



The Chanticleer

Date — February 8, 2007
 Place — Ramada
 324 East Shaw Avenue

• PROGRAM •
**Mayor Alan Autry or
 Deputy Mayor Roger Montero**

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

► **Big Sir ... Ron Wilson**

A SAD THING TO REPORT. Our Little Sir, Howard Boston, has had to resign that position due to his wife's illness. He wanted to continue, but is just not able to do so, and we are now faced with finding and appointing a new Little Sir for 2007. We do wish Howard and Virginia the best, and understand that family must come first. We will still look forward to seeing him at the luncheons.

It seems that all things have their season and I think that the leadership of Branch #159 is approaching a time of change. Our current officers and the various chairmen have been "recycled" quite a bit, and it really seems that we are ready for some new faces and thoughts.

First, we need a new Little Sir. This duty involves arranging for luncheon speakers and the entertainment for Ladies' Days. We already have some prospects in mind, so if you can talk on the phone and have an email address, you are a candidate. You would be an officer and be in line to ascend to Big Sir next year. We need a good leader in this position; if you are that man, or if you know a good man for the job, please contact Bill Cross, Nominating Committee chairman, at 243-3109.

Bill will also be looking for men for next years' positions, so if you are approached, "give a nod". You will find it very rewarding. We need some men with a "little action" left in them to step forward and contribute to the activities of the Branch.

We are starting the 50/50 drawing again. Tickets will be available in the Ramada lobby. As before, 50/50 tickets will be drawn as they are for the wine; half of the money will be divided between three winners and the balance goes into the general fund. This will help avoid making the "Bucket" \$3.00 (recall Treasurer Joe's comments?). So step up, take a chance, and "great fortune" will be yours.

► **February Speaker**

WE WILL HEAR ABOUT the City of Fresno's new management system, "The New Normal".

► **Editorial ... Jim Martin**

BIG SIR RON HIGHLIGHTS in his column the need for more Branch #159 members to become part of our leadership. If you aren't prepared to do that, **you can still help** by mulling over your SIR experiences and giving our leaders comments and suggestions about Branch activities. Without your "feedback", our leaders can't be sure they are serving you as fully and as well as you'd like and expect. Don't be just a "silent partner" in our fine organization!

Welcome To Our New Members!

*Ralph Brisendine
 Terry Goodman
 Victor Nemechek*

C Other Fresno SIR Programs

Branch #169, February 6 - Pardini's

Phil Walker
 CSUF Theater and Arts

Branch #175, February 22 - Pardini's

Cathy Rehart
 Local historian and author

Branch #179, February 7 - Ramada

Louis Green
 Fresno's Chaffee Zoo

► **Area Governor Sir Dave Reynolds**



February Luncheon

Beef Stroganoff ... Rosemary Chicken
 Potato

Fresh Vegetable ... Four 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

Joe Bencivengo ... John Beyers
 Homer Burrows ... Bob Cooper
 Roger Deal ... Dick Derpinghaus
 Ron Eskender ... Richard Ewell
 John Feasel ... Ed Gavigan
 George Gruner ... Roy Harris
 Robert Haw ... Lee Kerr
 Robert Martin ... Melvin Means
 David Metzger ... Bob Montgomery
 Richard Nakaguchi ... Oz Osmanson
 Russell Picirilli ... Val Rivera
 Ronald Spencer ... Jack Whitaker
 Bob Young



Happy Anniversary

Donna and Peter Berman
 Laverne and Kent Bowman
 Carolyn and Boyd Gibson
 Lois and Allen Layne
 Joan and Warren Moose
 Betty and Salvador Morales
 Betsy and James Peterson
 Jovita and Bill Powers
 Mary Ellen and John Williford



Attendance

THERE WERE 250 ACTIVE members in January. 177 members attended the luncheon. 73 members were absent, of whom 65 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*

**PLEASE NOTE ...
 The next Branch #159
 meeting will be
 MONDAY,
 MARCH 5**



Golf

*Sherwood Forest ...
 ► December 21, 2006*

- Group 7** B. Boguski/P. Conway
 M. Welch/J. Williford
- Group 10** L. Daniels/R. Major
 R. Nakaguchi/V. Rivera
- Group 6** R. Allen/N. Lee
 G. Rodriguez/M. Williamson
- Group 5** B. Hennessy/B. Jones
 G. Kazarian/L. Seto
- CTP Hole #4** 1st B. Jones
 2nd R. Nakaguchi
 3rd G. Rodriguez
- CTP Hole #15** 1st B. Hennessy
 2nd L. Daniels
 3rd M. Williamson

*Airways ...
 ► January 18, 2007*

- 1st Place** D. Scharton/B. Dickson
 B. Young/T. Feasel
- 2nd Place** V. Rivera/L. Clune
 J. Williford/P. Huffman
- 3rd Place** H. Gomar/L. Seto
 J. Sheldon/T. Goodman
- 4th Place** B. Boguski/A. Willner
 A. Insalaco/B. Hennessey
- CTP Hole #7** 1st B. Hennessey
 2nd B. Powers
 3rd L. Seto
- CTP Hole #15** 1st J. Whitmer
 2nd R. Nakaguchi
 3rd L. Mathers

