

# Sons In Retirement

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LUNCHEON · 12 NOON · 2nd WEDNESDAY  
NEXT MEETING OUR 593<sup>rd</sup>

*December 2007*

SHERATON GATEWAY, 600 AIRPORT, BURLINGAME  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007



**Big Sir Stan Sez...** As I prepare for my last message as Big Sir, I cannot help but look back to the year 2007 in review. First, I would like to thank all of the Officers and Directors for jobs well done. Also to the members, it has been a pleasure to serve you this past year as Big Sir.

I want to congratulate and thank incoming Big Sir Bob Asselstine for his wisdom and knowledge. I would also like to thank Bill Campbell for being there and listening to me ramble on when I needed an "ear". I would also like to thank Jim Felker who leads our Stock Study Group for his profound knowledge of the stock market, even though I think that sometimes he uses a Ouija board. I would like to thank my high school teacher, Jim Wyatt, for sponsoring me into SIR. Also to Past Big Sirs Don Neumann, Dwight Sale and Ken Rives for sharing their knowledge and experience with me. Really, I could go on and on, but most of all, I want to thank you, the members, for allowing me to be part of your life this past year and for giving me all the support that I needed to do my job as Big Sir with due diligence.

As we look to the future, we must bring in new and younger members to keep Branch 1 alive and healthy. Only you can do that job!

Don't forget the Holiday Luncheon with the ladies coming up on Wednesday, December 12 at 11am. I'll see you there.

Finally, I wish you and your families a blessed holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

*Stan Angel*

## THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

by Bob Asselstine

Don't you want to kick off the Holiday Season with a big bang? All of your friends are going to be there! Come and join your SIR friends at the Annual Holiday Luncheon.

We'll be at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel, 600 Airport Boulevard, in Burlingame on December 12. The festivities will begin with a Social Hour at 11 o'clock, followed at 12 o'clock with lunch and dinner music by the Bob Gutierrez Trio.

Lunch starts with a salad of Butter Lettuce with crisp green apples, candied pecans and a Champaign vinaigrette dressing. You will have a choice of three entrees: Roast Prime Rib of Beef with horseradish, fingerling potatoes and fresh green beans or Marinated Breast of Chicken with fingerling potatoes and fresh green beans, or Honey-Mustard Glazed Salmon Filet with Yukon Gold mashed potatoes and fresh green beans. These entrees are accompanied by Assorted Rolls and Butter. For dessert we will have the famous New York Cheese Cake with Strawberry Sauce. To top off wonderful meal, we will have Fresh Starbuck Coffee or a selection of Tazo Teas. All this for only \$35 per person!

But wait, there's more. After the meal, there will be door prizes! Gathered by none other than Jim McGill and Mort Levinson for some very lucky ladies. Reservation forms, if you don't already have yours, can be obtained by calling George Riley at 650-345-9858.

Hey, don't come alone. Bring a friend or a neighbor or someone you would like to know better! They might become a Sir. See you there!

## SPECIAL MEALS AVAILABLE

Did you know that if you have special dietary requirements or preferences that exclude the menu choice at any regular luncheon that arrangements can easily be made for an alternate choice.

Call the **SuperPhone (341-8298)** or Luncheon Chairman **Hank Herz** at **348-1775** and explain your needs.

### VITAL STATISTICS - NOVEMBER 2007

Membership on October 10, 2007	267
New Members Inducted	+2
Members Reactivated	0
Members Resigned	0
New Inactive Members	-1
Deceased	0
Membership on November 14, 2007	268
Membership on November 8, 2006	294
Attendance on November 14, 2007	189

## SIR BRANCH #1 TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club is now forming with five members on the roster. They are:

Robert Asselstine	San Carlos	595-1130
William Kennaugh	Foster City	349-5568
Albert Petrucello	Millbrae	697-7082
Guillermo Saavedra	San Bruno	589-1789
Larry Yamamoto	Redwood Shores	595-4675

Our purpose is to promote healthy, outdoor physical activity - keeping in mind our senior limitations, enjoy our interest in the game, get to know more of our SIR members and engage in friendly competition.

We will be playing on a rotating basis at our neighborhood courts. The host will provide the tennis balls. The times and dates will be arranged by the host for that week.

Any Sir who is a player and is interested in joining our group, please call Chairman Bill Saavedra or Vice Chairman Larry Yamamoto.

