



Big Sir's Notes

Terry Marchione

Here we are half way through the year—time does fly by. I'm hopeful that the second half of the year is as successful as the first half.

Before I get to business matters, I would like to thank all of you who attended the June luncheon. The decorum in the room was great and all of us involved in running these meetings are very appreciative.

As I mentioned in previous articles our nominating committee has been hard at work putting together a slate of officers for 2014. **Jim Burk** and his committee have come up with outstanding candidates for your approval (which will take place at the August meeting). Those nominees are as follows:

Big Sir	Doug Eisner
Little Sir	Bill Holly
Secretary	Walt Busenius
Asst Secretary	Alan Elnick
Treasurer	Chuck Campbell
Asst Treasurer	Rob Melrose
Director (2 nd Term)	Dick Richmond
Director (2 nd Term)	Al Munayer
Director (2 nd Term)	Paul Dubow
Director	John Pearl
Director	Ben Gleason
Director	Bruce Borgman

At the August meeting we will accept any nominations from the floor and then vote to elect the nominees for 2014.

July means it's time for our annual evacuation drill. The drill will take place at the end of the luncheon and will be directed by **Al Munayer**. The evacuation plan is posted on the branch website for your reference.

Looking down the road, the August meeting will feature our "Team Colors" day. Dig out a hat, shirt or whatever you like and wear your favorite team colors proudly.

In order to keep you abreast of the SIR big picture, I will mention that the State Board has revised the rule pertaining to the "voluntary" contributions and will now allow branches to charge dues. This still needs to be approved at the August 5th general meeting of all Big Sirs. Assuming it is approved, your BEC will be discussing this at the August 8th, BEC meeting.

The July luncheon
will feature
“Bill Hodges”
A Docent from the
USS Potomac

Gathering time 10:45 -11:00am

Seating time - 11:45am

Little Sir's Corner

Doug Eisner



I'm sorry to have missed our June luncheon as I understand our speaker **Gus Kramer**, Contra Costa County's Assessor, was very entertaining. My thanks to **Alan Elnick** for introducing **Gus** in my absence.

Our July speaker will be **Bill Hodges**, a docent with the Potomac Association, representing the USS Potomac, the Presidential Yacht of President Franklin Roosevelt which is docked at the Port of Oakland. **Bill** has been a docent for 14 years and has also crewed on the USS Potomac. He is also a Past President of the Vietnam Veterans of America and is currently Chairman of the Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission. When not engaged in these activities, **Bill** is an independent sales rep in the photographic industry.

Thanks are also due to all of you who have suggested speakers and/or entertainers for our monthly luncheons. My speaker team and I work very hard to bring interesting and timely speakers to our group and we certainly appreciate your help in doing this. At this writing, we are seeking speakers for Sept and Nov .

Membership

Steve Sprague

Our Branch 146 Membership Numbers:

As of the Executive Committee meeting on June 13th, we have 270 active members (including our eight Honorary Life Members). This is a loss of two from the previous month. We currently have three applicants awaiting BEC approval.

Status Changes:

Inducted: **Ivan Kerr**, Badge 71

Colin Holland, Badge 160

Resigned: **Chuck Hammond**, Badge 18.

Moved to Inactive: **Olof Johansson**, Badge 123 and **Ed Malboeuf**, Badge 90.

Deceased: **Tom Morgan**, Badge 231, passed away May 20th.

June Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 184 (69% of membership)

Guests: 2

Visitors: 2, Speaker: 1

Total Attendance: 189

Changes to the Inactive Roster:

As noted above, **Olof Johansson** and **Ed Malboeuf** have been added. Our inactive roster therefore increases to sixteen members.



Member Relations

Ben Gleason

We hope and expect that SIR Branch 146 is meeting or exceeding your expectations for social activities, recreation and friendship and that the facilities and operation of the branch are efficient and user-friendly.

For useful and interesting Branch 146 and State SIR information check out the “Branch Information” link on our homepage. That link will connect you with links to Branch Regulations, State SIR Site, Branch Financial Statements, BEC Minutes, SIR Happenings, Branch Calendar, Memorials and the Emergency Evacuation Plan from the Clubhouse Restaurant at Boundary Oak.

