



CAPITAL CITY BRANCH No. 9



SIRcular

April 2008

Monthly Newsletter of Capital City Branch # 9, Sons in Retirement, Inc.
Monthly luncheon meetings are held at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento, California on the **3rd Tuesday** of the month. Lunch and general meeting start at 12 Noon, preceded by a no-host "Happy Hour". An open Executive Committee meeting starts at 10:45 A. M. on day of the meeting.

Members unable to attend regular meetings, call 489-4638 or Email
(hughkaygriffin@earthlink.net) or 456-4904 (rbmillin@comcast.net) to avoid an unexcused absence.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 15th

BIG SIR Al Lewis says:



Some body once said, "the more things change, the more they come back the same". Things were certainly changed for our March luncheon, but we still had a good meeting along with our usual fine lunch. The pre-lunch BEC meeting was held in front of God and everybody and no one seemed to mind. We mourned the loss of two good friends, Jim Gordon and Fred Toreson. Really missed not seeing Fred circulating one of the Gold Pans.

The good news is that George Smith graduated from the College Oaks Rehab facility two days after our meeting and will be at home recovering from a triple heart bypass surgery.

The annual May Ladies Day meeting is coming up fast and I again urge you studs with no ladies to attend. We are having roast beef and super entertainment with no more cost than our usual meeting, NO GOLD PANS.

Our Area 3 SIR governor, Richard Joyce was in attendance for the BEC and our luncheon and helped with the wine raffle.

I know our Little SIR, E.J. Raimondi will tell those of you who missed our March meeting, really missed a great talk relative to John F. Kennedy P.T. Boat mishap in WW2. I am anticipating bettering our March attendance of 61 SIR by at least 10.

Albert E. Lewis, Jr.

P.S. Golf is harder that baseball - you have to play your foul balls.

Little SIR E.J. Raimondi Opines:

Our speaker at the February meeting was Mr. Ted Robinson. He spoke about his experience and friendship with John Kennedy in WW II as PT Boat Commanders. He said that most PT Boat Commanders were Ivy League school graduates, mostly because those men had small boating experience before their entrance into the Navy.

They would attack Japanese shipping at night using old WW I torpedoes. The Japanese had 21 bases and used floatplanes in their defense against the PT Boats. The floatplanes flew slowly at about 80 knots and had long endurance. They would periodically shoot flares which would temporarily blind the

boat crews and leave them vulnerable on the water. Of all the PT Boat commanders that were in Ted's (and Kennedy's) task force, Ted related he was the only one to pass a physical when they were transferred from PT Boat duty. Kennedy was injured when his boat was rammed by a destroyer and had back injuries.

Ted told the story of sending Marines out to disable the floatplanes. The Marines called back the next day and reported that the enemy force had been greatly underestimated and that they were surrounded. They asked to be evacuated immediately. Since the boats only went out at night, they were told that the rescue would be that night. The Marine said that if it took that long, that the rescue should not be tried, as they wouldn't last. I was sitting very close to the speaker and as he related this part of the story I could see his eyes welling up with tears. Then he said that Jack Kennedy was the only PT Boat Commander that volunteered to do the daylight rescue. Kennedy succeeded. It was clear that Ted had high esteem and respect for Jack Kennedy.

Our speaker next month will be Mary Jane Kayes, the Librarian for the Braille and Talking Book Library. She will speak to us about their programs for the blind and, I'm sure, about volunteer opportunities at the Library. I volunteered at the Library for about ten years repairing the tape players. You need dexterity with very small parts to do the job.

SECRETARY Ken Wigglesworth's Corner:

No Report! However, the Interim Editor is using this space to remind you that the April Meeting will be the last chance to buy (\$20.00 each) the May Ladies/Guest Day tickets in person and select a table. See Chuck Paulsen for the tickets. He should be next to the check in table.

TREASURER Bob Giess Sez:

Treasurer's Report 3-31-08

Did you know that if you miss one or two meetings that it is okay to make up your Gold Pan contribution at the next meeting? In fact, it's the right thing to do! For the first three months of this year the average Gold Pan contribution per member has been only \$1.79. The average for those attending the luncheons has been \$2.52.