## GUESTS, HOSTS AND VISITORS

We were pleased to have with us in November:

Tony Nielson – guest of George Riley

Hank Dapkus – guest of Frank Mihalic

Bennett Bloomfield - guest of Bill Dashiell

Lars Lenck - guest of Stephen Pace

Bill Angel – guest of Stan Angel

Visitors were Region 5 Director Buck Kendrick from Branch 35 and Area 1 Governor John Damonte (who looked suspiciously like a member of Branch 1)

## Welcome our new members...



Richard Dusine



Lloyd Malfatti

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## SPECIAL AWARD PRESENTATION

A special highlight of the November meeting was the honoring of several of Branch 1's elder statesmen. Buck Kendrick, the Region 5 Director, assisted by our own John Damonte, in his roll of the Area 1 Governor, gave framed certificates to SIRS attaining the age of 90 and 95. The men who were honored included Frederic Buckley, Alfred Fregosi, Harry Alioto, William Porter, Ned Broyles, John Czapowski, William Helma, Vincent Passanisi, Christy Armstrong, Ed Mansfield, Bill Walsh, Fr. Al Heuring, Dana Leslie, Richard Snyder, Alonzo Richardson, Frederic Yam, and Larry Conrad

## THE DECEMBER GOLF SCHEDULE

Thursday	December 6	Sunnyvale	10:00am
Thursday	December 13	Santa Clara	10:30am
Wednesday	December 19	Metropolitan	9:30am
Thursday	December 27	Chuck Corica	9:30am

Please call Mike Murphy at 650-345-9731 before attending any of these golf outings to confirm space available and any changes in schedule or golf courses due to weather.

## ACTIVITIES

**Basil R. Meyerowitz, Chairman 650-347-2207**

**\*AMATEUR RADIO: Chairman, Warren Struven, W6CB, 591-0125.** Current "on the air" schedules are: Tuesday 0740 3668 kHz, Wednesday 1000 7272 kHz, Thursday 1030 146.85 MHz, Friday 0900 3925 kHz.

**BOWLING: Chairman, Bill Saavedra, 589-1789;** Bel Mateo Bowl: League bowling at 10:00 AM on Thursdays and 10:00 AM Fridays.



**BRIDGE: Chairman, George Thompson, 589-6646, Mel Frank, Vice Chairman, 342-8038,** Meet at San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, every Thursday at 11:45am, lots of free parking.

**COMPUTERS: Chairman, Bob Melvin, 342-9080,** Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Oak Room, on the ground floor, southwest corner of the new San Mateo Library at 55 3rd Ave. Coffee and donuts at 9:00am, Speaker at 9:30am. Novices and experts, PC and Apple, all are welcome.



**\*DIGITAL IMAGING, subgroup of Computer Group, Chairman, Bob Melvin, 342-9080.** Please contact the chairman for further information if interested.



**DOMINOES: Chairman, John Danenhowe, 780-9551;** Assist. Clarence Conrad, 572-9126. Meets every Tuesday at San Mateo Senior Center. Play starts at 12 noon and continues to about 3:00 PM.

**ECONOMIC RESEARCH: Chairman, George Riley, 345-9858.** Meets third Wednesday for lunch at Dominic's at Poplar Creek Golf Course, San Mateo. Speakers address aspects of business and public affairs.



**\*GARDENING: Chairman, Harold Lembright, 697-8665;** Assist., Bill Helms, 954-6262. Meets 4th Thursday of month at 2:00 PM. Wives invited. Call to be certain of meeting date, time and place.

**GENEALOGY: Chairman, George Henderson, 345-7269;** Assist., John Young, 342-3087. Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Peninsula Community Center Small Conference Room, 1700 South El Camino Real, San Mateo.

**\*GOLF: Chairman, Mike Murphy, 345-9731;** Assist., Tony Perrone 583-8331.

**STAMP CLUB: Chairman, Gil Goodrich, 941-4616:** Group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00am at the Peninsula Community Foundation Building at 1700 South El Camino Real, San Mateo. Speaker and then stamp trading.



**STOCK STUDY GROUP: Chairman, Jim Felker, 342-8103;** Assist., Dick Nelson. Meets on the second Monday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Peninsula Community Center Small Conference Room, 1700 South El Camino Real, San Mateo.

