



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14



2023 OFFICERS

Big Sir: Ken Krueger
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Attendance: Hal Higgins
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Golf: Dick Lewis
Greeters: Joe Freitas
Ass't:
Membership, Administration: Hal Higgins
New Membership Recruitment: Dennis Scovill
Ass't: Len Ohlendorf
Nominating Committee: Ken Krueger, David Schwartz, Len Ohlendorf, and Tom Tompkins
Programs: Dennis Wade
Photo Group vacant
Photographer: Joe Freitas
Poker: Len Ohlendorf
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 Wolf
Winemakers: Al Russo
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 MAY 25, 2023

LUNCHEON MENU

Egg drop soup or house salad

General TSO chicken Or

BBQ Tri-tip sandwich French fries

Apple pie



Big SIR - Ken Krueger (916) 751-0568

Hello again and Happy May. Do you realize that, in past bulletins, I've presented 10 jokes to get you guys to laugh? No pun in 10 did.

Our April meeting featured the ushering in of a new Little Sir: Dennis Wade, whom the membership voted unanimously to approve. Our current Little Sir, Dave Schwartz, has replaced Dennis on the BEC. Dave felt that unexpected but protracted travel to France would prevent him from effectively discharging the duties of a Little Sir. Thank you, Dennis, for stepping up and to Dave who will continue participation via Zoomed BEC meetings from abroad.

We had the pleasure of inducting a new member into Branch 14 during the luncheon. He is Robert Brown, sponsored by Tommy Silver. Bob previously worked at Bank of America. His hobbies are fishing, gardening, hiking, and Woodworking. Welcome Bob: we hope to see you at our Woodworkers meetings going forward.

Last month Chris Barker won a Delta Boat Ride during a raffle at a Lodi auction. Chris generously donated two 2-person seats on that boat ride to our membership. These seats were given away via the monthly raffle. The two winners were Buddy Bergstrom and Jim Walker. Also won during the raffle was a bottle of homemade Amaretto, donated by the Winemakers group. Hal Barker was the spirit winner. Bill Boxell reported that the bowling group will begin again in late August, exact dates to be reported later. Dick Lewis reported that the Golf group will play next at Indian Creek at 8:10 a.m. on May 5th. Some sad news punctuated the meeting as we learned that long-time member Ray Johansen, who was 96, passed away earlier this month. RIP Ray. It was also learned that John Evers sustained injuries following a recent fall but is on the mend. Hope to see you here in May John.

That's it for this month. Be safe out there, see you on May 25th, and remember the things that tell the truth: *small children, drunk people, and Yoga Pants.*

Ken Krueger, Big Sir



LITTLE SIR - Dennis Wade (916) 342-1286

Our April meeting was very well attended with the customary excellent menu.

Our speaker was Doug Bonetti. Doug shared with us his passion for history and in particular the Civil War. He is also a collector of Civil War artifacts and trivia. He brought a Civil War era rifle, a 6 pound cannon ball and sabre. His presentation was enjoyed by all.

He also shared with us a link to the National Archives so any one of us can research our ancestors/relatives who may have served in the Civil War. The link is: <https://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war>

Our May speaker will be Noel Smith and Keith Dunnagan from BPE Law who will discuss new laws that may impact seniors. Our speaker for June will be a representative from Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

See you next month!

APRIL BIRTHDAY BOYS



Dave Wolf, Mike Selser, Jim Walker, Tom Tompkins, Bob Jackson. Front row, Cris Bryceson

BIRTHDAY WINE WINNER



Jim Walker

SONS IN RETIREMENT - MAY BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
5/24/42	JONES	David H	79
5/18/49	WATERS	Robert R.	180
5/5/52	ARCHIBALD	Gary Wayne	45
5/28/55	SCHWARTZ	David M	56

DATE JOINED SIRS, APRIL

WINE WINNER



Tommy Silver, William Kimsey, Greg Matzen

BRANCH 14-DATE JOINED SIR-MAY

DATE JOINED SIR	LAST	FIRST	NU
5/24/07	LANGLEY	Donald P.	17
5/28/09	JACKSON	Bob.	117
5/27/21	BERGSTROM	Buddy	20
5/27/21	WOLF	David L.	168
5/27/21	WATERS	Robert R.	180
5/27/21	MICHELETTI	Dennis D.	150
5/27/21	LAGRASSA	William W.	65
5/26/22	MILLER	Philip E	155
5/26/22	REYNOLDS	Gary L	137

