

Sons In Retirement

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

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December 2009

POPLAR CREEK GOLF COURSE, SAN MATEO
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009



Big Sir Rod Sez... It's cold and blustery outside today as I write my last Big SIR SEZ article. December is upon us and Winter just around the corner. A time to reflect on the past year. I am most grateful for the enduring efforts of our branch officers and directors in 2009. Their unselfish dedication sustained the goal to make Branch #1 a place to enjoy friendship and a variety of activities for our leisure time. There is also a large "supporting cast" both in front and behind the scenes that have facilitated the friendly, smooth running of our Wednesday luncheons and the many activity groups without whom there would be no Branch #1. Again, I ask you to read the list of these volunteers listed on pages 1-8 in the 2009 Roster. A job well done; my heart felt thanks to you all.

I thank you for the privilege of serving you as BIG SIR this past year. I am compelled to recognize **George Henderson, Don Neumann, John Mahaffy, and Dwight Sale** for their support and counsel during my term. The many new friends and acquaintances and exposure to many of the activity groups gave me a deeper appreciation of the benefit of belonging to SIR.

During a recent trip to Alabama I visited a workmate of 50 years ago whom I hadn't seen since. We had a great time catching up and remembering. My friend had not developed many outside interests while working. After retirement his leisure time was pretty empty. He needed SIR. The thought occurred to me that much of our membership emphasis is our concern of keeping our Branch membership up which is important to sustaining the vitality of our programs. BUT I would propose that you should be mindful of the favor/opportunity you can bring to a man's life by introducing him to SIR. The sociability, new friends, activities and opportunity to explore new interests with fellow retirees will add measurably to the member's quality of life. GO FORTH AND SPREAD THE OPPORTUNITIES TO OTHERS.

You have elected a great team of officers and directors for 2010 under the leadership of BIG SIR **Gil Goodrich**. I am sure it will be a very good year. I send my sincerest wishes for their success.

And to you all, thanks again for the opportunity to serve you. Have a blessed Holiday Season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

P.S. Remember that our Christmas luncheon with the ladies is Wednesday, December 16th.

Rod Dennis

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting will be our annual Holiday Lunch. Note the date – it is the **THIRD** Wednesday in December – the 16th. Once again we will be at the Poplar Creek restaurant at Coyote Point. The Social Hour begins at 11:00 am and lunch follows at noon. If you have not made a reservation for you and your lady, you can still call George Riley at 650 345-9858 and reserve your places. Remaining seats are limited so do it today!

SONS IN RETIREMENT IS ABOUT ACTIVITIES.

We each joined SIR to stay active and avoid boredom, lethargy and atrophy. Life is a learning experience, and the world is a great big exploritorium.

I urge all of us to talk with our lunch table partners about something you may want to do together and possible mutual interests to explore together. There are already groups for golf, tennis, bowling, computers, digital imaging, dominoes, Pedro, bridge, economic research, amateur radio, gardening, fishing, genealogy, stock study and collectibles. Think about collaborating with someone to form a new group to suit your interests. Give a call to Tom Keefer, 650-342-7979, or call me at 650-941-4616, to see how easy it is to form a new activity group.

Talk to friends about the fun to be had with SIR and invite them to be a guest at an event. Your friends will thank you for the opportunity.

Enjoy being an active member of Sons In Retirement in 2010 and beyond.

Gil Goodrich

STAMP CLUB



Ms. Pam Vogt, proprietor of Mr. Z's – Vogt Stamps Camino Coin Co., spoke to the Stamp Club recently on "the things you need to know when selling a collection". A good group – have you considered attending one of their meetings – 3rd Wednesday of each month.

NOVEMBER VITAL STATISTICS

Membership on October 14, 2009	251
New Members	0
New Inactive Members	-1
Deceased	0
Membership on November 11, 2009	250
Membership on November 8, 2008	253
Attendance on November 11, 2009	153 (61%)

ECONOMIC RESEARCH HOLIDAY LUNCH



The Economic Research Group held its annual Holiday Lunch in November at Dominic's at Oyster Point. Forty Sirs and their ladies attended the event and heard a presentation on the Coyote Point Museum. Pictured above Speaker Chairman Mike Kasatkin presented certificates to the two speakers, Rachel Meyer, Executive Director and Linda Lanier, Chairman of the Board of the Coyote Point Museum, in thanks for their talk.

THANKS !!

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 page four of the bulletin each month 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 Pierre Bouquet, Henry Herz, Craig Karasky, Robert Kary, Les Krupp, Lloyd Malfatti, and Al Ratto for their recent contributions.

