



# FORT SUTTER NEWS

## BRANCH No 14



### 2023 OFFICERS

Big Sir: Ken Krueger  
Little Sir: David Schwartz  
Secretary: Bob Jackson  
Ass't: Paul Cary  
Treasurer: Dick Lewis  
Ass't: Bill Boxell

### Directors

Tom Tompkins      Gary Kiddie      Len Ohlendorf  
Dennis Wade      Dennis Micheletti      Keith Woods

### STATE OFFICERS

State President: Dave Gonzales      ygonzo@yahoo.com  
Region 1 AR: Hugh Thompson      HUGH@HTAENGINEERING.COM  
Area 3 AR: Jim Bragg      Jegragg65@gmail.com

### ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

Attendance: Hal Higgins  
Ass't: vacant  
Badge Custodian: Dick Jackson  
Bowling: Bill Boxell  
Bulletin Editor: Hal Higgins  
Chaplain: Dick Lewis  
Golf: Dick Lewis  
Greeters: Joe Freitas  
Ass't:  
Membership, Administration: Hal Higgins  
New Membership Recruitment: Dennis Scovill  
Ass't: Len Ohlendorf  
Programs: David Schwartz  
Photo Group vacant  
Photographer: Joe Freitas  
Sunshine: Bob Jackson  
Telephone Tree: Tom Tompkins  
Ass't: John Evers, Milo Tubbs, Dennis Micheletti, and Jack Melvin  
Tour Director: Dennis Micheletti  
Ass't: Len Ohlendorf and Dave W olf  
Winemakers: Ken Krueger  
Woodworkers: Dan Franke

BEC MEETING-11:00 ZOOM 2<sup>ND</sup> 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](http://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 26, 2023

### LUNCHEON MENU

*Soup- Cream of mushroom      Or      House salad*

### *Entrees*

*Chicken Enchiladas- House chicken enchiladas, cilantro crème, pico de galo, olives,  
Spanish rice and beans. Or*

*Italian Pit Beef Sandwich-Slow roasted beef, au jus, Italian giardiniera, provable cheese,  
pasta salad.*

*Dessert- Lemon Meringue pie*



### Big SIR - Ken Krueger (916) 751-0568

Greetings and Happy New Year. I hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year Holiday. There is nothing better than spending time with friends and family.

Thirty-two members attended the December luncheon excluding guest speaker Thomas Sharp and SIR Area Representative Hugh Thompson. Mr. Sharp is a financial planner and his presentation focused on the long- and short-term effects of "recessions" and what we can do now to decrease out tax burdens. Tom's presentation led to many questions which he aptly addressed; overall, his presentation was well received.

Hugh Thompson gave us a brief overview of State Sir recent activities, stating that the Branches are independent corporations that should do what makes sense to them. He also inducted the new Branch officers and BEC members for 2023.

The annual Hal Higgins Award of Excellence was presented during the meeting. This award recognizes members who make outstanding, above-and-beyond contributions to Branch 14. This year's recipient is Bob Jackson, Branch 14's long-standing Secretary. Bob has been a mainstay in Branch 14's success over the years. Congratulations Bob.

As your new Big Sir, I have two priorities for 2023. The first is to increase our membership to sixty and the second is to add at least one new activity. I hope to get BEC approval of these goals at our next meeting. State Sir's big priority for 2023 is to increase membership across all branches. For us, my goal is to add three more guys to our roster, bringing our total membership to 60. This goal is based on a BEC decision last year to reject a proposed to merger with Branch #133. Such a merger would have put the combined membership at about 125. This number would require a change in venue from Cogir of Stock Ranch to one of the area's Elks Lodges. After discussion, it was the unanimous opinion of BEC members to stay at Stock Ranch, which has a maximum capacity of sixty lunch attendees. We thus rejected the offer to merge. That decision led to my goal for 2023: 3 new members.

The idea of beginning new activities stems from the belief that activities attract new members. Currently, Branch 14 has seven activities: Bowling, Golf, Photography, Poker, Local Touring, Winemaking and Woodworking. One or two branches have forty plus activities. So please put your thinking hats on. What do you enjoy doing besides these seven pursuits? Things that come to mind include Reading, Wine Tasting, Dining, Cooking, Bocce Ball; Pickle Ball; Live Theater; and Bridge (or other card games). Please think about what you like doing and let me know so that we can float a few ideas. My guess is that there are others in our membership that would also enjoy the things that you like; and chances are that you have friends who you currently engage with who might like to join Branch 14 to continue the pursuit.

Well, that is it for my initial remarks. Happy Holidays and I will try to be less verbose in the months ahead.

Ken Krueger, Big Sir



### **LITTLE SIR - Dave Schwartz (916) 863-6284**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As my first article for the bulletin, I thought I would tell you a little about myself.

I'm a 4<sup>th</sup> Generation born and raised in San Francisco. My Grandfather and Great Grandfather were all born in San Francisco in the 1800s. I graduated from Lowell High School and San Francisco State University. My wife Robin and I have been married for 44 years and have a 38 year old son, Benjamin.

We moved to the Sacramento area in 1985 from the San Francisco Peninsula when our son was a year old. This has been a great place to live and raise a family.

My working career has been mostly in Information Technology that includes Vision Service Plan, Sutter Health and Adventist Health.

My hobby interests include: music, movies, computer games, exploring new coffees and visiting different coffee shops, golf and bowling.

I joined SIRS in November of 2021 and have really enjoyed my time in this wonderful organization. I'm looking forward to 2023 and getting to know more of you in the coming year.

