



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
State President: Derek Southern



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: Dick Lewis
Greeters: Jim McCoy
Ass't: Len Ohlendorf
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, Duane Clark, and Steve Willett
Tour Director: Hal Snow
Woodwork: Dan Franke

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING-10:00
MEET AND GREET-11:00
GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH: 11:45

WE MEET THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
State website: www.sirinc.org
Sirs 14 website: : <http://branch14.weebly.com>

Brookdale Senior Living
7418 Stock Ranch Rd
Citrus Heights

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 27 2018 AT BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING

LUNCHEON MENU

SOS with green beans or Eggplant parmesan, both served with side salad and or Butternut squash soup.



BIG SIR-DENNIS SCOVILL-635-5847

The big news is that we have suspended efforts to merge with Branch 33. I will personally vouch for the fact that this is NOT FAKE NEWS! One of the main reasons we made this decision is the feedback we have received from members: many are happy with Branch 14 being a smaller branch, there is a lot of satisfaction with our new venue for luncheons, and many think this has enhanced opportunities to socialize and get to know other members better. The reasons for looking into a merger were very real, and we will need to keep moving in positive directions to keep those reasons at bay. And we will need the help of every member to do this.

So what can you do individually to help? First, and probably most important, is to show up at all of our monthly luncheons and other activities - and make it a point to have fun! Second, do you know a member whose attendance in our events is falling off? Bring him back into the fold and make sure he has fun. Third, let all of your friends and acquaintances know how much fun you are having, and start bringing them along to some of our activities. If your friends are hesitant, talk to their wives - the wives will probably be happy to get their men out of the house! Fourth, pitch in where you can. With a smaller branch, it is important for a higher percentage of the members to take an active roll in planning and implementing our various events. You don't have to wait to be asked, you can volunteer!

Moving ahead, think about what you can do to make the SIR experiences more enjoyable. Maybe you could take over as chairman of one of our activities that you appreciate, and add your ideas to make it even better. Do you have an interest that others might share, but is not included on our list of activities? Volunteer to set it up as a new activity - that is how our woodworkers group came to be, and it is arguably one of our most successful activities. The word got out, and people from outside our branch are now participating. And be sure to tell others how much you appreciate the work they have been doing for the Branch. That is one of the things that makes it all worthwhile.

Remember the date of the next luncheon is September 27. There will be another interesting speaker, and we have more decisions to make for the future of our branch.



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

Our August 23, 2018 meeting was, once again, held at Brookdale Senior Living. After a lovely lunch of either coconut shrimp or roast beef sandwich, Jim Porterfield gave a very informative presentation on climate change. He displayed many graphs and tables clearly illustrating the dramatic changes that have occurred to our climate in the last few decades leading to increased severity of droughts and intensity of storms. He provided data suggesting that much of the change is due to increased CO₂ production as a consequence of burning fossil fuels. He did add that cow farts produce lots of methane which also contributes to the buildup of greenhouse gas in the atmosphere.

The wine winners this month were, birthday boy Tony Planzer and Hugh Thompson. It was a fortuitous coincidence that Hugh also agreed to run for Little Sir for next year.

Next month's speaker will be Larry Serkanike who will talk about Liberty Ships.

ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES



ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN , Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

44 Active members, August 1, 2018
14 Members Absent
 30 Members served, August 23, 2018 (68%)
 2 guests
 1 speaker
 33 Lunches served, August 23, 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

44 Active members, August 1, 2018
 -1 Dick Dunn #235 deceased
 +1 Jerry Knox #35 new member
 +1 John Knox #36 new member
 45 Active members, September 1, 2018

1 Inactive member, August 1, 2018
 No change
 1 Inactive members, September 1, 2018

0 New members pending, September 1, 2018

Please make the following changes in your 2018 Roster:

Please Delete the following member

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Dick Dunn

Deceased

Please add the following new members

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Jerry M Knox
535 Hilltop Dr
Auburn, CA 95603
Home phone: (530) 906-4422
Birthday: 11/20/1933
E-mail: none
Sponsor: Bob Jackson
Joined: 08/23/2018
Worked: McClellan AF Base



Badge 35

John M Knox
6311 Channing Dr
North Highlands, CA 95660
Home Phone: (916) 331-2326
Birthday: 01/06/1937
E-mail: JKNOX95660@SBCGLOBAL.NET
Sponsor: Bob Jackson
Joined: 08/23.2018
Worked: Pac Bell



