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Comments from Big Sir Bob Damico

SIRs, MARK YOU CALENDARS:

Our next meeting
Will be held on the 2ND Tues.-Nov.9th



We have lots on the agenda for our November meeting: we'll be installing our 2011 Officers. We plan to induct four new members- bringing our total new members to 21 for the year (four over our 10% goal of 17, established by SIRINC). THANK YOU to all of you sponsors for bringing in these new members and helping us beat our goal. And a reminder for each of you: we need to continue bringing in new members at a rate of 10% each year to maintain a healthy organization. So keep your eyes and ears open for potential new members; invite your retired friends, neighbors, and even strangers to lunch (someone at church, at Safeway, at the Doctor, on the golf course, at the bowling alley-just ask them if they know about SIR, tell them about us and invite them to lunch.

We're also having our second annual "Random Seating" luncheon. You'll draw a number for a seat and will sit with other SIRs who you may or may not know. This was a huge success last year, and it gives us all the opportunity to meet new friends.

And, you don't want to miss our great speaker (one of our own).

Make a Note! Last day to obtain an Excused absence for the next meeting is 11/5/10 (the Friday before the meeting). Please call Len Fadda 513-0738, or e-mail lenandlinda1@yahoo.com, Also please notify him if you are bringing a Guest(s).

In case you haven't heard...the October "Guess Who SIR" is Len Fadda-our Membership/Attendance Chairman. See if you know this Month's "Guess Who SIR".

Be Safe, Healthy, and Enjoy Your Retirement. Remember, we're NOT old, we just have Seniority... Thank you for your continued support,

Big SIR Bob Damico

NEW MEMBER

Hi, my name is Mike Leana. I've lived in the Brentwood area for years, having moved here in October, 1992 from Roseville, CA. I retired in December, 2005 after having worked for the City of Brentwood Community Development Department-as head of the Planning Division for over ten years. And I worked for over 36 years as a city planner for two cities in California and one in Florida.



I was raised and educated back east (SUNY @ Binghamton, NY and Florida State). I have lived in California for nearly 40 years. My wife Kathy and I raised three children: Two girls (Jennifer and Heather) and a son (Brett). We have two grandsons and counting...

I enjoy golfing, bike riding, reading, investing and all sports. I am a charter member of Brentwood KIWANIS Club and enjoy doing volunteer work with my fellow Kiwanians, as well as AARP and the Contra Costa Food Bank.

I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know my fellow SIR members and establishing some new golfing buddies and other friendships.



**Frank Tisch Presented
Certificate of Appreciation
for his
Efforts as Newsletter
Distributor
From
Big Sir Bob Damico**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

**JACK BREE
LOU KIRKPATRICK
LEX OVERZET
FRANK TISCH**

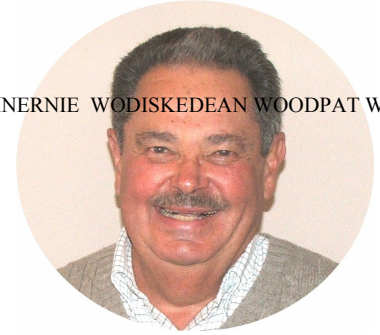
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MESSAGE from Your Little SIR – Vince Vargas

November Presentation: Our guest speaker is *Tim Karlberg* who is a member of our SIRS branch. Tim is also a member of the East Contra Costa Historical Society of Brentwood. Tim will tell us the true Civil War story of the CAL 100 Cavalry Unit through the experiences of Lieutenant John Fletcher, a member of the unit. John was an early pioneer resident of Brentwood.



BOB RHINER BOB RUTHERFORD RAY SERAFIN ERNIE WODISKE DEAN WOODPAT WOODS

Luncheon Menu: Fried chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy & vegetables

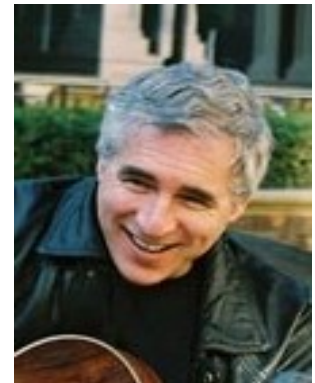
October Free Lunch Drawing – Marty Price & Rich Brunetto

SIRs Christmas Luncheon Tickets are on Sale!

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 -- Put this date on your calendar!

Start the holiday season with a luncheon with our wives. Our entertainment will be Steve Gary who will set the holiday mood by singing a variety Christmas & Seasonal Songs. He dresses as a Dickens Caroler.

Our luncheon will be roast turkey breast, mashed potatoes & gravy, Cranberry, vegetables & Dessert.
Tickets are \$22.00 per person. Tickets will be available at the luncheon registration table. If you prefer mailing in the money for tickets, use the stub below.
Tickets limited to 150.



