



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14



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 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
 Wine and Distilling: 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 SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

LUNCHEON MENU

Zucchini and yellow curry soup or house salad

*Meat Lasagna or
Rueben sandwich w/ macaroni salad*

Blueberry cream pie

This is the September 2023 bulletin



Big SIR - Ken Krueger (916) 751-0568

Here it is September already, one of my favorite months: It's my birthday and it's the anniversary of our romantic trip to London where I heard my wife yell: "Give it to me! Give it to me! I'm so wet, give it to me now!" Hell, she could scream all she wanted, but I was keeping the umbrella.

Once again, Cogir presented a great luncheon, and we were similarly treated to a great speaker in Patrick Harold, whose presentation is described below in the Little Sir report.

We tried out a new room arrangement for the August Luncheon where the big screen and the head table were relocated to the back of the room where it is darker and more enclosed. This arrangement was intended to improve our ability to see and hear our speakers' presentations, Following the meeting proper, I polled those in attendance and it was nearly unanimous that the room reversal works great. This will be our regular setup going forward. Thank you to Little Sir Dennis Wade for coming up with the idea.

Milo Tubbs invited his friend Athole Lennie to the luncheon. Athole is a Scotsman with a terrific accent and great sense of humor. He is a retired State employee and a former member of Branch 33 in Carmichael where he recruited Milo several decades ago. We are hopeful Athole will be joining us here in Branch 14.

Our Branch is currently without Greeters. These are the guys who greet us with a smile when we arrive at the luncheon. They are very important to welcoming our guests and setting the mood for the event. Please consider becoming a Greeter. If you are at all interested, please contact me; we need you.

I would like to remind everyone that Lady's Day is coming up in October. As usual, it will feature the annual Woodworkers sale and a terrific luncheon menu, complete with live music. Please remember that the proceeds from this sale make it possible to cover 100 percent of Branch 14's expenditures. This is how we manage to thrive without charging our members "dues," it also allows us to underwrite many of the setup costs for our activities, such as the recent River Cats game. Please plan on attending the October luncheon; bring your better half and your wallet - It is important.

That's it for this month; be safe out there and remember: if you don't like fast food, try snails.
Ken Krueger, Big Sir



LITTLE SIR - Dennis Wade (916) 342-1286

Our August meeting marked our first try at a new configuration for our luncheon room. I thought it presented a significant improvement in visibility of the presentation and the ability of the speaker to be heard. I'm sure there will further tweaks to come. Please feel free to share your comments and suggestions with me, Ken or any of the BEC members.

After a wonderful lunch from Cogir, our speaker for August, Patrick Harrold, shared with us his lifelong passion for amateur astronomy and astrophotography. He brought mounted photos to share and described his journey on the road to amateur astronomy. Keyword: Patience!

Our speaker for September will be a representative from Epoch Times who will discuss US/China relations.

See you next month!



Little Sir with speaker, Patrick Harrold

AUGUST BIRTHDAY BOYS



**Tony Planzer, Tommy Silver, Milo Tubbs
and Hal Barker**

WINE WINNER



Milo Tubbs

SONS IN RETIREMENT - SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
9/4/30	HARRIS	Jacke F	29
9/25/32	PELZ	Roger D	78
9/9/41	BERGSTROM	Buddy	20
9/16/43	BUNNELL	Michael	97
9/11/46	KRUEGER	Ken	54
9/28/48	MATZEN	Gregory	183

BRANCH 14-DATE JOINED SIR-SEPTEMBER

DATE JOINED SIR	LAST	FIRST	NU
9/26/19	BUNNELL	Michael	97
9/22/22	JONES	David K	79
9/22/16	KIDDIE	Gary	109
9/23/21	KOCH	Robert	145
9/23/10	PLANZER	Anton J.	191

Please make the following changes in your 2023 Roster

Please delete the following member:

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Athole Lennie	GUEST	Sponsor: Milo Tubbs
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ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

- 59 Members, August 1, 2023
- 23 Members Absent
- 36 Members served, August 24, 2023 (61%)
- 1 Guest
- 1 Speaker
- 38 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

- 59 Members, August 1, 2023
- 1 Julian, Ray #92 Dropped
- 58 Members, September 1, 2023

2 New members pending, September 1, 2023



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

Our SIRS River Cats game was attended by seventeen and all had a fine time. Our next event will be the California Auto Museum, 2200 Front Street, Sacramento October 13th, Len Ohlendorf will be handling this event. There is a car show for all you car enthusiast, this is not a SIRS event, Automotive Excellence Annual Car Show, Saturday September 16, 4600 Missouri Flat Rd. Placerville, 10am - 2pm.

Den's Gems:

"Love is measured not in moments of time...but in those timeless moments"

"Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are.... and doing things as they ought to be done"

Dennis D. Micheletti





BOWLING CHAIRMAN –BILL BOXELL 966-0518

Bowling will commence next week, August 29. All those interested in Bowling should come to Country Club Lanes The cost per week will be \$10.00. If you have not paid your membership fees you should do it before bowling, They are \$30 plus \$1 donation. Shadow balls start at 12:20 and bowling at 12:30



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 952-4049

Gary Kiddie is dealing with some medical issues and could use our prayers a long with my wife Terri who is struggling with constant back pain and leg swelling and infection that the doctors can't get a handle on after all they are only practicing medicine.

Bob Jackson



WINE AND DISTILLING (WAD) –CHAIRMAN: AL RUSSO (714) 642-0586

The Wine and Distilling group (WAD) did not meet this month due to several participants having conflicts. The group did provide 12 oz of our gin that we distilled last month for the raffle this month. We plan to meet September 21 which is one day later than our usual meeting date. Milo Tubbs has donated 6 gallons of Zinfandel wine that we will distill into

brandy.

RAFFLE WINNER



Larry Prinzbach



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

The Woodworker group met at Don's Barn on August 25th. There were fourteen members in attendance who enjoyed donuts provided by Dick Lewis and Jerry Attebery and coffee courtesy of Don Langley. Ken Krueger led the meeting which featured a discussion of show-and-tell projects and ideas for Lady's Day in October, a wood burning demonstration by Al Russo, and a presentation of recently donated items obtained by Mike Seller and George Hale. Hal Snow and Ken both showed and discussed items that they will bring to the Lady's Day sale. Howard Mann then shared his experience in bowl turning on his recently acquired lathe. The meeting included a general discussion of leadership during wherein it was decided that Ken will create and distribute a current roster of wood workers and will also include the schedule for hosting the Woodworkers meeting for the next 12 months. The morning concluded with members rummaging through and sharing the donated items. All interested members are invited to our next meeting which is scheduled for September 29th at the Barn – 6341 Grant Ave., Carmichael.



Howard's Bowl Project



Hal's Lady's Day Items



Al's Wood Burning Demo

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