



**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 8, 2013– Moose Lodge -11:30 AM

**SPEAKER FOR OCTOBER
SURPRISE...SURPRISE...
SURPRISE...**

**Come to Meeting on October 8th
and hear our
GUEST SURPRISE
SPEAKER!**

This is one you don't want to miss.

Chuck Bennett, Little SIR 145

gatherings. Lee was noted for being full of life. The day after the memorial I brought her an array of my veggies.

Dinner with Al at the Stockton Yacht Club will be held at 4:00 pm on October 16. SYC has 2 bocci courts and 2 horse shoe pits. It has been 40 years since I played horse shoes. A recent trial showed that my aim is really off; how is yours? I have spent almost a week there putting in a sprinkler system and have 2 days more to complete it. My donated flowers and plants at SYC needed water so I took up the challenge and will have the sprinkler system completed by the time we meet there. Sign up so we can enjoy a great fall gathering for you and someone special. The cost for the food is a mere \$7.00 per person.

Little Sir, Chuck Bennett will attend the state Big Sir meeting in Vallejo on October 15.

Members to be inducted this meeting:

Earl L. Brewer Sponsor: Neal Welsh
Kenneth D. Bingaman Sponsor: Nicolas Felten
Kenneth reports that our Branch of SIR came to his attention thanks to the publicity article which Neal writes for the Lodi News Sentinel publication each month. Nick, hearing about Kenneth's interest, agreed to be his sponsor. Kenneth is the first person that we know about who is coming on board thanks to the Sentinel's promotion.

SIR Branch #145 officers attend funerals of deceased members as well as subsequently going to visit their widows. Should you know of

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Big SIR Sez:

Fall has arrived and my garden is slowing down. Some of my squash and cucumber plants are starting to fade. The tomatoes are producing but at a slower rate and the quality is slipping. My garden plants talk to me so I have good company most days.

Carmen, the widow of our recently deceased brother, Lee Bais held a memorial celebration at her home in Lodi which had been moved from Jessie's Grove Park due to an unseasonal rain deluge. I arrived just after 3:30 and the celebration of his life was still going. Carmen and I had a long talk. Carmen asked our brother, Neal to honor Lee's memory with a eulogy. He did so with an appropriately poignant rendition of his reflections. Earlier Lee and Carmen had attended one of my Dinner with Al at the Stockton Yacht Club (SYC)

Big Sir Sez (continued)

a SIR widow please call me and I will invite her to the Dinner with AI night.

Dave Stennick (368-0437) keeps track of members unable to attend our meetings and he provides us with progress reports on those who have been ill or indisposed for a time.

Transportation: For those requiring transportation to our meetings call Al Furr (H: 368-6490 or C: 479-3124) and he will make the arrangements.

Our State Office has set a goal minimum attendance of 70%. Last month we had 118 members attend which is a bit over 60%. We have to apply a bit more effort.

Lunch Menu:

braut/kraut fried chicken
green beans in stewed tomatoes
mashed potatoes
salad (mix your own)
surprise cake
coffee and/or tea

Big Sir, Al Furr has a special guest, Arthur Brogli who will play his *squeeze box* accordion and he will yodel for us at this meeting. If you feel the urge to dance and/or sing along with him, go for it! Arthur was born in Switzerland and is renowned for his musical talents. He is famous for organizing the first October Fest at Utah's Snow Bird Resort.

The BEC September 10, 2013 meeting showed that new members coming into our club expect to receive a second free lunch. As Big Sir for Branch #145, my initial understanding when I was Little Sir and being in charge of printing our introduction cards is that there would be but one (1) free lunch. If a sponsor tells a new member otherwise, we will not challenge the new member, but will immediately collect the lunch money from the sponsor. Let's look at the effect of giving 2 free lunches to a member. Most members attend 7 or 8 meetings a year. Since we make only \$2.00 per paid lunch it takes about 1.5 years to

recoup the loss of the so-called free lunch. As it is our bank balance keeps decreasing every year. Note that in recent years more than a few branches have closed up and gone the way of the Dodo bird. I do not intend to let Branch #145 close! As a director for the next 3 years I will take responsibility for enforcing this rule of 1 free lunch per person.

By the next meeting we will have a list of men who have received a free lunch for the last 2 or 3 years. Should someone on this list of men who have received a free lunch reoccur, his lunch shall not be free.

Big Sir, Al Furr

OCTOBER Golf News

Get signed up for the four man scramble at Va Buskirk on October 25th.

We are having a tournament at Micke Grove for the first time in years. I was told that you could walk or ride and your memberships would be honored. The date is November 15th and will be medal play. I will be in charge of it.

I have 48 players signed up for the four man two best balls at Spanos Resurve.

I am starting now to collect your NCGA renewal fee. It is still \$38. Make your checks out to Sirs Golf



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/>

SEPTEMBER Financial Report

Net Loss for September is (\$55.98)
Ending Balance \$3342.98

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Larry Mallory

Ed Olson

Dutch Williams

Lester Sweet

Paul Nichols

Clyde McQueen

Harry Stafford

Joe Schatz

John Rostomily

Neal Welsh

Lee Eichele

Loren Perry

Ray Schramm

Moises Astacio

Terry Lawson

Monte Hummel

Dwight Holmquist

SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC., AREA NO. 14
TRAVEL CORNER



OCTOBER 2013

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

April 1 to April 8, 2014 Springtime in Savannah and Charleston Trip leaves from your house and is a guaranteed departure. Double occupancy per person \$2995 Contact Jerry Wisenor-- Branch 145-209-334-5181

Put together your own group of SIRS for one or two day trips through setness.com or stortours.com.

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



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

2013 OFFICERS				
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Al Furr	368-6490			
LITTLE SIR				
Charles Bennett	UL			
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Phil Schrock	333-1355			
ASST. SECRETARY				
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Bob Gorbet	333-0425			
ASST. TREASURER				
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Area #14 Governor				
John Mendonca	477-0743			
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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			