SIR BRANCH 161 Christmas Luncheon - December 14, 2010

Your name _____
No. Of tickets _____ Amount enclosed _____

****Make check payable to SIR Branch 161 and mail to: ****
Tony Pacheco, 2111 St. Andrews Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505 **or**
Vince Vargas, 4096 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, Ca 94505

GREAT LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

El Campanil Theatre-- Located in Antioch, provides quality entertainment for our community. Members are encouraged to check the Theatre's web site or call the box office to receive show announcements.

Order tickets by telephone or by Internet Telephone -- 925-757-9500 Internet – www.elcampaniltheatre.com.

To receive a 10% discount use the promo code -- SIRS.

Exciting coming attractions:

- 11/20/10 – A Tribute to the Music of Simon & Garfunkel
- 12/11/10 -- Sing Along Messiah
- 01/09/11 – The Kingston Trio
- 01/21/11 – Best of San Francisco Standup Comedy Competition
- 04/10/11 – Preservation Hall Jazz Band

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And be sure to notify him if you are Bringing a Guest

Little Sir Vince Vargas

THE BRIDGE TABLE

Again we had to cancel the Bridge game due to lack of players. I hope next month we will do better "I am not giving up".

Our next bridge game will be November 16th, (the third Tuesday of the month), at 1:00 at the Country Club. I hope you will be able to make it.

As always stay healthy!

Lex Overzet 925 634-4614



DINNER WITH THE LADIES

There will be no "Dinner With The Ladies" for the months of November and December. I and my wife, Nadine, wish to thank the SIR members for their support and warmth during our tenure at putting on the events.

Next year SIR Jim Heck will be setting up the dinners. We wish him all the best and know he will do a great job.

Thank You
Micheal E. White



SIR ACTIVITIES



Following are some of the SIR Activities, including details on current plans. Feel free to call Dick Donald (513-2849) for more information on these and other activities.

Poker - Dick Donald – 513-2849

The next SIR poker game will be Thursday, November 18, at 7 PM. Dick Donald will be the host this month. This is a quarter limit dealer choice games. Contact Dick if interested in playing.

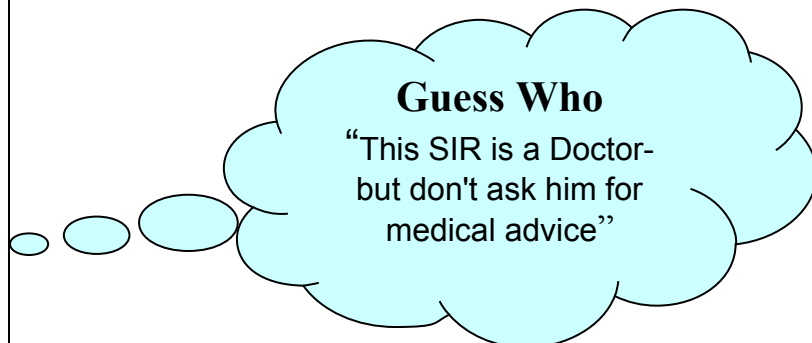
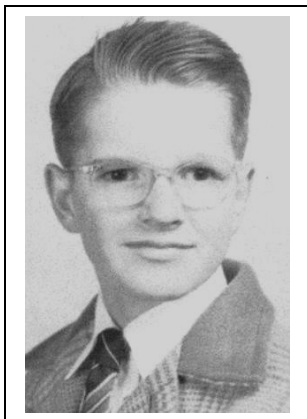
Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

NEWS UPDATE –Former DB Sirs member George Hurlbert was a big winner in the San Diego Senior Games 55-59 age bracket pickleball – Gold in Men’s Doubles, Bronze in Mixed doubles and Silver in Singles.

Locally, drop-in play is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am. Play is at the Discovery Bay public tennis courts on Willow Lake Rd. Beginner play is always welcome with both men and women playing and we have all the equipment for you to try it out. If you have any interests come out and watch and we’ll show you what it is all about. For more info about Pickleball go to <http://www.usapa.org/>. The web site also notes our Discovery Bay play time under places to play.

Wine Tasting – Dick Donald – 513-2849

The wine testing has been very successful the last three months. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not be having the wine tasting in November on the fourth Thursday, but will instead have one in early December on a date TBD. Contact Dick if interested in attending. Note that attendance will be limited to eight couples, so reply early if interested.



NOVEMBER BOWLING NEWS



The Seventh Annual Bob Matteucci Memorial Bowling Tournament was held at Harvest Park Bowl and was a great success. We had 144 Bowlers from 30 SIR Branches from as far away as Yuba City. From Branches 161 & 108 we had 46 Bowlers. Many thanks to all SIRS and Ladies who took part in this tournament, without your support the Tournament would not have been such a great success.

