



# The Chanticleer

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

• PROGRAM •  
**To Be Announced**

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

## ► Big Sir ... Ron Wilson

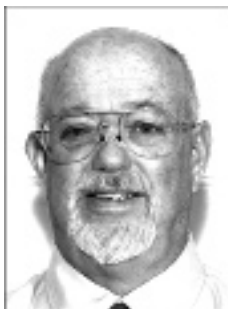


**T**HE FINAL QUARTER!  
 I have only three more months to get this job right! We do have some unfinished business. It is very hard to find good, qualified, men to fill the positions we need filled as they come up and we have a couple of openings that have gone wanting. Part of the SIR creed is to have fun and enjoy others' company, and that is only possible if all our offices have men in them. No one works too hard and we do have good times. Otherwise it always ends up with a few doing it all and they tend to burn out—as in all organizations.

The following positions need to be filled: Asst. Membership Chairman and Chaplain, and eventually, Asst. Attendance Chairman. For example, it's glaringly obvious how important Roger Deal is to us, but he will be on a cruise this month, so his duties have to be covered—lists, certificates, candidate contacts, handling the sound "mixer", and making the inductions. See why he needs an assistant?

If I come and tap you on the shoulder for one of these jobs, it means we know you're qualified and we think you'd be good for the job. (If you haven't been tapped, that doesn't mean you aren't qualified, but just you haven't been spotted yet.) Help out here, and let me know. The only way to get all you can out of SIR is to take an active part.

## ► Little Sir ... Reg Rosander



**O**CTOBER POINTS TO ponder.

What do O. J. Simpson, Britney Spears, a new Clovis Wal-Mart, and the "Jena 6" have in common? Absolutely nothing! Except that those will be among the big topics of news for October, whether

we like it or not! Oh, you might throw in an CSUF win streak if miracles happen. The point is that we don't get to choose our news anyhow!

It's just like this column. You get it whether you choose to or not. I keep trying to come up with poignant thoughts. Sometimes they come, sometimes they don't. Please bear with me.

Our confirmed speaker for October cancelled on us at the last minute. It's difficult to get speakers on short lead time, but we are working hard to get a replacement you'll appreciate.

Make sure to read the enclosed flyer for the Christmas Ladies' Day, and get your money in. Let's make this one the best ever! The Bullard Talent kids will be back, and you're in for a treat!

## Other Fresno SIR Programs

**October 9 — Branch #169 — Pardini's**  
 Greg McAllister  
 ... Graffiti abatement

**D** **October 10 — Branch #179 — Ramada**  
 Tony Buelna  
 ... Friant Dam Chief of Operations

**October 25 — Branch #175 — Pardini's**  
 Richard Beers  
 ... Travel tales and adventures

► *Courtesy Area Governor Sir John Levis*



**November Luncheon**

Fried Chicken ... BBQ Ribs  
 Roasted New Potatoes  
 Fresh Vegetable ... Salads  
 Rolls & Butter ... Dessert  
 Coffee, Tea, Decaf



**October Birthdays**

Charles Barnett ... Clarence Burrows  
 Lance Casper ... Bev Dickinson  
 Bill Ellsworth ... Boyd Gibson  
 Harlow Hosford ... Walter Lake  
 Donald Lowe ... Dick McDonough  
 Albert Nuttall ... Tim Robertson  
 Dave Scharton ... Art Steffensen  
 Ray Urushima ... Bill Willis  
 Robert Zoldoske



**October Anniversaries**

Olga and Augusto Benavides  
 Shirley and Hugh Cox  
 Cathy and Bruce Evans  
 Marge and Donald Evans  
 Marcelle and René Klopstein  
 Maxine and Jack Leonard  
 Mary and James Lund  
 June and Tony Maslowski  
 Rose and Charles Olono  
 Linda and George Ordway  
 Lynn and John Pokorny  
 Mary and Don Reitz  
 Rose and Stanley Sherman  
 Josephine and Frank Smith  
 Betty and Frank Smith, Jr.  
 Ronnalie and Melvin Welch  
 Zelma and Bill Willis  
 Theresa and Ronald Wilson

**Welcome, New Members**

*Charles Jaurique*  
*Shane Petersen*  
*Don Reitz*



**The DEADLINE for the  
 November Chanticleer is  
 OCTOBER 24 (Wednesday)**

► *Jim Martin, Editor*



**Golf**

**AIRWAYS ...**

► *August 30, 2007*

- 1st** S. Petersen+S. Morales+  
P. Conway+J. Whitmer(\*)
- 2nd** R. Phillips+B. Robinson+  
C. Smith+G. Partlett(\*)
- 3rd** E. Bowman+R. Allen+  
D. Ensminger+G. Partlett(\*)  
(\* ) = Draw

**VALLEY OAKS ...**

► *September 12, 2007*

- 1st** D. Moore+D. Ensminger+  
J. Whitmer+G. Gruner(\*)
- 2nd** R. Thompson+E. Black+  
P. Huffman+R. Nakaguchi(\*)
- 3rd** M. Welch+H. Gomar+  
J. Judd+C. Peterson  
(\* ) = Draw

