

Big Sir's Notes Pete Gates

Sir Harry Dillon has joined the ranks of the **Senior Sir**. This event was commemorated by an award presented by our **Area Governor-Ron Smith** and **Ray Kan** who was standing in for **Bob Yolland**, our **Awards Chairman**. Congratulations, **Harry**.

I have heard a lot of very positive comments about the quality of our speakers this year. I wish to thank **Little Sir-Jim Burk** for his hard work and dedication to our Branch in providing interesting and varied speakers for our enjoyment, and much more. I have no doubt that he will be a great Big Sir for 2012.

Some feedback from the SIR Annual meeting held earlier this month in Vallejo:

- **Jim Stedman** is the new SIR President-Elect. His candidacy was strongly supported and rightly so for all that **Jim** has done for SIR. We are proud of you **Jim**.
- **Ron Smith** will serve a second year as our Area Governor. He is a pleasure to work with.

There are 145 Branches in SIR and after many years of declining membership, the organization is healthy and getting stronger.

Proudly, I can say that Branch 146 is one that has contributed significantly to this improvement.

We do, however, have a problem which is costing the Branch money. There have been too many members who do not call-in to notify us they that they do not plan to attend the luncheon, or they call in after the deadline. Please heed the reminders in this SirCall.

Let's all pull together to resolve this issue and keep our Branch strong and financially sound.

Be a Friend, Bring a Friend!

REMINDER: MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY IN CONNECTION WITH ATTENDANCE AT MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Our Branch is experiencing a problem that we must resolve. The number of members who are (1) either not advising our Attendance/Luncheon Chair as to their plan to not attend the upcoming luncheon; or (2) advising the A/L Chair as to their non-attendance after the notification deadline has passed; is increasing significantly.

With that in mind, let's review the critical responsibility that each member has in connection with our monthly luncheon meeting as we approach a new month.

First, and most important, you need to be looking ahead on your calendar to determine your personal availability to attend the next luncheon meeting.

(1) Your attendance at each month's luncheon meeting is assumed UNLESS you notify the Attendance/Luncheon Chair by e-mail or telephone NO LATER THAN 12 noon on the Friday prior to the 2nd Thursday (meeting day) of the month. [For example, in September, 2011 that date would be prior to 12 Noon on Friday, September 2, for the September 8 luncheon.]

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(2) If you miss the notification deadline, or do not show for the luncheon, you are responsible for the \$24 charge billed to the Branch by Boundary Oak for preparing your meal.

(3) There is an appeal process in case the deadline was missed, or the "no show" incurred, due to an emergency. The Branch Executive Committee will review the circumstances of your appeal and determine whether your emergency warrants a waiver of the charge.

CONCLUSION: IT IS UNFAIR FOR THE MAJORITY OF OUR MEMBERS TO ABSORB THE COST CHARGED TO THE BRANCH AS A RESULT OF OTHER MEMBERS' FORGETFULNESS.

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Little Sir's Corner Jim Burk



While the first day of school varies throughout the Bay Area and the State of California, students everywhere are getting ready to return to the classroom. The same is true for members of Sir Branch 146. Our "first day of school" will take place at our luncheon meeting on **Thursday, September 8**. So get your new pens and notebooks purchased and be prepared to take notes as we return to the classroom for **Political Science 101: "Election 2012"** with **JACK CITRIN, Political Science Professor, at the University of California, Berkeley**. The Presidential Campaign is well underway as the Republicans have held their first debate, and have already seen one candidate drop out of the race. Professor **Citrin** will be providing his impartial knowledge and insights into both the candidates for the Republicans and the incumbent Democratic President, as they face numerous challenges in what is shaping up to be a fiercely contested campaign that lies ahead of us.

In **October**, we will focus on our own personal health as we are joined by our speaker **CYNTHIA MILLER, RN, and the Neurosciences Clinical Coordinator, at John Muir Neurosciences Institute at the John Muir Medical Center** located in Walnut Creek. **Cynthia** will address how to guard against strokes, how to know when one is occurring, and what to do should you experience one, among other aspects of interest. I hope you will plan to attend as it could be said this subject is "near and dear to our heart," no pun intended.