Our speaker for January will be Alan Baker, who will present a talk on Internet Fraud. Unfortunately, organized groups use the internet to steal from us. Their psychological approaches are well-honed and their scams can lead to catastrophic outcomes financially and socially. In his presentation, Alan will talk about how to recognize these scams and how to use simple tools to stay clear of them.

I wish you all the best this holiday season and look forward to seeing you all in 2023. Dave Schwartz

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## SPEAKER TOM SHARPE



## Hal Higgins Award of Excellence



## BOB JACKSON with Big and Little Sirs

## Little Sir with new members, Gary Archibald and David Jones





## **SONS IN RETIREMENT - JANUARY BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14**

<b>BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>LAST</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>NU</b>
<b>1/6/37</b>	<b>KNOX</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>1/5/43</b>	<b>SNOW</b>	<b>Harold</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>1/19/51</b>	<b>SCOVILL</b>	<b>Dennis A.</b>	<b>265</b>

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS**



**Paul Cary, Dennis Wade, Al Russo, John Evers, Don Langley, and Joe Freitas**

**Birthday wine winner**



**Al Russo**

**Date joined sir wine winner**



**Dennis Scovill**

## BRANCH 14-DATE JOINED SIR-JANUARY

DATE JOINED SIR	LAST	FIRST	NU
1/24/19	HARRIS	Jack F	29
1/23/20	HENNING	Robert D	114
1/27/22	SELSER	Michael J	84
1/27/95	LEWIS	Richard E.	342

## RAFFLE WINE WINNERS



**George Kardous**



**David Jones**



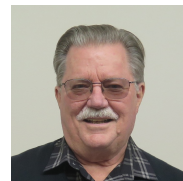
Please make the following changes in your 2022 Roster

Please add the following new members:

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Gary W. Archibald  
4136 Naturewood Ct  
Fair Oaks, CA 95628  
Phone: (916) 202-9582  
Birthday: 5/5/1952  
E-mail: [GaryArch@hotmail.com](mailto:GaryArch@hotmail.com)  
Sponsor: Davis Schwartz #56  
Joined: 12/15/2022  
Worked: Innovative Claim Systems

Wife: Sue



Badge 45

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David H. Jones (Dave)  
8961 Cliffside Lane  
Far Oaks, CA 95628  
Phone: (916) 606-1057  
Birthday: 5/24/1942  
E-mail: [DAVID@JONESPERRY.COM](mailto:DAVID@JONESPERRY.COM)  
Sponsor: David Schwartz #56  
Joined: 12/15/2022  
Worked: self employed CPA

Wife: Tina



Badge: 79



#### **ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES**

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

54 Members, December 1, 2022  
22 Members Absent  
32 Members served, December 15, 2022 (59 %)  
1 Region 1, AR  
1 Guest  
1 Speaker  
35 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

54	Members, December 1, 2022		
+1	Archibald	#45	New Member
+1	Jones	#79	New Member
56	Members, January 1, 2023		

1 New member pending, January 1, 2023





## **BOWLING CHAIRMAN –BILL BOXELL 966-0518**

Here are the results of our bowling for November

Week 16 of 31

Team 2 The Old Farts, Division 3, First place. Bob Jackson, High game 164,137 High Series 393

Team 7 King Pins, Division 4, First place Dennis Micheletti, High game 225,189--High Series 507 David Schwartz, Dropped out Joe Freitas, High game 256,186--High Series-559 Hal Higgins, High game 183,164--High Series 485

Team 11 One Board Left, Division 2, last place Bill Boxell, High game 191,182--High series 503

Team 15 Groovers, Division 4, 2nd Place  
John Knox-John has not bowled at all

Ken Krueger may join the King Pins

We are still having fun in the league and there are still openings on some teams. If any of you would like to come out and have fun on our league, remember we bowl on Tues. 12:30, at Country Club Lanes, and it only costs \$9.00. If you are interested in bowling, give me a call and we'll make it happen.

Bill Boxell, 916-966-0518



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

SIRS branch 14 will be on a conducted tour of one of City of Sacramento's crown jewels the Crocker Art Museum. I am in talks with their scheduling personnel now and am attempting a tour in February. I will keep you abreast of the developments

Dennis D. Micheletti



## **SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 952-4049**

John Knox has had some problems falling and went to the hospital and stayed for a few days and was transferred to a rehab facility and as far as I know he is still there. I called him Monday and he didn't answer, not unusual for him to not answer.

As far as I know the rest of our Branch is doing ok.

# **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**



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

The Winemakers group did not meet in December, due to health and travel-related issues

Our next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 am, Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup> at Don's Barn; 6341 Grant Avenue in Carmichael. This is the week before our regular monthly luncheon. We have no specific goals for that meeting, except to discuss our future projects and to sample some of our prior creations.

If you are interested in joining us, please show up on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Cheers!



### **WOOD WORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE 239-5888**

At the December woodworkers meeting at “the barn” we had a dozen members enjoy a great morning with coffee and apple fritters. Our show-and-tell had a good assortment of wonderful pieces (see photo). Howard Mann showed a miniature lathe that he recently purchased to make his own dowels for his small rocking horses. He is able to make dowels out of woods that are not typically found in a store.

Jim Cauley then put on a very interesting program on how he makes his cutting boards (see photo). He showed several variations of his cutting boards and how he goes about cutting his pieces and how he glues them together.

Don and Mike spent time replacing a missing ceramic spacer block on our bandsaw (see photo). Al spent time cutting a wood post to make a balance beam for his granddaughter. See everyone next month on Friday, January 27th at 10am at “the barn”.



**Howard Talking about his lathe**



**Jim Cauley showing his cutting boards**



**Dan and Mike replacing missing block**

## **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 2023**

**January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22,  
July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 16, and December 21**

**This bulletin was approved by the Big Sir**