



The Chanticleer

Date — August 9, 2007
Place — Ramada
324 East Shaw Avenue

• PROGRAM •
Sir Gus Zernial

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

► **Big Sir ... Ron Wilson**

I WISH I COULD WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE annual Sons in Retirement State Meeting to write this, but our venerable Editor Jim Martin says “no”, as he needs it now and I don’t want to disappoint him.

It is often overlooked that we belong to a greater group than just Branch #159. But they are there and they do keep the Great Bald Eagle from attacking us for non-payment of taxes, and they do arrange our liability insurance coverage, so I guess we can go to one state meeting a year. It is all they ask.

Well, not exactly all, as they also send us 459 laws and bylaws to follow. I hear that every year someone proposes that we go from “Sons in Retirement” to “*Sons and Daughters in Retirement*”, and every year that is voted down. What do you think? Shall I use #159’s vote to create this new rule?

I do expect there will be discussion on downsizing the number of state offices and, if so, what to do away with. How about travel or golf; or those 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Assistant State Secretaries? I will be there to represent you, our Branch #159 members, and I will try to do my best.

► **Little Sir ... Reg Rosander**

SO, IT’S TIME TO ENTER THE DOG DAYS of summer. I start the week by mowing my acre of lawn; then two days of watering; then one day of golf; then mow again! Pretty exciting, huh?

Our excitement for this month’s luncheon will be #159’s own Sir Gus Zernial—Fresno’s “Mr. Baseball”. Come hear all there is to know about the Fresno Grizzlies.

Next month, we have Dr. Wample from Fresno State with a report on the Viticulture and Enology Department.

Have a great August; try to stay cool, and don’t forget the sun block!

Welcome, New Member

LeRoy Foote

New Secretary ...

Please note that *Sir Perry Huffman* is now our Branch #159 Secretary.

Other Fresno SIR Programs

August 7 — Branch #169 — Pardini’s
 Larry Miller
 ... Amtrak

August 8 — Branch #179 — Ramada
 Dr. David Hadden
 ... Fresno County Coroner

August 23 — Branch #175 — Pardini’s
 Chris Sorensen
 ... Central California Blood Bank

► *Courtesy Area Governor Sir John Levis*



August Luncheon

Lamb Shanks ... Fried Chicken
 Wild Rice
 Fresh Vegetable ... Salads
 Rolls & Butter ... Dessert

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



August Birthdays

Bob Asche ... Dave Betts
 John Brechman ... Dennis Ensminger
 Mike Escobar ... Al Gonzalez
 Bob Green ... Merle Heetland
 Frank Hokr ... Perry Huffman
 Bob Knebel ... Tony Maslowski
 Bill Neal ... Bill Parker
 Jim Peterson ... Orië Reed
 Carl Smith ... Ron Wilson



August Anniversaries

Birdie and Ray Allen
 Millie and Charles Barnett
 Gloriann and Bert Bertelsen
 Virginia and Howard Boston
 Jeanne and Ralph Brisendine
 Lillian and Harry Buchaklian
 Dorothy and Carrol Dahl
 Kay and Ed Dill
 Mary and Frank Garrison
 June and Charles Hansen
 Vera and Sonny Hatter
 Lillian and Frank Hokr
 Joan and Lee Kerr
 Frances and Dick Knipper
 Faye and Don Lowe
 Evelyn and Paul McConnell
 Marilyn and Al Mills
 Ruth and Don Neer
 Sharon and Warren Nelson
 Patricia and Bert Nuttall
 Nancie and Bill Parker
 Jeanne and Bill Reinhardt
 Pat and Larry Rosander
 Betty and Charles Royce
 Shirley and Graham Ruff
 Barbara and Jim Ruhl
 Marilu and Ken Shaffer
 Nancy and Ron Smith
 Carol and Lynn Streit
 Kay and Jim Suddath
 Naomi and Ed Wiens
 Joan and Bob Zoldoske



**SEPTEMBER CHANTICLEER
 DEADLINE ...
 AUGUST 27 (MONDAY)**

► *Jim Martin, Editor*



Golf

PHEASANT RUN ...

► *June 28, 2007*

- 1st B. Evans+P. Conway
- 2nd D. Scharton+C. Roberson
- 3rd R. McDonough+K. Kerner
 B. Jones+B. Powers
 G. Rodriguez+J. Whitmer
- 4th B. Dickson+S. Hatter

RIVERSIDE ...

► *July 19, 2007*

- 1st E. Bowman+D. Ensminger+
 J. Johnson+A. Willner
- 2nd P. Huffman+R. Major+
 G. Rodriguez+L. Seto
 H. Boston+J. D'Amico+
 D. Metzger+R. Rosander
- 3rd J. Bort+P. Conway+
 M. Williamson
- 4th A. Baxter+B. Evans+
 S. Petersen+D. Scharton
 B. Carlson+L. Clune+
 T. Fox+R. Phillips

► *Sir Mike Williamson*

Directory Update

THE NEXT CHANTICLEER WILL include a Directory update. Please check your listing and advise Membership Chairman Roger Deal of any needed changes. You can reach him at 297-7022 or roger.deal@comcast.net.

♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

THE SIRs COUPLES BRIDGE tournament for the year 2007-2008 is getting underway. The initial meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 19, at the Pacific Seafood Restaurant, 1055 East Herndon Avenue. We presently have 13 couples signed up with another couple pending.

On September 19 couples will receive the schedule and other information, with play beginning in October.

New couples are welcome; if you are interested, contact *Sir Steve Wray* at 243-1527.

AIRWAYS ...

► *July 5, 2007*

- Flight B. Jones+D. Betts+
 A D. Scharton+M. Fair
- Flight B. Dickson+R. Zanarini+
 B B. Powers+A. Willner
- Flight C. Roberson+J. Devlin+
 C G. Partlett+J. Sheldon
- Flight K. Kerner+J. D'Amico+
 D G. Gruner+J. Johnson



Branch Election

A REMINDER THAT THE ELECTION for our 2008 leadership will take place at the August meeting. The slate recommended by the Nominating Committee under Chairman Bill Cross was published in the July Chanticleer.

You may offer nominations from the floor, as long as the individual has agreed—in advance—to serve if elected.

The Chanticleer...

THE EDITOR WELCOMES READER comments and suggestions regarding the content and/or format of the Chanticleer to better serve the membership. Please let me know if you have ideas for improvement of this, *your*, newsletter. You can reach me at 224-1674 or jlm.pe@comcast.net.

► *Jim Martin*



Attendance

IN JULY, THERE WERE 251 ACTIVE members in Branch #159. 175 were present at the luncheon, with 76 absent, of whom only 45 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 at 439-1228t or by email at robertm@thegrid.net.

► *Sir Bob Montgomery*



Bowling

THE SIR BOWLING GROUP IS on vacation until September 7, when the new season will start. In the interim, members may wish to practice at the lanes at 10:00 on Fridays.

For further information, call me at **298-3101**.

► *Sir Ed Gavigan*

Discoveries and Inventions ...

- Man discovered weapons, invented hunting—woman discovered hunting, invented furs.
- Man discovered colors, invented painting—woman discovered painting, invented makeup.
- Man discovered speech, invented conversation—woman discovered conversation, invented gossip.
- Man discovered friendship, invented love—woman discovered love, invented marriage.
- Man discovered trade, invented money—woman discovered money, and man has never recovered.



Sunshine

THE WAY (WEATHER-WISE) that July started out scared the be jabbers out of me. But what a finish! I hope August is as kind to us.

Dick Ziegler is confined to a rest home with Alzheimer's. **Jack Leonard** hit a little bump on the road to recovery but is doing well now.

Bob Young is getting better and when he gets his new shoes, he hopes to be out on the golf course. I still can't find out how **Ray Urushima** is doing. Does anybody know?

Merle Heetland is fighting back and his breathing is better. For those who remember, **Art Miller**, a former member and retired principal of Fresno High School passed away at his daughter's home in Washington State, I am sad to report.

Keep me in the loop, fellas. You can reach me at **439-2757** or **ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net**.

► *Sir Bob Cooper*



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.

► **September 19, 2007** — "Jersey Boys". Curran Theater, San Francisco (Sir Doug Hansen, 222-0497).

► **October 5-14, 2007** — "Costa Rica, Natural Paradise". (Talbot Tours, 800-662-9933, or Sir Richard Beers, 431-3728).

► **October 28-29, 2007** — "Kingston Trio". Grand Sierra Resort in Reno (Sir Carrol Dahl, 439-5874).

► **February 14, 2008** — "Valentine's Day Luncheon on the Sierra Train". Stanislaus County (Sir Doug Hansen, 222-0497).

► **May 13-22, 2008** — "Vintage Trains of the Great Southwest". (Talbot Tours, 800-662-9933, or Sir Richard Beers, 431-3728).

► **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).

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

► *Sir Carrol Dahl*



Computers

YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE IN JULY! WE ALL WENT THERE TO the Caribbean, Canada, the Grand Canyon and Death Valley via slide shows presented wonderfully by Jim Martin and Roger Deal. Next month, Roger Deal is going to demonstrating how to create these slide show in Photoshop with your digital photos. Digital slide shows are growing more popular with so many nifty ways to share them with others. Placing digital photos into a slide show package has become essential to make an effective display, and not as difficult as you might think. This would be an ideal meeting for potential members to come and get acquainted

The August Computer Group Meeting will be at **1:00 PM, on Wednesday, August 15th**, at the Woodward Park Library on Perrin at Champlain. For further details, please contact me at **jgandsg@comcast.net** or **367-1700**.

► *Sir Jerry Gurs*



Bridge

IN RECENT SINGLES PLAY, THE HIGH TOTAL SCORE WAS MADE BY **J. Lund** with 6220 points. **R. Vierra** and **J. Williford** had the high one-table score of 2280 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3	Week #5
1	J. Williford	J. Lund	J. Collings
2	J. Leonard	J. Williford	B. Thompson
3	B. Osmanson	B. Bertelsen	M. Escobar
4	R. Vierra	B. Thompson	B. Osmanson
5	B. Thompson	P. Giragosian	J. Peterson
6	F. Hunting	M. Escobar	J. Lund
7	B. Bertelsen	—	L. Knoll
Consolation	B. Hare	K. Shaffer	D. Hanson

► *Sir John Williford*