

# Sons In Retirement

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LUNCHEON · 12 NOON · 2nd WEDNESDAY  
NEXT MEETING OUR 600<sup>th</sup>

## July 2008

ELKS LODGE, 229 WEST 20<sup>TH</sup> AVE., SAN MATEO  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008



**Big Sir Bob Sez...** The theme for the July Luncheon Meeting is the "Slate of New Officers" as seen in the list below. At the general Luncheon Meeting we will announce the nominees for next year's Officers and Directors. This is not to say that the Slate is closed. If you have someone you would like to

nominate, please contact Jim Wyatt or Stan Angel and make your nomination! Hey, feel free to nominate yourself.

On a lighter side, the July 9<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting is Crazy Shirt Day. That's right, go into your closet and dig way back to find the loudest, strangest, most flamboyant shirt you can find and wear it proudly! Who knows, this year you may win a prize for the craziest shirt!

Speaking of contests, did you hear the announcement about the new membership contest? Stan Angel, the creative mind behind this great idea, announced that from July of 2008 through July 2009, the person who brings in the most new members will receive one full year of lunch tickets! And the runner up will receive 6 months of free lunches. This contest should inspire us all to compete and bring in new members!

### NOMINATION OF 2009 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee for 2009 Officers and Directors consists of Stan Angel, Ken Rives and Jim Wyatt. After due deliberation, the Committee recommends the following members for the offices listed below:

#### OFFICERS

BIG SIR - ROD DENNIS

LITTLE SIR - GIL GOODRICH

SECRETARY - ALLAN HUBER

ASSISTANT SECRETARY - LARRY YAMAMOTO

TREASURER - JOHN MAHAFFY

ASSISTANT TREASURER - ED TUFT

#### DIRECTORS

ACTIVITIES - TOM KEEFER

BULLETIN - JOHN DAMONTE

MEMBERSHIP - RON FULMER

SPECIAL EVENTS - DON MILBURN

WEBMASTER - GEORGE HENDERSON

DIRECTOR AT LARGE - CHUCK DIETZ

**Because of the special Anniversary nature of the August meeting, the election of officers and Directors will take place at the July 9th meeting.**

### THE JULY PROGRAM

I'm sure you all have used the San Francisco International Airport during your residence in the Bay Area - probably more times than you can count. Ever wonder how all the activity comes together to provide air transportation in and out of San Francisco? And what is the economic impact on our local community? Come to the July luncheon and get expert insight from Mike McCarron, Director, Bureau of Community Affairs for SFO.

Mike has been with SFO for some 17 years serving in a wide variety of positions in airport operations. Prior to joining SFO, Mike was a Naval Flight Officer. After seven years of active duty, he maintained his affiliation with the US Navy as a Reserve Officer. Having served a total of 25 years, he retired as Captain this year.

### THE JULY MENU

Mixed Greens Salad  
Italian and Ranch Dressings on the Table  
Calamari Steak  
Rice Pilaf  
Green Beans  
Rolls and Butter  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake  
Coffee or Tea

**Note:** If you have special dietary requirements or preferences that exclude the menu choice at any regular luncheon, don't be discouraged. Alternatives can be made available. Call the **SuperPhone (341-8298)** or Luncheon Chairman **John Chiapelone** at **341-6404** and explain your needs.

### WHAT DO I WEAR?

Ex Com has made several changes in the dress code because of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in August. The July meeting is Wild Shirt Day. August is a coat and tie meeting. September and October will be no tie meetings.



## HATS OFF....to our Young as You Feel Sirs of any age...

by Ray Lang



**DANA LESLIE** was amused at our June luncheon when we recalled he had received a Special Award a few years ago. "That was for being 95 years old!" he smiled. Dana is now 99 and a member of the "Happy Hippie" Club (along with **Tom Mitchell** and **Jim Wyatt**), having recently had his third hip replacement...which forced him to forego his outings with **Tony Perrone**, **Mike Murphy** and The Golfers.

"ROUND THE ROUND TABLE...**JOE VELLA** (of San Bruno) informed us that he is now a GREAT-Grandfather — for the second time ! Did you know that we have TWO Joe Vellas in Branch One? The other Good Joe resides in Burlingame. Joe and Joe are not related.

**CARL KUHLMAN** noted...not in an unkindly manner...that an increasing percentage of our Sirs are coming to lunch with the help of canes, walkers, and wheelchairs. Quite so, Carl, and we plan to accept all the help we can get... so long as we can! Carl won a scholarship to Harvard at age 16 and on graduation worked on the Manhattan Project. If you're too young to know about the Manhattan Project, be advised that it led to the conclusion of WWII.

**JOHN DAMONTE**, Governor of Sirs Area #1, is the Editor of the bulletin you are now reading (You ARE reading this, aren't YOU?). He is a UC Berkeley Electrical Engineer graduate and "Ham Radio Operator, W6VJO".

**BOB MELVIN** is the chairman of TWO activities: the Computer Group, with some 85 members, AND the Digital Imaging group with 40 members. Bob is another UCB engineer and "Ham Radio Operator, W6VSV".

**WARREN STRUVEN** joined Pan American World Airways as a teenager...and at 19 was flying as the Radio Operator on the PanAm Clippers out of Treasure Island. He is a third UC engineer and "Ham Radio Operator, W6CB". All at the same table. He chairs our "Ham" Radio Group.

**DON NEUMANN** lived in North East, the town in the northeastern corner of Pennsylvania adjacent Lake Erie before getting HIS electrical engineering degree from Cleveland State University (then Fenn College). Glad you came West, young man!! And yes, we had five engineers at the same table!