**FRESNO WEST ...**

► *September 6, 2007*

- 1st** R. Nakaguchi  
J. Devlin  
G. Gruner
- 2nd** J. Bort  
B. Evans  
L. Casper
- 3rd** R. Rathburn  
R. Allen  
L. Rosander

**SHERWOOD FOREST ...**

► *September 20, 2007*

- 1st** S. Morales+T. Forrest
- 2nd** M. Fair+M. Williamson  
R. Zanarini+P. Huffman
- 3rd** L. Clune+J. D'Amico
- 4th** B. Evans+R. Rosander  
R. Phillips+B. Robinson

► *Sir Mike Williamson*

**Ever wonder why ...**

- ☺ You don't ever see the headline, "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- ☺ The word "abbreviated" is so long?
- ☺ If "con" is the opposite of "pro", is Congress the opposite of progress?
- ☺ Why they are called "apartments" when they're all stuck together?
- ☺ Sheep don't shrink when it rains?
- ☺ The sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- ☺ Women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?



**Attendance**

**I**N SEPTEMBER, BRANCH #159 HAD 247 active members. 172 were present at the luncheon, with 75 absent, of whom 60 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](mailto:robertm@thegrid.net).

► *Sir Bob Montgomery*



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



## Bowling

**T**HE SIR BOWLING GROUP HAS started the new season. Here are recent results:

- ▶ September 7
  - High series J. Corter 654
  - High game J. Whitmer 282
- ▶ September 14
  - High series M. Knapp 613
  - High game B. Ripley 215
- ▶ September 21
  - High series M. Knapp 664
  - High game D. Metzger 239

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

**I** APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY to keep in touch with the members while I fulfill a duty I have been wanting to do for a long time (serving on the Fresno County Grand Jury). I have had a most prosperous life here in Fresno off and on for the past eighty years. I don't know if I am paying back or forward but we all owe a duty to help make the system work. I wish I could do more. I will now put away my soapbox and get to work.

The saddest news is that **Perry Huffman's** daughter died. **Fred Osterberg's** wife, **Susie**, is not doing well, and **Barrie Laughton's** wife, **Cay**, is making progress slowly. Our prayers go out to these members' families.

On the brighter side, **Jack Begley** says he is healed. **Ray Urushima** is home and walking with assistance. **Bill Willis** had a stroke, but I don't know how he is doing. I have heard from friends that **Dale Reichard** is doing better.

Remember—if you know any of these members, give them a call as that will do wonders for them.

Call me at **439-2757** or email me at **ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net**.

▶ *Sir Bob Cooper*

**Oliver's Law ... A closed mouth gathers no feet.**



## Travel

**For members and guests only!**

**H**ERE 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.

▶ **October 28-29, 2007** — “**Kingston Trio**”. Grand Sierra Resort in Reno (Sir Carrol Dahl, 439-5874).

▶ **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

**E**XITING NEWS! NO MORE EVER-CHANGING MEETING DAYS AND THE hassle of making room reservations. Our Computer Group has a new home and regular meeting day and time:

LOCATION—Madera-Fresno Area Agency on Aging

North side of Dakota Ave. between Blackstone Ave. and Fresno St.

DAY & TIME—Third Wednesday of the month, at 10:00 AM

All computer users are welcome. You'll find the group very congenial and a great source for information. For October—the 17th—we will have a presentation on properly formatting documents for better readability, improved information retention, and a more attractive appearance. We can also tour the new facility with its computer lab. For more information, you can contact me at **367-1700** or **jgandsg@comcast.net**.

▶ *Sir Jerry Gurs*

## ♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

**I**N AUGUST SINGLES PLAY, THE HIGH TOTAL SCORE WAS MADE BY **R. Vierra** with 5440 points. **R. Vierra** and **B. Osmanson** had the high one-table score of 1400 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3	Week #5
1	J. Williford	R. Vierra	H. Cox
2	G. Rurik	P. Fullerton	D. Hansen
3	P. Fullerton	J. Whitmer	B. Thompson
4	J. Leonard	M. Escobar	B. Haw
5	P. Giragosian	B. Cleveland	P. Fullerton
6	B. Haw	L. Knoll	J. Williford
		J. Leonard	
Consolation	B. Kooyumjian	J. Lund	B. Osmanson

▶ *Sir John Williford*



# *Announcing*

## **Sons in Retirement**

### **BRANCH #159 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

### **Thursday, December 6, 2007**

### **Where ... Pardini's**

*(2245 West Shaw at Van Ness Extension)*

### **Bar Open ... 11:00 AM**

### **Luncheon Served ... 12:00 Noon**

#### **• Menu •**

*Entree Choices:*

*Roast Turkey with Dressing (or) Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce*

*Tossed Garden Salad*

*Whipped Potatoes with Gravy*

*Vegetable of the Season*

*Baguettes...Butter...Coffee...Tea...Water*

*Dessert, Chef's Choice*

### **Price ... \$32.00 per Couple ... \$16.00 Single**

### ***Entertainment by Bullard Talent***

### ***And Lots of Door Prizes!***



**Give or mail this form to Joe Bencivengo ... BY NOVEMBER 29**

*6309 N. Laureen Avenue, Fresno CA 93710-5905*

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Entree \_\_\_\_\_ Ham Entree**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed**

*Make checks payable to SIR BRANCH #159*