



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14

PROMOTING THE INDEPENDENCE &

DIGNITY OF RETIRED AND SEMI-RETIRED MEN

2016 OFFICERS

Big Sir: Dan Franke
Little Sir: Don Langley
Secretary: Bob Jackson
Ass't: Jim Poindexter
Treasurer: Dick Lewis
Ass't: Bill Boxell

Directors

Don Langley	Bob Neil
Paul Willett	Bob Wall
Joe Freitas	Duane Clark

STATE OFFICERS

Area 9 Governor:
Regional Director Region 3: Victor C. Mershon
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ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

Attendance: Hal Higgins
Ass't: Duncan Lyle
Badge Custodian: Orley Highfill
Ass't:
Bowling: Don Reinmuth
Bucket Brigade: Joe Freitas
Ass't: Jim Poindexter
Bulletin Editor: Hal Higgins
Bulletin Reporter and Photo Contest: Tom Silver
Chaplain: Dick Lewis
Golf: Orley Highfill
Greeters: Jim McCoy
Ass't: Andy Effinger
Membership, Administration: Hal Higgins
New Membership Recruitment: Bob Nield
Programs: Don Langley
Photographer: Joe Freitas
Sirs 14 Photo Group: Bob Wall
Sunshine: Bob Jackson
Telephone Tree: Hal Snow
Ass't: Bob Neil, Paul Willett, and Jim Poindexter
Tour Director: Hal Snow
Woodwork: Bob Wall

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING-10:45
GENERAL MEETING - 11:30

WE MEET THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
State website: www.sirinc.org
Sirs 14 website: <http://branch14.weebly.com>

AT CARMICHAEL ELKS
5631 Cypress Avenue
Carmichael

NEXT MEETING MARCH 24 2016

**LUNCHEON MENU
CORNEBEEF AND CABBAGE**



BIG SIR-DAN FRANKE-944-7676

I want to start this message by saying that our hearts go out to Sir Dick Dunn for the loss of his wife Thelma and to Sir Merle Dodd's family. It was humbling reading Merle's obituary and how active he had been in his 101 years. Keep Sir Joe Freitas's wife Jane in your thoughts and prayers during her time of illness.

We continue to gather information about the possibility of a merger with another SIR branch. Talks with Sirs branch #127 have led to tentative agreements to have a joint luncheon in November and for us to inform and welcome their members to join our group on our Activities Outings. Speaking about our Activities Outings, I want to thank Sir Hal Snow for organizing our trip to the California Railroad Museum last week. Very interesting tour and our docent did a wonderful job of educating us on the history of railroading and pointing out artifacts of special interest. Plan on joining us on our next outing and bring friends. All are welcome! Remember that our Sirs #14 golf starts up again in March after the winter hiatus. We golf on March 14th and March 28th. Contact Sir Orley Highfill if you want to golf and did not yet sign up.....like me. Continue to invite guests to join us for our luncheons.....and we will continue to have interesting speakers, a free lunch and wonderful fellowship for them. Big Sir Dan Franke.

P.S. I have a new cell phone # (916) 239-5888 and welcome anyone with suggestions or concerns to call me. =



LITTLE SIR-DON LANGLEY -944-4219

This year is flying by . It's almost spring and I only have half the projects done I wanted to finish over the winter.

I enjoyed the speaker, Jerry Schroeder who spoke on the History and Museums of Folsom, even without the pictures. Hopefully we can arrange a tour and see the real thing.

Our speaker for next month will be Bob Welti on "The Amazing World of Satellites".

Tomorrow (Friday) will be my favorite day. The Woodworkers Club is meeting at my shop, so I better get to cleaning it up.

ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES



ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN , Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

46 Active members, February 1, 2016

16 Members Absent

30 Members served, fabruary 25, 2016 (65%)

1 speaker

31 Lunches served, January 28, 2016

Remember to call me if you want an excused absence for a meeting. Read Page 3 in your Roster.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (ADMINISTRATION) Hal Higgins

46 Active members , February 1, 2016

1 M Dodd # 244 Deceased

45 Active members, March 1, 2016

2 Inactive members, February 1, 2016

No change

2 Inactive members, March 1, 2016

0 New member pending, March 1, 2016

SIRS 14 MEMBERS

Whereas last month was a banner month for attendance, this month was not so good with 16 absent of 46 active members. Everyone should strive to schedule their vacations and appointments around the 4th Thursday of the month

Please make make the the following changes in your 2016 Roster:

Pg 9 Delete Merle Dodd #244

Pg 11 Add Dan Franke cell phone 239-5888

Pg 21 Changes to Al Thearle

phone # to 331-1968

Cell phone # 261-1267

Worked: U S. Army Depot

IN MEMORIAM
Merle Dodd

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SONS IN RETIREMENT - MARCH BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

(All Members)

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
3/10	FRANKE	Dan E	140
3/10	JOHANSEN	Ray	220
3/14	THOMPSON	C Hugh	72
3/15	SCOFIELD	John	41
3/17	JACKSON	Richard W	206

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS



Dick Lewis, Tom Farnsworth, John Young

WINE WINNERS



Bill Boxell (and Tom Farnsworth too)



BOWLING CHAIRMAN –DON REINMUTH 456-1844

Our teams are still doing well and hold first and second place in their respective divisions. I have managed to score a few good games lately and my team members manage to pick up the slack and we have been able to win some games. Jim McCoy and Hal Higgins team are the ones in first place in their division. They have been producing some good totals to win games.