We encourage your suggestions, criticism and requests. Also, let us know if there is something that you especially like that we could do more of.

Please contact me with any of the above.

bgleason@sbcglobal.net



Couples Duplicate Bridge

Lo McCarley

Eight couples had a great time playing duplicate bridge on June 19th at **Jim and Allison Todhunter's** home. Everyone enjoyed playing bridge and also enjoyed **Jim's and Allison's** snacks and wines. The group thanked **Bob Donahue** for subbing for **Adrienne Morrison, Jim Brown's** partner. As for the bridge results, we had a trio of winners. I think over the ten years in Couples Duplicate Bridge we haven't ever had a three way tie at first place. **Jim Brown and Bob Donahue, Bill and Margaret Rees, and Lynn and Dasha Freeman** with 36 points came in first. **Lo and Sue McCarley** came in fourth place with 35 points. **Lo** thought he and his wife came in second. Someone corrected **Lo** since there were three couples above the **McCarleys**. **Bob and Janet Yolland** will host the next couples duplicate bridge on July 17th.



Party Bridge

Fred Bolton

1st Monday at 10 am at various members' homes. Contact Fred Bolton for details. Bring a lunch.



We played three tables of bridge at the home of **Rich Ahlf** on June 3. First place went to **Carl Johnson** with 4270 points, second to **Jim Jackson** with 4020, and third to **John Demos** with 3960. Our next game will be at the home of **Bob Burley** on July 1.

Couples Party Bridge

Dave Pierce



Playing the role of "host" to the hilt, on June 4th **John and Linda Boyan** "allowed" the other three couples to score more points! In a contest characterized by several ordinary hands punctuated by a couple of "extra base hits" **Terry and Sharon Marchione** won 1st, **Dick and Christy DeVoe** 2nd(both money slots) and **George and Pam Rammell** were 3rd (no money but a light patina of honor). My guest correspondent didn't reveal any scores, probably a matter of mercy. Reports were that the hosts provided great snacks, but then **Linda** is the Snackmeister extraordinaire.

Couples Duplicate Bridge 2

Jim Adams

The group was hosted at **Jim and Ruth Adams'** home June 11. **Dick/Christy DeVoe** came out of nowhere to capture 1st with 25.5 pts. Hosts **Jim/Ruth** easily took 2nd with 23.5 pts., and **Terry/Sharon Marchione's** 20.5 pts. slipped by **Dave/Joan Pierce** for 3rd. The 1st six months found **Lynn/Dasha Freeman** winning 3 times, the **Marchiones** twice, and the **DeVoes** once. The other couples are ramping up, so it should be a strong race to the 2013 finish!



Duplicate Bridge

Doug Eisner

John Demos ably hosted four tables of Men's Duplicate Bridge on June 17. The scores were noteworthy for a number of reasons. **Jim Jackson's** first place score of 52.5 pt, corresponding to a 72.9% game, was so far ahead of the rest of the field that he lost sight of all pretenders. Great game, **Jim**, one of the best we've seen in recent memory! Case in point: The second place score of 46.0 pt by **Bill Rees** is usually good enough to win but today was fully 6.5pt behind **Jim's** score. **Bill Snyder** and **Fred Bolton** tied for third place with scores of 39.0 pt.



Our next game will be hosted by **George Zunich** on July 15.

Book Corner

Ken Richter

The activity at the Book Corner by our members has been increasing over the last year. It is time for me to ask for help. I am looking for someone who can arrive early, stay after the luncheon to box books and store the



books at their home. Contact **Ken Richter** at KERichter@astound.net

The Book Corner will be open next at the July Luncheon.



GOLF

Ray Weisz

Golf is one of our most popular activities with over 100 registered golfers. We are fortunate to have a large assortment of venues and formats: We play Tuesdays at Boundary Oak. Players are randomly paired and starting tee

times are posted on our web site, www.sir146.com. In addition to regular stroke play, we have many Tuesday tournaments specifically set up for our players.

Sir State Reno Atlantis Casino Resort Golf 2013 Spring Fling

The three day tournaments had 128 Golfers present from various Sir Branches.

Branch 146 was well represented at this State Sir event with nineteen attendees including two widows of former Big Sirs, **Gwenn Boero**, and **Margo Somerville**.

The following sirs with their wives were present.

Jim & Judy Baldrige, Ken & Elaine Donnelly, Dennis & Ann Hallett, John & Jean Harrington, Ray & May Kan, Paul & Maggie Masta, Lew & Carla Thompson, Ray & Tippy Weisz, and Gene Diana.

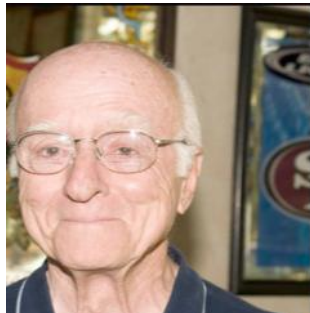
The group was well rewarded for their efforts. All the Lady Golfers placed in the money during the three day event. A few of the men were not quite as lucky. Only six of the nine men were in the money.

In addition the Atlantis Casino had a one evening Slot Machine Tournament. Again Branch 146 took high honors, by winning the top four places, out of eight places paid. The winners were first **Jean Harrington**, second **Judy Baldrige**, third **Tippy Weisz**, and fourth **Jim Baldrige**. Our ladies out shined the men.

Bocceball

Martin Lyle

We play 2nd and 4th Mondays at 8:30am May through October at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park Concord near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads. Rain cancels play.

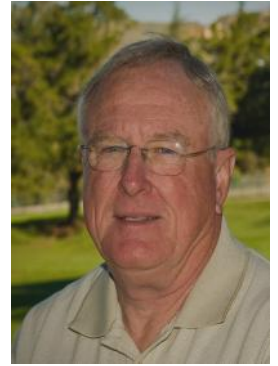


Weather is getting hotter and so is the competitive spirit. This is an easy game to learn and play, with much good cheer resulting. There is always room for more players, so come join us. Ladies are welcome.

Couples Golf

John Harrington

Our Couples Golf group enjoyed a wonderful day in the wine country at the Vintners Golf Club in Yountville for our May outing. This event was hosted by **Jim and Judy Baldrige**. After golf a good number of our group travelled to Benicia for a wonderful dinner at Sailor Jack's Restaurant enjoying the good food, great company, and wonderful atmosphere. Our June event will be held in Fairfield at the Paradise Valley Golf Course and will be hosted by **Bob and Janet Yolland**. In July we will travel to Brentwood and play Deer Ridge. This event will be hosted by **Paul and Maggie Masta**. Come join the fun.



The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak

Sirs 146 Luncheon Menu

July 2013

~Salad~

Wedge Iceberg Lettuce
Apple Wood Smoked Bacon, Vine Ripened Tomatoes
Blue Cheese Dressing

~Entrée~

BBQ Braised Beef Brisket
Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Sautéed Corn
Red Wine Balsamic Reduction

Or

Poached Pacific Dory
White Wine and Lemon Butter
Rice Pilaf & Corn Succotash

~Dessert~

Pound Cake
Summer Berries and Chantilly Cream

SIRS 146 & Friends Oktoberfest Dance

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

6 pm to 10 pm at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant

Price is \$99 per couple and includes hors d'oeuvres
and dinner

Live music for listening and dancing

Your choice of:

Beef

Fish

Pasta

Please send your check, made out to SIRS 146 Dance to:

Richard Kincaide

10750 Inspiration Cr.

Dublin, CA 94568

Phone: (925) 479-9935

Tables of eight are encouraged

<u>Your Name and Your Partner</u>	<u>Meal Desired</u>
Couple 1 -	Meal -
Couple 2 -	Meal -
Couple 3 -	Meal -
Couple 4-	Meal -

Fishing Report

Paul Dubow



The big event of the month was our group's first shad outing. About a dozen of us ventured up to the American River near Sacramento, led by **Ernie Wong** and **Don Mittelstadt**, to try our luck with these small but ferocious fighters. Shad usually bite between June and August, but it turned out that they were late arriving this year (or we were early) and the group was able to hook and land only a few fish. But we are going to try again next year.