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 Bob Caughey, Lee Kibbler, John Mahaffy, Frank Mihalic, Bob Pisani, Dave Sage; 19 Dick Larson; 20 Pete Maschi; 21 Russ Brabec, Paul Perez, Lutz Windisch; 24 Norm Burke, Jim Sell; 28 Cy Sinelnikoff



THE DECEMBER GOLF SCHEDULE

Wednesday	Dec 2	Dublin Ranch	10:00am
Thursday	Dec 10	Poplar Creek	10:00am
Wednesday	Dec 16	Monarch Bay	10:00am
Wednesday	Dec 23	Crystal Springs	9:00am
Wednesday	Dec 30	Metropolitan	9:36am

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

SIR'S GENEALOGY GROUP

Are you interested in finding your roots and who your ancestors were, how they got here, and where they came from? If you aren't, your children sure would like to know some day. This group will help you in finding where and how to go about searching for your ancestors. The group discusses various aspects of Genealogy, computer programs for Genealogy, and various sources for obtaining information of one's ancestors. There are several seminars that are given in the San Mateo area where lectures from genealogical experts who give important information about genealogy and how to go about searching for vital records. The Genealogy Group keeps in contact with these groups and gives you the times and dates when and where they meet.

The SIR Genealogy group began its eleventh successful year in 2009, with the group meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. Meetings are held at the Peninsula Community foundation, which is located at 1700 South El Camino Real, in San Mateo, California. Membership is open to any Branch of Sons in Retirement. The group meets from 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon. Contact George Henderson (650-345-7269) for further information.

ACTIVITIES

Chairman: Thomas D. Keefer 650-342-7977

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, 650 589-1789; Assistant Phil Manriquez 650 871-5009 Bel Mateo Bowl: League bowling at 10:00 AM on Thursdays and 10:00 AM Fridays.

COMPUTERS: Chairman, Rick Dusine, 650 465-4081, 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, 650 342-9080. Please contact the chairman for further information if interested.

DOMINOES: Chairman, John Danenhower, 650 780-9551; Assist. Clarence Conrad, 650 572-9126. 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, 650 342-7977, 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, 650 697-8665; Assist. Ted McDonald, 650 341-4007. 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, 650 345-7269; Assist., John Young, 650 342-3087. 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, 650 345-9731

STAMP CLUB: Chairman, Gil Goodrich, 650 941-4616: Group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00am at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the Schwab Building, 1300 South El Camino Real, San Mateo. Speaker and then stamp trading. – NO MEETING IN DECEMBER!

STOCK STUDY GROUP: Chairman, Jim Felker, 650 342-8103; 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, 650 589-1789; 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 Tom Keefer at 650-342-7977 or email him at tkeefe979@aol.com for further information if you are interested in any of these groups.

MICHAEL CLARK'S TRAVEL CORNER



Michael Clark
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You could have guessed this one – two days after the November trip to Sicily was cancelled – I got a frantic phone call - from a Sir not to be named - ready to sign up. I explained that the trip had been cancelled, but he just couldn't seem to understand why it was cancelled – after all it was still a month away!!! I'm sure that everyone realizes the problem and why the travel companies need several months lead time. Anyway, time moves on.

Speaking about timing – Beach Blanket Babylon has sold out again!! This is the ninth year in a row that it has sold out. I am taking standbys. Give me a call – or email me, and I'll get you on the "list".

There are quite a few short trips coming up in December. On December 9 and 10 Branch 91 is sponsoring a Reno overnight. They have included a "Holiday Ice Stage Show" along with a private cocktail party for only \$155 each double. Might be just thing to start the holidays.

Branch 90 is having a "Victorian Christmas Party" December 12 – 14, enjoying a performance of "Music in the Mountains". This should be great fun – and Dan Miller puts on a good trip. Give him a call at 650-591-3314.

Speaking about future trips, our branch is sponsoring a day trip to see King Tut at the DeYoung Museum on February 3rd. We will also take in the remodeled Academy of Sciences in the afternoon. Price is only \$112 each including transportation and entry..

The one trip that I am looking forward to is the backstage look at Hollywood in "Hooray for Hollywood". The travel company (in Los Angeles) is owned by an ex-actor – he promises us -a real "backdoor" look at the doings of Hollywood. I, personally, am most excited about having dinner at the "Magic Castle" You just cannot get into this venue. It is a private club for magicians only. This five-day/four-night trip is really loaded with great features – such as an afternoon with a star, a day at Universal Studios, and others too numerous to mention. The cost is \$ 1,495 each double. Give me a call for a flyer – or pick one up at the next meeting.

I have had several suggestions for trips in 2010. If you have a good idea for a 5 to 7 day trip – let me know. Maybe a cruise?? Where to?? Many thanks to those of you that have put forth suggestions. Especially to Bob Way for his thoughts about dropping the dinner part of a visit to a play. This would bring down the cost considerably. What are YOUR thoughts on costs and ways to bring them down??

Happy travels.

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CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

LATE NEWS!!


George Riley reports that there are still a few spaces remaining for the Holiday Lunch on the THIRD WEDNESDAY OF DECEMBER – the 16th.

Call him at 650 345-9858 and get your tickets before it is too late. Don't be left out!

BRING A GUEST

Help keep the membership up!
Bring a friend or neighbor or former business associate who is now retired to the next 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
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San Mateo, CA 94403

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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."