodwork: Don Langley

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 MAY 28 2015

LUNCHEON MENU  
SIRLOIN TIPS WITH NOODLES AND VEGETABLES



### BIG SIR'S MESSAGE – ROBERT NIELD- 652-8347

It was a great meeting on Thursday and a awesome turn out. Sorry I had to skip out, but I had to meet with Realtors and sign papers for a new home. Please plan on going to the Air Museum at McClellan Air Park on May 27<sup>th</sup> it will be a great outing. We need to continue to build a membership, so reach out to all of your friends and bring a guest to the next meeting. Until we meet again enjoy the weather.

## GUESTS

STEVE NELSON  
CL;AYTON MOORE

SPONSOR-BOB JACKSON  
SPONSOR-DON LANGLEY



## **LITTLE SIR-DAN FRANKE-944-7676**

First, let me thank Dr. Ray Johansen on his excellent program on oral health. I am sure we all picked up some pointers on preventing periodontal disease. We all received a nice assortment of tools to help us with our dental homework. Thank you Ray.

Next months speaker has not yet been determined. I will do my best to get us someone of interest. Our next speaker will be announced via E-mail as soon as I receive confirmation.

Our trip to Locke last week was a great success. We had our largest turnout yet (19). Locke is known as "the only rural Chinese town left in the United States". This brings me to the topic of next months trivia question: your hint is that it is something about China.

Lastly, we had two guests at our luncheon. Keep up the good work!

### **ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES**

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

49 Active members, April 1, 2015

12 Members Absent

37 Members served, April 23, 2015 (76%)

2 Guests

39 Lunches served, April 23, 2015

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

#### **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (ADMINISTRATION) Hal Higgins**

49 Active members, April 1, 2015

-1 Jim Meek # 142 To inactive

48 Active members, May 1, 2015

0 Inactive members, April 1, 2015

+1 Jim Meek #142 From active

1 Inactive member, May 1, 2015

#### **Please make the following changes in your 2015 Roster:**

##### **Change the following committee members**

Page 7 Add Photo Contest to Bulletin Reporter Tom Silver

On Telephone Assistants. Delete Jim Meek and add Jim Poindexter

##### **Transfer the the following member from active to inactive**

Page 19 James Meek #142

### **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>

## APRIL BIRTHDAY BOYS



BOB JACKSON, MERLE DODD, AND DUANE CLARK

Merle Dodd was 102 years young on April 2.

## SONS IN RETIREMENT - MAY BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NUMBER
5/22	POWELL	Robert	362
5/24	HASKINS	Jerry	125

## GROUP ACTIVITIES DAN FRANKE-944-7676



Our trip to Locke was a success and I received numerous positive comments. Mr. Clarence Chu (Locke Foundation) and our docent Dustin were very helpful in making this tour a success. Our next outing will be on Wednesday, May 27th (the day before our next luncheon day). We will tour the California Aerospace Museum at McClellan Airpark (the old McClellan Air Force Base on Watt Ave.) We will meet at 10:00am at the museum (3200 Freedom Park Dr.) for a docent led tour that will last about two hours. After the museum tour, you will be invited to join several of us planning to go to lunch at The O Club Restaurant at Lions Gate Hotel near the museum. There is \$5 admission charge for the museum. Wives and friends are welcome but we need a count to determine how many docents we will have. Please E-mail me or Hal Snow if you are planning on attending this activity. A reminder E-mail will be sent out again but we need the head count about one week prior to our tour. See you at the air museum.

Happy Mother's Day



## SIRS 14 PHOTO CONTEST - TOM SILVER - 926-988-0536 tandbsilver@aol.com

SIR Bob Wall, a professional photographer, organized a photography special interest group for Branch 14 in 2011, and began holding meetings in the field for instruction in photographic technique and opportunities to practice those techniques. The group was initially called Slow Walkers and Photo Takers (SW&PT), but the SW part quickly took a back seat to the PT part. The first year culminated in a photo contest held at the annual Ladies' Day Luncheon, adding a great deal of interest to that event. As the group's experience grew, organized sessions in the field faded as members increasingly wanted to do their own thing in preparation and anticipation of the annual contest.

I am pleased that Bob is turning the contest over to me to conduct this year. There is no way I could provide the instruction, assistance, advice, and leadership that Bob has, so don't expect that, but I hope I can handle the logistics of the contest at least half as well as he has for the last four years. Having Professor Emeritus Bob Wall backing me up is cause for some optimism in that regard!

When I get the contest materials from Bob, I will publish more details and guidelines. Briefly, we will continue to have three categories for entries, **Portrait**, **Architecture**, and **Nature**. It may be that some of you, attending the recent tour of Locke, have already started on the architecture category, or, perhaps, all three categories.

Meanwhile, the Branch owes a great deal of gratitude to Bob for the enrichment he has brought to Branch 14 membership. Where Branch 14 photography is concerned, he will always be The Man!



## GOLF-ORLEY HIGHFILL-944-0409

### GOLF SCORES

DIAMOND OAKS GOLF COURSE

APRIL 13, 2015 Low net: Don Langley

BILL BOXELL 106

DON LANGLEY 92

DENNIS SCOVILL 1-08

JOHN SILVER 49 (9 holes)

HAL SNOW 89

ANTELOPE GREENS GOLF COURSE APRIL 27 , 2015 Low net: John Silver

BILL BOXELL 71

DON LANGLEY 90

DON REINMUTH 74

JOHN SILVER 44 (9 holes))

HAL SNOW 36 (9 holes)

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS: May 04, Whitney Oaks, 09:00; May 18, Diamond Oaks, 08:30, June 08, Antelope, 09:00, and June 22, Whitney Oaks, 09:00.

**WINE WINNERS**  
**DUANE CLARK AND BOB JACKSON**





### **WOOD WORK CHAIRMAN-DON LANGLEY -944-4219**

The Woodworkers met at Bob Wall's shop on Friday April 24. We had the usual coffee and goodies and bull session. Then we discussed the second phase of our plans for helping Al Russo build his new shop. The first phase consisted of building a new wood shed and then moving the 600 lb roof off the old wood shed (where the new shop will be) to the one we had built. Five of us used 2x4's to lift from underneath and played with it until the old roof landed 4' up and 16' west to the top of the new wood shed. I wish we would have taken a video of the move, It reminded me of an old Keystone Cop movie. it was hilarious.

Our next meeting will be May 29th at 10:00 am at Al's shop, where we will admire it, or finish building it. Don't forget, everyone interested is invited to attend.



### **BOWLING CHAIRMAN -DON REINMUTH 456-1844**

Winter league is over but not forgotten. There is summer bowling at Country Club lanes on Tuesdays at 12:00 PM.

Our own King Pins did come in 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 28 teams. See the picture below.

Don't forget the league meeting before bowling starts again this fall. It will be on Tuesday September 1st..

### **KING PINS ALMOST CHAMPS**



Bill Hale and Dennis Michelete Sirs 117  
Jim McCoy and Hal Higgins Sirs 14

## **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 2015**

January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25,  
July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 19, and December 17.

**Fort Sutter Branch 14**  
**Hal Higgins**  
**7324 Villa Del Sol Ln**  
**Citrus Heights, CA 95621**