



# The Chanticleer

Date — January 11, 2007

Place — Ramada  
324 East Shaw Avenue

• PROGRAM •

**Narcotics Enforcement**

Social Hour — 11:00 AM

Luncheon — 12:00 Noon  
\$13.00 + Buck Bucket

## ► Big Sir ... Ron Wilson

**A** NEW YEAR, SOME NEW OFFICERS, AND SOME new things to address for 2007. First, lunch; we have signed the contract with the Ramada for the new year. Not good news on two scores. Lunch will now be \$13 instead of \$11, so keep that in mind when getting ready to come on January 11. The other is we will *not* always get the second Thursday of the month as some of those days have already been booked by other groups. As of now, we will be meeting on the usual day *except for* March and November. November will be the 1st instead of the 8th, and the Board will decide for March at its next meeting (either the 5th or the 15th). Thus, 2007 is a year in which we will have to “bob and weave” a bit, but since we are an adaptable group, I’m not worried.

Next, it looks like the ladies have spoken. They aren’t coming to Ladies’ Days as we had hoped. For several (financial) reasons we will likely discontinue the Spring event as attendance has reached the point where can’t meet the minimums. If Ladies’ Days can’t be self-supporting, the Branch can’t afford a subsidy. Absent a miracle, we will just have a regular luncheon and meeting on May 10 at the Ramada.

Finally, if you missed the Holiday Luncheon last month, you blew it! The Bullard Talent singers were better than ever; they sang and danced and performed their little hearts out—and just for us. And Pardini’s *finally* learned how to make hot French rolls. Our new leadership was sworn in by outgoing Area Governor Marvin Arnold to make us all legal again, and plenty of the ladies won door prizes. John Metzger finally had the Big Sir gavel pried out of his hand; he has been and still is one of the very best. But mostly it was those children performing so well, making their director, Jane Wagner, justifiably proud.

## ► Little Sir ... Howard Boston

**I**’M LOOKING FORWARD TO A VERY POSITIVE NEW year. Wouldn’t it be uplifting to see the new year begin and end on a positive note? So many institutions in this country seem to criticize any positive work without offering worthwhile solutions. Perhaps our SIR lengthy perspective can make a difference, in showing our thanks for and promoting our phenomenal country.

Our speaker for January is Detective John Avila of the Fresno County Sheriff’s Department, Narcotics Division. He will discuss their work toward eliminating illegal drugs throughout the county, and some of the experiences they encounter daily. Bring a friend to hear John’s talk.

Thanks to Tony Maslowski for agreeing to head up the Telephone Callers committee. I know he will do an excellent job in this vital task.

Let’s mix more together during our luncheons. Here’s to a great New Year!!!

## C Other Fresno SIR Programs

**Branch #169, January 9** - Pardini’s

Sherry McClelland

Adult Community Education

**Branch #175, January 25** - Pardini’s

Shane Krogan

High Sierra Trail Crew

**Branch #179, January 9** - Ramada

Dr. Pete Mehas

Fresno County Schools Supt., Retired

► **Area Governor Sir Dave Reynolds**



## January Luncheon

Meat Loaf ... Fried Chicken

Rice Pilaf

Fresh Vegetable ... Four Salads

Rolls & Butter ... Dessert

Coffee, Tea, Decaf

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

**NOTE ... the Ramada luncheon price is now \$13.00.**



### Happy Birthday

Ellis Bowman ... Ernie Camin  
 Ronald Copp ... Hugh Cox  
 Ronald De Baets ... Joseph DeLucca  
 Herb Helwig ... Claude Henry  
 Harold Horg ... Howard Latta  
 Phil Lundeborg ... Matt Marovich  
 Bob Merkle ... Jack Moody  
 Jack Morrill ... Don Neer  
 Wesley Rose



### Happy Anniversary

Phyllis and Bob Baird  
 Roberta and Monty Carter  
 Dorothy and Paul Conway  
 Marjorie and Bruno Ferioli  
 Peggy and Bud Gibson  
 Frances and Roy Harris  
 June and Bill Harrison  
 Gil and Bill Johnson  
 Mary and Frank Maslowski  
 Pauline and Len Mazzora  
 Jackie and Merle Petersen  
 Dolores and Orié Reed  
 Beverly and Ron Travis  
 Alice and Bob Young



### Attendance

**B**RANCH #159 HAD 200 members and guests at the Annual Holiday luncheon.

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](mailto:robertm@thegrid.net).