Badge 36

AUGUST BIRTHDAY BOYS



Tom Silver, Tony Planzer, and Gary Macauley

WINE WINNERS



Hugh Thompson and Tony Planzer

NO BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

ANNIVERSARY DATE

9/17/75

9/15/84

LAST

PECCANTI

WILLET

FIRST

Doug H

Steve P

WIFE

Dianne

Brenda

**PROPOSED
SIRS 14 OFFICERS FOR
YEAR 2019**

**BIG SIR
LITTLE SIR
SECRETARY
ASST SECRETARY
TREASURER
ASST TREASURER**

**AL RUSSO
HUGH THOMPSON
BOB JACKSON
DUANE CLARK
RICHARD LEWIS
BILL BOXELL**

DIRECTORS

**DON LANGLEY
DENNIS SCOVILL
STEVE WILLETT**

**PAUL WILLETT
JOE FREITAS
TOM TOMPKINS**



**Branch 14 Activity Chairman Hal Snow 788-4434
Crocker Art Museum**

Our Branch is planning an activity (outing) to the Crocker Art Museum, 216 O Street, Sacramento for Thursday, September 20th beginning at 11 am. This docent-led one hour tour will be an introductory tour of the Museum. Following the tour, lunch will be available in the Museum Cafeteria. Following lunch, SIRs members and their guests can individually tour the Museum.

The Museum tour charge is \$8/person and free to Museum members. These tour fees will be collected in the Lobby where the tour begins. City parking is located across the street from the Museum.

Because the Crocker Art Museum is so large, this will be an introductory tour that captures the highlights. Many visitors find it worthwhile to return periodically to focus on different and changing exhibits or venues within the Museum. This crown jewel museum is the oldest (1885) continuously operated art museum in the West. It is considered one of the leading museums in the US.

Spouses and friends are also invited to attend. These outings provide a good opportunity to recruit prospective members for SIRs. If you have not already signed up, please call Hal Snow, Activities Chair, at 916 788-4434.



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 988-5979

Dick Dunn passed away July 27, 2018, as was mentioned in last month's report, but I forgot to mention he was a member since 1987, Past Big SIR and secretary for many years, he was 92. Jim Poindexter is recovering from having a kidney removed and is back in action, only he forgot about our meeting today. My wife Terri is recovering nicely from a blood infection and hopefully she will be back on track soon. Gary Macauley is back with us after caring for his wife Jeanie who passed away August 2nd and her service will be September 8th at the San Juan Masonic Center at 2pm.

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>



GOLF- DICK LEWIS-(916) 961-1244

GOLF SCORES

DIAMOND OAKS GOLF COURSE

AUGUST 9, 2018

BILL BOXELL 114

DAN FRANKE 100

DICK JACKSON 116

DON LANGLEY 109

DICK LEWIS 106

DENNIS SCOVILL 111

GARY LANES 106 (guest)

Next Golf: Monday September 10, 2018 at 08:20 and 08:30 Indian Creek Golf Course

**BIG SIR, DENNIS SCOVILL GETS A HOLE IN ONE AT
INDIAN CREEK, JULY 23. 2018**



BOWLING CHAIRMAN –DON REINMUTH 456-1844



The 2018/2019 bowling season: started on Tuesday August 28, 2018 at 12:30.pm.

We need bowlers to fill positions. If you are interested in bowling please let me know and I will find a place for you, or if you prefer add you to the sub list.

We bowl every Tuesday At 12:30 at the Country Club Lanes on Watt Ave and El Camino Ave. All are invited to come and watch. You may even see some very good bowling.



SIR'S BRANCH #14
LADY'S DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Brookdale Senior Living

Main Dining Room

11 AM Social Time, Lunch 12 Noon

Menu: Alaskan Salmon fillet served over lemon citrus risotto, sautéed spinach and cherry tomatoes. Or NY steak with whipped mashed potatoes, asparagus served with a red wine demi gloss.

Dessert is a salted carmel apple tart.

Serve yourself Wine and beer

Cost to be determined

Attire - Hawaiian

Fun With:

Social Time/Guitar Music

Wood Art for Sale/Auction

Call Don Langley at 955-5532 or Dan Franke at 239-5888.



WOODWORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE 239-5888 (by Don Langley)

Ten of the Woodworkers met at Hal Snow's shop for coffee and cookies. Our leader, Dan Franke was out of town so we had a make shift agenda. After story telling at Hal's shop, we took a short walk to the home of Ardell McCombs where we had a tour of his amazing shop and a show and tell of the many wood items he had made for himself.

We finished by returning to Hal Snow's shop for a team project, making items to sell at our next ladies day wood auction.

Everyone was impressed with how much you can do in a small home shop. All had a great time. (Dan says see you Friday, September 28th at "DON'S BARN".)



"THE WOODWORKERS"

NEW MEMBERS



Big Sir, Dennis Scovill, with John and Jerry Knox

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 20.

**Fort Sutter Branch 14
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