### \* BRANCH 1 ONLY

#### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

The following activities sponsored by other Branches in Area One are available to Branch One members: Bocci Ball, Barber Shop Chorus and Horse Shoes. In addition, Lawn Bowling, Pedro, Pinochle, Stamp Collecting, and Wood Working groups will be established if sufficient interest is found in Area One. Contact Basil Meyerowitz at 347-2207 for further information if you are interested in any of these groups.

## MICHAEL CLARK'S TRAVEL CORNER

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by Phil Manriquez

Last month, the "Travel Corner" gave you a sneak preview of next year's travel program with emphasis on two major trips. We are pleased to report that our Executive Committee has approved both trips.

The first trip is entitled "A Taste of Northern Italy" and is a ten day trip to Italy's Lake Country and Cinque Terre. It begins with an overnight flight out of SFO on September 18, 2008 to Milano, followed by an exciting itinerary which includes ventures by boat, by train and by motor coach, with plenty of discretionary time. Featured visits include Lugano, Lago Maggiore, Stresa, Cremona, Cinque Terre and more. In addition, travelers will have the opportunity to view Leonardo DaVinci's famous painting of the "Last Supper", listening to a recital played on a genuine Stradivarius violin and visits to many famous landmarks. Pick up a brochure during our January meeting for more details.

The second is a nineteen day cruise out of San Francisco, beginning on November 4, 2008, all the way to Santiago Chile and returning by plane to SFO on November 23, 2008. This is truly an exotic trip which includes stops in Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru and Chile with plenty of time for travelers to relish the freedom of doing "whatever". Please note that these dates differ from the dates mentioned in our "sneak preview" of last month. The trip essentially is the same except for the dates and the addition of one more day to the trip. Stop at the travel table during our January luncheon and pick up a brochure.

This is by no means the total travel program for next year as we are currently working on possibilities for another Christmas trip to Hearst Castle, next year's Beach Blanket Babylon, and perhaps a trip to New York City for a couple of Broadway shows. Keep watching this Travel Corner column for further developments or stop by at the travel table during our monthly luncheons to see what's new. Finally, it must be mentioned that cost has been a prime factor considered in selecting the two trips thus far approved. It is not unusual for the daily cost of cruises to be in the range of \$400 per person per day. The daily cost of the trips thus far approved is substantially below \$300 per person per day making them true bargains!

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS



2 Dick Nelson; 3 Len Herzstein; 5 Marsh Rotterman; 7 Paul André; 8 Tino Scialanga; 9 Tom Keefer, Pat Patterson; 12 Chris Witzel; 14 Richard Cameron, Bill Dashiell, Ed Mansfield; 16 Al Coffman; 17 John Mahaffy, Frank Mihalic, Bob Pisani; 19 Dick Larson; 20 Pete Maschi; 21 Russ Brabec, Paul Perez, Lutz Windisch; 24 Norm Burke, Jim Sell

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Merry Christmas  
 and a  
 Happy New Year

**See you at the Sheraton on  
 December 12**

**HELP OUR TREASURY DRAWING**

The HOT Team - Russ Brabec, Warren Schiechl and Bob Harmon - announce the following winners:

1ST PRIZE	\$40	Frank Lyons
2ND PRIZE	\$25	Frank Lyons
3RD PRIZE	\$15	Larry Yamamoto
Golf Ball Watch		Art Preston

**FREE LUNCHEON WINNERS**

Sponsors:	George Riley Stan Angel
Regular Members:	Floyd Alfson
Birthday Boy:	Manny Perez

**BRING A GUEST**

Help keep the membership up!  
 Bring a friend or neighbor or former business associate who is now retired to the January meeting. You will do him a favor by introducing him to SIR (and you will earn a free lunch when he joins!)

Someone ill in your family? Do you need a ride to get to our lunch meeting? Can you give someone a ride? Is there something on your mind about the Branch and how it is running? Let us know. **WE CARE! Call the SUPERPHONE – 341-8298,**

**PLEASE clip and mail today**

To SIR BRANCH #1  
 c/o John Mahaffy  
 4034 Kingridge Drive  
 San Mateo, CA 94403

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 Badge No. \_\_\_\_\_

**LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE**

A member **must** notify the Attendance Committee (**SuperPhone number 341-8298**) 3 days before a regular meeting, with a valid excuse, if he is unable to attend.

Missing 3 consecutive meetings without notification or attending less than 6 regular meetings in the last year can result in **termination**. (See Rule 100)

**NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION**

"All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities."