



The Chanticleer

Date — November 1, 2007
Place — Ramada
324 East Shaw Avenue

• PROGRAM •
Michael Jackson, U.S.B.R.

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

► Big Sir ... Ron Wilson



WOW! IT SEEMS LIKE IT was just last week when we had our October luncheon —oh, yeah, it was! We are hurrying up this time because we are gathering on the *first Thursday* of November, which happens also to be the first day of November, too.

We had a SIR Branch #159 booth at the Big Fresno Fair on Seniors' Day. We wanted to get the word out and thereby drum up some interesting possible candidates for our group. It was quite an experience, with an excellent streaming video thanks to Mike Farley and help from John Pokorny, Mike Williamson, and Rich Zanarini. Time will only tell if we were successful or not; right now, our thought is that this isn't the right venue for us (like a 4-to-1 ratio of women vs. men at the Fair that day). Thanks to all who showed up in their SIR shirts and hats.

Our combined thanks go to Jack Leonard for stepping up and taking the Chaplain's job. I know he will give us inspiring invocations. We still need help for our Membership and Attendance Chairmen. I can help you cover these jobs, and you *will* receive special seating in Heaven and be at the first table called to the buffet line—I'm sure of it!

Note ... Our November meeting is on the 1st (not the 8th)


November Luncheon

Roast Turkey ... Baked Ham
Herb Dressing ... Whipped Potatoes
Fresh Vegetable ... Salads
Rolls & Butter ... Desserts
Coffee, Tea, Decaf

► Little Sir ... Reg Rosander



CHANGE IS NOT GOOD! Everyone tells us that as we get older, we need to adapt and change. We must try to understand the new music, body piercing, etc. I remember my Dad telling me there would be **NO** Rock & Roll in *our* house. He was

a Mitch Miller fan!

While I have tried to adapt as I've become older, this month has been a lethal blow! Change the date of our luncheon to November 1! (Is somebody kidding?) New deadlines, changed golf dates, and having to explain "why" to our significant others. Hopefully, this will be a one-time thing.

Our November speaker will be Mr. Michael Jackson of the federal Bureau of Reclamation.

To cap things off, this year's Holiday Ladies' Day will also be on the first Thursday of December, the 6th, at Pardini's. See the enclosed flyer and be sure to get your money in to Treasurer Joe as soon as possible.

Other Fresno SIR Programs

November 13 — Branch #169 — Pardini's
Jim Heitkotter
... World War II Experiences

D **November 14 — Branch #179 — Ramada**
Jill Moffat
... Fresno Historical Society

November 15 — Branch #175 — Pardini's
Myrna Bolger-Taul
... St. Agnes Medical Center

► *Courtesy Area Governor Sir John Levis*

Welcome, New Members

*James Hansen
Armando Ramirez*



November Birthdays

Augusto Benevides ... Al Bopp
Byron Carlson ... George Dildine
Al Escola ... Jerry Gurs
Sonny Hatter ... Angie Insalaco
Jerry Jones ... David Kreller
Tom MacNicol ... Earl Mar
Jim Martin ... Warren Moose
Roger Pirie ... John Pokorny
Ken Rhodes ... Terry Schneider
Ken Shaffer ... Jim Sheldon
John Smith ... John Williford
Rich Zanarini



November Anniversaries

Michele and Joe Bencivengo
Betty and Bob Bosserman
Monica and Len Clune
Margaret and Mike Federico
Laura and Jim Kasner
Grace and Bob Kooyumjian
Carol and Mel Means
Luba and David Metzger
Jone and Ray Phillips
Chris and Terry Schneider
Virginia and Sam Simonian
Jean and Art Steffensen
Harriet and Dick Waite
Lynn and Al Willner
Jeffie and Steve Wray
Deanie and Erv Zander



**The DEADLINE for the
December Chanticleer is
NOVEMBER 19 (Monday)**

► *Jim Martin, Editor*

**In Memoriam
Bill Willis**

18 Golf

MADERA ...
► *September 27, 2007*
... Ron Rich, 1st Round

- 1st R. Phillips
M. Williamson
L. Streit
K. Kerner
- 2nd B. Oller
B. Dickson
J. Whitmer
L. Rosander
- 3rd G. Rodriguez
R. Allen
D. McDonough
J. D'Amico

2008 RON RICH AWARDS ...

- Ron Rich Winner — B. Young
- Golfer of the Year — R. Allen
- Highest Attendance — J. Whitmer



Computer News

AT ITS OCTOBER 17 MEETING, the Computer Group saw and heard a great program by Jerry Gurs on formatting documents correctly, particularly emails. So many of us now communicate that way now, not by hand-written notes.