Our thanks to Little Sir **Rod Dennis**, **Ken Rives**, and **Bob Harmon**...all of whom offered to drive this scribe home to San Carlos, even though they live in the opposite direction...and to **Gil Goodrich** who actually drove me home.

WEAR YOUR WILDEST! It's WILD SHIRT DAY July 9th! (and we celebrate our 50th Anniversary August 13<sup>th</sup>).

## Welcome our new members...



Leonard Silva



Ray Taylor

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### JULY BIRTHDAY BOYS



2 Les Krupp, Gil Locke, Tom Mitchell, Ken Newman; 3 Mark Blodgett; 8 Mel Brown; 9 John Stahlman; 10 Frank Terranova; 13 Don Refvem; 14 George Kern; 15 Jim Felker; 16 John Spreitz; 17 Dana Leslie; 18 Tom Collette, John Goble; 20 Al Ratto, Larry Yamamoto; 21 Gil Goodrich; 23 Ed Tuft; 24 John Campbell; 27 Gus Petropoulos; 29 Al Pucci; 31 Stan Angel

### 50th ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Come one!! Come all!!

Save the date of Wednesday, August 13, 2008. Our 50th Anniversary celebration with steak for lunch, a great speaker, Dan Rousnowsky, the play by play announcer of the San Jose Sharks and many other festivities. Please fill out the enclosed flyer and mail it in with your payment to assure a seat.

Also, this would be a great time to bring a guest!!

**SIR WILL BE 50 IN AUGUST**

**Don't miss the celebration!**

## ACTIVITIES

**Chairman: Gilman L. Goodrich 650-941-4616**

**\*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,** Vice Chairman, Mel Frank 342-8038. Please call George or Mel for Schedule and Location.

**COMPUTERS: Chairman, Rick Dusine, 465-4081,** Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Peninsula Community Foundation Building at 1700 South El Camino Real, San Mateo. Coffee and donuts at 8:30 am, Speaker at 9:00 am. 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 Danenhower, 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, Tom Keefer, 342-7977, e-mail tkeefe979@aol.com** 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.

**TENNIS: Chairman, Bill Saavedra, 389-1789;** Assist. Larry Yamamoto, 595-4675. Call for time and place.

### \* 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 Gilman L. Goodrich at 941-4616 or email him at gil.goodrich@sbcglobal.net for further information if you are interested in any of these groups.

## MICHAEL CLARK'S TRAVEL CORNER

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We finally got the "Oberammergau" trip in 2010 finalized (and approved by the Executive Committee). It looks to be real promising. We were able to work the cost for this 11 day tour of Germany down to only \$3,800 each, double occupancy. We depart on June 6, 2010 and return on June 16, 2010. We can hold your seat till next May with your deposit of \$200 each.

It will be quite a trip. We start the trip by flying into Frankfurt. Spend the night - then head for Cologne via a "Rhine River Cruise". Spend the night in Cologne - then catch "Eurocity Train" for Berlin. Staying two nights in Berlin before motor coaching to Nuremberg via Leipzig. From Nuremberg we travel the "Romantic Road" with a stop in the medieval town of Rothenberg. Then, on to Oberammergau, for two nights. After the "Passion Play" - we spend a day in the "Black Forest". Then, on to Frankfurt, via Heidelberg. After the usual "farewell dinner", we say goodbye to Germany and fly home. All in all, this looks like a real winner. To see the once in a life time Passion Play (ok it's every ten years, is worth the price of admission. Hurry on this - several of the other dates are already filled. This will go fast. Call me for a flyer.

The SIR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration (sponsored by the State SIR Committee) is to be held in Reno at the "Grand Sierra Resort and Casino" October 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. This is going to be quite a bash - complete with a gala reception and dinner - followed by a performance by the famous comedian Yakov Smirnoff. This three-day outing is only \$291 each (for a single add \$45). This is a good deal - your \$291 covers the round trip motor coach ride, two nights at the Grand Sierra Resort, the Sirs only reception, the 50th anniversary dinner, all that AND Yakov Smirnoff. Call me or pick up a flyer at our next luncheon.

### JULY GOLF SCHEDULE

Wednesday	July 2	Poplar Creek	10:30am
Thursday	July 10	Sunol Valley	9:30am
Wednesday	July 16	Sunnyvale	10:30am
Wednesday	July 23	Tilden Park	9:30am
Wednesday	July 30	Chuck Corica	9:30am

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

### VITAL STATISTICS - JUNE 2008

Membership on May 14, 2008	262
New Members Inducted	2
Members Reactivated	0
Members Resigned	0
New Inactive Members	0
Deceased	0
Membership on June 11, 2008	264
Membership on June 13, 2007	278
Attendance on June 11, 2008	163

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I'm 50 years old and still feel like a **SPRING CHICKEN!!**

### It's Wild Shirt Day on July 9<sup>th</sup>!

**NEW ACTIVITIES**

Do you enjoy a hobby or activity that other people enjoy too? If so, consider participating in a SIR Activity Group. Or, start a SIR Activity Group for your area of interest. It is easy to do. Even a Stamp Group was formed recently. To discuss your interests and ideas, contact Gil Goodrich, Activities Director at 650-941-4616 or send him an email at [gil.goodrich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gil.goodrich@sbcglobal.net).

Miss a meeting?  
You will still get the bulletin and the Branch still has to pay your portion of the state assessment. Our costs continue even when you can't come. Clip the coupon in the lower left corner and do your part by sending in a contribution.

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  
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**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)

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"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."