*Fig Garden ...
 ► December 28, 2006*

- 1st** R. Allen/B. Boguski
 - 2nd** J. Whitmer/B. Young
 - 3rd** P. Huffman
 - 4th** K. Kerner/B. Powers
 - 5th** L. Rosander/T. Schab
 - 6th** L. Knoll/D. Scharton
 - 7th** R. Slaton/A. Wilner
 - CTP Hole #3** 1st T. Schab
 2nd B. Jones
 3rd B. Young
 - CTP Hole #11** 1st B. Boguski
 2nd J. Whitmer
 3rd T. Schab
- *Sir Mike Williamson*

Don't take life too seriously.
*... I couldn't repair your brakes,
 so I made the horn louder.
 ... Why do psychics have to ask
 your name?*

In Memoriam
Sir Al Frey

THE MARCH DEADLINE for The Chanticleer is **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19.** (Early because the March meeting is moved up).
 ► *Jim Martin, Editor*

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*Please make your 2007 voluntary contribution in lieu of the
 "Buck Bucket" — \$22.00 for February through December.*

Name: Sir _____ Badge # _____

Check amount: \$ _____, payable to Sir Branch #159
 (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

Mail to: Sir Joe Bencivengo OR Turn in to Treasurer Joe
 6309 Lauren Avenue at the January Luncheon
 Fresno CA 93710-5905

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Bowling

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

► **December 29**

High Series B. Ripley 637
High Game J. Whitmer 248

► **January 5**

High Series E. Gavigan 628
High Game J. Corter 219

► **January 12**

High Series E. Gavigan 628
High Game J. Corter 235

► **January 19**

High Series E. Gavigan 612
High Game J. Kasner 228

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

ALWAYS GET a “queasy” feeling when I go a while and don’t hear from anybody about illness in our group. I know that there are some that I miss (darn it!), but can we all be **that** healthy? I sure hope so. Anyway, as it stands right now, I have not had a call since January 5.

Wes Rose is doing well and is finished with rehab. **Russell Picirilli** has a feeding tube and is getting ready for radiation. **Bert Nuttall** is having some trouble with his hernia. **Mel Bens** was in the hospital with heart problems and I have not been able to find out his condition. I heard that **Ken Shaffer** is up and about; good show, **Ken**.

Please keep me “in the loop”, fellows. You can reach me at **439-2757** or **ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net**.

► *Sir Bob Cooper*

... God made Man before Woman so as to give him time to think of an answer to her first question.



Travel

For members and guests only!

HERE IS THE UPCOMING TRAVEL INFORMATION. We can no longer include full details in the Chanticleer. Be sure to stop at the travel table in the Ramada lobby to pick up sheets with the details.

► **March 2-12, 2007** — “Guatemala—Mayan Civilizations” (Sir Richard Beers, 431-3728).

► **April 16-21, 2007** — “Branson Musical Getaways” (Sir Ed Dorn, 433-0670).

(NOTE: The SIR 50th Anniversary Hawaii Cruise has been cancelled.)

My email is **crdahlll@comcast.net**.

► *Sir Carrol Dahl*



Computers

IN OUR SENIOR YEARS, we increasingly cherish those special moments in times past...the kids growing up, the first new car, army buddies, etc. All those moments that mean so much to us now captured in snapshots are probably stored in a shoe box up in the closet. Wish you could get those old pictures or slides into your computer so you could clean them up and make fresh copies?.

Come to our next meeting on February 21. Jim Martin will talk about scanning and editing photos. Don’t let it scare you—the technology has become much easier and less costly, and it’s fun. Show those grand kids what it was like back then ... cars with running boards, 5¢ Cokes, etc. **Spouses and guests are welcome, too!**

Our meetings are at the **Woodward Park Library**, 344 East Perrin Avenue (northwest corner with Champlain). For more information, contact me at **jgandsg@comcast.net** or **367-1700**.

► *Sir Jerry Gurss*

... Aspire to inspire before you expire.

... My wife and I had words, but I didn’t get to use mine.

... Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

IN RECENT SINGLES PLAY, the high total score was made by **Phil Fullerton** with 6170 points. **Bob Haw** and **Jim Whitmer** had the high one-table score of 2070 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3
1	L. Knoll	P. Fullerton
2	P. Giragosian	J. Whitmer
3	B. Haw	J. Lund
4	G. Rurik	H. Masters
5	J. Leonard	M. Escobar
6	J. Whitmer	B. Thompson
7	J. Peterson	G. Rurik
8		J. Leonard/B. Kooymjian (tie)
Consolation	B. Cooper	F. Huntley

► *Sir John Williford*