



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14



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 Tour Director: Hal Snow
 Winemakers: Ken Krueger
 Woodwork: Dan Franke

BEC MEETING-11:00 ZOOM 2ND THURS
 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.com>

At Cogir of Stock Ranch Senior Living
 7418 Stock Ranch Rd
 Citrus Heights

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 27, 2022

NOTICE

For the next two months our luncheons will be held at the Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Ave, Citrus Heights. Cogir is renovating it's kitchen. The January menu will be emailed to you.

This is the January 2022 bulletin



BIG SIR-TOM TOMPKINS (916) 961-3670

Greetings and Happy New Year.

This past year went by in a hurry. I hope each of you had a safe and happy holiday.

As we start a new year, we need to look back at last year and the success our Branch 14 had. A huge thank you to our Big Sir Len Ohlendorf for his guidance and leadership. He leaves a huge set of shoes to fill. Thank You Len.

As we look forward, let us not forget those who are less fortunate and those who are hurting. One of our goals for this year is to reach out to all our members and see how they are doing and if our Branch 14 can be of assistance to them. As of January 1, our Branch 14 had 54 members, we had 33 present for lunch in December. What happened to the other members; do we know why they were not with us?

Every year our SIRS Branch is expected to lose 10% of our membership for many reasons. Think of men you may know who would be contributing members of our group and invite them for lunch. I think when they see our spirited membership, they will want to join our organization. Thank you for your support in this effort.

Our speaker for December was Michael Durner with TSA. His presentation was very interesting. Due to the Chinese Virus, (Covid) TSA has updated a lot of their equipment and procedures. New more sophisticated X-ray machines have been installed. The body scan machines they have now will detect metal objects on the outside of the body, your knee replacement will no longer set the alarms off.

TSA also has a service for the disabled. If you call 72 hours in advance, a TSA representative will come down and meet you, escort you thru security and get you safely to the airplane. The phone # for this service is: 1(855) 787-2227.

If you fly a couple of times per year, TSA Pre-check will save you time and less hassle going thru security. The phone number for this service is 1(855)-347-8371, for TSA Pre-check Customer Service the number is 1(866-289-9673).

Our speaker for January will be Steve Beck with the Fort Sutter Park Service.

Our meeting location for January will be at Harding San Juan Masonic Center 5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA. 95610. We will be meeting at this location in January and February.

Until Next time

Tom Tompkins

Your Big Sir 2022

Sirs Member Profile- Ken Krueger



Born and raised in northern Wisconsin, Ken graduated from Tomahawk High School in June 1964 at the age of 17 and promptly enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served 3 years as a Radioman on various naval ships and was released from active duty in Sept. 1967 to begin study at American River College. Six weeks later he met the love of his life: Donna, who he married in 1970, divorced in 1974 and married again in 1980. Ken says that they had it right the first time but were too young and dumb to realize it. They have 2 Children and 2 grandchildren.

Ken completed college on the G.I. bill, graduating from Sac State in 1972 (BA) and again in 1978 with a Masters degree in Industrial Psychology. The bulk of Ken's professional career was spent in public service, which began in 1977 at Selection Consulting Center in Sacramento (a joint powers authority) and ended in 2018 with State of California's Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). In 1981 and 82, he was briefly employed as the Personnel Director for Ability Information Systems in Spokane Washington, from which he was recruited by POST. Ken's career emphasis was in psychometrics where he specialized in the development and validation of a myriad of selection and assessment procedures (tests) for peace officers. Ken also maintained a part-time private consulting practice, where he consulted with non California Police and Fire Departments on selection and testing issues.

Ken enjoys spending time with friends and family, particularly the grandkids. Up until August this year, he and Donna owned a big 5th wheel trailer, in which they toured most of the West with friends. Ken is currently active with both the Carmichael Elks Club and Branch 14 of the Sons in Retirement, where his interests include woodworking, wine making, card-playing (bridge, poker and pinochle) and an occasional round of golf. He is looking forward to meeting the challenges of becoming an effective Little Sir in 2022.



LITTLE SIR- KEN KRUEGER (916) 751-0568.

Happy New Year Branch 14! Let me begin by saying that after considerable prompting by Hal Snow (who was my boss in a former life, and after hearing how easy the job is from Al Russo and Don Langley, and after hearing Len Ohlendorf sound the alarm regarding declining membership, and after realizing that most of you had already assumed a leadership role, and after selling our RV and canceling our related travel plans, I finally ran out of excuses for not stepping up to a “leadership” role in the Branch. Having said that, I hope that everyone enjoyed a heartfelt Christmas and New Year, and that you’re prepared to

have tons of fun in 2022.

