



# The Chanticleer

Date — December 6, 2007  
 Place — Pardini's  
 2245 West Shaw Avenue

• PROGRAM •  
**2007 Holiday Luncheon**

Social Hour — 11:00 AM  
 Luncheon — 12:00 Noon  
 Pre-Reservations Only

► **Big Sir ... Ron Wilson**



**T**HERE IT IS, THE YEAR is over. My aspirations to make everything perfect within Branch #159 fell a little short. It wasn't for lack of effort, though. I'm still a firm believer in the SIR organization, and it truly is as good as the sum of its parts. It is

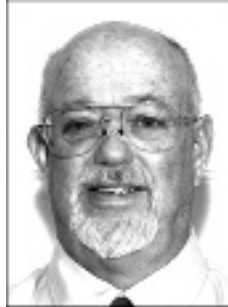
important to get a clean shirt and get out of the house once a month to meet with our fellow retirees. It's good to listen to a speaker on the issues of the day. It is good to go play golf, or tennis, or bowling (or all three, for that matter).

We don't need to support park, or churches, or schools. There are other organizations to do that. We support each other!

I've put a lot of myself into the Branch this year, and had some sleepless nights, but is nothing compared to what I got back in friendships and stories to tell, and just being in the presence of some of the best men there are. That's what I am thankful this year! Well, that, and my three granddaughters.

See you at the Holiday luncheon!

► **Little Sir ... Reg Rosander**



**W**OW, IT'S NOVEMBER already. When I took this position in April, I didn't think there was any way I could do it. I knew nothing about what was required to do the job. I'll be forever grateful to the speaker selection committee to get me off

and rolling. I know now that none of this could have happened without the tremendous guidance of Big Sir Ron Wilson. The support of the rest of the Board and my great golfing partners has me looking forward to being your Big Sir in 2008.

There are so many things to be thankful for this year. Improved health, closer family relationships, the many great experiences with my SIR friends (locally and statewide), my lowered golf handicap, etc., etc. Oh, and my cousin, Sir Larry, had new grand kids. What else could one ask for?

I hope this holiday season brings all of us closer together as an organization; then next year, at this time, we can be thankful for that, too.

Have a wonderful holiday season.



**Happy  
 Holidays!**

**Other Fresno SIR Programs**

**D**In December, all Fresno Area SIR Branches are having their annual holiday season events, enjoying special food and entertainment, and socializing with the ladies.

We will resume letting you know of other luncheon programs of possible interest in the January issue.

**Welcome, New Members**

*Charles Barrett  
Alan Barton  
Danno Koop  
Harvey Williams*



**December Birthdays**

Don Blosser ... Kent Bowlan  
John Casey ... Joe D'Amico  
Robert Emerzian ... Bruno Ferioli  
Cecil Harris ... William Harrison  
Frank Kurihara ... Graham Partlett  
Gary Patton ... Bill Powers  
Charles Royse ... George Rurik  
Ed Smiley ... Fred Stein  
Chester Steinhauer ... Dean Tilly



**December Anniversaries**

Betty and Norman Bainter  
Diane and Homer Burrows  
Jackie and Harry Cocciolo  
Lorraine and John Devlin  
Helen and Cecil Harris  
Ruth and Robert Haw  
LaVerne and Harold Horg  
Barbara and Perry Huffman  
Marty and Jerry Jones  
Dorothy and Walter Lake  
Corinne and James McCluskey  
Nadine and Victor Nemechek  
Kata and Gary Patton  
Leslie and Ronald Whitaker

*Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.  
How many of you believe in psycho kinesics? Raise my hand.  
When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.*



**The January Chanticleer**  
— DEADLINE —  
**DECEMBER 24 (Monday)**  
▶ *Jim Martin, Editor*



**Golf**

**SHERWOOD FOREST ...**  
▶ *October 18, 2007*

- 1st D. Reitz+S. Hatter
- 2nd R. Brisendine+M. Welch  
L. Streit+L. Knoll
- 3rd J. Sheldon+J. D'Amico
- 4th B. Oller+T. Forrest  
M. Fair+R. Allen  
A. Barnes+J. Bencivengo  
S. Morales+T. Dougherty  
B. Dickson  
L. Casper  
R. Major+L. Rosander  
D. Metzger+B. Boguski

**LEMOORE ...**  
▶ *October 25, 2007*

- 1st B. Boguski  
B. Dickson  
J. D'Amico
- 2nd D. Ensminger  
J. Devlin  
L. Casper
- 3rd D. Metzger  
R. Zanarini  
R. Major
- 4th J. Monroe  
J. Whitmer  
B. Hennessy

