



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
 Ass't: Bill Boxell

Directors

Tom Tompkins	Gary Kiddie	Len Ohlendorf
David Schwartz	Dennis Micheletti	David Jones

STATE OFFICERS

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ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

Attendance: Hal Higgins
 Ass't: vacant
 Badge Custodian: Cris Bryceson
 Bowling: Bill Boxell
 Bulletin Editor: Hal Higgins
 Chaplain: Dick Lewis
 Golf: Dick Lewis
 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 Tom Tompkins
 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 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 DECEMBER 21, 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

Ham dinner, with potatoes, veggies, salad, rolls and a TBD desert.

No Host Bar,

Coffee and water provided.

This is the December 2023 bulletin



Big SIR - Ken Krueger (916) 751-0568

Greetings and Salutations everyone. The Holiday seasons are upon us. Thanksgiving is happening this week, and we are about to put up our tree and haul out the Christmas decor.

Regarding Christmas, I asked my wife what she wanted for Christmas. She told me that nothing would make her happier than a diamond necklace. So, I bought her nothing.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, someone once said *"it takes village to raise a child"*. The same goes for a Big Sir. We have had a successful year and it's not because of me. It is because of you and the collective Branch 14 membership. The following members were especially helpful throughout the year. Dennis Wade, who stepped up when circumstances prevented Dave Schwartz from continuing as Little Sir. Dick Lewis and Bill Boxell, who were always there checking people in, managing our money, leading us in invocations and song, and heading up the Golf and bowling activities. Dennis Micheletti for organizing several wonderful group outings. Hal Higgins and Bob Jackson for keeping us on track with our membership reporting, Bulletin production and Roster maintenance. Tom Tompkins for managing our "Telephone Tree" and providing essential records for luncheon attendance and membership accountability. Jack Melvin for organizing the emergency meeting venue at the Rancho Cordova Elks. And finally, the members of the BEC for regularly attending online meetings and weighing in on important Branch decisions. Thank you, everyone, for supporting me throughout the year as I strove to get the job done, learning as I went. **It takes a village!**

Our November luncheon at the Elks Lodge in Rancho Cordova was a pleasant surprise. The quality of the food, the helpfulness of their staff and the size, amenities and setup of the room were unexpected. This may be a practical alternative to Cogir if we ever need to change venues.

Regarding Cogir, we are currently in negotiations with them about the 2024-25 contract. The cost will be \$25.00, up \$5.00 from this year, but worth it. The sticking point of the contract talks is centered around why Cogir cannot accommodate us in November and December. We hope to resolve that soon, perhaps by meeting on a different day during these months. We will let you know as soon as the contract is settled.

We will be inducting two new members at the December luncheon. We will also be electing our 2024 Officers and Branch Executive Committee (BEC) members during the event. Please see page 6 for the slate of officers that you will be asked to approve. Again, the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge is located off Sunrise Blvd., at 11440 Elks Circle, Rancho Cordova CA. The December date is December 21st. Please plan on attending!

Another event worthy of notice will be the Craft Faire at the Deterding Elementary School in Carmichael on December 9th. The Branch 14 Woodworkers will have a booth there and will try to sell those items that didn't sell during the Ladies Day sale; proceeds from this event will of course go into the Branch 14 coffers.

That's it for this ~~month~~ Year; be safe out there and remember how Scrooge won the holiday football game: The ghost of Christmas passed.

Ken Krueger, Big Sir



LITTLE SIR - Dennis Wade (916) 342-1286

For our November luncheon, thanks to the Rancho Cordova Elks, we were treated to an outstanding Thanksgiving lunch with all the trimmings. Thank you Elks!

We have been lucky so far in keeping away gremlins that might otherwise cause mischief with our technology. Nothing lasts forever, and so we were not able to enjoy our speaker's Powerpoint presentation due to some incompatibility between her computer and projector. Never the less, we enjoyed Andrea Haverland's presentation bringing us up to speed on the Sacramento Zoo's expansion plans that will take place in Elk Grove and dramatically expand the Zoo's size. We hope to have Andrea back again sometime in 2024 without the gremlins, for another update.

Our speaker for our December luncheon will be a representative from the Sacramento County Grand Jury who will tell us about its recruitment efforts and the Grand Jury's role in government. Looking forward to January, we will hear from Sacramento State's Renaissance Society.

See you next month!

NEW MEMBERS AND BIG SIR



Ken Keueger, Rich Steuber, and Mark Joyner

SPEAKER GETTING CERTIFICATE



Dennis Wade and Andrea Haverland

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS



Robert Koch* and Al Russo

***wine winner**

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER DATE JOINED SIRS



Dewey Roberts, Dennis Scovoll* and Dave Schwartz

SONS IN RETIREMENT - DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
12/18/39	FREITAS	Joseph M.	74
12/15/41	LANGLEY	Donald P.	17
12/4/52	HALE	George	50
12/15/54	KIMSEY	William	147

BRANCH 14-DATE JOINED SIR-DECEMBER

LAST	FIRST	NU	DATE JOINED SIRS
ARCHIBALD	Gary	45	12/21/22
BRYCESON	Cris	125	12/22/22
JENSEN	Douglas	93	12/19/19
PASCOE	Nicolaus	48	12/20/18

Please make the following changes in your 2023 Roster

Please add the following new members:

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Mark L Joyner
 5013 Knights Way
 Rocklin, CA 95765
 Phone: (916) 521-2587
 Birthday: 04/03/1956
 Email: mjoyner@starstream.net
 Sponsor: Gary Kiddie
 Joined: 11/16/2023
 Worked: Engineer, Intel

Pam



Badge: 23

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Richard Earl Steuber
 7730 Greenridge Way
 Fair Oaks, CA 95628
 Phone: (916) 966-4744
 Birthday: 02/02/1947
 Email: RSTEUBER@COMCAST.NET
 Sponsor: Ken Krueger
 Joined: 11/16/2023
 Worked: Regional Manager, State of CA

Rich

Kathy



Badge: 103



ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

60 Members, November 1, 2023

25 Members Absent

35

1 speaker

36 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

60 Members, November 1, 2023

-1	Bunnell. Mike	#97	Resigned
-1	Barker. Cris	#70	Resigned
+1	Joyner, Mark	# 23	New member
+1	Steuber, Rich	#103	New member

60 Members, December 1, 2023

2 New members pending, December 1, 2023



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

Fellow SIRS: 2024 is right around the corner and your travel/activity committee have some nice activities planned. There are some nice activities locally and also close by with Jelly Belly, Budweiser Brewery and numerous wineries. We would also like to plan an outing to Reno, Lake Tahoe or Carson City if there is enough interest. This is your committee fellas and your feedback would be appreciated. What would you like us to pursue? As stated in the last newsletter our outing at the California Auto Museum we only had six participants. We put a lot of effort into each project and it's a little disheartening when so little interest is shown.

Thank you,

Your Travel/Activity Committee,

Len Ohlendorf, David Wolf and Dennis D. Micheletti

**Happy
Thanksgiving**

**NOMINATIONS FOR
SIRS 14 OFFICERS FOR
YEAR 2024**

BIG SIR

DENNIS WADE

LITTLE SIR

GARY ARCHIBALD

SECRETARY

BOB JACKSON

ASST SECRETARY

KEN KRUEGER

TREASURER

DAVE JONES

ASST TREASURERS/CASHIERS

RICHARD LEWIS AND BILL BOXELL

WEBMASTER

PAUL CARY

DIRECTORS

TOM TOMPKINS

DENNIS MICHELETTI

HAL SNOW

MIKE SELSER

DAVE SCHWARTZ

CRIS BRYCESON

Elections will be held at the Dec 21, 2023 meeting.

RAFFLE WINNER (Lemon Brandy)



Bill La Grassa



BOWLING CHAIRMAN –BILL BOXELL 966-0518

Below are a few of the bowling scores for the last month. You can see we are having fun and improving. We still have 4 teams that are still looking for bowlers. So if you are interested in bowling with us, come join us every Tues. at 12:15 at Country Club Lanes, 2600 Watt Ave. The cost is \$10. a week and that includes ball and shoes if you don't have your own. There is a \$30 one-time charge to join the bowling conference. We have bowlers of all ages and all levels of experience. So come out and join us for the fun and exercise.

Team 1 Easy Space Div. 4 1st Place

Gary Archibald 140, 124 353 Series

Jim Wiginton 259, 320 174 Series

Team 2 The Old Farts Div. 4 3rd Place

Bob Jackson 140, 130 388 Series

Team 3 River City Div 1 3rd Place

Jerry Attebery 188, 187 509 Series

Team 4 The Rat Pack Div 4 1st Place

Michael Betz 174, 168 474 Series

Team 7 King Pins Div 3 2nd Place

Dennis Micheletti 191, 157 487 Series

David Wolf 184,146 447 Series

Joe Freitas 180, 174 488 Series

Hal Higgins 164, 149 416 Series

Team 11 One Board Left Div. 2 1st Place

Bill Boxell 193, 180 516 Series



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

The WAD (Winemaking and Distilling) group met Wed. We accessed the progress of the fermenting muscat juice. The wine has a 10% alcohol content and tastes pretty good. So, we racked it into gallon containers ready for consumption. The WAD group will not have a December meeting. We will meet again January 17.



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

The Woodworker group met at Don’s Barn on November 17th. There were eleven members and one guest in attendance who enjoyed donuts provided by Mike Selser and coffee curtesy of Don Langley. Mike Selser led the meeting and introduced a round-table format in which everyone in attendance was asked to talk about what they were working on at their home shops. The discussion led to some interesting techniques including a unique project described by Bob Brown who discussed an artistic process using glued up plywood scraps. Only two members brought items for the show-and-tell portion of the meeting, Bob Brown, as mentioned, and George Hale who described a plant holder and the process he invented to create it. Mike then presented the group with a challenge, which was to create a hand-crafted item from a 3’ by 1’ pine board. Don Langley supplied the pine boards as several members took up the challenge. The finished projects will be evaluated during the January meeting. The final item on Mike’s agenda was the December 9th Craft Fare sale at Deterding Elementary School. Members agreed to bring the items they will offer for sale to the Barn on December 5th, at which time the assembled group will also build a few bird houses for the craft fair sale. The lone guest of the meeting was Lilly Snow, photo below. The December meeting date of the Woodworkers is December 15th at the Barn-- 6341 Grant Ave in Carmichael. Old or new members intersted in joining the Wood Workers group are welcome, just show up. See you in December.



Lilly Snow (Hal’s guest)

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