



# The Chanticleer

Date — September 14, 2006

Place — Ramada Inn  
324 East Shaw Avenue

• PROGRAM •

**Roy Fessenden**

Social Hour — 11:00 AM

Luncheon — 12:00 Noon

\$12.00 + Buck Bucket

◆ **Big Sir ... John Metzger**

**T**HE ANNUAL MEETING of all Big Sirs and State officers was held August 7 in Vallejo to elect state officials for the year 2007. The slate as proposed by the nominating committee was approved, there being no nominations from the floor.

There are presently 166 branches in the SIR organization and it appeared that the majority of branches were represented. Total SIR membership has dropped to about 26,000 from the 35,000 when I joined SIR eleven years ago. After the election, the meeting turned to increasing membership. Our Branch #159 membership has been generally stable, with new members to replace those lost. As of June, we are at 264 members, eleven below the cap of 275 set by the branch Executive Committee.

Our Bulletin Editor is preparing a brochure about the branch and its programs to be given to meeting guests along with an application blank. Let's see if out of the 264 of us we can get at least eleven loyal members to invite a prospect to lunch in October or November and encourage him to join.

Attending the state meeting did re-emphasize to me the fact that we here are part of a much larger organization. As a branch, we have a certain latitude as to how the branch is conducted under the (959) rules set by the state. SIR is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, so something must be getting done right!

◆ **Little Sir ... Ron Wilson**

**G**REETINGS, ONE AND ALL. I trust you've had a nice (cool?) summer, and have now deposited kids, grand kids, and great-grand kids in their respective and proper homes again. And, that they're ready to begin another school year with high hopes and great expectations. We here at SIRs welcome you back if you've been away.

Our speaker for September is *Roy Fessenden*. He will be speaking about operation "Desert Storm". He was there and has quite a story to tell, and I'm looking forward to his being with us.

Lastly, if you have not been downtown to visit the *Legion of Valor* museum, I heartily recommend that you do so. It is a fascinating place full of interesting models, uniforms, medals, weapons, and narrated stories on video by veterans from this area. It also has an excellent show on "How War Starts". The museum is located in the Memorial Auditorium across from the Water Tower at Fresno and O Streets. You might even see a familiar face working there as a docent.

 **Directory Update**

**A**n update to the 2006 Branch Directory is included with this issue of the Chanticleer. Help us keep current by advising Membership Chairman Roger Deal of any change in your address, phone, etc., as soon as possible. 297-7022 or roger.deal@comcast.net.



**September Luncheon**

Meat Balls/Spaghetti ... Herb Chicken  
Baked Potato  
Fresh Vegetable ... Four Salads  
Rolls & Butter ... Dessert  
Coffee, Tea, Decaf

**PLEASE put your luncheon ticket in the proper basket!** Treasurer Joe says that too many luncheon tickets aren't being placed in the baskets on the buffet tables as they should be. They are either being left on the luncheon tables or dropped in the badge buckets. This makes it hard to correctly account for the number of luncheons and causes Joe extra work after we have all left. He will appreciate your assistance!



**Other Fresno SIR Programs**

September 12 - Branch 169 - Pardini's

*James Ashford*

*"Talks with Harry Truman"*

September 13 - Branch #179 - Ramada

*Chuck Carson*

*"San Joaquin Valley Early Aviation"*

September 28 - Branch #175 - Pardini's

*Ned and Joanne Polenz*

*Red Cross Volunteers after Katrina*

*Courtesy of Area Governor Sir Marvin Arnold*



**Happy Birthday**

Bob Bosserman...Harry Buchaklian  
 Paul Creel...John Devlin  
 Phil Fullerton...Len Mazzora  
 Jim McCluskey...Carl Merz  
 Carl Nichols...Ray Phillips  
 Paul Prody...Bob Rathburn  
 Orië Reed...Jim Ruhl  
 Lynn Streit...Jim Suddath  
 Al Verdugo...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 & John Feasal  
 Dorothea & George Gianopulos  
 Erika & Bob Green  
 Betty & Merle Heetland  
 Wilma & Herb Helwig  
 Bernice & Larry Knoll  
 Barbara & Earl Mar  
 Janet & Carl Merz  
 Kate & Carl Nichols  
 Jackie & Ed Smiley  
 Beatrice & Howard Smith  
 Margaret & Al Verdugo  
 Mary Ann & Jim Whitmer