On other fronts, ocean fishing was decent. **Rich Fiscina** of Branch 146 and **Carl Moyer** journeyed to Shelter Cove in Mendocino County for two days of fishing and landed some very large rockfish and a few good sized ling cod. On another occasion, **Carl** and his brother brought back a limit of rockfish and some ling cod fishing on a party boat near the Farallon Islands. However, **Rich Fiscina** and **Paul Dubow**, fishing with **Rich's** son and **Rick Fend** on **Rich's** boat ran into strong winds off Stinson Beach. They retreated to a cove off Angel Island where **Rich** managed to land two rockfish.

Our annual trip to Lake Oroville once again proved to be a big success. **Joe Miscione**, **Karl Droese**, **Gordon Linebaugh**, **Barry Rauchle**, **Jack Waddell**, and **Paul Dubow** entered the waters of the lake about 6:30 am and came home with a limit of silver salmon four hours later. **Brad Hatcher** of Branch 146 and a friend landed a pair of five pound Mackinaw trout at Lake Tahoe. **Brad** also caught and released five trout, fishing at Deer Lake in the Sierras. **George Schulze**, using one of **Paul Dubow's** old rods, limited out fishing for rainbows at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir with **Carl Moyer** and **Harry Sherinian**.

And, last but not least, 25 of us enjoyed our annual spring fish fry at **Carl Moyer's** home. The main course was rockfish, caught and frozen by **Carl** during the past year.

We are planning to have a very busy summer and fall fishing season with outings for salmon in the ocean and on the Klamath, Sacramento, and Feather Rivers, kokanee fishing on Lake Berryessa, mackinaw fishing at Lake Tahoe, and trout fishing at Lake Davis. All are welcome to join us. You are also welcome at our next

meeting, which will occur at 8:30 am on Thursday, July 25 at the Legends Bar and Grill, Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord. Come earlier to join us for breakfast. For further information, feel free to call Big Fish **Pete Gates** at 925-937-2035, secretary treasurer **Tom Boltz** at 925-825-5695, or branch fishing coordinator **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.



ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Malcolm Hendry

The ROMEO group meets on the third Thursday at 6:30pm. We select eclectic restaurants in the East Bay recommended by you, as well as those favorably reviewed in the media.

"FIORE"

SIR Dennis Kaump recommends our second visit, on July 18, to this restaurant with its fine Italian cuisine. Rated 4 1/2 stars by "OpenTable", the menu features classic Italian dishes with French and Mediterranean influences. The atmosphere is warm and inviting with an aroma that enhances your dining experience.

A full bar and a variety of wines are available along with separate checks for your convenience.

Location: 5100 Clayton Road, Concord, Ca 94521 (Vineyard Shopping Center)

Web Site: restaurantfiore.com
opentable.com/fiore

Phone: [925-969-1887](tel:925-969-1887)

Please let me know by Tuesday July 16, that you will join us.

Come join us to experience dining in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with your fellow Sirs and other male guests.

Your suggestions for restaurants you would like us to visit are welcomed.



LAST CALL FOR SIR 146 THEATRE PARTY ON AUGUST 20 –

Lady Windermere's Fan

The deadline is fast approaching for those who wish to attend “Lady Windermere’s Fan” at the California Shakespeare Theater on Tuesday, August 20. The Victorian comedy promises to be a fun evening in the theater – as only a wit like Oscar Wilde can provide.

A limited number of special group rate tickets is available for this event. The play tells the story of socially prominent Lade Windermere, who discovers that her husband may be having an affair with another woman. When he invites the “other woman” to his wife’s birthday ball, the distress begins. Reservations for reserved seats for this August 20 event at 7:30 p.m. can be secured until July 9, or until our allocation is exhausted. Tickets are \$44.50 each, and can be reserved through SIR Gary Schaub, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Checks are payable to “SIR 146.” Tickets will be mailed to members in advance of the August 20 performance.

The Cal Shakespeare Theater grounds open at 5:30 p.m. The Theater is located off westbound Hwy 24 at the Wilder Road exit. Parking is free. Patrons often arrive early, bring a picnic, or purchase food on site, or to attend a pre-show introduction to the play. Also, since the theater is open air, you should dress for a possible chilly evening in the outdoor venue. Questions? **Call Gary** at (925) 938-5454.

