



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 – November 13, 2012– Moose Lodge -11:30 AM

## Speaker of the Month

**Dr. Gary M. Linder, Ph.D.**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Paradigm**  
**Wellness for individuals and Families**  
**Life by design...Not default**

### Big Sir Sez...

November marks the last regular meeting for the year. It is also the last meeting of my terms as Big Sir. I want to thank you all for the privilege of leading our branch. Our Branch Executive Committee has been of invaluable help in guiding our club all the time. I could not perform as Big Sir without their extensive knowledge and dedication. Much goes on behind the scenes, like accounting, banking, bill paying, completing reports for SIR Inc., producing the Grapevine, attendance tracking, membership application processing, induction, publicity, travel, greeting and telling jokes, etc., etc. OOPS and Golf. Look at the list of committees and responsibilities on the last page of the Grapevine.

I generally prepare the agenda for our direction based on what I think and the input of the BEC. We have tried a number of things, some successful, some not. We have tried to follow the directions and goals from SIR Inc., with the same results. I believe we are improving our branch with new features, like the Roster (well received), Web Site (developing and looking good), E-mail the Grapevine (to be implemented next year to those who have e-mail), New Microphones

(still under study due to the failure to perform at October's meeting), Robo Calls to announce upcoming meetings (deemed not very effective). Questioning the membership about our meetings, (changes were made to try to speed up the regular agenda), Seeking guidance on other activities with a questionnaire (very little response), Offering Rides to members (operational but not utilized much), Honoring our most senior members with the President's Awards (initiated by Big Sir George Cameron at the end of his term), Welcome Cards (distributed and used widely). I probably missed some other steps we took.

Our membership goal was 20 which we met in August. By September we inducted a total of 29. On the other hand our membership increased by only one. Our recruitment is good but just keeping pace with losses. Please keep up the efforts to invite guests. Use the Welcome Cards.

SIR Inc. set a goal of lunch attendance of 70 percent, and our highest this year has been 63 percent with 121 members. Seventy percent is 134. Call a fellow sir and ask him to join you. We generally have 15 tables at lunch so one more per table would make the goal. I know many of you always sit together so you could easily come up with friends' names to contact. Their names and numbers are in the roster.

Don't forget to get or reserve your tickets for the Christmas Luncheon at Woodbridge Country Club on December 11,

2012. See Al Furr at the meeting or call him at 479-3124.

One last time, thank you for putting up with me and helping make my tour as Big Sir a real pleasure. Please welcome Al Furr as Big Sir for 2013 and Chuck Bennett as Little Sir. .

Richard Baines  
Big Sir



### November Birthdays

**Richard Bains**  
**Orville Buchmiller**  
**Bill Elsholz**  
**Nick Felton**  
**Al Furr**  
**Mac Goodell**  
**Jack Johnson**  
**John Mendez**  
**Al Nathe**  
**David Stennick**  
**Wayne Westbrook**

**John Baker**  
**Brad Dickey**  
**Charles Fair**  
**Jack Flockart**  
**Keith Geist**  
**Bob Johnson**  
**Horst Klee**  
**Reo Nathan**  
**Frank Peck**  
**Dick Towers**



### November Golf News

The last tournament of the year is medal play at Van Buskirk on November 16. It's coming very soon so get signed up today. I am in charge of this one.

We are going to learn to play ready golf. The courses are telling me that five and on half hours is way to long to play 18 holes and I agree. We could lose some tournaments if this continues.

**Bring your check to the luncheon for the NCGA renewal, \$38.00. It would be nice if I get everyone signed up by then, the dead Line is December 15. Make checks out to SIRS GOLF**

**Howard Ferguson (368-4829)**  
Golf Chairman,

### Bridge Anyone?

Our branch is announcing the possible formation of an informal bridge group who will play at least one rubber of party bridge between the hours of 8:30 and 10:30 at the lodge on our regular meeting day. The success of this gambit depends entirely on your interest. No interest, no bridge. There will be no fees required, just your interest and attendance. All we shall need are two decks of playing cards, and four sharpened pencils for each active four man table. One bridge score pad shall suffice for all tables that are formed. Please come to Tuesday's meeting in order to indicate your interest. You are welcome to attend the Executive Committee following the general meeting with any pertinent ideas. By Charter Rule, Members are always welcome to attend any Executive Committee assembly.

Thank you,  
Neal Welsh, Bridge Chairman

### Luncheon Menu

Rigatoni w/meat sauce  
California Blend Vegetables  
Garlic Bread  
Fried Chicken  
Salad Bar  
Spice Cake

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

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

### Financial Report

Net Loss for the month of October (\$356.63)  
Balance \$ 3085.04

**NOTE: There will be no bulletin in  
December**