**Visit the  
 Sons in Retirement  
 Web Site  
[www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)**

**The deadline for the  
 October Chanticleer is  
 Wednesday, September 27.  
 ... Jim Martin, Editor**

**In Memoriam  
 Sir William Meyers**

**18 Golf**

**Madera ...**

► **June 22, 2006**

**Group 8** F. Arras/L. Clune  
**1st** T. Forrest/H. Huffin  
 J. Metzger  
**Group 2** K. Kerner/C. Roberson  
**2nd** B. Robinson/R. Rosander  
**Group 7** B. Dickson/J. Doherty  
**3rd** N. Lee/D. Scharton  
**Group 5** R. Allen/P. Creel  
**4th** J. Sheldon/J. Whitmer  
**CTP** 1st A. Insalaco  
**Hole** 2nd R. Zonarini  
**#6** 3rd T. Forrest  
**CTP** 1st L. Streit  
**Hole** 2nd F. Hokr  
**#11** 3rd D. Metzger

**Riverside ...**

► **July 20, 2006**

**A** R. Segelke/D. Scharton  
**Flight** D. Betts/Gomar & Oller  
**B** D. Metzger/H. Cox  
**Flight** Seto/Roberson (tie)  
**C** J. Metzger/B. Dickson  
**Flight** R. Rosander/S. Morales  
**D** B. Young/N. Lee  
**Flight** P. Huffman/D. Major  
**CTP** 1st T. Feasal  
**Hole** 2nd G. Patton  
**#5** 3rd C. Merz  
**CTP** 1st B. Dickson  
**Hole** 2nd H. Gomar  
**#11** 3rd Scharton & Whitmer

**Sherwood ...**

► **July 27, 2006**

**1st** B. Oller/A. Baxter  
**Place** J. Sheldon/L. Rosander  
**2nd** E. Bowman/D. Metzger  
**Place** J. D'Amico/P. Huffman  
**3rd** G. Munroe/B. Boguski  
**Place** J. Williford/N. Lee  
**4th** R. Segelke/R. Zonarini  
**Place** T. Feasal/J. Whitaker  
**CTP** 1st A. Baxter  
**Hole** 2nd R. Segelke  
**#4** 3rd B. Hennessy  
 4th G. Patton  
**CTP** 1st C. Roberson  
**Hole** 2nd J. Metzger  
**#15** 3rd B. Oller  
 4th L. Rosander

**Lemoore ...**

► **August 3, 2006**

**A** A. Stimmel/F. Kurihara  
**Flight** R. Slaton/D. Lindauer  
**B** B. Boguski/D. Whitlow  
**Flight** B. Merkel/L. Seto  
**C** J. Metzger/B. Dickson  
**Flight** S. Morales/J. Sheldon  
**D** B. Hennessy/J. Williford  
**Flight** A. Insalaco/P. Huffman  
**CTP** 1st B. Boguski  
**Hole** 2nd A. Stimmel  
**#7** 3rd D. Lindauer  
**CTP** 1st B. Hennessy  
**Hole** 2nd F. Kurihara  
**#11** D. Lindauer

...Sir Mike Williamson



**Attendance**

**B**RANCH #159 HAD 262 active members in August. There were 173 present for the luncheon, and 89 absent of whom 57 were excused.

*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 six absences in a twelve-month period constitute a jeopardy to membership.*

If you are unable to attend in June, contact me by phone at 439-1228 or at [robertm@thegrid.net](mailto:robertm@thegrid.net).