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 **Bob Burley** on Aug. 1. First place went to **Lo McCarley** with 5880 points, second to **Fred Bolton** and third to **Jim Jackson**. **Harry Dillon** came in fourth. Our next game will be at the home of **Chuck Hammond** on Sept. 5.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley



Meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm at participants' homes. Couples play as partners.

Eight couples had a great time playing duplicate bridge on August 17th at **Lynn and Dasha Freeman's** home. The group welcomed back **George Zunich and Tamara Judson**. It was great to have them with us again. We missed them a lot. As for the bridge results, **Jim and Allison Todhunter** tied for first place with **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** with 37 points. **Carl and Anne Johnson** took third with 34 points and we had another tie for third place. **Bill and Margaret Rees** tied with **George Zunich and Tamara Judson** both couples having 33 points. **Carl and Anne Johnson** will host the next bridge party on September 21st.

Lo McCarley



Duplicate Bridge Doug Eisner



Our match is held each month on the Monday after the SIR luncheon at various homes. Bring your lunch

We played 4 tables of duplicate bridge on August 15, hosted by **Carl Johnson**. **Lo McCarley's** 46.5 pt outdistanced the field for first place and **Rich Ahlf's** 43 pt moved him into second place. **Doug Eisner** took third place with 42.0 pt and **Jim Todhunter's** 40.0 pt squeezed into fourth place.

Our next game will be hosted by **Jim Brown** on Monday, September 12.

Dick DeVoe is leading the start-up of a second men's duplicate bridge group. Any bridge players interested in playing with this group are encouraged to contact Dick directly. For now, **Dick** has arranged for members of our branch to join the duplicate bridge game hosted by SIR Branch 8 on the 4th Monday of each month at Carl's Junior Restaurant in the Nob Hill Shopping Center in Walnut Creek.



Luncheon Attendance Bob Mehus



SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at CourseCo Restaurant at Boundary Oak Golf Club. The price of our luncheons is \$24 with a no-host bar.

Please email nolunchbranch146@gmail.com, or call Bob Mehus at 510-549-2221 by Friday NOON prior to the luncheon if, for any reason, you are unable to attend. If no one answers, leave your name, badge number, phone number and a short message. Please be sure you call!!!

Remember that our luncheon will be called to order at 11:45am, so please allow enough time to arrive on schedule. A check for **\$24.00** made payable to SIR146 is requested for payment of your lunch on Luncheon Day. Thanks.

A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, giving a valid reason or who attends less than five (5) meetings/luncheons within the last twelve (12) months, excluding May and December (Ladies Day Luncheons), shall be notified by the prescribed form, of termination of his membership.

SIR bringing a Guest

Please call by Friday, noon prior to the luncheon and leave your name and badge number and the name of your guest. Please spell the last name of your guest.

Salad

Spinach Salad

With Eggs, Red Onion Bacon Vinaigrette

Entrees

Pan Seared Breast of Free Range Chicken
with a Wild Mushroom Ragout
Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables

Or

Pan Seared Catch of the Day*
With a Vine Ripened Tomato, Fresh Basil and Kalamata Olive Relish
Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Chocolate Brownie
Topped with Chocolate Sauce and Whipped Cream

Special Luncheon Requirements

If you require a vegetarian meal or any special meal, please call and make a 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 me and your request will remain in effect until you cancel it through your Luncheon Chairman.

New Members and/or Sponsors

There will be a dedicated luncheon table set for any new members and their sponsors who would like to sit together to share their conversations as new members of SIR146. It is voluntary and please do not feel obligated, as a new member, to sit at this table.

COUPLES PARTY BRIDGE

Dave Pierce

Doug and Patti Eisner hosted three tables on August 2nd and were gracious hosts! In a rare tie for third place were **John and Linda Boyan** and **Terry and Sharon Marchione** with 2960 points. **Dave and Joan Pierce** bid their cards to the hilt (also rare) and placed second with 3950. Dick DeVoe handed me a tally with 9380 on it, an unheard of score for 20 hands. That taught me not to give out duplicate tallies. In reality **Dick and Christy Devoe** scored 4400, still more than enough for top money. It must be all that world traveling and crisp rarified air they had been breathing in Norway. Other groups: be warned. **Dave Pierce**, 932-3877.



Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



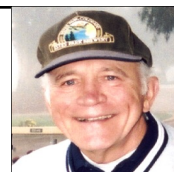
Poker Club #1 met August 10th at **Dan O'Sullivan's** residence and did he ever take advantage of his home turf. He won early, middle and late consistently. He was the big winner for the day. The only other players who ended up on the plus side were **Bob White** and **Bill Cammerer**, Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 7 at the home of **Bob White**.

Frank

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Joe Barry

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too met at the home of **Ken and Elaine Richter** on August 9th. Play was delayed a little when it took **Dick DeVoe** a good ten minutes to get a flat (bottom side only) tire changed on **Christy's** new car. However, everything worked out great as we all had time for an extra glass of wine before playing. **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** again took top honors but it was rumored they did not partake in the extra wine. **Joe and Josie Barry** were second followed closely by **Terry and Sharon Marchione**. The September Bridge will be at **Jim and Ruth Adam's** home on the 13th.

Poker Group #4 Chuck Bobinecz



Poker Club #4 will **not** meet on August 22nd as previously scheduled. Our next meeting will resume on September 26th and be hosted by Sir **Chuck Bobinecz**. Sir **Garth Cummings** will host our October 24th meeting at the casino Tahoe in Danville. Well the last couple of months have been a learning session for most of the players. Maybe the month off will help our skills.

Chuck



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 \$5.00 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 are welcome.

Poker Club #3 Siegfried Kalteis



After a 2 month hiatus we were able to muster seven players again to resume our monthly poker game. Besides five regulars we had **Al Munayer** and **Jim Stack** (a friend of mine and prospective member) filling in. No big winners or losers, but all had a good time.

Sig Kalteis



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Sep 3, 2011 The Mothball "Ghost" Fleet. See the ships before they are removed permanently from the Bay. Depart the Pittsburg marina aboard the Island Serenade yacht for a 4 hour narrated boat cruise traveling on the Delta to Suisun Bay. Includes a three course lunch, taxes, motorcoach and driver tip. Cost: 108.00, Contact **Tom Sponsler @ 925-708-6584**, Branch 171 for more information.

Sep 11-21, 2011 The Enchantment of Lake Michigan. An eleven day trip including a Hydrofoil to Mackinac Island, Green Bay and Madison Wisconsin featuring The House On The Rock and Frank Lloyd Wright's Hillside Home School at Taliesin, a ride on the Chicago River and into Lake Michigan. Cost \$ 2885 Contact **Bob Hagler @ 925-934-7620** Branch 8 for more information.

Oct 1-11, 2011 Canada & New England Cruise. Experience the colors of Fall as you sail for 10 days aboard Silversea's Silver Whisper from Montreal to New York. You will also visit Quebec City, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Boston and Newport. While aboard the Silver Whisper you will find a most accommodating atmosphere providing impeccable service and world class cuisine. Everything is included in the price, tips, fine wines, all spirits, complimentary In Suite dining, meals, airfare, bus to and from airport, port charge, government fees and taxes. You will be treated like royalty. Cost from \$5250 to \$6750 depending on Stateroom. Contact **Bob Spellman @ 934-8428**. This trip has been very popular and is currently sold out. We have started a Waiting List for those who may still like to go with no obligation.

Oct 8, 2011 Blue Angels & the San Francisco Belle. Enjoy the Best Aviation show in the U.S. as well as vintage planes performing the most amazing stunts you will ever see. We will board the San Francisco Belle at 1:30 and cruise around the Bay, stopping in a great spot to view the aviation show. While on board there will be live entertainment, reserved seating for a hot buffet lunch and no host bar. We will disembark at 4:30 for our motor coach ride back to Walnut Creek Cost is \$125 pp Contact **Bob Hagler @925-934-7620** Branch 8 for more information.

