



The Chanticleer

Date — April 12, 2007
Place — Ramada
324 East Shaw Avenue

• PROGRAM •
Bill McEwen

Social Hour — 11:00 AM
Luncheon — 12:00 Noon
\$13.00 + Buck Bucket

► **Big Sir ... Ron Wilson**

TAX TIME AGAIN! WHAT A GREAT TIME TO live in the United States and have the rare privilege of paying our fair share. I do get a little tired of covering my share and the share of those that don't pay however. And, I am very vocal about it!

For 2007, Branch 159 is settling down and everything is working as it is supposed to. Our new speaker committee is busy and will be coming up with some good people for us for the rest of the year. And you might hear a new voice calling you from the callers committee as they are making some changes, but the message will remain the same. Remember, we need your help if you move and your address changes, otherwise your *Chanticleer* might not show up in your mailbox.

This month we are going to use a "mixer" on the P. A. system at the Ramada so I'm hoping that will finally solve our microphone problems. Something about plugging two remote microphones into the system is blowing it. Anyway we are trying our best to work out the problem. I thank you all for your patience in this matter.

I'm still glad I live in America, taxes or no taxes. And I am also glad I live in Fresno, especially this time of year! See you at luncheon.

► **Little Sir ... Reg Rosander**

WELL, HERE WE GO! MY SPECIAL THANKS to the new Program Committee for getting me a good start in this endeavor. We are presently set for the April, May, and June luncheons, being more speakers being lined up for the rest of the year. This month, we welcome back Bill McEwen from the Fresno Bee. His presentations have always been current, if not controversial! I'm sure we will be attentive and polite.

With regard to the noise levels at the luncheons, it seems there is more and more talking competing with what's going on at the podium, which leads to some speakers having to stop in mid-sentence. Please try to keep table chatter at a minimum, so we can all hear our speakers. If you must leave the luncheon prior to its completion, please depart prior to the featured speaker's introduction.

Thanks again for your vote of confidence in me for the position of Little Sir. (Well, there wasn't really a membership vote, now was there?) I will do my best to arrange programs that meet the desires of #159's SIRs as a whole. Please continue to share your ideas with me or the Program Committee.

Other Fresno SIR Programs

D **Branch #169, April 10** - Pardini's
 Representative from the
 San Joaquin River Conservancy

Branch #175, April 26 - Pardini's
 Chuck Carson
 Airplane barnstorming

Branch #179, March 14 - Ramada
 Jim Maloney
 Retired Cincinnati Reds pitcher

► *Area Governor Sir Dave Reynolds*

Welcome, New Members

Dale Reichard

Ronald Smith


April
Luncheon

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

REMINDER ... put your luncheon ticket in the basket on the buffet table!

The Ramada luncheon price is now \$13.00.



Happy Birthday

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



Happy Anniversary

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



Attendance

THERE WERE 252 ACTIVE Branch #159 members in March. 162 members attended the luncheon. 91 members were absent, of whom 63 were excused.

Members are expected to attend meetings or to notify the Attendance Chairman whenever they wish to be excused. Three consecutive absences or six absences in a twelve-month period constitute a jeopardy to membership.

If you are unable to attend a meeting, **PLEASE** let me know, 439-1228, or by email, robertm@thegrid.net.

► *Sir Bob Montgomery*

Welcome, New Members
Dale Reichard
Ronald Smith

**MAY
 CHANTICLEER DEADLINE
 TUESDAY, APRIL 24**

► *Jim Martin, Editor*



Golf

Fig Garden ...

► *March 7, 2007*

Flight A D. Scharton/B. Boguski
 G. Rodriguez/E. Bowman

Flight B A. Baxter/L. Seto
 A. Wilner/L. Streit

Flight C B. Dickson/B. Young
 J. Williford/C. Roberson

Flight D T. Dougherty/P. Huffman
 L. Rosander/R. Knebel

CTP 1st J. Devlin

Hole 2nd J. Bort

#7 3rd B. Jones

CTP 1st L. Seto

Hole 2nd L. Daniels

#17 3rd R. Phillips

Brighton Crest ...

► *March 8, 2007*

In winning order:

S. Morales

B. Evans/T. Feasal

P. Huffman/C. Roberson

D. Betts/M. Williamson

A. Baxter/R. Phillips

M. Fair/T. Robinson

R. Major/J. Sheldon

J. Bort/R. Nakaguchi

CTP 1st M. Williamson

Hole 2nd D. Metzger

#2 3rd G. Rodriguez

CTP 1st L. Rosander

Hole 2nd C. Roberson

#16 3rd J. Bort

Sherwood

► *March 15, 2007*

1st R. Allen/B. Evans
 S. Hatter/G. Rodriguez

2nd B. Boguski/B. Hennessey
 A. Insalaco/J. Whitmer

3rd G. Gruner/B. Jones
 S. Morales/L. Seto

4th J. Bencivengo/R. Brisendine
 G. Partlett/R. Rosander

CTP 1st B. Evans

Hole 2nd J. Sheldon

#4 3rd T. Schab

CTP 1st D. Scharton

Hole 2nd R. Major

#15 3rd R. Zanmarini

Lemoore

► *March 22, 2007*

1st B. Evans/J. Suddath

2nd B. Boguski/M. Williamson

3rd E. Bowman/S. Morales

Tie M. Welch/R. Zanmarini

Tie G. Rodriguez/R. Nakaguchi

4th R. Allen/R. Major

Tie T. Goodman/J. Bort

Tie R. Phillips/L. Clune

CTP 1st B. Jones

Hole 2nd J. Suddath

#7 3rd M. Welch

CTP 1st J. Devlin

Hole 2nd J. Whitmer

#15 3rd R. Major

► *Sir Mike Williamson*



I WANT YOU
TO BRING A NEW MEMBER
TO SIR BRANCH #159

DIRECTORY UPDATE

THE MAY CHANTICLEER will include an update to the Branch # 159 Directory issued in January.

