



# FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14

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

## 2016 OFFICERS

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



## Directors

Al Russo	Bob Nield
Paul Willett	Bob Wall
Joe Freitas	

## STATE OFFICERS

Area 9 Governor:  
Regional Director Region 3: Victor C. Mershon  
State President: Donald A. Dill

## ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

Attendance: Hal Higgins  
Ass't: Duncan Lyle  
Badge Custodian: Dick Jackson  
Ass't:  
Bowling: Don Reinmuth  
Bucket Brigade: Joe Freitas  
Ass't:  
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: Don Langley  
Photographer: Joe Freitas  
Sunshine: Bob Jackson  
Telephone Tree: Hal Snow  
Ass't: Bob Nield, Jim Meek, and Paul Willett  
Tour Director: Hal Snow  
Woodwork: Bob Wall

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 DECEMBER 22 2016

LUNCHEON MENU  
BAKED HAM WITH YAMS AND VEGETABLES



### BIG SIR-DAN FRANKE-944-7676

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are now working on turkey leftovers. Our November joint luncheon with Sir #127 was very successful. I want to thank Big Sir Frank and all his Sir #127 members for welcoming our group. It was nice to have a luncheon with twice the number of SIRs members. The speaker's talk about the Tuskegee Airmen was very interesting. Their war record speaks for the caliber of the men battling not only the Axis armies but racism at home and in the U.S. Army Air Corps. This month, we are back to our own group on our regular day of Thursday, December 22nd. Lunch will be ham and the speaker will be interesting.

This is my last article as your Big Sir. I want to thank all of you for your support during my terms as Little and Big Sir. We have a great group and I have enjoyed my turn at the microphone. Two years goes by fast. So next year when it is again time for someone to step up and volunteer to be Little Sir....DO IT. Till then, we are in good hands with 2017 Big Sir Don Langley and Little Sir Dennis Scovill. Lastly, I need to remind everyone that we need new members. Invite a friend to a free lunch and an interesting speaker with no pressure. Let the guest find out that we just want to "make friends for life".



### **LITTLE SIR-DON LANGLEY -944-4219**

I really enjoyed the joint meeting with Branch 127. The extra voices during the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of God Bless America were very impressive. We sounded like a real choir.

I was pleased to see both groups intermingling and reach out to the other group. Big SIR Frank Ketchel and Dan Franke did a great job running the meeting, and the speaker was outstanding. I couldn't help thinking how nice it would be if we could merge and have the larger group every month

Next month we will meet on the regular 4th Thursday, and it will be Dan's last meeting as Big SIR. Next year it will be my turn as Big SIR, and I hope I can do half the job that Dan did. Fortunately Dan will become the leader of the Woodworkers, so his talents will still influence the Branch.

The new Little SIR will be Dennis Scovill as Bob Wall was forced to decline for health reasons. I want to personally thank them both for volunteering to take the position.

### **ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES**



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

46 Active members, November 1, 2016

16 Members Absent

30 Members served, November 17, 2016 (65%)

1 Guest

31 Lunches served, November 17, 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, November 1, 2016

No change

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3 Inactive members, November 1, 2016

No change

3 Inactive members, December 1, 2016

2 New members pending, December 1, 2016



## SONS IN RETIREMENT - DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

### (All Members)

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
12/15	LANGLEY	Donald P.	17
12/16	EFFINGER	Andrew F.	329
12/18	FREITAS	Joseph M.	74
12/22	EASTHAM	Howard	339

## SIR-WIFE ANNIVERSARY (DECEMBER)

Anniversary Date	Last Name	First Name	Wife
12/7/57	SILVER	Tommy	Barbara

## OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS



John Evers, Paul Willett, and Bob Nield  
(John and Paul won the wine)



Dan Franke



John Young



### WOODWORKERS -CHAIRMAN-BOB WALL-393-1034

Woodworkers had a great session at "the barn" aka Don Langley's wood shop. Cookies, coffee, conversation and a little wood working were the order-of-the-day. Several of our members showed up with projects that they either needed our tools or advice to repair/complete. Anyone of our SIRs members are always welcome to attend and seek advice/help on a wood project. With free tool usage and free advice, you are sure to get your monies worth.

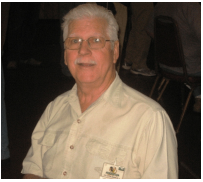
Our leader, Bob Wall, was unable to join us due to his ongoing back pain issue. We muddled through but missed Bob and we look forward to his return. Next month's meeting of "sawdust dudes" will be on Friday, December 23rd (day after our Dec. luncheon). See you at "the barn".

Sawdust Dude Dan Franke

### 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>



**Branch 14 Photo Contest - 2016 -**  
Tom Silver, Coordinator

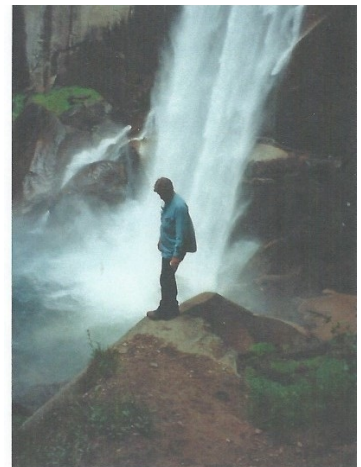
**Second Place-**  
**Nature Category**  
**“Untitled”**  
**Gary Macauley**



**Portrait Category (Tie)**  
**“Buddy and Justine” - Friends**  
**Hal Higgins**



**Portrait Category (Tie)**  
**“Should I Jump?”**  
**Ann Langley**



**Architecture Portrait Category**  
**”Chrome On The Range**  
**Hal Higgins**







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

#### SOME GOOD BOWING SCORES

name	games	series
Bill Boxell	166, 168, 169, 173, 180, 201, 206	493, 536
Bob Jackson	128, 130, 146, 146	376
Jim McCoy	147, 158, 160, 173	472
Hal Higgins	157, 168, 177, 178, 188, 195, 204	467, 491, 508
Bob Nield	148	340

#### HIGH ROLLERS SCORES

Bill Boxell 206 +43  
Hal Higgins 491+42, 508 +64, 195 +47  
204 +56

#### SPLITS MADE

Bill Boxell 4-7-10  
Jim McCoy 3-10



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

Don Bagley is still at Rosewood Rehab at 6041 Fair Oaks Blvd, Carmichael –he is just waiting to be accepted to the Masonic Home in Union City, he would love to talk your ear off if you allow him to. Bob Wall is still having back problems and misses our meeting once in a while. Hal Higgins wife Pat has cancer and will receive treatment over the next week or so, so keep them in your prayers. Dick Dunn took a fall last Thursday and went to the hospital, he was transferred to Rosewood Rehab on Monday and his number is 678-7627, he is in bed 109A if you should think to stop by, you can visit him & Don at the same time. He hopes to be out sometime next week. Welcome back to Don Reinmuth after his hip replacement.



## 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 2016

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

**Fort Sutter Branch 14**  
**Hal Higgins**  
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