▶ *Sir Mike Williamson*

*Blessed are those who can give without remembering and receive without forgetting.*

*The irony of life is that by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.*



**Attendance**

**I**N NOVEMBER, BRANCH #159 HAD 250 active members. There were 171 present and 79 absent, of whom 65 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*

**T**HE JANUARY CHANTICLEER WILL include the **2008 Branch Directory**. Since this is a year-long resource for our members, it's important that it be as complete and accurate as possible. Please advise Membership Chairman Roger Deal by December 15 of any changes in your data not previously reported. You can reach him at **297-7022** or by email at **roger.deal@comcast.net**.

▶ *Jim Martin, Editor*

**H**ERE IS WHAT YOUR BUCK BUCKET contributions are used for ...

Printing & Supplies	\$ 0.94
Postage	0.24
Officers' Expense	0.10
Guest Expense	0.16
State SIR Assessment	0.52
Other	0.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2.00</b>

▶ *Sir Joe Bencivengo*

**Please make your 2007 voluntary contribution in lieu of the "Buck Bucket" — \$24.00 for January through December.**

Name: Sir \_\_\_\_\_ Badge # \_\_\_\_\_

Check amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, payable to Sir Branch #159  
(PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

Mail to: Sir Joe Bencivengo OR Turn in to Treasurer Joe  
6309 Laureen Avenue at the January Luncheon  
Fresno CA 93710-5905



## Bowling

**H**ERE ARE RECENT RESULTS from the SIR Bowling Group:

- ▶ October 19:
  - High series J. Whitmer 607
  - High game E. Gavigan 246
- ▶ November 2:
  - High series B. Ripley 637
  - High game D. Hall 235
- ▶ November 9:
  - High series T. Schneider 617
  - High game B. Ripley 220
- ▶ November 16:
  - High series B. Ripley 629
  - High game T. Schneider 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**AM SORRY TO REPORT THE death of **Frank Smith's** wife **Josephine**. **Merle Peterson's** son passed away also. Condolences were expressed to both families.

**Richard Nakaguchi** is getting better after his car accident. **Wes Rose** figure's he's also getting better since he's not getting worse; how's that? **George Ordway** had a knee operation and **Gary Patton** has been bothered by carpal tunnel syndrome. I tried to get in touch with them, but to no avail. I hope they are recovering nicely. Has anyone seen **Ken Shaffer** lately? I heard he is under the weather again. Do well, **Ken**.

I really enjoyed being able to attend the luncheon last month. It was like old times. For my holiday thought, I wish all members the joy of contact with their fellow men. I think the key is you get out of it what you put in. Merry Christmas to you all.

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](mailto:ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net).

▶ *Sir Bob Cooper*



## 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.

▶ **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](mailto:crdahlll@comcast.net) or **439-5874**.

▶ *Sir Carrol Dahl*



## Computers

**T**HE COMPUTER GROUP IS IN PROCESS OF AN UNEXPECTED CHANGE of leadership, so there will be *no meeting in December*. We intend to get back on track for the New Year by meeting next on January 16. Watch this space for news of future Group programs.

2008 Big Sir Reg Rosander will be looking for a volunteer to be Chairman of the Group. If you believe you can fill this role, please contact him. **What is needed are organizational skills; you do not need to be a computer expert!**

Just a reminder that next year we will be meeting on third Wednesdays at the Madera-Fresno Area Agency on Aging on Dakota Avenue between Blackstone Avenue and Fresno Street (the former Sierra Hospital).

*Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?*

*Why is the man who invests all your money called a "broker"?*

*Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called "rush hour"?*

## ♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

**I**N RECENT SINGLES PLAY, THE HIGH TOTAL SCORE WAS MADE BY **H. Cox** with 5090 points. **H. Cox** and **B. Haw** had the high one-table score of 1580 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #2	Week #3
1	F. Hunting	J. Lund	H. Cox
2	R. Vierra	P. Giragosian	B. Haw
3	M. Escobar	L. Knoll	L. Knoll
4	J. Collings	B. Rayburn	J. Williford
5	K. Shaffer	G. Rurik	B. Rayburn
6	B. Cleveland	J. Williford	J. Whitmer
7		B. Haw	G. Rurik
Consolation	D. Metzger	B. Kooyumjian	H. Buchenberger

▶ *Sir John Williford*