



The Chanticleer

<p>Date — September 13, 2007 Place — Ramada 324 East Shaw Avenue</p>	<p>• PROGRAM • Dr. Robert Wample</p>	<p>Social Hour — 11:00 AM Luncheon — 12:00 Noon \$13.00 + Buck Bucket</p>
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► **Big Sir ... Ron Wilson**

IT DIDN'T EVEN COME UP! AT THE STATE meeting. Everything was so focused on "Baby Boomers" starting to retire that discussion of "Sons and Daughters in Retirement" was missing.

What do George W. Bush, Donald Trump, Mick Jagger, and Bill Clinton have in common? They are five of the 78.2 million "Boomers" as of July 1, 2005.

How do we tap the 330 men newly retired every hour? By changing SIRS image, that's how. Moving from "volunteer service organization for older guys" to an upbeat "men's luncheon club" with our fun activities being a major attraction!

"Boomers are typically well-educated with respect for knowledge and technology" says Deb Sellers of Kansas State University. And she says that "while many may lack respect for authority and are often skeptical about government, they are often passionate about personal causes and willing to contribute time, energy, and expertise on behalf of those causes". I have the rest of the speech; if you'd like to see it, let me know.

How does this affect Branch #159? Perhaps not much. We already have great luncheons, the food is good, and we are lining up some fine speakers for the rest of 2007 and 2008, many of whom will be addressing issues of the day. So it will be mostly how we "market" ourselves. When you invite someone to lunch, tell them that it's at your "men's luncheon club". Beyond that, let's all just sit taller and be proud!


September Luncheon

- Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Herb Chicken
- Baked Potato
- Fresh Vegetable ... Salads
- Rolls & Butter ... Dessert
- Coffee, Tea, Decaf

► **Little Sir ... Reg Rosander**

AHH, SEPTEMBER! THE BEST MONTH OF the year in our valley. Temperatures will dwindle, the fog's not forming yet, football season starts (OK, not everyone likes it), harvest season gets into full swing, and the kids are back in school. What more could we ask? The world belongs to us seniors for a while. Take some short day trips and enjoy watching the harvest season.

With the sweet smell of the raisins on the trays, and the not so sweet odor of the wineries, what could be more appropriate time for us to have Dr. Robert Wample from Fresno State speak to us this month. He is the Department Head for Viticulture and Enology. Don't miss this one!

As we near the end of the year, I'll be looking for volunteers to serve on the auditing and nomination committees. Please step forward and help us out in these areas of responsibility which are an important part of Branch #159's success.

Welcome, New Member

Gerry Fields

Other Fresno SIR Programs

September 11 — Branch #169 — Pardini's
John Alkire
... Fresno County Fair

D September 12 — Branch #179 — Ramada
Larry Powell
... County Schools Superintendent

September 27 — Branch #175 — Pardini's
John Alkire
... Fresno County Fair

► *Courtesy Area Governor Sir John Levis*



September Birthdays

Bob Bosserman ... Harry Buchakian
 Paul Creel ... John Devlin
 Ray Ensher ... Bruce Evans
 Phil Fullerton ... Dick Hansen
 Len Mazzora ... Jim McCluskey
 Carl Merz ... Carl Nichols
 Ray Phillips ... Bob Rathburn
 Jim Ruhl ... Lynn Streit
 Jim Suddath ... Al Verdugo
 Mel Welch ... Ed Wiens



September Anniversaries

Doris and Mel Bens
 Joanne and John Beyers
 Barbara and Jim Bort
 Kathy and John Brechmann
 Jackie and Bob Christiansen
 Nelleen and Bill Cross
 Margaret and Joe D'Amico
 Sue and Bob Dowell
 Frankie and Ted Feasal
 Dorothea and George Gianopulos
 Erika and Bob Green
 Betty and Merle Heetland
 Wilma and Herb Helwig
 Bernice and Larry Knoll
 Kathy and Bill Larkin
 Barbara and Earl Mar
 Marilyn and Al Mills
 Janet and Carl Merz
 Kate and Carl Nichols
 Jackie and Ed Smiley
 Beatrice and Howard Smith
 Margaret and Al Verdugo
 Mary Ann and Jim Whitmer

VISIT THE STATE SIR WEB SITE at www.sirinc.org for news and information about our fine organization. It's been updated and is even better than before!



