



The Chanticleer

Date — September 8, 2005
Place — Ramada Inn
324 East Shaw Avenue

PROGRAM
Dan Pessano

Social Hour — 11:00 AM
Luncheon — 12:00 Noon
\$12.00 + Buck Bucket

Big Sir...*Bill Cross*

AUGUST IS ALMOST GONE, AND WITH IT THREE-fourths of the year. The Branch officers for next year have been decided. Joe D'Amico decided to remove his name from the slate for personal reasons. John Metzger, our 2004 Past Big Sir, volunteered to "go around again" next year's Big Sir. The other officers as elected are Little Sir Ron Wilson, Secretary Al Black, Treasurer Joe Bencivengo. Incoming Directors are Tony Maslowski, Art Steffensen, Bruno Ferioli, Jim Martin, Jim Bort, and Rich Zanarini.

Help ... we need assistance! After Joe Bencivengo explained the duties of the Assistant Treasurer, we got a volunteer for that position. At the September meeting, Ron Wilson will similarly describe what the Assistant Secretary does, and we need someone to step forward for that job.

Also, Attendance Chairman Bob Montgomery has an **immediate** need for someone to back him up at the meetings; how about **you**? Our Branch has been somewhat unique among branches in that we have generally worked without assistants to help the committee chairmen, the Golf Committee being the exception.

We don't intend to overlook or slight our older members, but most of us have brought into the Branch most of our friends who were interested. When it comes to our leadership, many have "been there, done that", sometimes twice or more in the past. Please don't be bashful; step forward if there's an area where you can particularly help. And make some new friends and bring them to SIR.

In the meantime, since we're just holding our own on membership, we'll be concentrating on getting new members and increasing member involvement in the Branch leadership and duties.

Cross' Law ... "For every action, there's and equal and opposite criticism".

"Ignorance is no excuse for the law".
Citizen complaint at a Fresno City Council meeting.

Little Sir...*Joe D'Amico*

DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, MARTHA KISTLER, OUR scheduled August speaker was unable to make her presentation. However, she was so impressed with our group that she expressed a desire to make the presentation at a future date. I promised to let incoming Little Sir Ron Wilson know about Martha's availability for 2006.

Dan Pessano, our September speaker, will talk extemporaneously on life in the theater. Dan is a polished speaker with a comic flair. I am sure he'll be entertaining. Dan is the head director of Good Company Players and Second Space Theater. He is an accomplished actor who has performed in many G.C.P. productions, such as "Fiddler on the Roof" (as Tevye, with myself as the Rabbi). He made my youthful dream of performing someday in "Fiddler" a reality.

Finally we have a break in our August weather. I never dreamed I would be happy to have 90 degree temperatures! Of course, in my home town of New York City, 90 degree temperatures are accompanied by 90 percent humidity. Sure makes for sticky living conditions.

"He who climbs highest who helps another up".

Zig Zigler

Other Fresno Branch Programs

Branch #169 - September 13
Nancy Levan, "Probate Law"

Branch #175 - September 22
Steve Cleveland, CSUF Basketball Coach

Branch #179 - September 14
George Gruner, "California Waterways"



Our Luncheon Menu

Lamb Shanks ... Fried Chicken
Wild Rice ... Fresh Vegetable
Four Salads
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea, Decaf
Dessert



Happy Birthday

Bob Bosserman...Harry Buchaklian
 Paul Creel...John Devlin
 Phil Fullerton...Len Mazzora
 Jim McCluskey...Carl Nichols
 Ray Phillips...Paul Prody
 Bob Rathburn...Orie Reed
 Jim Ruhl...Larry Smith
 Jim Suddath...Al Verdugo
 Merv Voth...Mel Welch
 Ed Wiens



