



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14



2024 OFFICERS

Big Sir : Dennis Wade
Little Sir: Gary Archibald
Secretary: Bob Jackson
Ass't: Ken Krueger
Treasurer: Dave Jones
Ass't Treasurer/Cashiers: Dick Lewis and Bill Boxell

Directors

Tom Tompkins Hal Snow Mike Selser
David Schwartz Dennis Micheletti Cris Bryceson

STATE OFFICERS

State President: Dale Decker DALEDFTG@GMAIL.COM
Area rep: Jim Gragg Jegragg65@gmail.com

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: Gary Archibald
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: Len Ohlendorf
Ass't: Hal Snow and Jim Walker
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 JANUARY 25, 2024

LUNCHEON MENU

Salad: Burrata Cheese and Cabbage with Kumato Tomatoes, Basil Pesto Crostini
Soup: Tuscan Potato with Bacon, Kale, and Yukon Gold Potatoes

Entrée 1 : House Made Pappardelle Pasta with Roasted Tomato Sauce, Italian Sausage, Mixed Peppers, Roasted Garlic and Parmesan Cheese

Entrée 2: Stuffed Chicken Breast with Ham and Gruyere Cheese, Wild Mushroom Risotto, Asparagus with a Pan Sauce

Dessert: Italian Panna Cotta with Lemon and Blueberries

This is the January 2024 bulletin



BIG SIR - Dennis Wade (916) 342-1286

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We were expecting 31 (not including speakers) for lunch at our December meeting at the Rancho Cordova Elks. We were treated to a wonderful holiday ham lunch with potatoes and mixed veggies. Many grateful thanks to the Elks for helping us through the last two meetings.

Our speaker was Francina Stevenson from the Sacramento County Civil Grand Jury. Francina and two of her colleagues detailed the history, purpose and structure of the Grand Jury. The Grand Jury is currently recruiting for its 2024-2025 term and encouraged anyone with an interest explore its website at: www.sacgrandjury.org/ Applications for the Grand Jury are due December 29, 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 Dick Lewis, Branch 14's long-standing Treasurer. Dick has been a mainstay in Branch 14's success over the years. Congratulations Dick!

As my first article for the bulletin as Big Sir, I can't help but be a bit overwhelmed. It seems like just yesterday I started as Little Sir, and that not much after I joined Branch 14. Never the less, I have been trying to focus on how I can best build on what Ken was able to accomplish this last year. Ken will be a tough act to follow!

Two objectives quickly come to mind:

1. Maintain and build on last years accomplishments.
During the last year we've met (and then some) our membership goal of 60, successfully renegotiated (to be signed) a two-year contract with Cogir, added a new activity (Wine tasting, to be voted on January) among other gains.
2. Develop a plan to guide the Branch's financial decisions.
Every organization needs a budget to avoid financial surprises. My goal is to develop and put in place a typical budget that details our expected income and expense for a typical year. Using this tool as a guide we can identify and address situations of concern early to avoid those typically unpleasant financial surprises.

These objectives are only the ones that bubbled up first. I'm always thinking of and open to discussing other goals and objectives that you may find important. There is always room for new activities...all we really need is the interest!

Well that's all for now. I'm looking forward to working with all of you to make Branch 14 the best it can be. Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, questions or concerns.

See you all in January!



LITTLE SIR – Gary Archibald (916) 202-9582

Hello from your new Little Sir. I'm looking forward to lining up some great speakers for the 2024 and helping out wherever I can. I've been a SIRS member for about a year now after retiring in 2021. I bowl on Tuesdays with the SIRS group and I also volunteer with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. It looks like I am busier now than when I was working.

Thanks again to the Rancho Cordova Elks for letting us use their facility and enjoy a great lunch. We will be back at Cogir in January.

The December luncheon speakers from the Sacramento County Grand Jury provided a special insight into how to become a member of the Grand Jury and how the Grand Jury works.

Our guest speakers in January will be from the Sacramento State University Renaissance Society. They provide continued learning for older adults and various educational programs available through the University.

Please let me know if you have any ideas for future speakers or topics.

NEW MEMBERS



Mike Betz and Jim Wiginton

SPEAKERS



**Francina Stevenson and Associates
with new Big Sir**

**RECIPIENT OF THE HAL HIGGINS
AWARD OF EXCELLANCE**



Dick Lewis with Big Sir



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS



George Hale, Joe Freitas, and Don Langley* with new Big Sir

DECEMBER DATE JOINED SIRS



Cris Bryceson* and Gary Archibald with new Big Sir

***wine winner**

SONS IN RETIREMENT - JANUARY BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
1/6/37	KNOX	John W	36
1/5/43	SNOW	Hal	166
1/19/51	SCOVILL	Dennis A.	265

BRANCH 14-DATE JOINED SIR-JANUARY

DATE JOINED SIR	LAST	FIRST	NU
1/28/23	HALE	George	50
1/24/19	HARRIS	Jack	29
1/27/22	SELSER	Michael	84



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

I will be stepping down as travel/activities chairman and turning the reins over to the very capable SIR Len Ohlendorf. So get involved and show your support. It is so important when your chairman puts in so much time and energy putting these events together and sees the enthusiasm and appreciation of the membership. Let him know what kind of activities you would like him to look into and he will. Don't sit on the sidelines get involved with you and your family, loved ones and friends.