This month I would like to talk about herbs. No, not **Herb Caen** or **Herbert Hoover** but the kind you grow in your garden. I plant mine in the ground in a pot so the roots stay contained and each herb has its own space. Keep them trimmed back so they don't get too woody or start to flower. Fresh herbs are about half the strength of dried herbs so take that into account when cooking. Also, stress your herbs by not over fertilizing or over watering. Stressed herbs have better flavor.

One of everybody's summer favorites is basil. I buy mine already started. Trader Joes has nice looking plants at a fair price. Here is my favorite recipe for Pesto which I make many Ziploc bags worth and freeze each year.

1/4 cup pine nuts (toasted)
3 medium cloves of garlic
2 cups packed fresh basil
7 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
salt

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese.

Place in blender; add olive oil gradually until all contents are evenly mixed. B/N19



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Bob Spellman receiving Branch Honoree Award from **Big Sir Terry Marchione**

Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Aug 28-Sep 7, 2013: SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Golden Age Cruise. Save the date for a CELEBRATION! We will leave out of San Francisco and visit the ports of Juneau, Skagway, Trey Arm Fjord, Ketchikan, Victoria and return to San Francisco on the Grand Princess. The cost of the Cruise is from \$1579 to \$3300 depending on accommodations and includes: Gratuities on the ship, Ship board Credit, Cocktail Party, Hospitality Suite, Transportation by Motor Coach to and from the Pier, Wine, Gifts and a Alaska Salmon Bake excursion. We currently have over 400 SIR members signed up for this trip. Contact **Bob Spellman@** 934-8428 if you want more information.

Jan 9, 2014: Cuba: Music, Culture & the Roots of Revolution. A people to people program that visits Santiago de Cuba a cultural melting pot of Afro-Cuban tradition as well as Baracoa an unspoiled gem on the coast. The Cuban capital of Havana will also be included. The cost of \$5295 includes RT Airfare, all accommodations, 28 meals, Private Motorcoach, and English speaking guide. Contact **Russ Aubry**, Br 171, 510-644-2692.

May13, 2014: Hidden Gems of the Dalmation Coast & Greece. A 16 day cruise aboard a privately owned Grand Circle small ship with a maximum of 50 passengers. Ports of Call include Zagreb, Split, Hvar, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Montenegro, Butrint, Albania, Corfu, Delphi and Athens. Prices range from approximately \$4595 to \$6170 depending on accommodations and airfare. Trip also includes 37 meals, 12 exclusive tours with personal headsets, home hosted dinners, and resident Grand Circle Program Director. Contact **Ken Richter**, 689-6217.



Pete & Ann Gates



1st place Crazy Shirt award goes to Bruce Borgman

Cribbage

John Pearl

Six of us gathered at **Barney Meade's** home on June 19 to see who could take the most money from the others. The honor this month went to former branch Big Sir **Dennis Hallett**, who claimed he needed the money to make up his losses from his recent trip to Reno. **John Boyan** was a very close second, while **Ron Plachy** also took money home as he finished third. **John Pearl** and **Ron Plachy** both had single-hand scores of **24** points, which is considered a very high score as the maximum is 29, per our resident expert **Barney Meade**.



We have instituted a new policy of ending play no later than 3:30 PM, giving us three hours of playing time – so far so good.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Bill Weinberg receiving certificate of Appreciation from Big Sir **Terry Marchione**

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2014

At the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Meeting on May 8, 2013 **Jim Burk**, Chair of the 2013 Nominating Committee, presented the slate of Officers and Directors for 2014 as proposed by the committee to include members **Pete Gates** and **Dennis Hallett**. The slate was unanimously approved by the BEC. The gentlemen listed below have all agreed that if elected by the membership they will accept the responsibilities of the position for which they have been nominated, and will be introduced to the membership present at the July 11 Luncheon. Many of the men are experienced members, while some are relatively new to leadership positions within the Branch.

