



# 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

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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  
 Excursion: Len Ohlendorf  
 Ass't: Hal Snow and Jim Walker  
 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 TomTompkins  
 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  
 Wine and Distilling: Al Russo  
 Woodworkers: Dan Franke

BEC MEETING-11:00 ZOOM 2<sup>ND</sup> 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](http://www.sirinc.org)  
 Sirs 14 website: : <http://branch14.com>

At Cogir of Stock Ranch Senior Living  
 7418 Stock Ranch Rd  
 Citrus Heights

## NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2024

### LUNCHEON MENU

*Starter: Clam Chowder: Bacon, Potato, Celery, Clams*

*Beet Salad: Carrot Puree, Breadcrumbs, Arugula pesto,  
 Coriander*

*Entrée: House Ground Cheeseburger: BBQ Sauce, Onions, Bacon,  
 Aioli, & Fries*

*Shrimp Po' Boy Sandwich: Remoulade, Lettuce, Tomato,  
 Onion, Pickle, Kettle Chips*

*Dessert: Caramel Apple Cheesecake*

**This is the February 2024 bulletin**



**BIG SIR - Dennis Wade (916) 342-1286**

Greetings SIRS Branch 14 members.

We had a wonderful turnout at the January meeting. By my count we had 44 (!) members, our Area Representative, speaker and one guest for a total of 47. That’s about 70 percent of our current membership of 62 Let’s keep it up!

As I noted above, our State SIR Area Representative, Jim Gragg attended our January meeting. He presented a Distinguished Service Award to our 2023 Big Sir, Ken Krueger. Ken’s tenure saw progress on a number of fronts; membership, activities and Lady’s Day as well as the always present “unforeseen events”. During all that, Ken provided mentorship and leadership to Branch 14. Well-deserved Ken!

We also welcomed our 62<sup>nd</sup> member, Craig McCulloch, sponsored by Jim Walker to Branch 14. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Craig.

As of our January meeting, we are hopeful that we can begin accepting credit/debit cards as lunch payment in February. If all goes as expected you will see an announcement in an email. Please monitor your email, as well as reading the bulletins to avoid missing important notices. Note that the cost for lunch paid for by credit/debit card will be \$26.00.

That’s about all from me this month. Have fun and be safe! See you all on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Cogir.



**LITTLE SIR – Gary Archibald (916) 202-9582**

Hello from your new Little Sir. It was very nice getting back to COGIR for this month’s luncheon. I heard nothing but compliments on the food and service. And thank you for your support for my first meeting as your Little SIR.

Deborah Seiler was our guest speaker from the Renaissance Society. It was interesting that several members of our branch were also members of the Renaissance Society and talk very highly of what they do. Deborah showed us all the education programs they put on with the help of Sacramento State University faculty and students. There are additional opportunities to volunteer and participate in their activities.

As a group, we need to keep the talking down while the speakers are presenting. We are in a small, confined space and voices carry, not to mention it is rude.

Next month we will have representatives for the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department Volunteer Services Bureau. I have been a volunteer with them for over two years and it is a great experience.

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





**Little Sir, Gary Archibald, gives Speaker, Deborah Seiler, her Certificate**



**New member, Craig McCulloch, and Sponsor Jim Walker**



**Area Rep, Jim Gragg, gives past Big Sir, Ken Krueger, his Distinguished Service Award and pin**

**JANUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS**



**Little Sir with Dennis Scovill and Hal Snow\***

**JANUARY DATE JOINED SIR**



**Little Sir with George Hale\* and Mike Selser**

**\* wine winner**

**SONS IN RETIREMENT - FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14**

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
2/8/32	MELVIN	John P	160
2/16/33	LEWIS	Richard E.	342
2/23/45	BETZ	Mike	107
2/2/47	STEUBER	Richard Earl	103
2/14/47	RAINEY	Michael C	83
2/25/56	CARRAN	Mike A	61

**BRANCH 14-DATE JOINED SIR-FEBRUARY**

LAST	FIRST	NU	DATE JOINED SIR
FREITAS	Joseph M.	74	2/22/07
MANN	Howard L.	134	2/27/03
PRINZBACH	Lawrence W	100	2/27/20