February 28, 2008 Balance:	\$1954.22
Receipts:	\$147.62
Disbursements:	\$101.49
March 31, 2008 Balance:	\$2000.35

Bob Giess

MEMBERSHIP and ATTENDANCE by Dick Millin - Hugh Griffin:

There were 54 members at the luncheon on March 18, 2008. The Branch status and participation (as of the end of the meeting) is:

- 54 members attended (68% of active members)
- 7 requested to be excused
- 13 were unexcused (16%)
- 95 unassigned badge numbers
- 2 inactive members
- 79 active members

Fred Toreson and Jim Gordon died in March. Richard Joyce, Area 3 Governor, attended the meeting and luncheon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOYS - APRIL

For April: **BOB FELTON, AL GALLARDO, BOB HOLZKNECHT, GEORGE KATIBAH, DAVE THEOBALD, JOE THOMAS**

GOLF CORNER by Al Lewis:

According to legend (I couldn't tell you which one) we are supposed to "beware the ides of March". However, March (ides and all) was very good for Branch 9 golfers. On March 10, 2008, 12 of the 18 Hole Gang played Davis G.C. on a very pretty day. You guessed it, Keith Barrett's 80 took Low Gross again and the former Branch 9 golf chairman, Roy Vaughn came in with a Low Net 59.

Flight Winners were....

1st Flight: Hoover and Lucas

2d Flight: Durfee

The Nine Holers defied the "ides" on March 19, 2008 when 15 of us played Land Park G.C. (which is in beautiful condition) and again K.B. shot a Low Gross 43 and Big Joe Ned was a first time Low Net winner with 32.

Flight winners were....

1st Flight: Steinbrenner

2d Flight: Coy and first timer Andrew Gaston

The April schedule puts us on Bing Maloney G.C. April 14, 2008 starting at 9:30A followed up by the 9 hole Land Park layout on April 16 with 8:30A tee times.

Y'ALL COME

The best wood in most amateurs bag is his pencil.

BRANCH #9 OFFICERS FOR 2008

Big SIR Al Lewis – 456-8508; Little SIR E.J. Raimondi – 684-2994; Secretary Ken Wigglesworth – 366-1842; Asst. Secretary, Bob Nelson - 486-1295; Treasurer Bob Giess – 925-8261; Asst. Treasurer Joe Dobrowolski – 961-6561; Director Fred Hoyt - 447-9528; Director George Katibah - 488-2225; Director PBS Bob Hansen – 487-2305; Director Lloyd D. Durfee - 442-2816

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS:

Attendance - Hugh Griffin (489-4638); Audit - Glen Rosander; Chair, Badge maker - Bob Nelson; Photographer - PBS Howdy Hoover; Greeters- George T. Smith, HLM/PBS E. Houston Keehner; Historian - PBS Howdy Hoover; Membership - Dick Millin; Music - Fred Hoyt; Nominating Committee – Bob Hansen; Travel - Ron Lemmon; Guest Day Tickets – Chuck Paulsen (428-6992); Gold Pan - Erik Nooren; Golf - PBS Al Lewis; Golf Treasurer HLM/PBS Bill Stadler; Roster - George Katibah; Sunshine - HLM/PBS E. Houston Keehner-- Lloyd Durfee.

NOTICE:

Enjoy reading SIR Happenings, our State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find SIR Happenings on the SIR State Website: www.sirinc.org. This SIRcular as well as past issues is also available on the state website.

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ATTENDANCE: A member must notify the Attendance Committee @ 489-4638 or 456-4904 before a regular meeting, with a valid excuse (Illness or Travel), if he is going to be unable to attend.

Missing 3 consecutive meetings without notification or attending less than one-half of the regular meetings in the last year can result in termination. (Standing Rules 60,100 &107)

UPCOMING 2008 LUNCHEON DATES:

Tuesday	April 15
Tuesday	May 20- Guest Day Meeting
Tuesday	June 17
Tuesday	July 15
Tuesday	August 19
Tuesday	September 16
Tuesday	October 21
Tuesday	November 18
Tuesday	December 16- Guest Day Meeting

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