More people should follow the basic (and uncomplicated) rules on creating attractive, clear documents which are a credit to the writer. Examples are using black (not color) type and fonts in a range of 10 to 14 points in size. Proper grammar, spelling, use of paragraphs are also critical. And forget "smilies" or similar graphics, which are now passé.

The audience was particularly interested in how to avoid sending email addresses across the world when forwarding a message. Jerry suggests: 1) copy the part(s) which you want to send, 2) paste them in a new email addressed to yourself, and then 3) send blind copies (bcc) to those whom you wish to get the information. You can also copy their addresses from the list in the original message and paste them in.

FIG GARDEN
► *October 4, 2007*
... Ron Rich, 2nd Round

- 1st V. Rivera
R. Zanarini
B. Young
J. D'Amico
- 2nd T. Robertson
C. Merz
J. Bort
L. Casper
- 3rd B. Oller
B. Evans
J. Devlin
S. Hatter

SIERRA MEADOWS ...

► *October 11, 2007*

- 1st E. Bowman
L. Rosander
- 2nd D. Betts
J. Bort
L. Daniels
R. Phillips
- 3rd R. Jones
K. Kerner
V. Rivera
G. Rodriguez
R. Rosander
J. Whitmer

► *Sir Mike Williamson*

The Law of the Telephone —

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.



Attendance

IN OCTOBER, BRANCH #159 HAD 249 active members. Attendance was lower than usual, with 156 present and 93 absent, of whom 67 had been 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 439-1228 or by email at robertm@thegrid.net.

► *Sir Bob Montgomery*



Bowling

THE SIR BOWLING GROUP HAS started the new season. Here are recent results:

- ▶ September 28
 - High series J. Kasner 634
 - High game B. Ripley 217
- ▶ October 5
 - High series R. Spencer 647
 - High game T. Harlan 239
- ▶ October 12
 - High series T. Harlan 641
 - High game R. Zanarini 252

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

▶ *Sir Ed Gavigan*



Sunshine

IAM SORRY TO PASS ALONG THE death of **Sir Bill Willis**. He had a stroke in September and died early in October. Condolences were sent to the family. Also, **Fred Osterberg's** wife, **Susie**, passed away recently; her service was attended by many of his SIR friends.

On the "get well" side, more is coming up roses. **Jack Begley** got up to Mammoth for some fishing. And **Kent Bowlan** is well along the road in recovery from pneumonia. I have a nagging feeling that I must have missed someone.

Remember—if you know any of our members who are under the weather, give them a call as that will do wonders for them.

And let me know when you hear some news that should be reported here. Call me at **439-2757** or email me at ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net.

▶ *Sir Bob Cooper*

Red Skelton on Marriage —

I haven't spoken to my wife in six months. I don't like to interrupt her.

We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.



Travel

For members and guests only!

HERE IS THE UPCOMING TRAVEL INFORMATION. WE ARE LIMITED from giving full details here in the Chanticleer. Be sure to stop at the travel table in the lobby to pick up sheets with more information.

- ▶ **February 14, 2008** — "Valentine's Day Luncheon on the Sierra Train". Stanislaus County (Sir Doug Hansen, 222-0497).
 - ▶ **February 24-March 4, 2008** — "Italy". (Sir Ed Dorn, 433-0670).
 - ▶ **May 11-20, 2008** — "Vintage Trains of the Great Southwest". (Talbot Tours, 800-662-9933, or Sir Richard Beers, 431-3728).
 - ▶ **October 1-6, 2008** — "Washington, D.C.". (Talbot Tours, 800-662-9922, 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

WE'RE JUST TWO MONTHS AWAY FROM THE END OF THE YEAR, AND we've covered a lot of ground over the past ten months, including digital cameras, slide shows, and a whole lot of other valuable tech information. We've had really good participation and some interesting programs. Now, we are going to give you November off to practice everything we've talked about.

NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER because our regular day would be the day before Thanksgiving. When most of us will be busy with family matters. For December, we will try a "Show and Tell", where you can display a short photo collection, videos, etc. Details later, but start thinking about what you'd like to show us.

Just a reminder that we now meet at the Madera-Fresno Area Agency on Aging on Dakota Avenue, on third Wednesdays of the month.

Happy Thanksgiving! For more information, you can contact me at **367-1700** or jgandsg@comcast.net.

▶ *Sir Jerry Gurs*



♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

IN OCTOBER SINGLES PLAY, THE HIGH TOTAL SCORE WAS MADE by **L. Knoll** with 561 points. **G. Rurik** and **K. Shaffer** had the high one-table score of 1900 points.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Week #1</i>
1	L. Knoll
2	G. Rurik
3	B. Rayburn
4	B. Bertelsen
5	K. Shaffer
6	M. Escobar
7	B. Kooyumjian
<i>Consolation</i>	D. Metzger

▶ *Sir John Williford*