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The Grapevine

SIR Branch #145 Monthly Meeting – Tuesday --July 9, 2013– Moose Lodge -11:30 AM

SPEAKER FOR JULY BART BIRD

In dress period of a first person presentation on Commodore Stockton

Big SIR Sez:

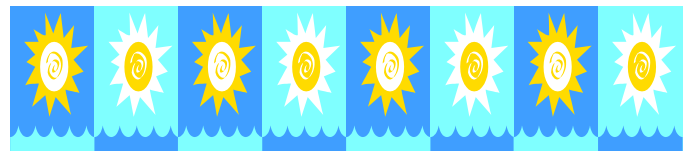
Summer is here and the spring blooming plants, trees included, are now finally producing fruits and vegetables. My expectation of their sporting great colors has been more than met.

Like many of you, my wife, Lee and I went on vacation. We visited Denver, Colorado to be with family including my son and his wife as well as their two girls who are 1.75 and 4.5 years old. If you have grandchildren I don't have to explain why we have to be so precise when detailing ages! The little one is very full of life and speaks clearly in a language I can understand. Both girls are darling. The elder one is taking piano lessons. On Sunday we went to Loveland where I was reared to see more of my family and their families. The highlight for my sister, who owns five acres, was to agree to a sale for one million dollars. The buyer's goal is to use it to expand his existing business. I am sure if any of you would like to share your stories with me we can certainly do that during a dinner outing at the Stockton Yacht Club. Details to immediately follow.

I am inviting all of you SIR members to attend *Dinner with Al* at the Stockton Yacht Club (SYC) on July 24. Our last *Dinner with Al* which occurred May 22 included 15 guests. What a joy it is to share stories and food at the same time. Since SYC needs a head count before July 22 please give me a call as soon as you know that you are able to attend. The event costs a mere \$7.00, per person, to cover the cost of the food.

March Member Applicant is Stanley Hanley. His **sponsoring member** is Howard Ferguson. So far this year we have many new members. It is important that we invite our friends to our monthly meetings. I have; have you? If you do not have at least 2 *SIR Introductory Cards* in your wallet, at the next meeting ask Little Sir, Chuck Bennett for some refills. For a period of 2 months all new members sport a *smiley face* on their badges. Introduce yourself with your own smiling face to these new members.

Elmer Goehring died last month having attained the age of 90 years and 2 months. Doris (Powell) Mehlhaff (Ray's widow) and Leon and Dianna Adamson and I attended his funeral. Ray's brother, Victor and I had an opportunity to chat for a few minutes. (continued next page)



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Doris and Ray Mehlhaff shared many good times with the Goerhings. Doris (Powell) Mehlhaff will be attending the next *Dinner with AI*. (See above) She was called away by an emergency which kept her from attending the May 22 SYC dinner. You will again have an opportunity to chat with Doris at the SYC dinner as well as to talk on the phone with her at home (951-2743).

I talked with our friend and fellow member, Lee Bias, to learn that he has a newly diagnosed tumor and accordingly, he has lost 44 pounds. You might consider saying a prayer for him.

New Committees

Fishing: Phil Loechner at 601-8943

Dinner with AI: (Stockton Yacht Club) details above. Come early to see the flowers and bushes I have donated and planted. They are looking better all the time. The SYC welcomes any guests who may wish to become a member.

Visitation: We have an informal fluid committee which visits any SIR member who cannot attend a meeting. We also attend member funerals and visit member widows and they seem to just love these visits! Also be sure to notify Dave Stennick (368-0437) about any member who is under the weather.

Transportation: Those needing a ride call me at 479-3124. We need a member to volunteer to take Lloyd Deffenbaugh (365-7779) home in Lodi after the meeting. I provide him an early ride to our club. Lee Bias is understandably not available currently.

Roster (2014) Committee: Chairman Elmer Nichols and past Big Sir, Richard Baines, are currently compiling this roster and plan to have it completed for printing right after January, 2014. This is an onerous and laborious job. Thank you fellow members, Elmer and Richard for your zeal and hard work!



Our State Office has set a goal for each branch to have an attendance of 70% minimum at each meeting.

Last month (May) 128 members attended.

You are to be congratulated - Great Job Branch 145!

SIR By-Laws allow members three missed meeting per year. Membership Chairman, Chester George has been working diligently to contact 20 members who have fallen into this category. So far half have not responded. We hope that they are not ill and have more likely gone on a vacation or some such. Should you have a friend member who has missed a meeting please encourage him to join us for our July 9 meeting. We can provide transportation!

At our annual Micke's Grove summer picnic last month, Master Chefs Bob Gorbet and Phil Schrock did themselves proud by treating us to a cuisine of BBQ Ribs or BBQ Chicken plus beans, salad and all the *fixin's*. I'm happy to admit and report that their handiwork gets even better each succeeding year! Indeed, they topped this by arranging an order for a cooler than usual afternoon and it came about! I doubted their ability to deliver such nice weather especially since just a few days earlier the temperature was 108 degrees F. Talk about having friends in high places! I want to thank every one who gives of his time and effort to make our picnic a grand success each and every year! This year we grossed \$1975.00 with expenses of \$1268.99. Including a return of the park deposit we managed to net \$806.01 The July lunch menu includes fried chicken, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, salad, and *special* cakes.

