



A non-profit organization for retired men devoted to the promotion of independence and dignity of retirement

The Grapevine

SIR Branch #145 Monthly Meeting – Tuesday – October 9, 2012– Moose Lodge -11:30 AM

Speaker of the Month

Dennis Sorensen & Barbara Pombo
Hospice
Myths & what you can
Do to ensure your wishes

Big Sir Sez...

Here we are in October, with the national elections only a couple of weeks away, terror strikes against us in the tumultuous Middle East. Still in our little corner of the world life continues.

Our speakers for October and November will feature health topics with a talk on Hospice services that may offer some comfort for our last days. Barbara Pombo, Executive Director of Hospice, in Stockton, will tell about Hospice; how this idea was conceived and implemented. Also, how Hospice benefits our community. In November we will have Dr. Gary M. Lindner, Ph.D. (Physiology). His topic is wellness for individuals and families. Lindner has provided education and solutions for families and individuals for healthy living as well as for companies. These talks should be of wide interest.

I do have some sad news to report. The day after our September luncheon, Sir Virgil Raggi, retired Lodi Police Captain, passed away. May his family be in your thoughts.

Now let's move on to some celebratory news. We welcome our State President Sir James Stedman to our luncheon meeting. He will be

here to honor Sir Lester Sweet with a Senior Honorary Life Member Certificate for having been an HLM for ten years. Sir Valdemar Olson will receive the Super Senior SIR President's Award (for reaching 95 years of age). Sirs George R. Richards and William R Reynolds will receive the Senior SIR President's Award (for reaching 90 years of age). Be sure to greet and talk to President Stedman at our meeting. He will have time to address the branch with news about SIR.

Thank you all for your attendance at our September luncheon. We had a little more than 60%, good job. Remember to invite friends and acquaintances. Use your welcome cards. Get more if you need them. Remember we still need sirs to volunteer to be Historian and Sergeant at Arms. Visit our developing web site at www.sir145.org. Let us know of any comments and suggestions you have. We have begun work on the 2013 edition of our branch roster. We will be contacting some members to clarify any information that is in question. New microphones have been purchased for our meetings. A regular and lapel microphones with better acoustics should improve hearing.

Tickets go on sale this month for the Christmas Luncheon at Woodbridge Country Club on December 11, 2012. See Al Furr at the meeting or call him at 479-3124. See an announcement elsewhere in the Grapevine for times, cost and menu.

Richard Baines, Big Sir



October Birthdays

Astacio Moises
 Dwight Holmquist
 Gene Mcqueen
 Ed Olson
 Joe Schatz
 Harry Stafford
 Neal Welsh

Lee Eichele
 Monte Hummel
 Elmer Nichols
 John Rostomily
 Ray Schramm
 Lester Sweet
 Dutch Williams

Luncheon Menu

Brauts and Sauerkraut
 Vegetable
 Fried Chicken
 Salad Bar
 Bread
 Dessert

View the State Newsletter to see what is happening in the SIRS organization.
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

SIR Christmas Lunch will again be at the Woodbridge Country Club on Tuesday December 11th. This event is for you and your wife/significant other. This is the last lunch meeting of the year and the new officers will be inducted. Pick up a Flyer at the Oct Luncheon



September Golf News

October 10th is a 2 man scramble at Spanos Reserve. I will have starting times at the Oct luncheon.

Our tournament on October 26th is a 4 man best Ball at Swensen. Bill Rogers is in charge. Sign up at Micky Grove or Swensen

I will start collecting the \$38.00 N.C.G.A. dues renewal fees on October 1, 2012. The deadline is December 15th. Make checks out to SIRS Golf.

Howard Ferguson (368-4829)
 Golf Chairman,

Sick or in Distress,
 Know of anyone call Dave Stennick
 368-0437

Financial Report

Net Gain for the month of September
 \$ 93.63
 Balance \$ 3441.67