You are invited to come out and watch some good bowling and encourage our teams to hit the pins.

We need bowlers. We have lost a few since last season due to numerous reasons. So if you think you would like to bowl in a league, which can be a lot of fun let me know ASAP. There will be many openings.

SOME GOOD BOWLING SCORES

name	games	series
Bill Boxell	199, 196, 208, 192	528, 536, 499
Jim McCoy	184, 181, 156	470, 435
Hal Higgins	183, 169, 192	499, 477
Don Reinmuth	166, 156, 159	453, 450, 450

HIGH ROLLERS SCORES

Jim McCoy 470+50, 477+57

SPLITS MADE

Don Reinmuth 3,10 3,10

Bill Boxell 2,7

Jim McCoy 9,10

Hal Higgins 3,10 3,10 3,10 5,7

GOLF--ORLEY HIGHFILL--944-0409



Golf was dormant for the winter but spring is just around the corner. We start golfing on March 14, 2016 at Antelope. Put it on your calendar. Sign-up sheets were at the Feb 25 meeting. The business card golf schedules are available. Pick one up at the March meeting or at March golf. The schedule is also printed in the 2016 roster

Future tournaments:; March 14, Antelope, **10:00**; March 28, Bradshaw, 09:00; April 11, Antelope, 09:00; April 25, Indian Creek, 09:00; May 09, Antelope, 09:00; and May 23, Bradshaw, 09:00.



Branch 14 Photo Contest - 2016 - Tom Silver, Coordinator

It is time to be taking photos for this year's contest and preparing for submission of your entries. Rather than waiting until the last minute to search through all of the photos you have taken over the year, it is a good idea to begin saving your best ones of each category into one folder as the year goes by. That way, a late vacation or other development won't put you into a bind for time to put a contest submission together. I have a folder named SIRs 14 Photo Contest 2016. Under that I have subfolders named, Architecture, Nature, and Portrait. You may find it helpful to do something similar.



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON - 988-5979

Information from the Sun Shine man: We lost our oldest member, Merle Dodd, he had a long life & he was only 101 when he passed. Dick Dunn's wife Thelma passed away very suddenly. Also, Joe Freitas asked that we all say a prayer for his wife Jane & Mother-in-Law. Please try & stay healthy this winter season, the bug is out there.

WOODWORKERS -CHAIRMAN-BOB WALL-393-1034



The Feb 26 meeting of the SIRs woodworkers was hosted by Hal Snow at Don Langley's barn. Nine SIRs attended.

Members brought projects to show and discuss while enjoying coffee and pastries.

The main learning session was a description and demonstration by Dan Franke on creating dovetail joints using a jig and cutting the slots with a router. Once again a highly visible demonstration of a skillful woodworking technique.

The March meeting will be on the Friday following our Thursday SIRs luncheon. Mark your calendars.

90 YEAR OLD CERTIFICATE



Jim Poindexter with Big Sir Dan Franke



From Sir Happenings:

SIR Days at the Major League Parks

Join your fellow Sirs as we converge at AT&T Park, the Oakland Coliseum and Chukchansi Park to watch great baseball match-ups

The Washington Nationals vs the SF Giants

The Oakland A's vs the LA Angels

And the Sacramento RiverCats vs the Fresno Grizzlies

With 25+ members

1. Select a representative to collect the monies.

2. Then call each team's group sales executive to confirm the numbers.

3. After mailing in the check, you'll need to distribute the tickets to your friends & family members.

But you must act quickly. **These games will sell out.** The A's game includes a jersey give-away. The other games are top-notch rivalries you don't want to miss.

For questions, contact:

Lee Moy, State SIR Sports Chairman

(559) 709-9851

LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com

Or visit sirinc.org, sporting events,

http://www.sirinc.org/siractivities/SIR_sports.htm

SIR Day at Chukchansi Park

Fresno Grizzlies vs Sacramento RiverCats

Tecate Thirsty Thursday August 25, 2016, 7pm Triple AAA Baseball

Houston Astros vs SF Giants right field level reserve \$15 pp group rate extra: possible BBQ prior

SIR Day at the Coliseum Oakland A's vs Angels

June 18, 2016 Saturday, 1pm

All SIR attendees will receive a '89 Dennis Eckersley Replica Jersey with ticket section 101-106, 128-132 Group Rate-

\$32-Dynamic Pricing subject to change & availability Deadline: **February 12th** 10% deposits due **Please first call, reserve, and then send only one branch check for groups of 25+** Ryan Phelan, Group Account Executive 7000 Coliseum

Way, Oakland, CA 94621 (510) 563-2393

SIR Day at AT&T Park

31 July, 2016-Sunday, 1pm SF Giants vs Washington Nationals

section 308-324, view reserve infield

"Dynamic Pricing": subject to availability/demand urgency is recommended-book by February. **Group rate for 25+ branch members: \$46 pp**

1. Have one branch/group representative call:

Peter Sercia, (415) 972-2243

SF Giants Group Sales

2. Confirm numbers

3. Send one branch/group check

SIR HAPPENINGS

The latest edition of 'SIR HAPPENINGS' is now available on the SIR website. Check out the other travel opportunities available.

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings>

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 who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Branch Attendance Committee giving a valid reason, or who attends less than six (6) regular meetings within the last twelve (12) consecutive month period, may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SiRs (Rule 100 and 101)

MEETING DATES IN 2016

January 28, February 25, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23,
July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 17, and December 22.

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