



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14



2022 OFFICERS

Big Sir: Ken Krueger
Little Sir: David Schwartz
Secretary: Bob Jackson
Ass't: vacant
Treasurer: Dick Lewis
Ass't: Bill Boxell

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Tom Tompkins	Gary Kiddie	Len Ohlendorf
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Badge Custodian: Dick Jackson
Bowling: Bill Boxell
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Golf: Dick Lewis
Greeters: Joe Freitas
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Membership, Administration: Hal Higgins
New Membership Recruitment: Dennis Scovill
Ass't: Len Ohlendorf
Programs: David Schwartz
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: Dennis Micheletti
Ass't: Len Ohlendorf and Dave W olf
Winemakers: Ken Krueger
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 MARCH 23, 2023

LUNCHEON MENU

Beef minestrone soup or house salad

Cubano sandwich (shredded pork, ham, Swiss cheese, mustard, pickle) served w/ French fries

Gumbo Chicken and andouille sausage gumbo

Peanut butter white cake



BIG SIR – Ken Krueger (916) 751-0568

Greetings and Hallucinations my friends. Did you know that while age 60 might be the new 40, 9:00 p.m. is the new midnight?

We had a nice turnout at the February luncheon, where 43 lunches were served, including our guest speaker.,

Several Branch 14 news items were shared during the luncheon. First, Bob Jackson delivered on his promise to provide the membership with current copies of the Branch 14 Roster. For those who were unable to attend the February luncheon, there will be copies of the roster for you at the next meeting.

second, the prospect of paying for the luncheon in advance via an on-line service was discussed. While the members in attendance were generally cool to the idea of paying on-line, they were very adamant that, except in emergencies, that those who sign up for the lunch but fail to appear should be required to pay.

Third, our membership goal for the year is 60 total members. Currently, we have 57; however, with the addition of Roger Pelz, who has submitted an application, our total will be at 58 after his induction at the March meeting.

Fourth and fifth, Al Russo will be taking over as the Winemakers group chairman, and Paul Cary will work on getting the Branch 14 Facebook page up and running.

Finally, and sadly, it was learned that Ray Johansen is battling the advanced stages of cancer. I will be sending Ray, who will be 96 on March 10th, a get-well card on behalf of the **membership**. Anyone else who wants to wish him well is encouraged to do so.

One other item is worth of reporting. Dale Masters, our host at Cogir of Stock Ranch, announced that his chapter of the American Legion will be sponsoring an appearance of "The Wall That Heals" at Rusch Park from March 29th to April 2nd. This is a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.

That's it for this month. Be safe out there, see you on March 23rd, and remember: Prison may be just one word for you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.

Ken Krueger, Big Sir



LITTLE SIR - Dave Schwartz (916) 863-6284

Our February meeting day was a busy one with a good attendance and the lunch was great as usual.

Our guest speaker was Kevin Knauss, who provided an excellent presentation on the "Hidden History Beneath Folsom Lake". Kevin is a local historian and has written several books on history in the area. Kevin, whose talk was well received, gave perhaps the most enthusiastic speech that we have ever had.

At the February meeting, I showed the SIR polo shirt and hat I recently purchased on the SIRINC.ORG website. The polo shirt came out nice with both my first name across the top of the SIR logo and our branch number underneath. The shirt was only \$15, and the hats go for \$20. While both are offered in multiple colors, looking around the room, it appears that we have adopted white as our branch color. Here is the link to the SIR store should you wish to purchase your own: <https://sir.ourproshop.com/>

Do not miss the March 23rd luncheon. Our speaker will be Mike Duhamel, Class A, PGA of Canada Director, High Performance Golf, NCIG. Mike will be talking about the latest happenings in the world of golf. This should be an interesting presentation just in time for the start of our golfing groups activities.

Until next month.

Little SIR, Branch 14

Dave Schwartz



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 952-4049

Ray Johansen was reported to have advanced stages of cancer and could use you sending a card or giving him a call, our prayers go out to him and his family. In March he turns 96 and his number is 916-283-6065.

Sunshine Man

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS AND WINE WINNER



John Melvin and Dick Lewis

DATE JOINED SIR FEBRUARY



Howard Mann and Joe Freitas

WINE WINNER



Howard Mann

MARCH BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

DATE JOINED SIR	LAST	FIRST	NUMBER
3/10/27	JOHANSEN	Ray	220
3/22/41	REYNOLDS	Gary L	137
3/4/51	PRINZBACH	Lawrence	100
3/17/51	JACKSON	Richard W	206
3/10/54	FRANKE	Dan E	140

BRANCH 14-DATE JOINED SIR-MARCH

DATE JOINED SIR	LAST	FIRST	NU
3/23/17	TOMPKINS III	Herbert W	125
3/22/18	OHLENDORF	Len	12
3/28/19	WALKER	Jim	89
3/28/19	KRUEGER	Kenneth G	54
3/4/94	HIGGINS	Hal.	81