Happy Anniversary

Doris & Mel Bens
 Joanne & John Beyers
 Barbara & Jim Bort
 Kathy & John Brechman
 Jackie & Bob Christiansen
 Nelleen & Bill Cross
 Margaret & Joe D'Amico
 Sue & Bob Dowell
 Frankie & Ted Feasel
 Dorothea & George Gianopulos
 Betty & Merle Heetland
 Wilma & Herb Helwig
 Bernice & Larry Knoll
 Kathy & Bill Larkin
 Barbara & Earl Mar
 Elsie & Bill Meyers
 Esther & Chuck Nachaljian
 Kate & Carl Nichols
 Jackie & Ed Smiley
 Alma & George Smith
 Beatrice & Howard Smith
 Margaret & Al Verdugo
 June & Mervyn Voth
 Mary Ann & Jim Whitmer

Welcome, New Members

**David Metzger
 Russell Piccirilli
 John Smith**

Friday, September 23, is the deadline for the **October Chanticleer**—your continued, invaluable assistance is greatly appreciated.

...Jim Martin

18 Golf

**Pheasant Run
 July 21, 2005**

1st D. Van Wyhe/J. Devlin
Place B. Dickson/S. Morales
 D. Betts/M. Williamson
4-Way Tie! J. Metzger/J. Sheldon
 P. Baker/L. Seto
 B. Hennessy
 R. Phillips/C. Roberson
 R. Rosander/J. D'Amico

CTP 1st D. Lindauer
Hole #4 2nd D. Scharton
 3rd B. Welch

CTP 1st D. Van Wyhe
Hole #17 2nd C. Roberson
 3rd G. Patton

**Pheasant Run
 August 18, 2005**

1st R. Phillips/B. Rathburn
Place G. Patton/L. Knoll

2nd D. Lindauer/R. Allen
Place J. Devlin/J. Sheldon

3rd M. Welch/A. Barnes
Place J. Williford/J. Bencivengo

CTP 1st D. Lindauer
Hole #6 2nd J. Williford
 3rd J. Bencivengo

CTP 1st J. Bort
Hole #14 2nd R. Rosander
 3rd J. Devlin

**Fig Garden
 July 28, 2005**

1st B. Rathburn/S. Crew
Place J. Sheldon/D. Van Wyhe

2nd D. Betts/R. Zanarini
Place R. Rosander/B. Nuttall

3rd B. Oller/A. Baxter
Place G. Gruner/T. Forrester

4th K. Kerner/R. Allen
Place J. D'Amico/B. Osmanson

CTP 1st B. Boguski
Hole #3 2nd P. Baker
 3rd J. Whitmer

CTP 1st B. Boguski
Hole #15 2nd M. Welch
 3rd F. Hokr

**Riverside
 August 4, 2005**

A 1st D. Scharton/P. Baker
Flight (Ties) 3rd H. Gomar/J. Whitmer
 J. Bort

B 1st C. Roberson/
Flight M. Williamson
 (Tie)
 3rd A. Wilner

C 1st G. Patton
Flight 2nd J. D'Amico
 3rd G. Gruner/L. Casper
 (Tie)

D 1st S. Morales
Flight 2nd J. Sheldon
 3rd L. Knoll/K. Shaffer
 (Tie)

CTP 1st M. Williamson
#5 2nd J. Bort
 3rd B. Nuttall

CTP 1st J. Bort
Hole #11 2nd A. Wilner
 3rd G. Patton

...Sir Dave Scharton

Directory Update

The September, 2005, Directory Update is included with this issue of the Chanticleer. Please advise Roger Deal of any corrections by August 15 — 297-7022 or roger.deal@comcast.net.

Attendance

BRANCH #159 HAD 254 ACTIVE members in August; 167 were present at the meeting, and 95 were absent, of which 51 were excused. There are 10 inactive members.

According to our Bylaws, members are expected to attend or to notify the Attendance Chairman whenever they wish to be excused. Three consecutive absences or a total of six absences in a twelve-month period constitutes a jeopardy to membership.

If you are unable to attend in September, contact me by phone at 439-1228 or at robertm@thegrid.net.

...Sir Bob Montgomery

 **Bowling**

NEW BOWLERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME at AMF Sierra Lanes on Fridays at 10:00 AM. The new season starts on September 9. For further information, call me at 298-3101.