Please make the following changes in your 2023 Roster

Please add the following new member:

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Robert E Brown
8256 Mercer Way
Fair Oaks, CA 95628
Phone: (916) 806-5095
Birthday: 6/3/1945
E-mail: Bob_brown@me.com
Sponsor: Tommy Silver
Joined: 04/27/2023

Wife: Susan



Badge 10

ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES



ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

- 58 Members, April 1, 2023**
- 19 Members Absent**
- 39 Members served, April 27, 2023 (67%)**
- 2 Guests**
- 1 Speaker**
- 42 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

- 58 Members, April 1, 2023**
- 1 Johansen #220 Deceased**
- +1 Brown #10 New member**
- 58 Members, May 1, 2023**

1 New member pending, May 1, 2023

BOB ALLSHOUSE

GUEST

Sponsor: GARY REYNOLDS

IN MEMORIAM

RAY JOHANSEN



GARY WHEELER



**TOUR DIRECTOR - DENNIS MICHELETTI- (916) 417-2817
OLD SACRAMENTO UNDERGROUND TOUR**

This event is dedicated to all the Mothers out there HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
We have a nice turnout for our tour on May 13 of Old Sacramento Underground with 23 participants.

Our next two events will be a River Cats game and then the California Auto Museum

Den's Gems:

"When you are good to others you are best to yourself"

"Kindness makes a man attractive"

Your SIRS Travel/Activities Committee

Dennis Micheletti

Dave Wolf

Len Ohlendorf

**Fort Sutter Branch #14 of SIR
are arranging a great day out
in Old Sacramento.**



Come see and learn how Sacramento lifted itself up out of the flood waters during the 1860s and 1870s!

Tour guides explain how the streets and buildings were “Jacked Up!” to avoid further flooding as visitors explore two spaces that were created by the city’s successful raising process. This historical tour includes hollow sidewalks, sloped alleyways, and the Underground spaces themselves. Our colorful cast of guides ensures no two tours are ever the same!

On Saturday, May 13, 2023 we will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Sacramento History Museum, 101 “I” Street in Old Sacramento to start the tour. Tours are for one hour and the cost is \$18.00 per guest, this will include free admission to the Museum.

25 guests max - \$18 to be paid day of event at the Museum - No photographs, video or other recording is allowed. Photographs are allowed only above ground

Make your reservation with Dennis at: dmichelett@aol.com or 916-417-2817.

Dennis Micheletti

COVID PROTOCOL FOR ATTENDING LUNCHEONS

**COGIR HAS REMOVED ALL COVID RESTRICTIONS.
YOU CAN PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE DINING ROOM**



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – (916) 952-4049

Well men, not so sunny today, we lost Ray Johansen, a long-time member, since 2008., and an older member who hasn't been here since the beginning of COVID back in March of 2022, Gary Wheeler, he joined in 1981. So sad to lose members but we will all be on this road, sooner or later.



WINEMAKERS –CHAIRMAN: AL RUSSO (714) 642-0586

In April the distilling/wine makers met twice. On Sunday April 16 we met to do a “stripping run“ on 6 gallons of homemade wine yielding 3.5 liters of high proof alcohol. We met again April 19 and double distilled the alcohol utilizing our gin basket to turn the first product into gin. It was a great learning experience. Hopefully in the future we can use the knowledge gained to make a palatable libation. If you're interested in joining in the fun, let Al Russo know and you will be included.



WOOD WORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE (916) 239-5888

Our April Woodworkers meeting was held at The Barn with 19 members in attendance. Jim Walker provided the cookies and pastries which were delicious. Our show- and-tell had a large assortment of wonderful pieces. There was considerable time spent talking about the items. Hal Snow showed one of his lazy susans for which he had purchased a beautiful round glass top with beveled edge (see photo). Al Russo's wife Blair showed four objects that she had turned on a lathe at a turning class she attended in Las Vegas. Blair has only been turning for a short time but is already an accomplished wood turner (see photo). She and Al have recently purchased a lathe for their wood shop. Congratulations you two. You will have many great times turning together. We then had a learning opportunity when Mike Selser tuned up a band saw in the shop which was not cutting straight until Mike did his magic (see photo). Thank you Mike! See everyone next month on Friday, May 26th at The Barn.



Hal Snow and his Lazy Susan



Blair Russo and her Turnings



Mike Selser turning up the bandsaw

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