► Sir Bob Montgomery

**H**ERE IS WHAT YOUR BUCK BUCKET contributions are used for ...

Printing & Supplies	\$ 0.94
Postage	0.24
Officers' Expense	0.10
Guest Expense	0.16
State SIR Assessment	0.52
Other	0.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2.00</b>

► Sir Joe Bencivengo



### Golf

#### Brighton Crest ...

► November 30, 2006

**Group** R. Brisendine/T. Dougherty  
 7 D. Scharton/B. Young

**Group** J. Bencivengo/J. Deming  
 1 L. Mathers/C. Roberson

**Group** R. Allen/K. Kerner  
 9 C. Merz/J. Whitmer

**Group** E. Bowman/H. Gomar  
 4 T. Goodman/B. Powers

**CTP** 1st G. Rodriguez

**Hole** 2nd C. Merz

#2 3rd L. Clune

**CTP** 1st J. Williford

**Hole** 2nd R. Brisendine

#11 3rd P. Huffman

#### Airways ...

► December 14, 2006

**1st** S. Hatter/G. Rodriguez

**Place** B. Young/B. Boguski

**2nd** J. Williford/T. Feasal

**Place** M. Williamson/B. Jones

**3rd** T. Goodman/G. Partlett

**Place** J. Bort/H. Boston

**4th** A. Wilner/G. Gruner

**Place** H. Gomar/P. Conway

**CTP** 1st D. Betts

**Hole** 2nd J. Williford

#7 3rd B. Boguski

**CTP** 1st G. Gruner

**Hole** 2nd S. Hatter

#15 —

**Y**OUR VOICES HAVE BEEN HEARD, and changes are being made in our SIR Branch #159 Golf Group.

1. The golf schedule and sign-up sheet will indicate what kind of game will be played. We will play only games where your score can be posted, except perhaps once per year we may have a "novelty" tournament such as Scrambles.

2. Winter starting times will be 10:00, summer 8:00, with spring and fall being 9:00. Shotgun starts will be when we can get them.

3. The Ron Rich Memorial Tournament will be open to all SIR golfers who meet the participation requirements, and it will be played as a two-outing event.

4. For a new award, *Golfer of the Year*, only Branch #159 members are eligible.

5. A participation award will be made.

6. An Awards Luncheon will be held on a date after the final round of the Ron Rich Tournament.

7. There will be "unadvertised" surprise breakfasts or box lunches throughout the year, about which you will be notified when you are called regarding participation in the outing.

A more detailed explanation of these new items is available on request. With these changes, we hope to increase participation in our Golf Group.

► Sir Mike Williamson

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY CHANTICLEER.**

► Jim Martin, Editor

*Please make your 2007 voluntary contribution in lieu of the "Buck Bucket" — \$24.00 for January 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 Laureen Avenue at the January Luncheon  
 Fresno CA 93710-5905



## Bowling

**H**ERE ARE THE SIR BOWLING group results (the 80% handicaps are included):

► **December 1**

High Series C. Dahl 629  
High Game J. Corter 236

► **December 8**

High Series R. Zanarini 631  
High Game J. Whitmer 241

► **December 15**

High Series J. Whitmer 715  
High Game D. Hall 246

► **December 22**

High Series J. Whitmer 631  
High Game R. Urushima 234

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

**W**ELL, ANOTHER YEAR CAME to a close, and, health wise, we did quite well. Six members passed away. Considering our ages, these statistics are remarkably below the national averages. I credit that to the fact that we as a group stay active and keep up our interest in the events around us.

We sent get-well cards to thirty six members. I would guess that some member illnesses fell through the cracks, but on the whole that, too, is a good health record. It may be that only basically healthy men join SIR. And I'd like to believe that being a SIR helps keep us active and well.

But on the current list, I am sorry to report that **Al Frey** died after a long stay in the Veterans Hospital. **Jack McLean** has bounced back nicely. **Wes Rose** is in rehab at San Joaquin Hospital. **Paul Prody** is on the mend. **Mel Bens** has moved out of the critical care unit to Room 344 at St. Agnes.

I hope I haven't missed anybody. Reach me at 439-2757 or [ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net).

► *Sir Bob Cooper*



## Travel

For members and guests only!

**H**ERE IS THE UPCOMING TRIP 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).

► **September 24-October 10, 2008** — "Sons in Retirement 50th Anniversary Cruise to Hawaii" (Golden Gate Tours, 800-874-4345).

My email is [crdahlll@comcast.net](mailto:crdahlll@comcast.net).

► *Sir Carrol Dahl*



## Computers

**S**EX AND THE COMPUTER? You're on your own with sex, but if you want to get more out of your computer or digital camera, come to the Branch #159 Computer Group. No, we are not a bunch of geeks or nerds. Novices are particularly welcome and will get a lot of useful information by participating. At our next meeting (see below) we will have a speaker from the Clovis Police Department we will tell us about the increasingly critical matters of computer security and ID theft.

**NOTE: starting next month, we are meeting on third Wednesdays, in this case, January 17. The start time is still 1:00 PM.**

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

► *Sir Jerry Gurrss*

### Quotations ...

- Santa Claus had the right idea. Visit people only once a year.  
...*Victor Borge*
- Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.  
...*Winston Churchill*
- Be careful reading health books. You may die of a misprint.  
...*Mark Twain*

## ♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

**I**N RECENT SINGLES PLAY, the high total score was made by **Bob Rayburn** with 5700 points. **Jim Lund** and **Bill Hare** had the high one-table score of 2390 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3
1	L. Knoll	B. Rayburn
2	M. Escobar	J. Lund
3	J. Leonard	B. Hare
4	J. Peterson	B. Thompson
5	G. Rurik	F. Hunting (tie) J. Whitmer (tie)
Consolation	B. Haw	B. Cooper

► *Sir John Williford*