Thank you,
Al Furr, Big Sir

June Birthdays

Wilmer Koehler
Bob Nickerson
Pete Peterson
Louis Abba
Carl Maggio
Larry Bonadurer
Francis Morone
Mike Daniger
Jerry Wisenor
Jack Gilliland
William Beckman
Edwin Damme
Bob Gorbet
Paul Mitsuda
Tomas Barela



July Birthdays

Ernest Mahl
Joe Abba
Conrad Kessell
Jack Vanderlans
Charles Starr
Tony Canton
Robert McCaffrey
George Medeiros
Raymond Schatz
Gus Foucher
Henry Wright
Tom Costa
Dan Battilana
Raymond Porteous
Raymond Honey
Jim Fair
William Hrovat
Robert Taylor
Mark Lindseth

THANK YOU

A big warm *thank you* to all the members of the *Annual Summer Picnic Committee* and you impromptu support folks who not surprisingly performed so ably while I was in Florida to help a good friend and mentor getting him settled back to his home after his extensive brain surgery. According to all reports all of you did a great job; and I wish I could have been with you to help out. Really, thanks for everything!

Neal Welsh, Picnic Committee Chairman

JULY Golf News



48 men are signed up for the two man scramble tournament on Monday July 8th at Discovery Bay. Remember closest to the pin on all 4 three pars and the prizes are \$50 gift certificate. I 'm sure the weather will be cooler.

The July 26 tournament will be at Swenson and the first round of the state medal play .and the August 14th tournament will be a mixed scramble at Elkhorn. Start looking for a good lady golfer.

**Golf Chairman
Howard Ferguson**

Vist our Branch website at

www.sir145.org

There are connecting buttons on our site to put you in contact with the State website or visit <http://sirinc.org/>



Financial Report

Net Gain for the month of June \$286.00

Balance \$ 3545.41



TRAVEL CORNER

JULY 2013



BRANCH 145 Jerry Wisenor –808 Tehama Dr. Lodi, CA 95242 (209-334-5181)

September 29 - October 6, 2013

Autumn in New England Seven Nights - Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation -- One night in Boston-- Two in Ludlow, Vermont-- Two in Lincoln, New Hampshire-- Two in Portland, Maine
Price includes 13 meals with 14 tour stops, Home Pick-ups and Round Trip airfare. Double rate per person is \$2795. Please contact Jerry Wisenor
209-334-5181 Branch 145

October 18-23, 2013

Branson--Autumn in the Ozarks 5 nights at the Radisson Hotel, 12 meals, 10 shows and free times.
Price includes Home Pick-up and airfare. Double package price is \$1895 per person.
Please contact Jerry Wisenor 209-334-5181 SIR Branch 145

Put together your own group of SIRS for one or two day trips through setness.com or storetours.com The below listings are from Storetours.com

July 2013

- Jul 14, 13 - Jul 14, 13 [Fiddler on the Roof at Roger Rocka Theatre](#)
Jul 24, 13 - Jul 24, 13 [Jackson Rancheria](#)
Jul 30, 13 - Jul 30, 13 [Angel Island & Sausalito](#)

August 2013

- Aug 15, 13 - Aug 15, 13 [Oklahoma at Fallon House Theatre & City Hotel Restaurant](#)
Aug 19, 13 - Aug 19, 13 [Elkhorn Slough Safari Nature Tour, Phil's Fish Market](#)
Aug 24, 13 - Aug 24, 13 [Felton's Roaring Camp Steam Train, Crow's Nest Restaurant, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk](#)
Aug 28, 13 - Aug 28, 13 [Monterey Movie Tour & Lunch at the Tap Room at Pebble Beach](#)

September 2013

- Sep 10, 13 - Sep 10, 13 [Cache Creek Casino](#)
Sep 13, 13 - Sep 13, 13 [Santa Cruz Follies, Crow's Nest Restaurant](#)
Sep 25, 13 - Sep 25, 13 [Safari West Serengeti Trek Tour & Charles M. Schulz Museum](#)

October 2013

- Oct 12, 13 - Oct 12, 13 [Navy Fleet Week Hornblower Yacht Luncheon Cruise](#)
Oct 16, 13 - Oct 16, 13 [Apple Hill Loop Tour, High Hill Ranch](#)
Oct 21, 13 - Oct 21, 13 [Amtrak Train to Fresno, Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant, Fresno Chaffee Zoo, Hilmar Cheese Factory](#)
Oct 23, 13 - Oct 23, 13 [Harvey's Lake Tahoe](#)

November 2013

- Nov 07, 13 - Nov 07, 13 [Golden Gate Fields](#)
Nov 16, 13 - Nov 16, 13 [It's A Wonderful Life at East Sonora Theatre & Villa D'ora Restaurant](#)

December 2013

- Dec 04, 13 - Dec 04, 13 **Christmas Special: Shadowbrook Restaurant, Wente Winery, Alden Lane Nursery & Gardens**
- Dec 08, 13 - Dec 08, 13 **Singing Christmas Tree & Pottery World**
- Dec 11, 13 - Dec 11, 13 **Christmas Lights of San Francisco, Rombeiro Christmas House**
- Dec 15, 13 - Dec 15, 13 **Beach Blanket Babylon Christmas Performance**

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ATTENDANCE RULES: REGULAR MEMBERS MISSING THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS WITHOUT NOTIFYING THEIR ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, GIVING A VALID REASON, OR ATTENDING LESS THAN SEVEN (7) MEETINGS WITHIN THE LAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS, SHALL BE NOTIFIED BY FORM LETTER NO. 4 OF THEIR PENDING MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION. CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AT ANOTHER BRANCH MEETING WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A CREDIT TO THE ATTENDANCE RECORD.



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