



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14



2023 OFFICERS

Big Sir: Ken Krueger
 Little Sir: Dennis Wade
 Secretary: Bob Jackson
 Ass't: Paul Cary
 Treasurer: Dick Lewis
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Attendance: Hal Higgins
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 Greeters: Cris Bryceson
 Ass't:
 Membership, Administration: Hal Higgins
 New Membership Recruitment: Dennis Scovill
 Ass't: Len Ohlendorf
 Nominating Committee: Ken Krueger, David Schwartz, Len Ohlendorf, and TomTompkins
 Programs: Dennis Wade
 Photo Group vacant
 Photographer: Joe Freitas
 Sunshine: Bob Jackson
 Telephone Tree: Tom Tompkins
 Ass't: John Evers, Milo Tubbs, Dennis Micheletti, Cris Bryceson 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 2 ND 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 Rancho Cordova Elks #2484 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742
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NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2023 (one week earlier than usual)
at Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge located off Sunrise Blvd. and Refinement Rd at
11440 Elks Circle, Rancho Cordova CA

LUNCHEON MENU

Salad, Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, etc
 Alcoholic beverages can be purchased

Big SIR - Ken Krueger (916) 751-0568



Happy November everyone. It looks and feels like Fall is finally here; a time to give thanks and to appreciate friends and family. Speaking personally, Branch 14 to me often seems like an extended family.

Speaking of extended family, our October Ladies Day Luncheon was, once again, a very enjoyable event. We had sixty-six people show up for a truly delicious lunch, with lots of camaraderie, pleasing background music and another successful woodworkers' sale. A big thank you to everyone that attended and who brought a lady-friend (or two); especially those who brought their wallets as we were able to add \$1,271.00 to our coffers. This means that we can continue to fund our recruitment efforts, **underwrite**

certain activities, and take care of many operational costs that all other SIR branches are passing on to their members in the form of dues.

In addition to our generous and talented Woodworkers, who produced some very affordable “wood art”, I would like to thank Jeff Lewis, who provided the background music, Dan Franke for supplying the table flowers, and Cogir of Stock Ranch for an impressive job of hosting the event. The food was very good, the decor was pleasing, and the hospitality of their staff was noteworthy; and all that for a surprisingly affordable price.

But I have a little BAD NEWS: Cogir will not be able to host us in November or December. They have corporate events planned around the holidays, and their chef just left for higher ground. SO... We will have both the November and December luncheons at the Elks Lodge in Rancho Cordova. We will return to Cogir of Stock Ranch in January.

Please plan on attending the November luncheon in Rancho Cordova. We will be inducting three and possibly four new members at that event. A large turn-out of our members would be great. Regarding this month’s luncheon date, please note that we will have an earlier than usual Luncheon this month. It will take place on the 3rd Thursday rather than the usual 4th. So, mark your calendars for November 16th.

And again, it will be at the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge located off Sunrise Blvd. and Refinement Rd at 11440 Elks Circle, Rancho Cordova CA

That’s it for this month; be safe out there and remember what smells the best at the Thanksgiving dinner table: it’s your nose.

Ken Krueger, Big Sir



LITTLE SIR - Dennis Wade (916) 342-1286

October was, of course Ladies Day, so we focused our attention on the ones that help keep us on the right track. Our speakers for our upcoming luncheons will be Andrea Haverland from the Sacramento Zoo. Andrea will update us on the Zoo’s plans for the future. Looking forward beyond our next luncheon we will hear from Sacramento State’s Renaissance and a representative from the Sacramento County Grand Jury (Civil).

See you next month!





BRANCH 14 COST ISSUES - (Ken Krueger, Big Sir, (916) 751-0568)

Last month the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) learned that Cogir of Stock Ranch needs to increase its luncheon fee by forty-three percent (43%) per person. In response to this news, the BEC conducted extensive research into luncheon costs throughout the region, focusing especially on what the other local SIR Branches are being charged. This research revealed that the 43% figure is very reasonable. ALL the other local branches are paying at least \$25.00 per member for a “buffet style” lunch. Their costs DO NOT include a 3-course meal with choice of entrée, service to each table with silverware (not plastic), cloth tablecloths and napkins, plus free coffee, iced tea and a variety of free beer and wine. All other branches pay extra for a dessert, and especially beer and wine, which goes for about \$4.00 per serving.

Over and above the luncheon fee increase, the BEC was also notified by the State Sir that it will be increasing its fee for membership by 25% beginning in January.

As you know, the money earned at the Ladies Day Woodworkers sale has supported Branch 14 for the past 10 plus years. Most of that money is used to pay membership fees to State SIR which the State uses to purchase insurance for each branch in the SIR organization. This insurance covers what happens at the luncheons as well as the approved activities, such as bowling and golf. Other fees include reimbursements for Birthday and Anniversary wine drawings, obtaining hats and pins for new members, buying promotional items, paying banking fees, printing programs, and underwriting certain Branch activities such as the recent River Cats game. Because of the Woodworkers, we have not had to charge dues for Branch 14 membership.

