



The Chanticleer

Date — April 13, 2006

Place — Ramada Inn
324 East Shaw Avenue

• PROGRAM •
David Phillips

Social Hour — 11:00 AM
Luncheon — 12:00 Noon
\$12.00 + Buck Bucket

Big Sir ... John Metzger

MAYBE THE HEADING OF MY MONTHLY COLUMN IN the Chanticleer should be changed from “Big Sir” to “The Buck Stops Here”, because any and all complaints are forwarded to me (the one I like best is “Why don’t you...?”). This month’s “Why don’t you ...?” concerns last month’s speaker and the rude behavior of some of our members talking during the speaker’s presentation. Since the speaker is donating time and efforts on our behalf, the very least we can do is show him or her the courtesy of being heard by all. Granted, not every speaker has a subject which appeals to everyone, but rather than disrupt the program would be to excuse yourself and leave the room (assuming that what you want to talk about is really all that important right then). And the talking discourtesy also extends to podium announcements and new member installations.

Good grief, I can’t believe I just wrote the above to a group of mature senior citizens, the vast majority of whom know better. I apologize in advance if I have put anyone’s nose out of joint, but I do hope the “talkers” will take my comments to heart.

On a lighter side, my compliments to the membership for the gracious way they have accepted the “11:45 No Reserved Seats” rule. We had no complaints the past month about difficulty in finding a seat. Bravo!

Other Fresno Branch Programs

April 11 – Branch 169 – Pardini’s
Dr. Pete Mehas

Fresno County Schools

April 12 – Branch #179 – Ramada
Michael Birch, AARP

Medicare Part D

April 27 – Branch #175 – Pardini’s
Jim Scroggin

Holy Day, Ladies’ Day

Courtesy of Area Governor Sir Marv Arnold

Little Sir ... Ron Wilson

AFTER ROASTING IN THE WARM GLOW OF YESTERDAY’S ASIR luncheon, it is now Friday and time to turn our attention to April’s executive session and luncheon. One of the rewards of sitting at the head table is to look out at the sea of smiling faces. Not just any faces, but faces full of character. Faces that have risen to the challenge of the modern world and survived with honor and integrity. It is a great and wonderful sight, and I am proud to be a member of such a body of men, and humbled to serve as your Little Sir.

Our speaker for April is Mr. David Phillips, a Public Affairs officer for the Veteran’s Administration and Hospital. He will be speaking about the many services the facility has for us, and how to access those services. As a veteran who has many parts in pain and dysfunction, and more showing up all time, I look forward to his address.

There is a flyer in this Chanticleer about our upcoming *Ladies’ Day* in May; I hope that all of you plan to be there. We would, as always, appreciate the early arrival of checks for the occasion.

Branch #159

Welcomes These New Members

Richard Nakaguchi ... Lynn Streit

PLEASE NOTE the baseball event news on page 3 ... the deadlines are near!

✂ Our April Menu

Chicken Fried Steak ... Chicken Teriyaki
Herb Rice
Fresh Vegetable ... Four Salads
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea, Decaf
Dessert



Happy Birthday

Allen Baxter...Mel Bens
 Al Black...Leo Bopp
 Jim Bort...Bill Cross
 Hank Gomar...Dick Hall
 Ray Harris...René Klopstein
 Ward Lasher...Dick Major
 Paul McConnell...Sal Morales
 LeRoy Pandukht...Bob Robinson
 Reg Rosander...Lee Virag
 Jim Whitmer



Happy Anniversary

Eleanor & Joe DeLucca
 Pat & Bev Dickinson
 Pat & Al Escola
 Margaret & Pete Giragosian
 Esther & Al Gonzalez
 Barbara & Harlow Hosford
 Claudette & David Lindauer
 Dorothy & Jim Martin
 Mariella & Bill Neal
 Marion & Murray Pagel
 Dorothy & Buffalo Piccirilli

Directory Update

The May Chanticleer, will include a Directory update reflecting member data changes since December.

If your address or phone number has changed, our Branch needs to know.

Please contact Roger Deal at 297-7022 or rogerdeal2@comcast.net.

May Chanticleer deadline is WEDNESDAY, April 26.

... Jim Martin, Editor

18 Golf

Brighton Crest February 23, 2006

1st Place R. Rosander/J. Ford
 B. Boguski/D. Lindauer
2nd Place J. Bencivengo/R. Slaton
 P. Lundeberg/L. Mathers
3rd Place S. Hatter/B. Jones
 A. Black/D. Bratvold
4th Place A. Insalaco/L. Clune
 R. Segelke/T. Morton
CTP Hole #2 1st D. Bratvold
 2nd J. Suddath
 3rd L. Seto
 4th L. Mathers
CTP Hole #11 1st L. Clune
 2nd A. Stimmell
 3rd R. Rosander
 4th J. Whitaker

Airways March 16, 2006

Team 11 V. Rivera/H. Cox
1st T. Dew/L. Cochran
Team 2 R. Phillips/J. Metzger
2nd-Tie B. Dickson/T. Forrest
Team 12 M. Williamson/B. Boguski
2nd-Tie G. Gruner/J. Hatter
Team 5 D. Betts/G. Patton
3rd-Tie J. Sheldon/K. Shaffer
Team 7 L. Clune/K. Kerner
3rd-Tie R. Rosander/F. Hokr
CT- Hole #7 1st M. Welch
 2nd A. Baxter
 3rd G. Patton
 4th R. Zanarini
CTP Hole #15 1st R. Major
 2nd B. Young
 3rd V. Rivera
 4th F. Kurihara

