



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14

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

2018 OFFICERS

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

Directors

Don Langley
Paul Willett
Joe Freitas
Dan Franke
Hal Snow

STATE OFFICERS

Area 3 Governor: Georgio Dina
Regional Director Region 1: Mark Stuart
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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
Bulletin Reporter and Photo Contest: Tom Silver
Chaplain: Dick Lewis
Golf: Bill Boxell, Dick Jackson., Dick Lewis
Greeters: Jim McCoy
Ass't:
Membership, Administration: Hal Higgins
New Membership Recruitment: Hal Snow
Programs: Al Russo
Photographer: Joe Freitas
Sunshine: Bob Jackson
Telephone Tree: Hal Snow
Ass't: John Evers, Jim Meek, and Steve 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 MARCH 22 2018 AT BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING

LUNCHEON MENU

Fresh Green Salad and French Onion Soup. Entrees will be *Jambalaya and French dip sandwich's with Broccoli/Cauliflower and french fries. Dessert, not sure yet, something light like a tart or carrot cake. *chicken breast, Andouille sausage, diced tomatoes, onion, bell pepper, celery, chicken broth, and spices.

BIG SIR-DENNIS SCOVILL-635-5847



Change... You will notice that more is happening this year than just seeing new faces as the Big SIR and Little SIR. Because of our dwindling membership and lower attendance at luncheons, we have reached the point where we must do something different. We have seen this coming for some time, but we reached a critical point when ELKS informed us that the minimum number of lunches we must buy each month is increasing by five. We have already been using Branch 14 funds each month to pay for some lunches that were not served, and increasing that number is a problem. So we are looking to do some new things. Our first change is to try a new location for lunch. Thanks to Dick Dunn and Bob Jackson for suggesting Brookdale Senior Living. Several of us had lunch there last week, and we were impressed with their friendliness and the quality of their food. I am sure you will be pleased with the lower price. Please make a special effort to join us there on March 22, and give us your honest evaluation of whether you think this location can work for us in the future.

When I think of all the challenges we face in our branch, dwindling membership is a major part of each one. We will soon announce a new "recruiting chairman", and I urge each of you to help him identify and implement activities that will attract new members. Meanwhile, the simplest thing for you to do is watch for potential new members and invite them to our lunch or one of our other activities. And follow up with them to make sure they had fun. For me, having fun is what this is all about.



LITTLE SIR-AL RUSSO-(714) 642-0586

Our February meeting featured John Panneton as our speaker. Mr. Panneton had been a federal prosecutor in Pittsburg and Washington D. C. areas for about 20 years, and has been a defense attorney in the Sacramento for the past 20 years specializing in white collar crime. Mr. Panneton has also taught courses in the criminal justice department at Sacramento State for the past 10 years. He spoke about ethical dilemmas facing defense attorneys. He presented several scenarios which provided fascinating scenarios which required defense attorneys to make very difficult choices. The speaker for next month will be Fred Stewart who will inform us all about bees and their critical niche in our environment.

This month also featured a very interesting trip to the California Museum. This museum featured a very interesting display of the internment of people of Japanese descent during WWII. Also on display was a photographic history of Japan town in Sacramento. The museum also has a display featuring prominent residents of California.

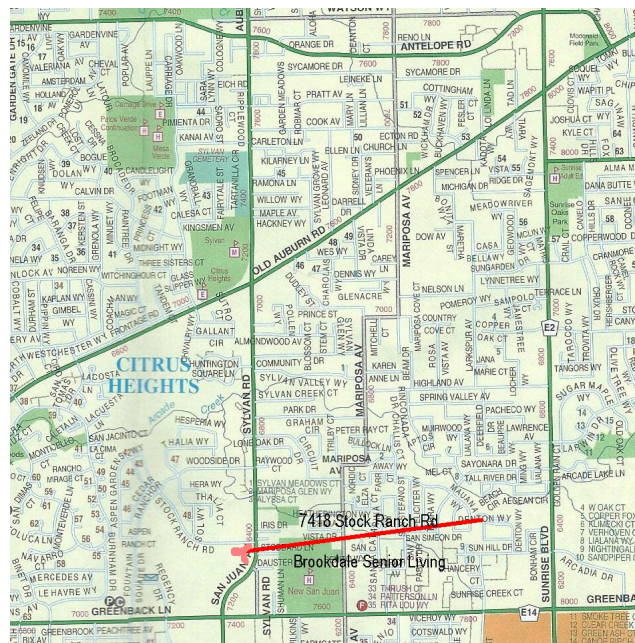
The wine winners this month were birthday boy, Mike Carran and raffle winner Hal Higgins.

