



# The Chanticleer

Date — March 5, 2007  
 Place — Ramada  
 324 East Shaw Avenue

• PROGRAM •  
**Harry Truman**

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

► **Big Sir ... Ron Wilson**

**W**ELL, IT HAS BEEN AN INTERESTING FIRST couple of months as Big Sir! We don't need any more excitement. We do have a new Little Sir-to-be, Reg Rosander, who will take office once he is approved by the Board on March 5. We have determined that Reg is a very suitable candidate and I am looking forward to his input to Branch affairs. Also, Ray Allen will fill in on the Board for Ron Eskender, who resigned as Director.

And we seem to have solved our budget problem, as our Treasurer Joe Bencivengo is grinning from ear to ear again, a very pleasant sight. You do not want to face a scowling Joe! So, the 50/50 draw will continue. Sign up and win your fortune!

It was good last month to have visits from SIR Regional Director Bob Curley and Area Governor Dave Reynolds. Sometimes we think of ourselves as a total entity unto ourselves here, but we are part of a great state-wide organization. The state officers are beginning to look more closely at the overall picture with an eye to downsizing and streamlining—959 rules and bylaws to live with at the branch level seems like a bit of an overkill, when the only thing a branch requires of its members is to show up for a meeting once a month.

**DON'T FORGET**—our meeting this month is **MARCH 5 ... MONDAY**. Anyone showing up at the Ramada on Thursday will have to eat alone.

• **NOTE** •

**Our meeting this month is**  
**MONDAY...MARCH 5**

(Scheduling conflict at the Ramada)

► **March Speaker**

**A**S YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED, there has been a little shifting around at the head table. Sir Howard Boston had to relinquish his Little Sir post, and Sir Reg Rosander will assume those duties in April. In the mean time, I am keeping the Little Sir seat warm for Reg. Mr. James Ashford will be our March speaker. He is a graduate of Boalt Hall school of law at U.C. Berkeley and has served as a Legislative Counsel in Sacramento. I am sure you will enjoy his message.

► *Sir Bob Cooper*

If you are real good, I will tell you a story to send you away with a smile on your face.

**C Other Fresno SIR Programs**

**Branch #169, March 13** - Pardini's

Greg Paape  
 State Fish & Game

**Branch #175, March 22** - Pardini's

Shawn Ferreria  
 San Joaquin Valley Air District

**Branch #179, March 14** - Ramada

David Toste  
 Pelco History

► *Area Governor Sir Dave Reynolds*



**March Luncheon**

BBQ Ribs ... Top Sirloin of Beef  
 Baked Potato  
 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.**

**In Memoriam**

*Sir Jack Hayden*



### Happy Birthday

Wayne Adams ... Mel Bisgaard  
 Bill Burgstaller ... Carrol Dahl  
 Ed Dill ... Nolon Doss  
 Tom Dougherty ... Don Evans  
 Mike Farley ... George Gianopulos  
 Bill Hare ... Doug Hunter  
 Ken Kerner ... Bob Kooyumjian  
 Bill Larkin ... Jack Leonard  
 Jim Lund ... Guy Mathys  
 Al Mills ... Ed Mosley  
 Larry Rosander ... Howard Smith



### Happy Anniversary

Tina and Wayne Adams  
 Kathy and Fred Arras  
 Carolyn and Allan Baxter  
 Connie and Al Black  
 Barbara and Derome Bratvold  
 Joan and Ron DeBaets  
 Beverle and Dick Derpinghaus  
 Alice and Larry Duba  
 Carol and Bill Ellsworth  
 Dorothy and Robert Emerzian  
 Margaret and Phil Fullerton  
 Phyllis and Hank Gomar  
 Carla and Ron Jones  
 Helen and Howard Latta  
 Barbara and Oz Osmanson  
 Patt and LeRoy Pandukht  
 Shirley and Graham Partlett  
 Kitty and Roger Pirie  
 Dorothy and Ken Rhodes  
 Jeanne and Roger Segelke  
 Virginia and Lee Virag



### Attendance

**T**HERE WERE 252 ACTIVE members in February. 174 members attended the luncheon. 78 members were absent, of whom 73 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](mailto:robertm@thegrid.net).