As you can imagine it takes a great deal of work to put on a tournament this size so I would like to thank the people who helped me with this tournament. The big job of assigning lanes and making the check in roster was done by Bill Bayer. Bob Rhiner did a great job and made sure all the information got put into the Computer at the bowling Center and all the recap sheets were printed out. Paul Elmer checked in bowlers on both days and Tom Burt made sure all the 200 games got announced. Finally a big thank you goes out to our Treasurer Tony Pacheco for depositing all the entry checks and writing checks to all the winners. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

We had some winners from the Tournament held recently at the National Stadium in Reno. Linda Jensen finished in 12th place in Singles Division 3. Alice and Jack Disney placed 11th in Division 2 Doubles. Eric Jensen took 17th place in Division 1 Singles. Fred Critchfield did a good job by finishing 14th in Division 1 All Events and Karen Patterson finished in 8th place in Division 3 All Events.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

November 16th or 18th Tue or Thur in Concord @ Clayton Bowl
Nov. 30th or Dec 2nd Tue or Thur in San Rafael @ Country Club Lane

GOOD BOWLING TOM KIRTLEY

BRING A GUEST TO LUNCH

Why not share the SIR experience with your retired friends and neighbors. We encourage you to invite friends to our Monthly Luncheons. As potential new members they will see what SIR is all about, while enjoying a good lunch/guest speaker. Remember: the only requirements are that they be retired from full time gainful employment, willing to attend our monthly lunch meetings, want to make new friends, and want to be active in their retirement. If you bring a potential new member to lunch, their lunch is half price. And if they join, as their sponsor, you get a free lunch! BUT, **Please REMEMBER** to notify Len Fadda (our Membership Chairman) a week before the meeting - that you are bringing a guest, so he can get an accurate lunch reservation count to the Country Club. (Phone 925-513-0738)

SIRS BRANCHES 108/161 GOLF NEWS –



Our SIRS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

THE RESULTS ARE IN AND WE HAVE A WINNER - JACK DISNEY AGAIN!!!!!! Jack won the tournament 4 years ago on the same golf course, Lone Tree. He netted a 66.

CONGRATULATIONS JACK!!!!

2010 Winner Jack Disney



We had 31 players competing for the trophy and the net results are:

1st place - 66 - Jack Disney

- 2nd place - 67 - Frank Smith (last year's winner)
- Tie for 3rd - 69 - Onstad, B. Anderson, Sevim
- 6th place - 70 - Kile
- Tie for 7th place - 71 - Carr, Macbride
- Tie for 9th place - 72 - Mahlberg, Gold

Closest to the pin winners were B. Momaney and S. Gold. Your scores will be posted as usual, but this time it will be a "T" score, tournament score.

Thank you for participating this year and see you in 2011.

Dale Welin

It is time to sign up and pay for the NCGA 2011 dues for our SIRS golf club. The dues are \$36 for the 2011 and you can sign up with me by sending a check, payable to Dale Welin, for the \$36. My address is the same: 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505

The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, December 15. If there any questions, please call or e-mail me.

Dale Welin



Article submitted by LaVan Bock, Photos by Don & Karen Patterson

SIR RV Group

Eight RV rigs enjoyed the third Discovery Bay Branch #161 RV gathering over the last several years. This was at the Casa de Fruta RV Resort during the four days from October 13 thru the 17th. Many of us enjoyed the last weekend of the Renaissance Faire located next to the Resort and many traveled to Moss Landing, San Juan Bautista and Hollister for lunch. The highlight of the outing was Ray Serafin's German dinner filled with many sausages, sauerkraut, Povitica bread and other delicacies. I'm sure we all enjoyed the companionship of our fellow SIR members and wives.





Happy Thanksgiving

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The Sunshine Chairman needs your help. He is dependant on inputs from the membership to be effective. If/when you know of the passing of a SIR, a SIR Spouse; or a SIR that is seriously ill, please notify Bob Damico so an appropriate greeting card can be sent out from SIR Branch 161.

SIR MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND PRINCIPLES

Membership is open to men retired from full-time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. There are no dues, fees or assessments. Member volunteer's staffs administer and govern all Branch activities. Voluntary member contributions provide for these activities. SIR supports no outside cause or interest. We prohibit discussions of politics and religion or the selling of anything to any member. The only requirements to join SIR are that a man be retired, or semi-retired, and sponsored by an active member.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Luncheon Meetings are on the Second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. Social Hour is at 11:00 AM and Lunch at Noon. All Members are expected to attend. You are required to notify the attendance Chairman if you cannot attend. Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Chairman or attending less than seven (7) meetings within the last year shall be notified by form letter no. 4 of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another branch will be considered a credit to the attendance.

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