Dec 7, 2011 Christmas Show Extravaganza. Finocchio's Style. You will be talking about this show for months. Finocchio's was a nightclub in San Francisco with men performing with all the glitter,

sophistication and glamour of women. It was a favorite tourist spot from the 1930's to 1990's. In 1999 Finocchio's closed its doors but many of the cast members are still performing and will showcase their talents at this show. Enjoy this fabulous show and a fun filled afternoon. Cost \$81.00 includes, delicious luncheon, motorcoach transportation, and class of wine. Contact **Ken Richter@ 689-6217**. Payment must be received by 10/25/11.

May 19-Jun 3, 2012 Romance of the Rhine & Mosel. Cruise aboard a private Grand Circle river ship starting in Basel, Switzerland ending in Antwerp, Belgium. The ship will make stops at Strasbourg, France, Speyer, Baden-Baden, Boppard, Koblenz, Cochem, Bernkastel, Trier, Bonn, Germany, Nijmegen, Kinderdijk and Antwerp. The price starts at \$3895 to \$5295 plus air. The trip includes, 12 exclusive guided sightseeing tours plus personal headsets, Captains welcome dinner, 42 meals with complimentary wine with dinner. Contact **Ken Richter, 689-6217**. Pre and post trips are also available to Lucerne, Switzerland and Bruges, Belgium. Rooms will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Membership Steve Sprague



Branch 146 Statistics:

Active Members: 268 including six Honorary Life Members.

Applicant List: Two.

Inactive Members: Ten.

August Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 191

Guests: 2, Visitors: 1, Speakers: 1

Total Attendance: 195

Status Changes:

Inducted: **Joe Hunt**, Badge 274

Charlie Kahsen, Badge 127

Pat Meehan, Badge 270

Loui Nemeth, Badge 271

George Trabert, Badge 272

Ben Yeraka, Badge 273

Moved to Inactive List: None

Resigned or Transferred: None

Deceased: **Mitch Mitchell**, Badge 127, passed away on July, 26, 2011.

There were no changes to the Inactive Roster.



Sunshine

Walt Busenius
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We keep the Sirs listed below in our thoughts and prayers. We extend our very best wishes for continued healing and look forward to their returning to good health:

Sir Joe Schild
Sir Charles Kiser
Sir Bob Frankland
Sir Rod Sharretts
Sir Rob Van Luchene
Sir Ron Pascoe
Sir Lee Vincent
Sir Vern Bendsen

We also send our best wishes and prayers to Pat, wife of SIR **Bill Hartman**, who was recently admitted to John Muir for a possible brain tumor and exploratory tests.

We request that Sirs contact those on this sunshine list to offer encouragement and support during their illness.

If you know of or talk to a sick Sir, please let me know of their health by phone or e-mail as shown above so that we can inform our Sir membership.

BOOK CORNER KEN RICHTER

Jan Mar May July Sept Nov

The BOOK CORNER will be open each of the months listed above. So let's share our reading materials with other SIRs.

If you have a favorite author or a great book you read, write a short paragraph and submit to Ken Richter@astound.net.

Book to read. SHADOW DIVERS by **Robert Kurson**

The true adventure of two Americans who risked everything to solve one of the last mysteries of World War II. The finding of a German U- Boat.



ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Malcolm Hendry



The ROMEO group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.

We select eclectic restaurants in the East Bay recommended by you, as well as, those favorably reviewed in the media.

Come join us and experience enjoyable dining, while getting to better know your fellow SIR and male guests, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

"OTTAVIO"

You no longer need a passport to get a taste of Venetian cuisine. One of bella Italia's tastiest outposts is in Walnut Creek, where Valentino Luchin opened his "OTTAVIO" last year.

The atmosphere is highlighted by deep purple walls and soft lighting, where the full bar serves a variety of cocktails go far beyond the usual.

The wine list is Italian-centric, and every meal begins with a warm house-made bread and a small dish of dipping sauce, followed by entrees designed with omnivores in mind.

Location: 1606 North Main St., Walnut Creek

Web Site: www.yelp.com/biz/ottavio-walnut-creek (Menus, location, reviews)

Phone: 925-930-8008

Please let me know by Tuesday, September 13th, that you will join us.

Your suggestions for restaurants you recommend are welcomed.