...Sir Bob Montgomery

**I Genealogy**

**A**re you (and/or your spouse) interested in genealogy? Do you have unanswered questions about your ancestors? Would you like to learn more about how to research family backgrounds—techniques, locations, resources, etc.? Would you like the branch to form a special interest group?

If so, **Bill Cross** would like to hear from you. You can reach him at 224-3109 or [wfcross@comcast.net](mailto:wfcross@comcast.net).



## Bowling

**S**IRS BOWLING is on summer vacation. We will resume on September 8. 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 SURE THAT ALL ARE HAPPY that the “hump” of summer heat has passed. No one, to my knowledge, had heat-related problems. It has been between 112° to 118° in Baghdad every day. Imagine our troops having to wear protective vests!

*Bill Meyers* passed away after a long siege with a brain tumor. *Roger Deal* is rehabbing very well. *Tom Dew* is getting ready for his operation. *Jim Suddath* is up and about after his second knee operation. *Dean Tilly* is fighting back. *Dick Knipper* fell as he was leaving the luncheon last month and had some “on site” first aid. *Ken Shaffer* is still having chemo treatment, and *Al Frey* is rehabbing his mended leg in the hospital.

Please let me know if you hear of any members on the “feeling poorly” list. Reach me at [cocooperiva@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cocooperiva@sbcglobal.net) or 439-2757.

...Sir Bob Cooper



## Travel

### For members and guests only!

**H**ERE 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 3-4, 2006** — “California’s Presidential Libraries” (Nixon and Reagan) (*Sir John Levis, 433-1740*).

▶ **October 24-31, 2006** — “Great American Cities Tour” (*Sir Richard Beers, 431-3728*).

▶ **October 31-November 8, 2006** — “Mississippi Queen, St. Paul to St. Louis” (*Sir John Levis, 433-1740*).

▶ **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*).

My email is [crdahlll@comcast.net](mailto:crdahlll@comcast.net).

...Sir Carrol Dahl

**THE LAWS OF THE NATURAL UNIVERSE**—These are always true!

*Law of the Telephone*—When you dial a wrong number, you will never get a busy signal.

*Law of Close Encounters*—You will meet someone you know when you are with someone you don’t want to be seen with.

*Law of the Result*—When you try to prove to someone that a machine won’t work, it will.

*Law of Mechanical Repair*—After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you’ll have to pee.

*Law of Logical Argument*—Anything is possible if you don’t know what you are talking about.

*Law of Biomechanics*—The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to your reach.

*Theater Rule*—At any gathering, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle will arrive last.

*Law of Favorite Products*—As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.



## Computers

**O**N AUGUST 22, Jim Martin discussed how our Branch publications are put together, including the Chanticleer, the Directory, the mailing labels, luncheon tickets, and a proposed promotional brochure. He uses Adobe InDesign, a professional page layout program and other software.

On September 26, George Gianopulos will initiate us into the mysteries of computer fundamentals. For October, we have scheduled a presentation by Mr. Brad Polzin, who teaches computer photography at Fresno City College.

Note that our starting time is **1:00 PM**. We meet at the Woodward Park Library, 344 East Perrin Avenue (at its northwest corner with Champlain). For more information, contact me: [roger.deal@comcast.net](mailto:roger.deal@comcast.net) or 297-7022.

...Sir Roger Deal

## ♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

**I**N RECENT SINGLES PLAY, *Hugh Cox* had the high total score of 4990 points. *Pete Giragosian* had the high one-table score of 1920 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3
1	W. Rose	H. Cox
2	B. Osmanson	J. Whitmer
3	K. Shaffer	B. Bertelsen
4	J. Howard	K. Shaffer
5	B. Cleveland	F. Ferry
6	J. Whitmer	R. Vierra
7	P. Giragosian	B. Cleveland
Consolation	J. Collings	J. Peterson

...Sir John Williford