Subsequently, at the August 8th Luncheon, the membership present will be asked by **Big Sir Terry Marchione** if there are any nominations from the floor for any of the positions. If there are none, Terry will ask that the membership approve the slate presented by a vote of acclamation. These men will then take office effective January 1, 2014.

The Nominating Committee's proposed slate of Officers and Directors is as follows:

Big Sir	Doug Eisner
Little Sir	Bill Holly
Secretary	Walt Busenius
Asst. Secretary	Alan Elnick
Treasurer	Chuck Campbell
Asst. Treasurer	Rob Melrose
Director (2 nd Term)	Paul Dubow
Director (2 nd Term)	Al Munayer
Director (2 nd Term)	Dick Richmond
Director (1 st Term)	Bruce Borgman
Director (1 st Term)	Ben Gleason
Director (1 st Term)	John Pearl

Finally, the Nominating Committee would like to express their appreciation to the many men within Branch 146 who are genuinely willing to take on important leadership positions in the Branch, whether it be as Officers and Directors, or Activity and Administrative Chairs. This willingness is integral to the long-term success of our Branch and we are extremely grateful.

Jim Burk Pete Gates Dennis Hallett

Sunshine

Walt Busenius
945-0715

Busenius@astound.net

We are deeply saddened with the passing of **Sir Tom Morgan** on May 20th. We offer our condolences to his wife **Marcy** and family.

We will keep the following Sirs in our thoughts and prayers during the month. We ask for continued healing and their return to good health.



George Knies
Mike Cavallo
Ed Malboeuf
Chuck Bobinecz
Elmer Kaprielian
Dominic DiMatteo
Guy Rudberg
Jim Kohl
Jack Calloway
Charlie Kiser
Jim Helmick
Bob Van Luchene
Tom Morgan

Please try to contact a sick Sir to offer support and encouragement during his illness. A friendly call is always welcomed.

If you are aware of a sick Sir, please let me know by phone or e-mail, as shown above, so that our Sir membership can be advised.

Poker Club 1

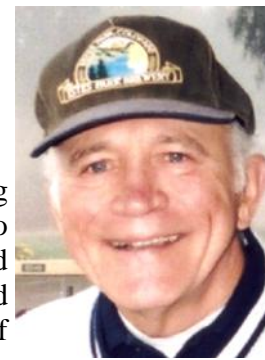
Frank McNamee

Poker #1 met June 12th at **Bill Cammerer's** home. It was a large day for **Dan O'Sullivan**. Also on the plus side were **Bob White** and **John Lewis**. Providing the needed financial were **Don Del Bene**, **Rich Hanford**, **Bill Cammerer**, and **Sal Costanza**. Our next outing will be **July 10th** at the **Don Del Bene** residence.



Poker Club 4

Chuck Bobinecz



Our last game was interesting because in three games with no wild cards the winning hand was four of a kind. In a 7-card game the odds of having four of a kind are six hundred to one.

The June session was hosted by Sir **Bob Mehus** at the home of Sir **Chuck Bobinecz** and the July session will be at the home of Sir **Frank Rockwell**.

Poker Club 5

Bill Roberts

Our group this month was hosted by **Terry Marchione** who provided us a tasty dinner with the help of his wife **Sharon**. Early winners before dinner included **Steve Sprague** and **Frank Rockwell** with the chips moving around the table. After dinner things started to change and when the night was over **Bob Spellman** took the honors with **Charlie Koeber** close behind. **Ken Richter** and **Skip Thomas** also played adding their financial contributions to the pot.

Next month on July 10th we will return to **Bill Roberts** home for our usual get together.



Poker Club 3

Siegfried Kalteis

A number of our regulars could not make it, since it was Memorial Day. Nonetheless, we got seven players together: **Bill Baltazore**, **Jim Passaglia**, **Bob Weiden**, **Bob Lyman** and I were joined by **Bob Larson** and **Carl Pagter** who played with us for the first time. **Bill** started out strong, but eventually **Bob Lyman** and **Jim Passaglia** came out the big winners. O well, we will get them next time.

Genealogy Group

Verner Laursen

At our SIR luncheon on June 13th I offered to lead a genealogy group. At the present time, I lead a genealogy SIG or special interest group at the Diablo Valley Mac users group. I would be willing to do the same for SIR 146. At a later date we might add people from other SIRs.