Garden Club Steve Dawkins

Another great annual summer BBQ at **Chuck Bobinecz's** house. His garden was as spectacular as ever. Summer is coming to a close and it is time to think about fall chores. Fertilize your lawn at the end of the month and prepare your beds for winter vegetables. Hopefully we can get **John Davis**, the arborist for the City of Walnut Creek, to speak at our next meeting on Sept. 22nd at the Oak Grove Library at 9:30 am.

SIR Theatre Party October 13

GARY SCHaub



Sometimes make believe is lots of fun!

Comedian **Steve Martin** thinks so in his play *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* – the SIR 146 Theatre Party for Thursday, October 13 at the Lafayette Town Hall Theatre. Like the current movie “Midnight in Paris,” Steve Martin’s play takes us to a mythological gathering of characters in 1904.

He brings together Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso meeting in a Montmartre bar in Paris called the Lapin Agile (the “Nimble Rabbit”). The bar provides a setting for a lengthy debate about the value of genius and talent while interacting with a host of other characters.

Produced by Town Hall Theatre Company, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* is Steve Martin’s first full-length play. It opened in Chicago in 1993, and made its way to both Los Angeles and New York. Steve Martin’s quirky humor makes for a laugh-filled evening in the theatre.

A limited number of discounted tickets at a special SIR group rate of \$15.00 for SIR members and friends have been set aside for SIR members and friends.

Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. For reservations send a check payable for SIR146 for \$15.00 each to Sir **Gary Schaub**, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Deadline for reservations is October 3.

Tickets will be distributed in the ground floor lobby of Town Hall Theatre, 3535 School Street (at Moraga Road) in Lafayette at 7:30 p.m. on performance night. Show begins at 8:00 p.m. Parking is available on the street near the theatre.



Away Golf Rich Hanford and Joe Fuchs

Away golf is on the 1st Thursday of the month, beginning in May and ending in October (i.e. 6 dates).

Golfers are able to optionally schedule their playing partners for carpooling purposes. Singles will be assigned to a foursome as they are on Tuesday’s. Players pay at the course at check-in, like they do on Tuesdays.

In August we had a great time at Blue Rock in Vallejo with prizes provided by the golf course. The Blue Rock East results were:

White Flight: 1st: **Pete McNeil** (68), 2nd: **Bill Dastic** (69), 3rd: **Dennis Hallett** (69)

Gold Flight: 1st: **Cal Tucker** (59), 2nd: **Ed Marlovits** (62), 3rd: **Dan O’Sullivan** (67)

Closest to the Pin: **Ray Kan**

COMING SOON

9/01/11 Delta View \$29 with cart & bucket of balls (a great price)

10/6/11 Deer Ridge \$35

If you want to sign up for a particular date, you can do it now by sending an Email to Sir146away-golf@yahoo.com, calling **Rich Hanford** or **Joe Fuchs**, or signing up at Tuesday golf.

Couples Golf John Harrington



Our Couples Tournament for July was held at our home course of Boundary Oak and was hosted by **Bob and Jo Spellman**. Results of our competition were: The team of **Steve Dawkins** and **Dick Richmond** topped the Men's competition and the team of **Tippy Weisz** and **Liz Meehan** led the women's flight. Closest to the pin honors went to **Ray Weisz** and **Sharon Marchione**. Congratulations to all who participated. Next tournament will be held at Deer Ridge and hosted by **Max and Nancy Burchett** on August 24."

John

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group



Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invite all Sirs and their guests to our next meeting on Thursday, September 15th at 9am.

Barry Brown, a new member at Branch 8 and a long time member of the Diablo Valley PC Users Group (www.dvpc.org) will discuss "How Photoshop Elements evolved and why; a brief history". He will follow this with a demonstration of "Layers, the heart of Photoshop Elements" with emphasis on the newly included layer masks.

We will allow adequate time for conversation and problem sharing. **Dick Curry** will lead a Q&A to address current computer issues and questions. So please join us for a fun and informative session. As always there will be free coffee and cookies.

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. 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. See you there.

Thank you for supporting your Area 2 Computer and Technology Group.

Phil Goff and Derek Southern
Co-chairs

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 SIR branches.