Please check your listing and promptly advise *Roger Deal* of any changes in address, phone, email, or other information.

Reach Roger at: 297-7022, or roger.deal@comcast.net.



Bowling

HERE ARE THE SIR BOWLING group results (the 80% handicaps are included):

► **February 23**

High Series	J. Whitmer	651
High Game	D. Hall	229

► **March 2**

High Series	M. Knapp	611
High Game	B. Dickinson	243

► **March 9**

High Series	R. Urushima	619
High Game	M. Knapp	220
(Tie)	R. Spencer	220

► **March 16**

High Series	C. Dahl	607
(Tie)	E. Gavigan	607
High Game	D. Hall	227

► **March 23**

High Series	T. Schneider	629
High Game	J. Kasner	229

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

I KEPT THINKING THAT I HAD missed someone, but we must be in a "slow" medical phase for which we should be thankful. As I have said before, we are a healthy lot, one reason being that we keep active.

Our baseball star, **Gus Zernial**, has been ill, and I could not find out if he is doing better. I hope so, **Gus**, as we are just starting the season.. **Lee Virag** had his eyes operated on. **Don Lowe** had a back operation And **Jack Leonard** had a knee replacement.

I am sure I have missed some, and for that I am sorry. For those I missed get well in spite of me. You can reach me at 439-2757 or ccoperiva@sbcglobal.net.

► *Sir Bob Cooper*

*If you can't be good,
be careful!*



Travel

For members and guests only!

HERE IS THE UPCOMING TRAVEL INFORMATION. Not much at the moment. We no longer include full details in the Chanticleer. Be sure to stop at the travel table in the lobby to pick up sheets with more information.

► **April 3-15, 2008** — "The Islands of Hawaii". For the 50th Anniversary of SIR travel, fly to Hawaii and then visit the islands and return to San Francisco aboard the "Pride of America". (Golden Gate Tours, 800-874-4345).

(NOTE: The original SIR 50th Anniversary Hawaii Cruise was cancelled.)

You can reach me at crdahll@comcast.net or 439-5874.

► *Sir Carrol Dahl*



Computers

WE HAD EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST THREE MEETINGS and many of the wives came along. On March 21, I gave a presentation on "How to Take Better Pictures".

For April, Roger Deal will tell us about GPS (Global Positioning System) vs. computers. In May, Jim Martin will discuss Google Earth and show us an array of interesting, humorous, and confusing road signs (both ladies and gentlemen have appreciated this presentation).

Because of a scheduling conflict at the Library, our April meeting is moved back one week to **Wednesday, April 25**. Please mark this on your calendar.

Our meetings are at the **Woodward Park Library**, 344 East Perrin Avenue (northwest corner at Champlain). Want more info? Jerry Gurs is the guy, at jgandsg@comcast.net or 367-1700.

► *Sir Jerry Gurs*

Support bacteria ... they're the only culture some people have.

Just remember, if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

On the other hand, you have different fingers.

Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

IN RECENT SINGLES PLAY, THE HIGH TOTAL SCORE WAS MADE BY **John Williford** with 5680 points. **Frank Ferry** and **Jim Lund** had the high one-table score of 2040 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3
1	J. Petersen	J. Williford
2	M. Escobar	J. Leonard
3	J. Lund	P. Giragosian
4	K. Shaffer	B. Rayburn
5	B. Thompson	J. Lund
6	L. Knoll	D. Livingstone
7	—	B. Haw
Consolation	J. Leonard	F. Hunting

► *Sir John Williford*



THE SIR BRANCH #159

SPRING LADIES' DAY LUNCHEON

When ... Thursday, May 10, 2007

Where ... **NEW LOCATION ... Love & Garlic**

(5351 North Diana St.—off Barstow east of Blackstone, in the Elks Club)



No-Host Bar Open ... 11:00 AM

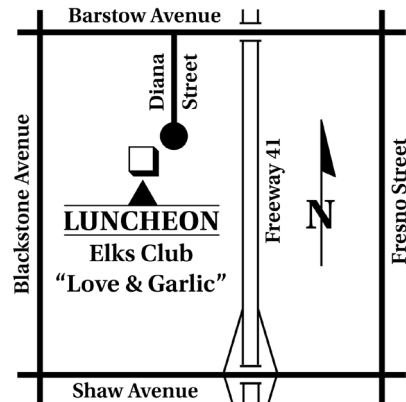
Luncheon Served ... 12:00 Noon



Menu ...

Buffet with Two Entrees:

*Jumbo Chicken Kabob...Beef Tri-Tip
Garden Salad, Potato or Pilaf, Vegetable
Rolls...Butter...Dessert
Coffee...Iced Tea...Water*



Luncheon Speaker ... Cathy Rehart

Author of the "Legends & Legacies" series.

and ... LOTS of door prizes!



FROM: Sir _____ Badge # _____

Enclosed: ___ \$34.00 per Couple or ___ \$17.00 Single

Make checks payable to SIR BRANCH #159

***Give to Treasurer Joe Bencivengo at the March or April meeting,
or mail your reservation to him by May 3rd ...***

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