This genealogy group would meet once a month, probably at the [Concord Family History Center](#) on Concord Blvd. for about two hours. It would be open to members of SIR 146 and their spouses. The purpose would be to assist people, from beginners to people with experience, with their research into their family history. Meeting at the Concord Family History Center would provide us with others to help us in our research.

If anyone in your family is interested in getting started or continuing their research on their family please contact me. You can contact me by email to let me know of your interest or you can call me if you have questions. When and if I receive responses, I will let the respondents know where we go from here.

Verner Laursen

vlaursen@astound.net

(925) 672-7483



Table Pool

Bill Weinberg

1st and 3rd Monday at 11:30 am. (at Masse's 2721 N. Main, Walnut Creek)

We usually have three or four pool games going when we meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 11:30am at Masse's 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. The cost is \$5 for as long as you want to play. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us and we usually play about 2 hours, but not everyone stays for the final curtain. Haven't played in years? Come join us. All Sirs in our Area 2 are welcome.



Phil Goff



Derek Southern

Area 2

Computers and Technology Group

Phil Goff and Derek Southern Co-chairs

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive.

The **August meeting** will be different! We are planning a trip to the Computer Museum in Mountain View on August 15.

Their website is <http://www.computerhistory.org/visit/> if you want to review the attractions. We have asked for a docent led tour so we need to let them know how many of us to expect. There will be a sign-up sheet at the July meeting for those interested in attending solo or with spouses. The cost for seniors (65+) is \$16 unless we can arrange a discount for quantity! The initial plan is to car-share leaving at Walnut Creek 9:15 or 9:30am then having lunch somewhere after the visit.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from **9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, but some months are free, so come and see if July is one of those!

See you there in July; remember we start at 9:30 am!

Non-Responsibility Declaration

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Sons In Retirement Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

Luncheon Attendance

Jim Burk

Our SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at “The Clubhouse” restaurant at Boundary Oak Golf Course. The next luncheon will be **July**



11. The price of our regular luncheon is **\$25** with a no-host bar. Please take note of this change in price over last year. Remember we assume you are coming, but if for any reason you are unable to attend, please e-mail nolunchbranch146@gmail.com by noon Friday the week prior to the luncheon. The noon deadline has to be strictly enforced as that’s the time the restaurant requires us to give them a guaranteed number of meals to prepare. Members failing to meet this deadline, or “no show” for the luncheon, will be required to reimburse the Branch for the liability we will incur with the restaurant for your meal. [Note: Only if you do not have a computer, call Jim Burk at (925) 946-1192 by the same deadline referenced above to let him know you will not be attending. If no one answers, leave your name, badge number, phone number and a short message.]

Payment: Remember that our luncheon will be called to order at 11:45 a.m., so please allow enough time to check-in and make payment. A check for \$25 made payable to “SIR 146” is requested for your lunch on luncheon day.

Sir bringing a Guest: Please e-mail also by noon on the Friday prior to the luncheon leaving your name, badge number, and your guest’s name with proper spelling.

Special requests: If you require a vegetarian meal or any special meal, please make that request. Your request will remain in effect until you cancel it through the luncheon chairman. If for medical reasons you cannot eat lunch, please notify the luncheon chairman and your request will remain in effect until you cancel it.

New members, guests, and sponsors: There will be a dedicated luncheon table set for any new members and their sponsors as well as guests and sponsors with place cards prepared so that you will be assured of a seat. New members along with their sponsors will be asked to join our Membership Chair in the Lakeview Room after the luncheon for a brief orientation session that is both informative and helpful to your acclimation to the Branch.

SIR Happenings Newsletter

SIR Happenings is the statewide SIR Newsletter. Just go to www.sirinc.org and click on SIR Happenings to read the current issue. You may enjoy reading about the activities of other branches.

Couples Dining Out

Bruce Borgman

As announced with a flyer at the June luncheon, the July event for this popular SIR activity will be on Monday, July 15.

The restaurant that has been selected is Metro, located at 3524 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette.

