



The Chanticleer

Date — November 9, 2006

Place — Ramada Inn
324 East Shaw Avenue

• PROGRAM •

Mystery Speaker!

Social Hour — 11:00 AM

Luncheon — 12:00 Noon

\$12.00 + Buck Bucket

◆ Big Sir ... John Metzger

AT THE NOVEMBER LUNCHEON, Ed Gavigan informed me that he was unable to continue as Librarian. It seems he was just overwhelmed by the number of books that had been contributed to the library. I decided to check this out for myself and was amazed to find seven tubs full of books of every description. I know that some of these books have been in the library for ages, so I decided it was time to retire some of them to the “recycle” bin. I managed to fill three tubs and reduced the number left to four, hopefully making the library a bit more manageable.

I know that many members take advantage of this service by taking books home to read. New paperback additions are always welcome, but hardcover books make the library harder to handle. The Fresno Library welcomes hardbacks as a donation and I suggest than if any of you wish to thin your home library, you donate them there.

Now, after having said all that, I’ll come to the point of this column, which is to ask for a volunteer to take on the job of Branch Librarian. The job only entails watching over the library and periodically culling out those books that have been occupying space too long. Not a great job, but one that is very necessary in maintaining a useful library for our members. Anyone wishing to take on this responsibility, please contact me at the November luncheon.

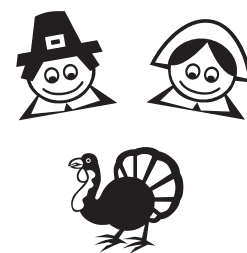
◆ Little Sir ... Ron Wilson

ICAN’T BELIEVE THAT NOVEMBER IS HERE already. What happened to October? Or, for that matter, September? My stretch as Little Sir is almost over and I feel that I am just now getting the hand of it! Already our new Area Governor is calling me, as Big Sir, to rally the officers for our annual training session for 2007.

At the beginning of the year I set two goals for myself—to find good speakers for our Branch luncheons, and to clean out my garage. Anybody need a chain saw that doesn’t work? Or a weed eater, battery-powered with no battery? I have had these and other similar items carefully stored for the past 15 years. Give me a call...the price is right.

The speaker for November is a secret, but I will tell you that he is a proven entity and a member of our Branch. Come, enjoy your friends, have a nice lunch, and listen to someone we really like.

**WISHING YOU
A GREAT
THANKSGIVING**



☺ Welcome, New Members

- ★ Norman Bainter
- ★ Charles Hansen

November Luncheon

Roast Turkey ... Baked Ham
Whipped Potatoes with Gravy
Fresh Vegetable ... Four Salads
Rolls & Butter ... Dessert
Coffee, Tea, Decaf

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

- C Other Fresno SIR Programs**
- Branch #169, November 14** - Pardini’s
Chuck Carson
Early Aviation in the Valley
 - Branch #175, November 16** - Pardini’s
Al Smith
Fresno Chamber of Commerce
 - Branch #179, November 8** - Ramada
James Ashford
Conversations with Harry Truman
Courtesy of Area Governor Sir Marvin Arnold



Happy Birthday

Bob Baird ... Augusto Benavides
 Albert Bopp ... Doran Brechman
 Byron Carlson ... George Dildine
 Albert Escola ... Jerry Gurs
 Sonny Hatter ... Angelo Insalaco
 Jerry Jones ... David Kreller
 Thomas MacNicol ... Earl Mar
 Jim Martin ... Warren Moose
 Roger Pirie ... John Pokorny
 Albert Rhodes ... Terry Schneider
 Roger Segelke ... Ken Shaffer
 Jim Sheldon ... John Smith
 John Williford ... Rich Zanarini



Happy Anniversary

Michelle and Joe Bencivengo
 Betty and Bob Bosserman
 Monica and Leonard Clune
 Margaret and Mike Federico
 Laura and Jim Kasner
 Grace and Bob Kooyumjian
 Carol and Melvin Means
 Luba and David Metzger
 Jone and Ray Phillips
 Chris and Terry Schneider
 Betty and Donald Sears
 Virginia and Sam Simonian
 Jean and Art Steffensen
 Harriet and Dick Waite
 Lynn and Alan Wilner
 Jeffie and Stephen Wray
 Deanie and Erv Zander

New Directory Coming

The 2007 Branch Directory will be issued in January. Now is the time to let us know of any changes of address, phone, or other personal information. Membership Chair Sir Roger Deal, 297-7022, or roger.deal@comcast.net.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER CHANTICLEER.

