



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14



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 Photographer: Joe Freitas
 Sunshine: Bob Jackson
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 Ass't: John Evers, Milo Tubbs, Dennis Micheletti, and Jack Melvin
 Tour Director: Dennis Micheletti
 Ass't: Len Ohlendorf and Dave Wolf
 Winemakers: Ken Krueger
 Woodworkers: 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 JULY 28, 2022

LUNCHEON MENU

Soup-Potato Leek Or House salad

Entrees

1. Meat lasagna

Italian sausage, ground beef, ricotta cheese, mozzarella cheese, parmesan cheese, house made san Marzano tomato sauce. OR

2. Grilled Tri-Tip sandwich

Grilled Tri-Tip thinly sliced, caramelized onions mushrooms, house made BBQ sauce, cheddar cheese, toasted roll, served potato chips.

Dessert-Boston cream pie

This is the July 2022 bulletin



BIG SIR-TOM TOMPKINS (916) 961-3670

Greetings from your Big Sir

We had a great June meeting; wonderful fellowship and the food was very good. Our attendance is creeping up, thank you. Let's keep up the good work.

Congratulations to our June birthday boys: Howard Mann, Gary Kiddie, Doug Jensen, James Cauley and Keith Woods.

Hats off to our June SIR anniversary members: Hal Snow, John Evers, Al Russo and Dick Jackson. Thank you for your continued service to our branch.

As usual, our Little SIR, Ken Krueger, is doing a great job securing speakers for our lunch meetings. Good speakers are very important to keeping our members coming back and it is a great recruiting tool. Thank You Ken. Our June Speaker was Mr. Will Pickard from the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. Great speaker.

I watched a state Sir zoom meeting on June 16th. Very interesting to say the least. Most of the meeting was consumed by discussing whether to allow ladies to become members of SIRS. Another hot topic was COVID protocols. As to allowing ladies to membership, there will be more information on this in the coming months. There were two branches of SIRS who participated in a pilot program for SIRS allowing ladies to join, the pilot program was successful. We shall see. On the COVID protocols, our insurance company is still requiring each branch to maintain the waivers on each member.

On the state budget, 2/3 of our state SIR budget is spent on insurance, this is huge. However, we do need good insurance,

Currently, there are 9,800 members of SIRS statewide. Our Branch # 14 is one of the smaller branches. We are very active and are in better shape participation wise than other branches three times our size. Thank you to our members who keep our branch vibrant.

Also discussed at the state zoom meeting were some ways to increase membership in the branches, adding more activities, less apathy, better lunch speakers, listening to the membership, finding out why members leave SIRS and listen to new ideas.

On Saturday June 18th. Several members of our branch spent some time at our booth at the Sunrise Farmers Market. This was my first time participating and it was a great experience. We talked with several perspective members who seemed very interested in what our branch has to offer. Thanks to Dennis Scovill for heading up this project. We need volunteers for the next Farmers Market event.

Unfortunately, we had several members who made reservations for our June lunch and did not show up. We guarantee to Cogir based on your responses to our phone callers. If you tell your caller you want a meal and do not show up, our SIRS Branch still must pay for your meal. Please be mindful of this.

In closing, if you have any suggestions on how we can increase our membership and/or make our lunch meetings better, please let me know.

Have a safe and happy July 4th.

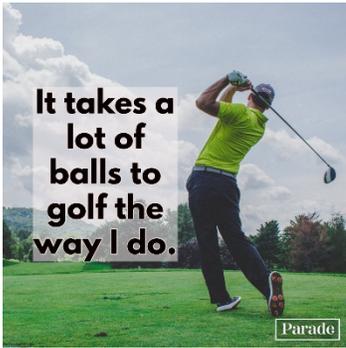
Tom Tompkins
Big Sir Branch # 14



LITTLE SIR - Ken Krueger (916) 751-0568

Happy July from your Little SIR.

SIR events include several activities that keep us coming back for more. Among these are great food, free beer and wine, good friends, and a sense of humor. Enter Dick Lewis. This photo and quote are from his recent outing at Antelope Greens. Dick is chairman of the Branch 14 Golfers group.



An activity that I have been tinkering with is the idea of starting a SIR Branch 14 Facebook Page. The process, which is nicely laid out on the SIRinc webpage, seems straight forward. However, I'm worried that if I create the page for our branch, that I will be saddled with maintaining it solo for the long run. So, I ask; "if any of you are into social media and enjoy monkeying around on FB, Twitter, or related platforms please let me know; it might be fun to get something going and attract some new members.

Another activity that has been very popular with our members is Touring. That is, visiting local and regional activities and venues, such as Golden 1 Center, and the McClellan Air Museum. Unfortunately, this activity was sidelined during the past couple of years due to the Covid pandemic. Also unfortunately, is the fact that our long-time tour activity chairman, Hal Snow, has been dealing with some serious family health issues and has had to step away from this role. I was therefore heartened to see Dennis Micheletti stand-up at the June meeting and make a strong pitch for renewing the SIR Branch 14 Tour activity. Dennis listed several possible tours including Crocker Art Gallery, the new SMUD museum, and the Railroad Museum. There was significant interest in the Railroad tour as our next outing, and I am sure that the other venues he mentioned would be of equal interest to our group. Thank you, Dennis, for taking this on.

Our speaker for June was Will Pickard, who is Director of the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon. Mr. Pickard discussed the free burial services available to military veterans and their families and how to obtain them. He will be back at our July 28th luncheon meeting to present our Branch 14 Viet Nam veterans with a commemorative pin.