ATTENTION SIRS 14 MEMBERS

The next meeting, March 22, 2018, will be held at Brookdale Senior Living, 7418 Stock Ranch Rd, Citrus Heights. Stock Ranch Rd is off of Sylvan Rd (San Juan Ave) and is located 0.3 mile north of Greenback Ln and 0.8 mile south of Auburn Blvd (see map below). If our members like this facility we may move there temporarily or possibly permanently, depending on a vote.

Brookdale offers us two entrees at each meal and free wine or beer. We have to tell them our entree choice one week before the meeting. The meal will also be sit down service, no buffet, except for salad. Cost will be \$12 rather than the usual \$16.

There should be ample parking in their parking lot or on the street out front. The covered parking is reserved for residents, so please do not park in those spaces.





ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN , Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

45 Active members, February 1, 2018
17 Members Absent
 28 Members served, February 22, 2018 (62%)
 1 speaker
2 visitors
 31 Lunches served, February 22, 2018

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

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (ADMINISTRATION) Hal Higgins

45 Active members, January 1, 2018
 -1 Effinger #329 Dropped
 -1 Lyle #115 Dropped
-1 Meek #142 To Inactive
 42 Active members, March 1, 2018

 0 Inactive member, February 1, 2018
+1 Meek #142 From Active
 1 Inactive members, March 1, 2018

 1 New member pending, Member 1, 2018

Please make the following changes in your 2018 Roster:

Please delete the following members

Page 10	Effinger, Andrew	#329
Page 15	Lyle, Duncan	#115

Please place the following member on inactive

Page 17	Meek, James	#142
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VISITORS

Georgio Dina, Area 3 Governor
 Fred Chapmon, Big Sir, Branch 33

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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
3/17	JACKSON	Richard W	206

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS



Dick Lewis, John Young, Mike Carran

FEBRUARY WINE WINNERS



Mike Carran, Hal Higgins

SIR-WIFE ANNIVERSARY (MARCH))

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



Branch 14 Photo Contest - Tom Silver, Coordinator

There has been no interest expressed in the photo contest for 2018 - at least as far as running the event is concerned, so I am still looking for a replacement. It is time for some new and, perhaps, younger blood contributing to its production. Bob Wall and I are in our 80s, so, perhaps some youngster, say, around 75!

I will be at the side of anyone interested in taking the position over, with as much or as little assistance as desired. Perhaps, from your seeing the event from the outside, you have some ideas for improvement. This would be your opportunity to make those changes. In addition to most of the supplies already existing, there is extensive documentation of the forms, bulletin announcements, contest rules evolution, and past results from the seven contests Bob Wall and I held (Bob four, me three).

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me at:

E-mail - TandBSilver@aol.com

Voice - 916-988-0536

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BOWLING CHAIRMAN—DON REINMUTH 456-1844 Don is away, I did the bowling report-Hal Higgins)

SOME GOOD BOWLING SCORES

name	games	series
Bob Jackson	156,158,158,158,183	465
Jim McCoy	142,146,149,153,169,169,175	432,454,454,487
Hal Higgins	163,163,163,180,180	494,494
Don Reinmuth	151,147	429
Bill Boxell	169,172,180,180,194	518

HIGH ROLLERS SCORES

Jim McCoy 454+52 454+52
Bob Jackson 489+85

SPLITS MADE

Jim McCoy 5-6 3-5-7
Hal Higgins 9-10 3-10
Bill Boxell 2-7 2-7 3-10
Bob Jackson 5-10
Don Reinmuth 3-7



WOODWORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE 239-5888

We had our February woodworkers meeting at “the barn”. Great snacks were provided by Al Russo (cookies), Gene Holdren (cake) and new member Lorraine (cake). It was great that three members brought snacks because we had a record 16 members attend.

We are growing each month. We have two “firsts” as we now have a wife of one of our members (Lorraine) and a SIR members from another SIR branch (Georgia) attending. We also have a few of our SIR branch members that I believe come only for the snacks. That is great as everyone is welcome but be careful as woodworking is addictive and you may learn a few things.

At each month’s meeting we have a show-and-tell where members show off some of the projects they have been working on (see picture of some of this month’s projects). We then have a class session where instruction is given on some woodworking skill. This month I talked about four ways to mount a block of wood onto a lathe. Lastly, we have a hands-on skill or project. This month Don Langley led the group in a re-saw of a large slab of pear wood attempting to get a large warp out of the slab (see picture). It was “all hands on deck” as it took most of us to lift the slab and run it through the 20” bandsaw.

See everyone next month on Friday, March 23 at 10am at “the barn” (6341 Grant Ave., Carmichael).
Dan



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 2018

January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28,
July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 15, and December 27.

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Hal Higgins
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