

Sons In Retirement

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OF RETIRED MEN DEVOTED TO THE PROMOTION OF INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY OF RETIREMENT

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LUNCHEON · 12 NOON · 2nd WEDNESDAY
NEXT MEETING OUR 605th

December 2008

POPLAR CREEK, COYOTE POINT, SAN MATEO
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 2008



Big Sir Bob Sez... December has arrived and I'm at the end of my tenure as your Big Sir. It has truly been a pleasure to serve in the organization. I take away much more than I gave in that I have made many acquaintances and gained new friends. The opportunity to make and develop new friendships is the greatest asset of Damian Reynolds Branch One, Sons in Retirement. If my year as Big Sir has been successful I can thank the many committee members and great volunteers that were there for me all year. In particular, I would like to thank the 2008 officers; Rodney Dennis, Bernard Mulvaney, Ed Tuff, John Mahaffy and Charles Dietz. In addition, I would like to thank Jay Plank, Dwight Sale and George Henderson for their guidance, support and helping hands whenever I needed them.

While the year seemed to go without a major disruption, there is an area of concern for me and of which I had hoped to be more successful...membership.

On average we lose 60 members every year due to illness, relocation and of course, passing away. I have not been successful in motivating the current membership to recruit new members, particularly members under the age of 70 years old.

The membership decline problem is not going to go away. It is going to take a concerted effort from all of us to bring in guests – potential new members – and new members. Working with the current Executive Committee, I plan to help develop the tools, methods and funds that it will take to keep our branch a healthy and vibrant one. To this end, your new Big Sir will be leading a new committee whose first task will be to develop a manual, an instructional guide if you will, that will help us to find, recruit, and invite others to join.

Well, Happy Holidays to everyone, and see you at the Christmas Luncheon!

Bob Asselstine

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Seated Service Begins At Noon - - - No-host Cocktails beforehand (and during, of course).

Heck, you can start slammin' down those Bloody Mary's in the main bar at 9:00 a.m. if you wish, but our little private bar with one bartender will not be set up before 11:00, or so.

Did you pass the test? Did you pay attention? We thought it would be fun to mess around with you a bit. The flier announcing the luncheon, and the reservation form you filled out for it, and the November Bulletin announcement all said, "Tuesday, December 9." However, if you looked at your tickets and were paying attention, you saw that they read, "Wednesday, December 9." Did you pass our little test that was just for fun by spotting this inconsistency?

Okay, I'm not serious; just trying to cause a giggle instead of an angry response such as, "What's the matter with those people?!!" because we want everyone to be in a good mood for the event. **This** is the ultimate word on the day and date discrepancy (which will match the phone calls we now have to make): We are taking our ladies out to Dominic's on **Tuesday, December 9**. We apologize with a boo-hoo for the boo-boo.

By the time this notice in the December Bulletin comes hot off the presses, we might be sold out. If you did not sign up, but now want to attend, give George Riley a call at (650) 345-9858. If there is room, he will take care of you. Otherwise, it's the waiting list for you, you procrastinators; and you will have to cross your fingers, light a good-luck candle, cast some chicken bones and scorpion tails into a circle (in the beach sand at Half Moon Bay) that you made by sprinkling the circumference with curls that you personally clipped from the tresses of seven red-haired, blue-eyed virgins; and all the while, chanting in a respectful, hopeful tone, "Oh, please, may someone cancel. Oh, please, please, may someone cancel!"

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By the way guys, the Tuesday (rather than Wednesday) date was agreed to in the Executive Committee meeting because Dominic's was long-ago booked for "our" second Wednesday of December, and Dominic's was the most reasonably priced facility that has an attractive setting and pretty darned good food. I visited a lot of country clubs, hotels, community centers, and caterers. They were way out of line on price this year. Even a caterer friend of mine was more than we could afford when I added her bid to the cost of a decent location.

We will be in the banquet room at Dominic's. Enter through the "front" door at the east end of the building, or through the main bar. It will get crowded, so prepare your minds in advance for getting up real close to your friends. Use both bars, for quicker service.

There will not be any entertainment except that which you might be able to produce for your tablemates by way of your scintillating conversational skills (but please don't bore us with any magic tricks unless you are really good). If you think about it, this is pretty cool because we can now use the cash that was allocated for the professional entertainment to spend on more prizes for our ladies (and we will be able to hear one another talk for a change while we do some good old-fashioned visiting "at table").