► *Sir Bob Montgomery*



### Golf

#### Riverside ...

► *January 25, 2007*

- 1st Paul Creel
- 2nd B. Oller/F. Hokr
- 3rd G. Rodriguez/G. Gruner  
(Tie) R. Nagakughi/R. Major
- 4th V. Rivera/T. Goodman

CTP 1st R. Zanarin  
 Hole —  
 #5 —

CTP 1st R. Major  
 Hole 2nd D. Scharton  
 #11 3rd F. Hokr

#### Madera ...

► *February 15, 2007*

- 1st T. Goodman/G. Rodriguez  
B. Young

- 2nd R. Allen/E. Bowman  
P. Creel/G. Partlett

- 3rd A. Baxter/R. Brisendine  
P. Huffman/G. Patton

(Tie) J. Bort/L. Knoll  
J. Sheldon/R. Zanarini

CTP 1st P. Conway  
 Hole 2nd R. Zanarini  
 #6 3rd J. Bencivengo

CTP 1st L. Seto  
 Hole 2nd M. Welch  
 #15 3rd R. Major

#### Riverbend

► *February 1, 2007*

Flight M. Welch/V. Rivera  
 A G. Rodriguez/D. Scharton

Flight L. Seto/M. Williamson  
 B R. Zanarini/L. Streit

Flight B. Young/R. Allen  
 C J. Shelton/L. Daniels

Flight L. Rosander/T. Goodman  
 D S. Hatter/J. Suddath

CTP 1st L. Seto  
 Hole 2nd P. Huffman  
 #3 3rd J. Bencivengo

CTP 1st G. Zakarian  
 Hole 2nd L. Seto  
 #15 3rd G. Patton

► *ONE OF THE THINGS we are trying to do to increase participation is surprise breakfasts or luncheons. The first was at Airways on January 18, and many said it was a good idea.*

► *Sir Mike Williamson*

*“And may the wind always be at your back.”*



Happy

Saint Patrick's Day

*Just make sure that green stuff you're drinking is really beer.*

### Welcome to these New Members ...

*Harry Cocciolo  
 Bill Parker  
 Stanley Weinstein  
 Gus Zernial*



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

**APRIL CHANTICLEER DEADLINE**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27**

► *Jim Martin, Editor*



## Bowling

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

► **January 26**

High Series T. Harlan 603  
High Game Carrol Dahl 204

► **February 2**

High Series T. Harlan 616  
High Game D. Hall 220

► **February 9**

High Series R. Zanarini 641  
High Game E. Gavigan 234

► **February 16**

High Series R. Zanarini 664  
High Game T. Harlan 231  
(Tie) R. Urushima 231

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**AM SORRY TO REPORT the passing of **Jack Hayden** on February 15. Condolences were sent. Jack will be missed.

**Merle Heetland** is coming along slowly. **Mel Bens** got out of the hospital but had a fall and now has his arm in a sling. **Don Lowe** has progressed to the point of getting out of the wheel chair. **Dick Knipper** says he will be back in circulation soon. **John Williford** had nerve damage repaired on his wrist. **Russ Piccirilli** has finished radiation. **Wes Rose** is home from the hospital. **Jack Leonard** is going in for a knee operation.

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 **ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net**.

► *Sir Bob Cooper*

*Frustration is trying to find your glasses ... without your glasses.*



## Travel

### For members and guests only!

**H**ERE 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

**W**E ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN WITH COMPUTERS! Basic and advanced training begins the third Wednesday of each month. Men who can push around a mouse and want to take a big *byte* outta life should enlist. Be there at **1:00 PM sharp**, or you’ll be AWOL (absent without learning). You don’t have to be a gung-ho techie.

At our next meeting on March 21, the subject will be “*How to Take Better Pictures*”, a great follow-up to Jim Martin’s February presentation on scanning and editing photos. The camaraderie is great and the “misses” can come too.

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

► *Sir Jerry Gurs*

### Deep thoughts for those who take life way too seriously ...

- *Save the whales. Collect the whole set.*
- *On the other hand, you have different fingers.*
- *Remember, half the people you know are below average.*
- *A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory.*
- *Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.*
- *When everything is coming your way, you are in the wrong lane.*
- *Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.*

## ♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

**I**N RECENT SINGLES PLAY, the high total score was made by **Jim Whitmer** with 5800 points. **Larry Knoll** and **Jim Lund** had the high one-table score of 2340 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3
1	J. Whitmer	L. Knoll
2	B. Kooyumjian	D. Livingstone
3	L. Knoll	B. Rayburn
4	R. Vierra	J. Lund
5	B. Cleveland	J. Peterson/P. Giragosian (tie)
6	J. Lund	—
7	D. Hansen	R. Vierra
Consolation	B. Hare	B. Cleveland

► *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*

***Entertainment ... to be Announced***  
***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 ...  
 6309 North Lauren Ave., Fresno CA 93710-5905***