Our guest speaker for July will be Tom Sharp, who is a financial advisor with the local office of Ameriprise Financial Services. It will be of interest to get his take on the emerging Bear Market and related investment strategies.

OK guys, that's it for now. BE SAFE out there, and I hope to see you at the July luncheon. AND, again Don't forget to occasionally invite a guest; remember, they not only eat for FREE, but could be the source for future Little Sirs.



**Little Sir giving our speaker, Will Pickard,
our Certificate**

No changes in your 2022 Roster this month.

COVID PROTOCOL FOR ATTENDING LUNCHEON

Each member will wear a mask on entering the building and proceed to the receptionist. The receptionist will check your temperature and check your name on the Branch roster. If your temperature is OK you may then proceed to the dining room. Upon entering the dining room you may remove your mask.

JUNE BIRTHDAY BOYS



Doug Jensen, Howard Mann, Gary Kiddie,
and Jim Cauley

WINE WINNER



Doug Jensen

DATE JOINED SIRS

WINE WINNER



Al Russo

SONS IN RETIREMENT - JULY BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
7/04/23	SHELLER	Fredric	32
7/19/30	HIGGINS	Harold H.	81
7/12/42	MICHELETTI	Dennis D.	150
7/08/44	KARDOUS	George	123
7/18/44	BOTTEL	Rod	42
7/26/44	BOXELL	William	16

BRANCH 14-DATE JOINED SIR-JULY

DATE JOINED SIR	LAST	FIRST	NU
7/25/02	BOXELL	William	16
7/28/16	CARRAN	Mike A	61

ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES



ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

- 56 Members, June 1, 2022
- 24 Members Absent
- 32 Members served, June 23, 2022 (57 %)
- 1 speaker
- 33 Lunches served

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

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (ADMINISTRATION) Hal Higgins

- 56 Members, June 1, 2022
- No Change
- 56 Members, July 1, 2022

0 New members pending, June 1, 2022



GOLF- DICK LEWIS- 961-1244

Golf has started and we play on the first and third Fridays of each month. Unfortunately we can only get tee times one week in advance at the public courses so the location and tee times will be emailed to you.

On Friday July 1 we are playing Indian Creek. We have two tee times, **starting at 7:50.**



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 952-4049

Things are looking up, Hal Snow’s wife is getting better from all reports, not out of the woods, but better. Dick Jackson was back at our meeting, that’s great. Buddy Bergstrom had a touch of the flu. Jack Harris is in a retirement home and can’t drive any longer, so we will be losing him as a member.



TOUR DIRECTOR - DENNIS MICHELETTI- (916) 417-2817

RR Museum Tour Railroad Museum/Train event August 27, 2022. Maximum - 30 people 10 AM to 11AM train ride (arrive at train station no later than 9:30AM) from Old Sacramento to Miller Park along the Sacramento River in an Air Condition 1st class train car with a drink and snack included.

11:30AM a docent conducted tour of the Rail Road Museum.

Lunch after the event will be at member's choice, and is not included in this event.

No children or members under 18 to be included.

COST PER PERSON: \$38 - \$25 for train ride, \$11 for museum tour & \$2 for Docent

Please note to secure the 1st class train ride for the 30 guests a \$750 deposit should be made no later than the end of July

Dennis D. Micheletti



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

The Winemaker group meet On Wednesday May 18th at Don’s Barn where we welcomed two (2) new members to our group: George Kardous and Greg Matzen. We met from 9:00 am to about noon.

The focus of the day was the creation of a limoncello, a Kahlua, and a fruit-based whiskey clone. Each of these libations is based on some recently distilled Petite Sarah wine, which is now technically called a brandy (whiskey made from fruit is called “brandy”). We started out by zesting approximately 60 of Tony Planzer’s lemons and then immersed the zest in about 3 quarts of the 140-proof brandy. We next added approximately 6 cups of sweet strong coffee and a vanilla bean to another batch of the Sarah brandy which is destined to become Kahlua. Finally, we merely added some oak chips to yet another portion of that brandy. We will wait until next month to see how we did. I’m thinking we did Good!

Our next meeting will be a 9:00 am at Don’s barn on July 20. The principal objective of that meeting will be the creation of a homemade Creme de Menthe. New member Greg Matzen will be heading up the effort which includes doing appropriate research on the subject. Other activities of the day will include the follow-up on our limoncello, kahlua , and oak-laden brandy, and, of course, the sampling of our previous efforts.

In closing, please remember that any Branch 14 member who is interested in checking us out can either give me a call (Ken Krueger) or show up at the monthly gathering. Cheers!



WOOD WORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE 239-5888

We had our June woodworkers meeting at “the barn” in very warm conditions with 14 members in attendance. Bob provided the treats. If you have never had seniorita bread, you are missing a great treat. Thank you Bob. Coffee by Ann. Thank you Ann. We had several wonderful items shown at show-and-tell (see photo). Rod Bottel then showed a beautiful 3D cutting board that he built and described all the steps involved in the making (see photo). My brother-in-law, Rick Hanson, showed his finished pendulum clock. He had shown it earlier at a meeting when it was incomplete and in pieces. It turned out spectacularly (see photo). I then showed the process of using epoxy resin to make bottle stoppers with a pine cone inside the resin (see photo). The meeting was a little shorter than usual but the heat was starting to build in “the barn”. See everyone next month on Friday, July 29th.



Show and Tell



Rod Bottel 3D cutting board



Rick's clock



Pine cone bottle stopper



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

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