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

Our latest outing was to the Crocker Art Museum February 15. We had docents conducting tours for our twenty six attendees. All the feedback was very positive. Your travel/activity committee, Len Ohlendorf, Dave Wolf and myself, have some fun adventures planned for the future so if you haven't participated in our recent outings you might give it consideration. We have a number of tours in consideration for the future. If you should have any suggestions for adventures please let us know. Fellas this is your organization and thrives only with your participation so join us on our future activities

Den's gems: "Every man desires to live long, yet no man desires to be old"

"Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety nine percent perspiration"

SIR Dennis D. Micheletti



Br 14 at the Crocker

ROGER PELZ

GUESTS

Sponsor: Bob Jackson

Please make the following changes in your 2023 Roster

Please delete the following member:

Page 13 Henning, Robert

Resigned

Please make the following other changes in your 2023 Roster

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The 2023 State President is Dave Gonzales, (916) 587-3538

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The greeter is Joe Freitas

Ken Krueger is no longer Assistant

Nominating committee is Ken Krueger, David Schwartz, Len Ohlendorf, and Tom Tompkins

Winemaker Chairman is Al Russo

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Cris Bryceson Email address is DUMPDUDE57@GMAIL.COM

Mike Carran cell phone number is (916) 607-0878

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George Hale Joined SIRS on 1/26/2023

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David Jones badge number is 79

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Bill Kimsey's sponsor is Dennis Scovill

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Mike Selser joined SIRS on 1/27/2022 and his Badge Number is 84.

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The meeting dates are for 2022. 2023 are below.

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



ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

58 Members, February 1, 2023

19 Members Absent

39 Members served, February 23, 2023 (67%)

1 Guest

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

58 Members, February 1, 2023

-1 Henning

#114

Resigned

57 Members, March 1, 2023

1 New member pending, March 1, 2023

COVID PROTOCOL FOR ATTENDING LUNCHEONS

Each member will wear a mask on entering the building and proceed to the receptionist. The receptionist will check your temperature and check your name on the Branch roster. If your temperature is OK you may then proceed to the dining room. Upon entering the dining room you may remove your mask.



BOWLING CHAIRMAN –BILL BOXELL 966-0518

Here is my monthly report for bowling. We have only 5 weeks of bowling left. Luckily for those guys who are bowling fanatics there is a summer league available in the same place, same day and time. The winter league will start again towards the end of August. Here are the highlights of the last 4 weeks.

Month of February 2023

Team 2 The Old Farts, Division 2, Second place

Bob Jackson, High game 128, 139-- High Series 376

Team 6 Alley Oops, Division 4, 3rd place.

Gary Archibald, High game 148, 154 --High Series 400

Team 7 King Pins, Division 4, First place

Dennis Micheletti, High game 190, 191--High Series 498

Ken Krueger, High game 138, 140—High Series 357

Joe Freitas, High game 200, 204--High Series 511

Hal Higgins, High game 153, 183--High Series 459

Team 11 One Board Left, Division 2, 5th place

Bill Boxell, High game 198, 210--High series 528

I'll keep you posted when to sign-ups are for this year's winter league.

Bill Boxell, 916-966-0518



WINEMAKERS –CHAIRMAN AL RUSSO (714) 642-086

The winemaker/distiller/beer maker group met February 16 at Don's barn. Six members of the group were present for this activity. We redistilled a gallon and a half of high proof alcohol that we had previously made from a variety of sources. The product proved to be cleaner than it was before re-distillation.

We had an impromptu meeting February 25 where we zested a bunch of oranges and began soaking in high proof alcohol to make Cointreau. If anyone has any interest in this kind of activity, please join us.

Our next meeting will be March 15.



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

We had our February woodworkers meeting at Don's barn. Fifteen of us met on a rainy, cold morning but the barn was quite comfortable due to the pot-belly stove blazing away. After gorging on cinnamon rolls and cookies, we had our show-n-tell. Howard Mann showed a very nice cribbage board (see photo). Mike Selser then described a very complicated project that involves high math, difficult joinery, several jigs and steam bending wood to build a flower vase (see photo). Good luck Mike, we know you will succeed. Ken Krueger then described how he dug out his lathe and has begun turning pens (see photo). It was a beautiful pen. I then showed the group the resin casting project that I am undertaking. I have taken a block of olive wood that has numerous cracks and inclusions and encased it in a red dyed resin block. Soon I will put the block on my lathe and turn away most of the resin. This will result in an olive vessel (similar to the one on the left in the photo) but with red resin filling all the cracks and voids. I will try to remember to include a photo of the finished vessel in my next article. See everyone next month on Friday, March 24th at Don's barn.



Howard and his cribbage board



Mike and his vase



Ken and his pen



Dan's rosin casting project

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)

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