Sherwood Forest March 2, 2006

A Flight B. Jones/J. Bort
 H. Gomar/R. Phillips
B Flight J. Whitmer/B. Boguski
 M. Williamson/A. Wilner
C Flight T. Feasal/R. Major
 R. Rosander/B. Dickson
D Flight B. Young/B. Hennessy
 P. Huffman/L. Rosander
CTP Hole #4 1st L. Rosander
 2nd A. Wilner
 3rd R. Allen
 4th J. Williford
CTP Hole #15 1st B. Hennessy
 2nd B. Young
 3rd M. Welch
 4th J. Bort

...Chair, Sir Mike Williamson



Attendance

BRANCH #159 HAD 259 ACTIVE members in March. There were 186 present, with 73 absent of which only 61 were excused. We have nine inactive members.

According to our Bylaws, members are expected to attend or to notify the Attendance Chairman whenever they wish to be excused. Three consecutive absences or a total of six absences in a twelve-month period constitutes a jeopardy to membership.

If you are unable to attend in April, contact me by phone at 439-1228 or at robertm@thegrid.net.

...Sir Bob Montgomery

The Sunday School teacher asked, "Now, Johnny, tell me, do you say prayers before eating?"

"No Sir", he replied. "We don't have to. My mom is a good cook."

The Four Stages of Using Computers

- The Beginning*
- Unconscious Incompetence
- Early Steps*
- Conscious Incompetence
- Familiarity*
- Conscious Competence
- Experience*
- Unconscious Competence



Bowling

HERE ARE THE LATEST RESULTS FOR our SIR bowling group (80% handicaps included):

February 24

High Series	H. Cox	627
High Game	T. Harlan	247

March 3

High Series	Al Frey	626
High Game	J. Kasner	227

March 10

High Series	J. Kasner	651
High Game	B. Ripley	229

March 17

High Series	B. Ripley	597
High Game	T. Harlan	221

New bowlers are always welcome at AMF Sierra Lanes on Fridays at 10:00 AM. For further information, call me at 298-3101.

...Sir Ed Gavigan



Sunshine

IHAVE COME TO BELIEVE THAT hospitals are bad for your health. I got ready for my "ordeal" by not eating for two days. Then I took that "clean-out" stuff and was prepped at the hospital. I was then "knocked out" and rolled into the operating room. After all that, they decided they could not operate as planned. So I ended up with a bloody nose and a very sore fanny. Some prize, eh? Maybe I can make this into a serial story. Stay tuned for Chapter Two next month.

Earl Ness is the only member on the list this month as he had hip replacement and then had a fall. I was unable to contact him, so I hope he is fighting back. All others are doing well.

I will be out of the loop for a while, so please call me if you hear of any members on the "feeling poorly" list. Reach me at ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net or 439-2757.

...Sir Bob Cooper



Travel

For members and guests only!

HERE IS THE LATEST INFORMATION ON UPCOMING TRIPS. WE CAN NO LONGER include full information in the Chanticleer. Be sure to stop at the travel table in the Ramada lobby to pick up sheets with the details.

September 30-October 7, 2006 — "New England Back Roads Tour" (*Sir Ed Dorn, 433-0670*).

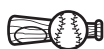
October 14-22, 2006 — "American Queen, St. Paul to St. Louis" (*Sir John Levis, 433-1740*).

October 17-26, 2006 — "Great American Cities Tour" (*Sir Richard Beers, 431-3728*).

March 2007 — "Guatemala—Mayan Civilizations" (*Sir Richard Beers, 431-3728*).

My email is crdahlll@comcast.net.

...Sir Carrol Dahl



Sirs Baseball

AREMINDER ABOUT SIRs DAY at the Giants on **June 21, 2006**.

See the announcement in the March Chanticleer. If you are interested, you must contact **Sir Bruno Ferioli** at 435-6603 ASAP, **INS** (as soon as possible, if not sooner).

An added event for Fresno branches is **Day at the Grizzlies** on **July 5, 2006**. They will be playing the Sacramento River Cats, a great competitor. Seats are \$7.00. There will be a fireworks show after the game. **This also needs your immediate attention**, so we can complete arrangements with the Grizzlies. Make checks to SIR Branch #159 and **get them to Bruno soon!**



Computers

ON MARCH 28, RON WILSON arranged for June Barnette and Corky Peterson from the Fresno County Library to present a program on using computers and the library for genealogical searches. Always feel free to bring your wives or other guests to our programs, as they, too, may be interested in particular topics.

Our April 25 program is not yet firm.

Note that our starting time is **1:00 PM**. We meet at the Woodward Park Library, 344 East Perrin Avenue (at its northwest corner with Champlain). For more information, contact me: roger.deal@comcast.net or 297-7022.

...Sir Roger Deal

Happy Easter!



♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

IN RECENT SINGLES PLAY, PHIL FULLERTON HAD THE high total score of 5170 points. Ron Viera and Larry Knoll had the high one-table score of 1690 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3
1	F. Hunting	P. Fullerton
2	M. Escobar	J. Whitmer
3	B. Kooyumjian	A. Bertelsen
4	R. Viera	J. Collings
5	L. Knoll	P. Giragosian
6	P. Giragosian	J. Lund
7	A. Bertelsen	R. Haw
Consolation	B. Thompson	F. Ferry

...Sir John Williford