Thank you for your support. May all of you have an enjoyable afternoon together and a grand and happy holiday season,

Mike Murphy

THE DECEMBER HOLIDAY MENU
Dominic's at Poplar Creek
Tuesday, December 9, 2008

- Caesar Salad
- Choice of the Following Entrees
 - Chicken Saltimbocca
 - Stuffed Petrale Sole
 - Beef Tri Tip
 - Vegetarian Lasagna
 - Rice and Vegetables
 - Bread and Butter
- Dessert: Chef's Surprise
- 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

Welcome our new member...



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Occupation: Laborers Trust Funds: Collection Manager
Interests: Bowling, Computers, Golf, Stock Study Group, Tennis
Sponsor: Bernie Vas

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS



2 Dick Nelson; 3 Len Herzstein; 5 Gerry Buizer; 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

VITAL STATISTICS - NOVEMBER 12, 2008

Membership on October 8, 2008	253
New Members Inducted	0
Members Transferred In	+1
New Inactive Members	-1
Membership on November 8, 2008	253
Membership on November 14, 2007	268
Lunch Attendance on November 12, 2008	166

MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE NO COMPUTER GROUP MEETING IN DECEMBER 2008
RICHARD DUSINE, CHAIRMAN

NOTE THE DATE !
The Holiday Lunch is on
TUESDAY
December 9

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; Assistant Phil Manriquez 871-5009 Bel Mateo Bowl: League bowling at 10:00 AM on Thursdays and 10:00 AM Fridays.

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 9:30 am, Speaker at 10:00 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. Ted McDonald, 341-4007. 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;**

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, 589-1789; 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, Bridge, 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

Michael Clark

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O K fellows - it's that time of year (AGAIN). That's right, time to make your 2009 travel plans. And 2009 is going to be a GREAT year for travel. Everyone in the travel business tells me that 2009 will be the year to do THE BIG ONE. That's the trip that you have always wanted to do – but never had the right combination of time, money and opportunity. Well in 2009 it should all come together. What with the present economic situation driving prices down, down, down and also keeping the non-retirees home (and on the job) the costs will never be lower. The space available is still expanding in all fields – but especially in the cruise area. The cruise companies have to order their new ships several years in advance – so anticipating a large demand they have many new ships to fill – a boon for us. So think it over – and make your plans.

Branch One is sponsoring a cruise to the Sea of Cortez and the Mexican Riviera for next year. It is a 12 day cruise LEAVING and RETURNING to San Francisco! That means NO crowded airports to deal with!!

The cruise is operated by the Norwegian Cruise Line and the ship is the Norwegian Sun. The ports of call include Topolobampo, with an optional train trip to the fabulous Copper Canyon, La Paz, Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas.

The dates are September 20 thru October 1st. Prices are really good. They start at \$1345 pp inside cabin (That's \$ 112 per day) outside cabin at \$ 1600 pp (\$ 133 per day) and a balcony only \$ 1880 pp (\$ 156 per day). Hurry - at these prices our cabin allotment will be gone quickly. Give me a call at (650) 347-0919 or e-mail me at clarkgoes@aol.com

THE DECEMBER GOLF SCHEDULE

Wednesday	December 3	Monarch Bay	9:30
Thursday	December 11	Chuck Corica	9:30
Wednesday	December 17	Franklin Canyon	9:30
Tuesday	December 23	Skywest	9:30
Tuesday	December 30	Santa Clara	10:00

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.

Don't forget - the December Holiday Lunch is on Tuesday, December 9 (not Wednesday!)

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Merry
Christmas
and Happy
New Year !!

The December meeting is Tuesday,
December 9th..Don't forget

THANK\$!!

Several members who have been unable to attend a meeting over the past few months have filled out the form that appears on the bottom of this page of the bulletin and sent a donation to the Branch. Our expenses go on even if YOU are the one who misses a meeting.

A special thank you goes to Al Bertagna, Richard Damele, Hal Fox, Herbert Luders, Richard Morgan, William Pelster, and Albert Petrucello for their contributions.

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
4034 Kingridge Drive
San Mateo, CA 94403

I'm enclosing my contribution in the amount of

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 Just because

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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)

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."