Jim Martin, Editor

Golf

Sherwood Forest ... ► September 28, 2006

1st Place P. Huffman/R. Zanarini
 F. Kurihara
2nd Place J. D'Amico/D. Metzger
 H. Gomar
3rd Place N. Lee/B. Young
 B. Boguski/B. Oller
4th Place L. Cochran/H. Boston
 B. Carlson/E. Bowman
CTP 1st R. Phillips
Hole 2nd D. Metzger
#4 3rd L. Cochran
CTP 1st E. Bowman
Hole 2nd D. Scharton
#15 3rd R. Allen

Riverbend ... ► October 19, 2006

1st Place R. Slayton
 B. Young
2nd Place F. Hokr
 R. Phillips
3rd Place (Tie) T. Forrest
 J. Whitmer
 S. Hatter
 A. Stimmel
CTP 1st L. Seto
Hole 2nd R. Rosander
#3 3rd J. Williford
CTP 1st T. Feasal
Hole 2nd F. Kurihara
#14 3rd B. Jones

Reported by Sir Mike Williamson

For Lexophiles (Word Lovers)

- A will is a dead giveaway.
- Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
- A backward poet write inverse.
- A lot of money is tainted: 'tain't yours, 'tain't mine.
- A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

Fig Garden ... ► October 5, 2006

1st Place G. Gruner/B. Jones
 D. Metzger/S. Morales
2nd Place J. Bencivengo/B. Carlson
 D. Scharton/R. Zanarini
3rd Place E. Bowman/P. Conway
 S. Hatter/L. Knoll
4th Place J. Johnson/V. Rivera
 L. Rosander/R. Rosander
CTP 1st L. Knoll
Hole 2nd B. Jones
#3 3rd R. Phillips
CTP 1st J. Whitmer
Hole —
#11 —

In Appreciation

These fine SIRs have greatly assisted our Branch by making the monthly phone calls to members, some of them for more than 10 years! We greatly appreciate their service.

Jack Begley ... Mel Bisgaard
 John Casey ... Paul Conway
 Bill Ellsworth ... Bill Freeman
 Pete Giragosian ... Jerry Jones
 Dick Knipper ... Tony Maslowski
 Tom MacNicol ... Jack Morrill
 LeRoy Pandukht ... Bob Robinson
 Terry Schneider ... Howard Smith
 Ronald Travis ... John Williford
Reported by Sir Howard Boston

Attendance

BRANCH #159 HAD 259 active members in October. 159 were present for the luncheon, with 100 absent of whom 82 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**.
Reported by Sir Bob Montgomery



Bowling

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

► **September 29**

High Series B. Ripley 632
High Game D. Hall 237

► **October 6**

High Series J. Corter 650
High Game M. Knapp 233

► **October 13**

High Series J. Corter 615
High Game J. Whitmer 231

► **October 20**

High Series J. Whitmer 686
High Game J. Metzger 243

New bowlers are always welcome at AMF Sierra Lanes on Fridays at 10:00 AM. For further information, call me at **298-3101**.

Reported by Sir Ed Gavigan



Sunshine

WE HAVE A SHORT REPORT this month. Since we are all getting up there in age, it is good to know that we are staying wealthy. But then, perhaps we, or I, don't get all the information in a timely manner.

Case in point: **Paul Prody** has had heart problems for some time now, and I have just now been informed. So sorry, Paul, for the delay, but we all hope you are doing well. **Dick Waite** has been ill, but I don't know the reason. **Stan Sherman** has had a hip operation. Do your rehab, **Stan**, and get well.

Fellows, please keep me in the loop on our members who are feeling poorly. Reach me at ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net or **439-2757**.

Reported by Sir Bob Cooper

Couples Bridge

The SIR Couples Bridge group is looking for another couple to join in their monthly sessions. If you are interested, please contact **Wes or Betty Jean Rose**, at **439-4218**.



Travel

For members and guests only!

HERE 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.

► **December 1-12, 2006** — "2006 SIR State Golf Tournament" aboard Princess Cruises' "The Dawn Princess to Mexico (Sir John Gisler, 208-585-3700).

► **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.

Reported by Sir Carrol Dahl



Computers

ON OCTOBER 24, MR. BRAD POLZIN gave a fine program on digital photography. We had 22 people present (including one from another branch), a new record!

As in the past, we will not be meeting during November and December, since our usual dates would be too close to holidays. Have a great holiday season, and may Santa favor some of you with a new computer.

In January, we hope to have a representative of the Fresno Police Department to talk on computer security, possible including identity theft. These are increasingly sensitive issues for many of us, and we need to be better informed. Check this column in the January Chanticleer for further details.

Starting in January, 2007, we will meet on a new day of the month, the third Wednesday. And we will have a new Computer Group Chairman, Jerry Gurs (allowing me to focus better on my duties as Membership Chairman.)

Our starting time will remain **1:00 PM** and the meetings will be at the Woodward Park Library, 344 East Perrin Avenue (northwest corner with Champlain). For more information, contact Jerry: jgandsg@comcast.net or **367-1700**.

Reported by Sir Roger Deal

♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

IN RECENT SINGLES PLAY, the high total score was made by **Bud Thompson** with 6150 points. **Bob Haw** and **John Williford** had the high one-table score of 2490 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3	Week #5
1	H. Cox	B. Haw	B. Thompson
2	B. Cooper	G. Rurik	J. Williford
3	B. Kooyumjian	P. Fullerton	H. Buchenberger
4	P. Giragosian	B. Kooyumjian	B. Haw
5	B. Rayburn	A. Bertelsen	H. Cox
6	J. Whitmer	F. Ferry	J. Whitmer
7	G. Rurik	-	B. Rayburn
8	J. Peterson	-	-
Consolation	B. Osmanson	B. Cleveland	J. Peterson

Reported by Sir John Williford