In response to these financial obligations, the BEC is considering one or more of the following actions:

Increase the monthly luncheon costs by 43% or more.

Establish a yearly membership fee.

Create a “donations jar” to be placed near the check-in table at each luncheon where members could contribute, anonymously, whenever and whatever they want to support the branch.

Establish a life-time membership option where members could opt to purchase a life membership which the branch would invest in an interest-bearing account.

Invoice members who order a lunch but who do not show up to pay for it. (In September, for example, we had 5 no-shows which cost the Branch \$100.00).

Please think about these options as one or two of them will likely be implemented beginning in January. If you have any questions, suggestions or opinions, please contact me or any of the Branch officers or BEC members; but please do so before November 9th, when the BEC next meets.

SONS IN RETIREMENT - NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
11/24/36	EVERS	John	267
11/12/49	RUSSO	Albert	25

BRANCH 14-DATE JOINED SIR-NOVEMBER

LAST	FIRST	NU	DATE JOINED SIR
ROBERTS	Dewey	120	11/21/19
SCHWARTZ	David	56	11/18/21
SCOVILL	Dennis A.	265	11/18/10

LADIES DAY AND WOODWORKER AUCTION



Please make the following changes in your 2023 Roster

No changes in the 2023 Roster this month



ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

62 members and their ladies served on October 26, 2022

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

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (ADMINISTRATION) Hal Higgins

60 Members, October 1, 2023

60 Members, November 1, 2023

4 New members pending, November 1, 2023



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 952-4049

No reported illnesses this month



GOLF- DICK LEWIS- 961-1244

We played our last golf for this year. See you next spring.

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



BOWLING CHAIRMAN –BILL BOXELL 966-0518

Here are some results from our bowling for Oct. You guys out there that are bowlers or want to be bowlers are missing a great time, we have a lot of fun and camaraderie in the three hours we are together bowling. You can't beat the cost, only \$10.00 a day and that includes shoes and a ball if you don't have them. We have four teams that are looking for bowlers, so if you come out next week, I am pretty sure we can get you on a team. We bowl at County Club Lanes, on Watt Ave., we start bowling at 12:30 and finish between 3:00 and 3:30. Come join us and have some fun.

Team 1 Easy Space Div. 4 2nd place

Gary Archbald 124, 124 345 Series

Jim Wiginton* 167, 143 408 Series

Michael Rainy* 147, 124 339 Series*

Team 2 The Old Farts Div. 4 4th Placed

Bob Jackson 161, 151 449 Series

Team 3 River City Div 1 3rd Place

Jerry Attebery 221,214 578 Series

Team 4 The Rat Pack Div 4 tied for 1st Place

Michael Betz 179, 154 478 Series

Team 7 King Pins Div 3 5th Place

Dennis Micheletti 150, 145 435 Series

David Wolf 171, 159 447 Series

Joe Freitas 156, 148 451 Series

Hal Higgins 156, 153 445 Series

Team 11 One Board Left Div. 2 1st Place

Bill Boxell 214, 203 567 Series

*Prospective members



TOUR DIRECTOR - DENNIS MICHELETTI- (916) 417-2817 As you are aware we had our SIRS 14 California Automobile Museum conducted tour on October 25 that SIR Len Ohlendorf put hours on and SIR Bob Jackson got up flyers for and sent out to the membership numerous times to only have a total of SIX MEMBERS ATTEND!. Fellas, this is your organization and your travel/activities committee is trying to provide you some festivities. We are investing quite a bit of time and energies to do so. You as a branch are going to have to have to ask yourselves "Do I want to have travel/activities?" if you do, you are going to have to participate, simple as that.

Dennis D. Micheletti

(Editors' note: There were 18 people signed up for this tour and only 6 showed up)



Dennis Michelette



Dennis and Nancy Scovill



Len Ohlendorf



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

The Woodworker group met at Don's Barn on October 27th. There were twelve members in attendance who enjoyed cookies provided by Jim Walker and coffee courtesy of Don Langley. Jim Walker led the meeting which featured a review of the sales and procedures from October Ladies Day craft sale, four show-and-tell projects, a discussion of the upcoming Crafts Faire at Deterding Elementary School, and brainstorming sessions regarding future group projects and the expected use of the money generated by the sale the Woodworkers' crafts at Ladies Day and at the Deterding fund raiser in December. Mike Selser discussed the process he followed in making a segmented bowl, and Ken Krueger showed and discussed items that he will bring to the Deterding event. Al Russo then described a project that he had been working on. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 17th at the Barn – 6341 Grant Ave., Carmichael. Mike Selser will host the November meeting. All interested members are invited to attend.



Mike Selser's Segmented Bowl



Ken's Deterding Craft Faire Items

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

The Wine and Distilling Group met and distilled 5 gallons of Zinfandel that had been made by Milo Tubbs from grapes grown in his backyard in 2022. We produced about 3.5 liters of high proof alcohol destined for.... we don't know yet. We also began fermenting muscat grape juice that Dennis Scoville provided that will hopefully result in a nice white wine for future consumption. Our next meeting will be November 15.



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