...Sir Ed Gavigan

 **Sunshine**

WELL, WE SEEM TO BE OVER THE summer mean heat streak—warm weather is nice but this has been a little much.

Two members have really bad problems and we need to keep in touch with them to offer aid and comfort. I refer to **Ben Amirkhanian** and **Chuck Furby**, both of whom have fallen victim to Alzheimer's. **Mel Bisgaard** is starting chemo but otherwise doing well; **Al Black** is rehabbing and says it hurts; **Don Blosser** is waiting for his leg to heal; **Dick Waite** is recovering from his hip work. **Merle Heetland** is home again; **Bob Merkle's** bypass is healing; and **Ken Kenyon** is rehabbing from his stroke.

Take a minute to call these members and chat a while; it will do them (and you) lots of good. Let me know if you hear of problems suffered by a SIR. Reach me at 439-2757 or ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net.

...Sir Bob Cooper

 **Travel** 

For members and guests only!

HERE IS THE LATEST INFORMATION ON UPCOMING TRIPS. WE CAN NO LONGER include full information in the Chanticleer. Be sure to stop at the travel table in the Ramada lobby to pick up sheets with the details.

October 19-20, 2005 — "J. Paul Getty Museum & Ronald Reagan Presidential Library" (*Sir Ed Dorn, 433-0670*).

November 1-3, 2005 — "Reno Hilton, Bob Newhart Show" (*Sir Carrol Dahl, 439-5874*). *NOTE: As of publication, this trip is on stand-by.*

November 2-9 or November 9-16, 2005 — "SIR State Golf Tournament, in Ixtapa, Mexico" (*Golden Gate Tours, 800-874-4345*).

January 2-13, 2006 — "Ultimate Caribbean Cruise" (*Sir Carrol Dahl, 439-5874*).

February 14, 2006 — "Valentine's Day on the California Hornblower Yacht" (*Sir Doug Hansen, 222-0497 or Tony Costa, 322-7145*).

October 14-22, 2006 — "American Queen, St. Paul to St. Louis" (*Sir Doug Hansen, 222-0497*).

My email is crdahl@comcast.net.

...Sir Carrol Dahl

Towel Heads

RECENTLY IT WAS LEARNED THAT the above is a politically incorrect term.

Apparently, Islamic terrorists who hate our guts and want to kill us don't like to be called "towel heads", since the item worn on their heads is actually a small folded sheet.

Therefore, from now on, please refer to them as "Little Sheet Heads". We all want to be more sensitive in our choice of words. Thanks for your support.

 **Computer Group**

THIRTEEN SIRs ATTENDED OUR August 23 meeting, including Area Governor Marv Arnold. Jim Martin made a "live" presentation on screen savers and a digital one on internet searches. For most of the searches he used the popular "Google" application (and its offshoot, "Froogle" for comparison shopping). He demonstrated searches in various areas such as people, health, business, and the SIR web site. He also covered bookmarks ("favorites" for PC users).

On September 27 at the special time of 1:00 PM I will do a presentation on email for PC's. We meet at the Woodward Park Library, 344 East Perrin Avenue (at the northwest corner with Champlain).

Future programs will deal with taxes and scanning/editing of film images and saving them on CDs.

For more information, contact me: roger.deal@comcast.net or 297-7022.

...Sir Roger Deal

 **Bridge**

IN SINGLES PLAY LAST MONTH, BOB OSMANSON HAD THE HIGH TOTAL SCORE of 6360 points, while **Jim Lund** and **John Williford** had the high one-table score of 2410 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3	Week #5
1	B. Haw	J. Whitmer	B. Osmanson
2	F. Hunting	B. Osmanson	J. Williford
3	J. Leonard	J. Lund	B. Thompson
4	R. Vierra	L. Knoll	J. Whitmer
5	K. Shaffer	A. Miller	G. Rurik
6	D. Lower	R. Vierra	J. Lund
7	L. Knoll	B. Thompson	—
Consolation	J. Williford	J. Peterson	W. Rose

We bid farewell to senior member, Art Miller, who is moving to Sequim, WA.

...Sir John Williford