To me, SIR is about FUN and Camaraderie (or Friendship). Since joining, I have personally made dozens of new friends with whom I have had great fun and through which I have learned a great deal. I was initially attracted by the Woodworkers, and, after encouragement, I launched the Winemakers group, which has turned out to be a load of fun. I will probably start golfing again and even try bowling if/when my ankle stops aching. SIR Branch 14 will be what WE make it, you and me! Since joining in 2019 I have told nearly all of my friends about SIR; six of whom have joined to date. I would encourage you to do the same.

I attended a 10 hour Zoomed SIR Leadership Summit in mid-December in preparation for my role as Little SIR. WOW is my reaction to that summit. I had no idea of the breadth of SIR nor of the resources available via the SIRInc.org website. Let’s just say that I learned a ton and that I am presently rolling up my sleeves as I try to put what I learned to work. I encourage every SIR member to visit that website.

In the year ahead I hope to get to know each of you personally, to find out what you enjoy most and to help you find ways to increase that enjoyment. In order to make that happen I will need your support and your patients. You will find that I am a good listener and a solid team player.

In case you haven’t heard, Stock Ranch will be remodeling their Kitchen over the next couple of months and that we will have our luncheons at the Masons Hall up the street on San Juan. I hope to see you there.

Please make the following changes in your 2021 Roster

Page 11 Add mobile phone number for Joe Freitas (916) 595-9352

BIRTHDAY BOYS, DECEMBER

DATE JOINED SIR, DECEMBER



Don Langley and Joe Freitas*

***wine winner**



Doug Jensen*



SONS IN RETIREMENT - JANUARY BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
1/6/37	KNOX	John	36
1/5/43	SNOW	Harold	166
1/19/51	SCOVILL	Dennis A.	265
1/23/60	PRYOR	Thomas Lester	103

BRANCH 14-DATE JOINED SIR–JANUARY

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No members joined SIR in January



ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

- 53 Members, December 1, 2021
- 21 Members Absent
- 32 Members served, December 16, 2021 (60%)
- 1 Guest
- 1 Speaker
- 33 Lunches served (speaker did not eat lunch)

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

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (ADMINISTRATION) Hal Higgins

- 53 Members, December 1, 2021
- No Change
- 53 Members, January 1, 2021

1 New member pending, January 1, 2022



Merry Christmas



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 338-6969

Dick Jackson needs our thoughts and prayers, he is in tough shape.

One of our new members is also hurting with hip & leg pain, Davis Schwartz, however, he is doing therapy that is helping.



WINEMAKERS –CHAIRMAN: KEN KRUEGER (916) 751-0568.

The Winemakers group did not meet in December as most of our members had conflicting commitments. The group is looking forward to 2022 where our aim is to produce more and better wine. Our regularly scheduled meetings take place at Don's Barn (6341 Grant Ave., Carmichael) on the Wednesday, the day before the monthly SIR luncheon. We normally begin at 9:00 a.m. All Branch 14 members are welcome to join us, or at least come by and check us out.

Although we attempted to make one batch of wine from "grapes" donated by Howard Mann, the bulk of the group's efforts have heretofore concentrated on making wine from fruit trees growing in our own backyards, such as Plums, Pluots, Grapefruit, Kumquats, and Peaches. In the year ahead we intend to broaden our efforts to include Berries, and, yes, Grapes. In fact, we may short cut the process by buying "grape juice" from reputable wineries in Lodi, or the foothills. Buying the juice precludes our investing in costly crushing and destemming machinery.

While most of our wine has been, shall we say "drinkable," our goal is to get better. But in the end, it matters little as we've resolved to turn our marginal wines into highly desirable liqueurs. We hope you will come by and join in the fun, if for no other reason than to sample our wares. In the meantime, be happy, wear your masks in public, call your friends to say Hi, get your Covid booster shots and be safe out there.



WOODWORKERS –CHAIRMAN–DAN FRANKE 239-5888

Fifteen woodworkers met at "the barn" for our December meeting. There were great snacks provided by Al Russo and Howard Mann. After letting my belt out another notch, we had show-and-tell. There was a quite a variety this month. A wonderful collection of beautiful hand-made wood planes, wine rack, liquor cabinet, Bluetooth speaker box and charcuterie boards (see photos). Bob Waters showed us the process of replacing the blades in a Delta jointer. Then Bob Koch put on a very informative class on the various types of wood planes (see photo). We had a great day and learned a lot. See everyone next month on Friday, January 28th at "the barn".



Show and Tell



Ken Krueger showing his blue tooth speaker box



Bob Koch and his wood planes

This bulletin was approved by the Big Sir

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).

A member shall be notified in writing, e-mail, and/or telephone by his Branch if he is in violation of the Attendance Rule 100 and is subject to the termination of his Branch membership. See Rule 107. (Revised 6/7/18) (Revised 4/10/18) (Revised 10/30/18)

MEETING DATES IN 2022

January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23,
July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 17, and December 15

Fort Sutter Branch 14
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