**Please make the following changes in your 2024 Roster**

**Please add the following new member:**

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McCulloch, Craig A.  
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Sacramento, CA 95818  
Phone: (916) 591-0068  
Birthday: 08/26/1949  
E-mail:CMCCULLOCH@JPS.NET  
Sponsor: Jim Walker  
Joined: 01/25/2024  
Worked: Franchise Tax Board

Brenda



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**ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES**



**ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771**

61 Members, January 1, 2024  
16 Members Absent  
45 Members served, January 25, 2024 (74 %)  
1 Guest  
1 Visitor  
1 Speaker  
48 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**

61 Members, January 1, 2024  
+1 McCulloch, Craig #34 New member  
62 Members, February 1, 2024

0 New members pending, February 1, 2024



**BOWLING CHAIRMAN –BILL BOXELL 966-0518**

Below are a few of the bowling scores for the last month. Here we are in week 22 of 31. We are rapidly approaching the end of the season. You can see we are having fun and improving.

Team 1 Easy Spare Div. 4 2nd Place

Gary Archbald 139, 140 381 Series

Jim Wiginton 150, 155 401 Series

Michael Rainey 122, 139 321 Series

Team 2 The Old Farts Div. 4 4th Place

Bob Jackson 144, 168 421 Series

Team 3 River City Div 1 3rd Place

Jerry Attebery 213, 225 616 Series

Team 4 The Rat Pack Div 4 1st Place

Michael Betz 163, 176 433 Series

Team 7 King Pins Div 3 3rd Place

Dennis Micheletti 153, 163 428 Series

David Wolf 165,172 441 Series

Joe Freitas 178, 189 482 Series

Hal Higgins 140, 159 400 Series

Team 11 One Board Left Div. 2 1st Place

Bill Boxell 195, 225 574 Series



**EXCURSION CHAIRMAN - LEN OHLENDORT- (916) 803-1650**

With the new year, the Activities Committee has renamed itself the Excursion Committee. The Committee members include Hal Snow, Jim Walker and myself. The role of the Excursion Committee is to promote camaraderie through interesting, reasonably priced, excursions. Our goal is to have 4 to 6 excursions per year. We are currently researching 9 ideas that include a theater experience, family picnic, tour of the CHP trading facility and a winery visit.

If you have any suggestions please let us know. Let the fun begin!



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

The WAD (Winemaking and Distilling) group met January 17 at Don Langley’s shop. We distilled 4 gallons of sugar wash that George Hale had fermented from a 50/50 mix of cane sugar and brown sugar. We produced about 0.75 gallons of alcohol that George can use for a variety of things. The WAD group also supplied creme de menthe that was raffled at the luncheon. If you would like to learn more about wine making or distillation, please join us at our next meeting February 14.



**SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 952-4049**

John Evers is in memory care and most likely will not return to SIRs. Sirs Roger Pelz and Jack Harris are residents of COGIR and just cannot make it down any more. All of these guys should be removed from our roster. They can always return down the road if things change for them.

**Raffle Winner**



Mike Rainey



**WOOD WORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE (916) 239-5888 (by Dennis Scovill)**

The Woodworkers met at Don's barn on January 26, with fifteen people attending. As is customary, we started with coffee and pastries. We then launched into a few discussions about projects that members are working on or considering, where lessons learned and advice on challenges was educational for everyone.

The main topic of our January meeting was to review the finished products from the “board challenge” posed by Mike Selser at the November meeting: create something from a one foot by three foot pine board. Six items were reviewed: A bowl created on a lathe by Richard Steuber, a sculpture by Bob Brown, a pot stand by George Hale, a table by Dennis Scovill, a scroll saw carving by Jim Walker, and a bird feeder by Don Langley. Everyone mentioned the challenges in using this wood for the projects, and unfortunately Mike was not able to overcome this challenge in trying to make a bowl by cutting the board into rings. We probably learned the most from Mike's discussion.

Mike Selser then gave us a demonstration on how to calibrate a cutting sled for a table saw.

(Next meeting by Bob Waters)

The Woodworkers will be meeting at Don's barn on February 23rd at 9:00am. Bob Waters will be hosting the meeting. All are invited to attend. Bring any projects that you have completed or are in process for show and tell. Bob Koch will be giving a demo and discussing Spells. Come to find out what a Spell is.



Completed Board of Challenge projects



Mike Selser calibrating cutting sled



MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE



## **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 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