



**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 –September 10, 2013– Moose Lodge -11:30 AM

SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER

The September speaker will be Kevin Vondergeest, the wellness coordinator and fitness center supervisor for Lodi Health.

The topic will be how to make exercise a part of your everyday lifestyle. Kevin has a certification as a health fitness specialist from the American College of Sports Medicine and is on the faculty for the Wellness Council of America.

Chuck Bennett, Little SIR 145

Big SIR Sez:

Summer is quickly fading toward fall. Marilyn Burns invited me to join the Lodi Garden Club. It is amazing how new friendships seem to start at unexpected times. I understand that our very own Jerry Wisenor is a member who contributes his gardening skills.

Neal Welsh has diagnosed some electrical problems around my house which he has corrected. We also had a problem with a huge grinder/polisher and Neal invited his friend the motor magician, Tom Gundershaug over; and he solved the enigma very handily. When I owned Acorn Financial I referred Tom to another lender who could arrange his special loan. We have positive recollections about our association. With the arrival of Tom,

I just added another friend to my long list of pals. What would life be without all of the many friendships? When one gets to know more about SIR members we share interesting talents and experiences to which we then devote our own time. Stop by my home garden and I shall share veggies with you.

I am inviting all SIR members, your wives and friends to join me at the Stockton Yacht Club (SYC) for our traditional ***Dinner With Al*** on September 18 at 6:15 pm. Please let me know by Monday, September 16 so I may give the SYC cooks a head count. We had to cancel our ***Dinner With Al at the SYC*** last month as a scheduling change came about *after* we published the invitation in this bulletin. We hope that all who wanted to attend then will come this time instead. This dinner costs a mere \$7.00 per person.

Jack Johnson has agreed to be our **Little Sir** for 2014. We should thank his wife, **Le Ann** for, shall we say, *encouraging* him to accept the position. I want to take Jack and LeAnn as my personal guests to the upcoming ***Dinner With Al at the SYC***. Thank you for your commitment, Jack. You are truly welcome in our ranks!

Our current **Little Sir, Chuck Bennett**, attended the SIR's annual state luncheon meeting in Vallejo as our official representative last August. A proposal was made to change the By-Laws to allow branches to begin charging fees for various events. The 10 attendees discussed this change and voted no. In short, our group decided to keep everything the same as now.

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Big Sir Sez (continued)

Members to be inducted at this meeting:

Doug A. Larsson

Sponsor: Tony Canton

Tom S. Ficcadenti

Sponsor: Tony Canton

Mark M. Wahlman

Sponsor: Tony Canton

Tony Joseph Canton

Sponsor: Tony Canton

Wow Tony! Thanks for your diligent efforts. Branch #145 will be much enhanced by these new members.

Committees

Fishing: Interested members should call Phil Loechler, Chairman at 601-8943.

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

Transportation: Those needing a ride to meetings call Al Furr (479-3124).

Roster Committee: Chairman, **Elmer Nichols** and past Big Sir, **Richard Baines** are scheduled to complete our latest roster in January, 2014.

Historian/Archivist: Chairman, **Jeffrey Lee** has come up with a unique way to add new members to our branch. His idea is to contact corporations and businesses to offer newly retired men an outlet for their energy as members of our club. Jeffrey thinks that Highway #99 offers an easy route to the Moose Lodge. He looks upon this as a handy short cut to our meeting hall. Some of you may want to approach this idea with such as General Mills and other businesses.

The State Headquarters has set a goal for branches to obtain a 70% attendance minimum at each branch meeting. Last month we had 120 members equalling just over 60%. Come and bring a friend!