THE DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER CHANTICLEER IS SEPTEMBER 24 (Monday)

► *Jim Martin, Editor*

18 Golf

RIVERBEND ...

► *July 26, 2007*

- 1st J. Russo+B. Hennessy
- 2nd B. Evans+L. Casper
G. Rodriguez+R. Allen
- 3rd A. James+L. Rosander
- 4th L. Clune+V. Rivera

FIG GARDEN ...

► *August 16, 2007*

- 1st B. Robinson+B. Hennessy+
K. Kerner+A. Barnes
- 2nd D. Scharton+J. Bort+
C. Smith+P. Huffman
- 3rd E. Bowman+G. Kazarian+
J. Whitmer+J. D'Amico
G. Rodriguez+B. Boguski+
C. Roberson+P. Conway

SHERWOOD FOREST ...

► *August 23, 2007*

- 1st V. Rivera+B. Powers
- 2nd J. D'Amico+L. Streit
- 3rd B. Young+J. Williford
- 4th R. Allen+R. Brisendine
P. Conway+S. Petersen
J. Sheldon+G. Partlett

► *Sir Mike Williamson*

In Memoriam
Sir William Reinhardt

Branch 159 Directory

THIS CHANTICLEER INCLUDES include the second Directory update of 2007, listing membership and individual data changes.

A new 2008 Directory will be mailed to you with the January issue.

Membership Chairman Roger Deal should always be notified promptly of any changes in your listing. You can reach him at 297-7022 or roger.deal@comcast.net.

MADERA ...

► *August 2, 2007*

- Flight M. Fair+L. Mathers+
A E. Bowman+R. Phillips
- Flight R. Nakaguchi+C. Roberson+
B A. Baxter+R. Rathburn
- Flight G. Patton+B. Carlson+
C L. Streit+B. Powers
- Flight L. Rosander+S. Morales+
D P. Huffman+J. D'Amico

Photos in the Chanticleer

OUR MEMBER SIR GUS ZERNIAL regaled us at the August meeting with anecdotes of his experiences as a major league baseball player. Here's Gus in his playing days...



This is the first example of using photos in our Branch newsletter. We plan to soon have "head shots" of our Big and Little Sirs. Your comments are invited. To contact me, see the Directory.

► *Jim Martin, Editor*



Attendance

IN AUGUST, BRANCH #159 HAD 250 active members. 185 were present at the luncheon, with 65 absent, of whom 52 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 IS starting the new season on September 7. 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*

Only In America...

- Can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
- Do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
- Do people order double cheese-burgers, large fries, and a diet Coke.
- Do banks leave both doors wide open and then chain the pens to the counter.
- Do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and fill our garages with useless junk.
- Do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.



Sunshine

IAM SORRY TO HAVE TO REPORT that Bill Reinhardt has passed away. Condolences were sent to the family.

Dale Reichard is the only new report since last month. I could not reach anybody to get the facts, but **Jack Leonard, Ray Urushima, Bob Young, and Merle Heetland** are recovering. 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*



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.

▶ **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

ARE YOU PULLING YOUR HAIR OUT IN TRYING TO DO SOMETHING on your computer equipment or digital camera? For September, we'll be holding a “Q&A” session and Swap Meet. Here's your chance to get solutions to those perplexing computer and camera challenges. And you probably have a gizmo or two you're not using. Bring them to this Swap Meet and make a trade or buy something you might want. Send your questions to Jerry Gurs at **jgandsg@comcast.net**.

The Computer Group meeting will be on a **THURSDAY** (not Wednesday this time), **September 20 at 1:00 PM**, at the Woodward Park Library on Perrin at Champlain.

▶ *Sir Jerry Gurs*

♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

IN AUGUST SINGLES PLAY, THE HIGH TOTAL SCORE WAS MADE BY **B. Haw** with 5340 points. **B. Haw** and **J. Williford** had the high one-table score of 1790 points.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Week #1</i>	<i>Week #3</i>
1	B. Haw	J. Whitmer
2	J. Lund	B. Bertelsen
3	J. Williford	P. Fullerton
4	R. Vierra	R. Osmanson
5	G. Rurik	K. Shaffer
6	P. Fullerton	P. Giragosian
<i>Consolation</i>	B. Kooyumjian	B. Kooyumjian

▶ *Sir John Williford*