This unique restaurant is a stylish destination which serves big city food in a relaxed suburban setting. The restaurant boasts the largest outdoor patio in the East Bay – the perfect place for al fresco dining among mulberry bushes and fragrant lavender and rosemary bushes. The sophisticated interior private dining area has a fireplace and is also comfortable option for our group- we will decide later. The cuisine of the restaurant has an emphasis on local organic produce and sustainable, humanely-raised meats and fish. The executive chef received the “Hot chef” award from Diablo Magazine in November 2012.

Our menu has a choice of sweet corn chowder or organic mixed greens for a starter. For the entrée, a choice of chicken breast “Gascon”, Petrale sole, grilled pork chop, as well as a vegetarian gnocchi Parisian dish; for dessert – caramel pot de crème, chocolate mousse, or strawberry shortcake. Illy coffee or Numi tea is included. The all inclusive price is \$45 per person. We will be able to make menu choices that evening. Deadline for sending a check to **Bruce** at 3611 Winchester Pl., WC; made out to SIR 146 is July 8.

This promises to be another enjoyable evening and we encourage both our regulars, as well as those of you who have not participated before – it is an excellent opportunity to get to know your fellow SIRs, and their spouses or guests. Please contact **Bruce** at bgborgman@aol.com, or call 932-3961.



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Larry Mitchell receiving Certificate of Appreciation from **Bob Yolland**

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

We will meet on Wednesday July 24, 2013 8:00am at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be **Richard O. Vandenberg** - Managing Director whose responsibilities include business development officer and head of Atlantic Trust Private Wealth Management Co., the San Francisco office for Northern California and the Pacific Northwest. Rick will present "Asset Allocation Update: A Third Market Peak or Room to Run? Should I stay invested? If so where? In which asset classes." **Rick** has more than 31 years of investment management experience whose primary responsibilities include leading the client service teams and business development efforts of ultra-high net worth clients. Plan to attend and hear important timely information concerning your investment strategy.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00am so plan to have an enjoyable breakfast along with your fellow members and quests. Bring along a prospective SIR member to let them know about our Investment Group and enjoy an informative presentation.

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Cooking II

Bob Yolland

Bill Cammerer hosted our excellent June lunch for **Bruce Borgman, John Demos, Ken Richter, Bill Roberts and Bob Yolland**. Since both **Dennis Hallett** and **Corrie Oranje** were out of town and unable to attend we welcomed **Steve Dawkins** as a guest. **Bill** started off serving Brie with a unique cheese cracker. He also had a great spinach dip with sour dough bread plus salami with saltines. Our main course was an outstanding Cioppino made with big crab claws, very large clams and large shrimp, all served in the shell. To make sure we were able to get the seafood out of their shells and stay somewhat clean, **Bill** passed out both cracking and picking tools plus wet towels. This great San Francisco entree was accompanied by sour dough bread and a fine Caesar Salad. For dessert we were treated to Spumoni Ice Cream. Of course there were plenty of fine red and white wines and a great deal of good conversation.



Walkers

John Lewis



*Every Friday at 9:30 am at various locales. Call **John** or just show up. Rain cancels any walk.*

*July walks planned by **Martin Lyle***

- July 5 Tassajara Trail,, Danville Sycamore Valley and Camino Tassajara Rds
Meet: Take 680 South Sycamore Val East to Camino Tassajara Parking on Rt.
Walk: East along Camino Tassajara
Coffee: Pascal French Oven Railroad Ave.
- July 12 Bancroft Canal Walk East Walnut Creek
Meet: Bancroft Parking nr. Panera Bread
Walk: East on Contra Costa Canal
Coffee: Panera bread Bancroft shopping
- July 19 Oak Park South Pleasant Hill
Meet: Oak Park Shopping Center between Putman & Keats
Walk: West on Oak Park Blvd. for three blocks to south on CC Canal
Coffee: Starbucks Contra Costa Ctr. P.H.
- July 26 San Miguel Park, East Walnut Creek Ygnacio and San Carlos
Meet: South on San Carlos Dr . Turn right into San Jose Ct. At entrance to San Miguel Park
Walk: Across San Miguel Park East on Ygnacio Canal Trail
Coffee: Panera Bread Bancroft Shop Ctr.

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