Dennis D. Micheletti

Please make the following changes in your 2023 Roster

Please delete the following member:

Hal Barker

#39

Resigned

Please add the following new members:

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Mike F Betz
6812 Kittery Ave
Citrus Heights, CA 95621
Phone: (916) 722-8639
Birthday: 02/23/1945
E-mail: Michaelbetz24@hotmail.com
Sponsor: Ken Krueger
Joined: 12/21/2023
Worked: Lead Blender, Sherwin Williams Co.

Glenda



Badge 107

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Jim L Wiginton
P.O. Box 1021
Fair Oaks, CA 95628
Phone: (916) 241-5919
Birthday: 11/25/1937
Email: JWIGINTON@HOTMAIL.COM
Sponsor: Ken Krueger
Joined: 12/21/2023
Worked: Bldg inspector, Sac County



Badge: 105



ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

- 60 Members, December 1, 2023
- 22 Members Absent
- 38 Members served, December 21, 2023 (63%)
- 1 Guest
- 3 Speakers
- 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

- 60 Members, December 1, 2023
- 1 Barker, Hal #39 Resigned
- +1 Betz, Mike #107 New member
- +1 Wiginton, Jim #105 New member
- 61 Members, January 1, 2024

1 New member pending, January 1, 2024

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



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

The Winemaking and Distilling group did not meet in December due to holiday complexity, not due to a shortage of holiday “spirits”!



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 952-4049

Our photographer Joe Freitas was back to take pictures for us this December meeting, great to have him back. John Evers is recovering in a rehab facility and will most likely drop out in the future; we wish him the best. Jack Harris and Roger Pelz are Cogier residences and just can’t make it to the meetings anymore. John Knox had surgery and is trying to return but can’t drive yet, so it makes it hard to get here. Dick Jackson also has a ton of health issues and that keeps him away, but he comes when he can. We wish all of these guys and a better new year in 2024, also Merry Christmas from SIRs.

Bob Jackson



BOWLING CHAIRMAN –BILL BOXELL 966-0518

Below are a few of the bowling scores for the last month. You can see we are still having fun and still improving. Just a quick reminder that we are still bowling on the 26th, **but starting time is 10:00AM**. I know most of us don't get up until 11:00, but we can all try to be there just this one day. Merry Christmas to our bowlers and to the rest of our members, and have a safe and Happy New Year.

Team 1 Easy Spare Div. 4 1st Place

Gary Archbald 162, 143 418 Series

Jim Wiginton 150, 145 404 Series

Michael Rainey 129, 123 342 Series

Team 2 The Old Farts Div. 4 3rd Place

Bob Jackson 150, 146 394 Series

Team 3 River City Div 1 3rd Place

Jerry Attebery 202, 200 537 Series

Team 4 The Rat Pack Div 4 2nd Place

Michael Betz 200, 192 534 Series

Team 7 King Pins Div 3 3rd Place

Dennis Micheletti 40, 136 399 Series

David Wolf 158,156 417 Series

Joe Freitas 185, 169 492 Series

Hal Higgins 160, 148 429 Series

Team 11 One Board Left Div. 2 1st Place

Bill Boxell 213, 209 575 Series

Bill Boxell, Chairman 916-966-0518

MEETING DATES IN 2024

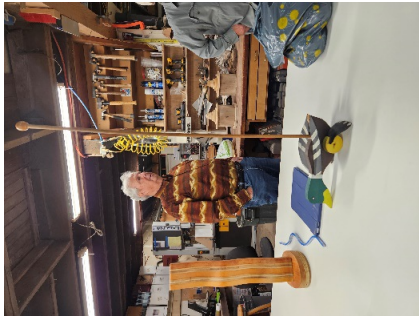
January 25, February 22, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27,

July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24, November 21, and December 19



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

The Woodworker group met twice during December, both at Don’s Barn. There were ten members in attendance on the 15th and 11 on the 22nd. The group enjoyed cookies and donuts brought by several members, and coffee courtesy of Don Langley. Hal Snow led the first meeting and Dan Franke led the second. Hal’s theme was Wooden Art projects that members had completed. The idea was to provide ideas which other woodworkers could build upon. Dan’s meeting focused on show-and-tell items brought by the attendees and also focused on the orientation of 3 new members: Craig McCulloch; Rich Steuber and Rick Hanson. Some of the wood art and show-and-tell items are shown below. Following the presentations, Ken Krueger announced that the Woodworkers sale at the Deterding Craft Fair netted the Branch \$203.00. Ken presented the money to the treasurer during Thursday’s luncheon. The January meeting date of the Woodworkers is January 26th at the Barn – 6341 Grant Avenue in Carmichael. New or old members interested in joining the Woodworkers group are welcome; just show up. See you in 2024.



Milo Tubb's & walking Ducks



Bob Brown & his tower



George Hale showing his plant stand

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) (Revi

This bulletin was approved by the Big Sir