Lunch Menu:

Meat Loaf	Fried Chicken
Green Beans	Mashed Potatoes
Salad Bar	Apple Cobbler Surprise
Coffee or Tea	

Thank you, Al Furr, Big SIR

All SIR members are invited to a memorial service for **Lee Bais** entitled, **A Day to Remember**. This will be a celebration of Lee's life. Friends are invited to present their reflections by way of a eulogy. This event will be held at Jessie's Grove park at 1973 West Turner Road, Lodi from 1:30 - 5:30 pm on Saturday, September 21, 2013. A luncheon will be served. As for us at SIR, Lee will be remembered for his upbeat spirit, his readiness to share his knowledge upon being asked, his perpetual boyish grin and his laid back approach to most circumstances. Our friend Lee was a cool cat and we shall miss him.

SEPTEMBER Golf News

We had three great golfers that qualified to go to final leg of the state medal play tournament at Laguna Seco on Oct 21. They are Al Clark, Bob Gorbet, and Phil Schrock. Congratulations.



I have a very good sign up for two-man best ball at Castle Oakes on September 11th.

Get signed up for the two-man best ball at Swenson on September 27th. I will try to have a sign up sheet at the meeting.

If you would like to learn how to regrip your clubs, I am putting on a demonstration at our meeting at 10:45 so come early.

Howard Ferguson, Golf Chairman

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/>

AUGUST Financial Report

Net Gain for August 2013: \$46.82

Ending Balance: \$3398.96

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Frank Pleterski

William Rusher

Walter Bergstrom

William Brinson

John Gail

George Galastsatos

Harold Rohrbach

Joe Olivieri

Leon Adamson

Ronald Westerterp

James Frey

Vernon Schlotthauer

Douglas Tunnell Sr

Ronald Williams

Charles Breckenridge

Bill Norby

Melvin Streyle

Tony Oliveira

Steven Cole

Chad Palmer

Richard Abel

Confused about how to use

SIR — SIR, Inc — SIR's — Sir — Sirs — Sir's — or Sirs'?

...many of us are and here are some tips.

SIR stands for **Sons in Retirement** ...if you want to use the corporate title, use **SIR, Inc.** or **Sons In Retirement, Inc.**

Common Mistakes:

- **SIR** is never plural — there is only one Sons In Retirement — **so, never write or say SIRS** when referring to Sons in Retirement
- **SIR** is always capitalized
- There are no periods between the letters
- The possessive of **SIR is SIR's**

Some examples:

- John is a member of **SIR — Not SIRS**
- **SIR's** annual meeting is held in August — possessive

Sir Refers to an individual member of SIR

Some examples:

- **Sir** John Jones is a member of SIR — Singular
- Many **Sirs** attended the SIR luncheon — Plural
- A **Sir's** son attended a SIR luncheon — Singular Possessive
- Some **Sirs'** wives attend SIR picnics — Plural Possessive

SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC., AREA NO. 14

TRAVEL CORNER



SEPTEMBER 2013

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

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 storertours.com.

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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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

2013 OFFICERS			
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Al Furr	368-6490		
LITTLE SIR			
Charles Bennett	UL		
SECRETARY			
Phil Schrock	333-1355		
ASST. SECRETARY			
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Bob Gorbet	333-0425		
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Neal W. Welsh	327-2068		
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Area #14 Governor			
John Mendonca	477-0743		
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Neal Welsh	327-2068		
Al Furr			
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Past Big Sir			
Ruben Moser	1988-1989		
Al Baerwald	1990		
Bill Owen	1991		
Al Cooper	1992		
Earl Klapstein	1993		
Dave Stennick	1994		
Gus Armendariz	1995		
Jerry Kirsten	1996		
Bob McCaffrey	1997		
Tom Bandelin	1998		
Frank Garcia	1999		
Bob Handel	2000		
John Korphage (18)	2000-2001		
Jack Jackson	2001		
Bill Dauer	2002		
Ron Westerterp	2003		
Dave Hinchman	2004-2005		
Paul Reiner	2006		
Neal W. Welsh	2007		
John Mendonca	2008		
Bill Shankles	2009		
George Cameron	2010		
Richard Baines	2011-12		