



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14



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 Ass't: Milo Tubbs, Dennis Micheletti, and
 Jack Melvin
 Wine and Distilling: Al Russo
 Wine Tasting: 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 MAY 23, 2024

LUNCHEON MENU

Starters:

Strawberry Salad - Spring Lettuces, Strawberry, Feta Cheese, Almonds, Balsamic Vinaigrette
Stuffed Pepper Soup- Peppers, Onion, Celery, Beef, Rice, Tomato Broth

Entrees:

California BLTA- Burrata Cheese, Avocado, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Sourdough Bread,
French Fries
Grilled Shrimp Skewers- Chimichurri Sauce, Loaded Baked Potato, Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert:

Chocolate Mousse Cake

THIS IS THE MAY 2024 BULLETIN



BIG SIR – Dennis Wade (916) 342-1286

Happy May members of Sirs Branch 14 Citrus Heights. I hope this reaches you in good health and good spirits.

We had a good turnout of about 65 percent of our membership to our April luncheon, which is down somewhat from previous months. Cogir provided a wonderful lunch of either grilled salmon or pasta primavera and lemon cake for dessert. However, Murphy (as in “Murphy’s Law”, see below) paid us a long, lingering visit this month. The sound system decided it didn’t want to be wireless for our event, so we had a short leash around the podium. Several other things went sideways, all of which really couldn’t be anticipated. Everyone was gracious and handled the situation with a minimum of complaining.

And speaking of sound systems, thanks to Tom Tompkins we should have a new sound system by the May luncheon that will help everyone in any part of the room to hear what’s going on.

Please remember that if you order a lunch, and don’t attend the luncheon we still pay for the lunch. Unless you let either Hal Higgins or someone on the BEC know you’re not coming, the Branch will expect reimbursement for that lunch. Each case is considered on its own.

That’s all from me. Our next luncheon is on May 23rd at Cogir. See you there!

*Murphy’s Law, and its many, many variations, all state in some form that “anything that can go wrong, will”



LITTLE SIR – Gary Archibald (916) 202-9582

Hello from your new Little Sir. We had a nice April luncheon. The food options were great again. Love that dessert.

I apologize for the continued problems with the PA system at our lunches. It seems everything works fine until the guest speaker starts. The problem should be solved with our new Branch 14 PA system. Now we will be able to learn all the controls and make sure it works correctly.

Don Perkins was our guest speaker from the Fire Cause Analysis. Don provided a nice presentation on how to determine the origins of fires and how they spread. He reminded us to be careful when charging lithium batteries as he sees many battery explosions in his work.

Next month we will have a representative from the CHP to speak about the life of a CHP officer.

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



Little Sir with Speaker, Don Perkins

SONS IN RETIREMENT - MAY BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
5/24/42	JONES	David K	79
5/18/49	WATERS	Robert	180
5/5/52	ARCHIBALD	Gary	45
5/28/55	SCHWARTZ	David	56

BRANCH 14-DATE JOINED SIR-MAY

LAST	FIRST	NU	DATE JOINED SIR
ATTEBERY	Jerry	15	5/25/23
BERGSTROM	Buddy	20	5/27/21
LaGRASSA	William W	65	5/27/21
LANGLEY	Donald P.	17	5/24/07
MICHELETTI	Dennis	150	5/27/21
WATERS	Robert	180	5/27/21
WOLF	David	168	5/27/21

APRIL BIRTHDAY BOYS



Little Sir; Bob Jackson, Mark Joyner, David Wolf, Phil Miller, Cris Bryceson, Jim Walker, and Mike

Selser*

*wine winner

DATED JOINED SIR--APRIL



Little Sir; Phil Miller, Robert Brown, Tommy Silver*, and Greg Matzen



Please make the following changes in your 2024 Roster:

No changes



ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

- 61 Members, April 1, 2024
- 21 Members Absent
- 40 Members served, April 25, 2024 (66%)
- 1 Speaker
- 41 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, April 1, 2024
- No change
- 61 Members, May 1, 2024

- 0 New members pending, May 1, 2024



EXCURSION COMMITTEE - LEN OHLENDORF- (916) 803-1650

Howdy from your friendly Committee members Hal Snow, Jim Walker and Len Ohlendorf. We have planned a really fun excursion for you all. We will be traveling to the California Highway Patrol Academy on May 28, 2024, 10:30 A.M. We will tour the training center and also have lunch there. The highlight of the tour is when we raffle off one lucky Branch 14 member to stay there for 26 weeks of intense training. I, for one, really appreciate the dedication of these public servants.



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 952-4049

No illnesses were reported .



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

The WAD (Winemaking and Distilling) group met April 17 and distilled 6 gallons of Zinfandel wine that had been donated. The result was about 2 liters of 160 proof alcohol. The distiller maintained the temperature close to 170 degrees using the reflux capacity of the still which resulted in a lovely grape flavored brandy. The next WAD meeting will be May 15.



WOOD WORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE (916) 239-5888 (By Al Russo)

The woodworking group met April 26 at Don's barn. The meeting was guided by Al Russo who did a demonstration of an L fence which improves the safety and utility of the table saw. Several attendees brought lovely items for "show and tell".



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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

This bulletin was approved by the Big Sir