Bowling Larry Mitchell



Our summer short league will be finished next Wednesday and we will kick off the winter league on September 8, 2011. A meeting will be held at Diablo Lanes at 9:30am to set bowling costs, handicap percentages, and other matters which will make up the league rules. League bowling will start immediately after the meeting.

I would encourage anyone interested in bowling in the league to attend the meeting because new bowlers will be assigned to teams at that time. It does not matter if you are an experienced bowler or not because we will be using either a 100% or 90% handicap. This creates a flat playing field. As a matter of fact new bowlers are more desirable to have on a team because they will improve at a faster pace. If anyone wants an explanation of this call me or come to the meeting.

There are two tournaments in September: The first is at Cloverleaf Bowl in Fremont on 9/11 and 12 and the second is at the **Earl Anthony** Bowl in Dublin on 9/19. If more information is needed on either of these events, please call me at 925-798-5440.

Non-Responsibility Declaration

Rule 345: All activities arranged for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. 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.

MEMBER RECRUITMENT
AND RETENTION

Jack Calloway

We had a record number of luncheon guests in June and July which resulted in six new members being inducted in August. They are **Clarence Hunt** sponsored by **Dale Haukland**, **Charles Kahsen** sponsored by **Joe Fuchs**, **Patrick Meehan** sponsored by **John Harrington**, **Louie Nemeth** sponsored by **Fred Kovar**, **George Traebert** sponsored by **Terry Marchione** and **Benjamin Yeraka** sponsored by **Jim Adams**.

There were only two guests at the August Luncheon so please remember to bring a guest to the next luncheon. In this month's SIR Call we included a condensed version of "How To Sponsor A New Member". It's easy and you will be doing someone a huge favor as well as keeping the Branch strong.

The Board approved an annual free lunch drawing in November for members who brought a guest to a luncheon and that guest did not join the Branch. We appreciate the efforts of those members who bring luncheon guest. Sometimes we have guests who join months after the initial visit so don't give up if there is any interest at all.

Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on September 28th 2011, 8:00 am at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be **Steve Gelfand** from the office of Merrill Lynch in San Francisco. **Steve's** presentation will discuss —**Emerging Markets and Globalization: Beyond the Hype.**" In summary, he will review what's positive and exciting about the Emerging Markets (EM) and yet be sensible and honest about the challenges that confront these markets and countries.

Steve has over 32 years of experience in the world of Finance and Advisory positions for a variety of clients in the industrial part of the spectrum including Mattel Electronics and the Disney Channel. He brings a thoughtful and measured approach to wealth management. Utilizing the insight gained through study and experience, Steve questions the traditional models of wealth management that are popular on Wall Street. He strives to provide stability and peace of mind in a world that is ever more uncertain. The timeliness of this talk is one all will enjoy.

The restaurant at the course opens at 7:00 am for those would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.

HOW TO SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER

WHEN YOU BRING A LUNCHEON GUEST, YOU WILL RECEIVE A WELCOME PACKET OF INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH HIM.

BRIEFLY INTRODUCE HIM WHEN CALLED UPON

AFTER HE COMPLETES THE APPLICATION, SIGN IT AND SEND IT TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN STEVE SPRAGUE.

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN HE WILL BE INDUCTED (USUALLY THE NEXT MONTH).

FORMALLY INTRODUCE HIM WHEN HE IS INDUCTED



FISHING REPORT
PAUL DUBOW



August is a big month for travel and so three different groups left the state to try their luck at big fish. Two groups went to Alaska. **Pete Gates, Steve Loftin, and Tom Boltz**, joined by **Tom's** son, found a new spot in the 49th state and did quite well, catching lots of salmon and halibut to 50 lbs. A group led by **Al Meier** successfully fished the Kenai River for sockeye salmon and then made one ocean trip for halibut, catching several, with the largest at 64 lbs. **Rich Bal, Tom Click, Ed Dijkman, and Romano Gnusti** made their second trip to the Columbia River at Astoria, Oregon this year and again limited out over the three day period. They also caught and released many sturgeon that were either over or under the weight limits and this included a 200 lb monster that **Rich** landed. For those of us who stayed in California there were mixed results. **Karl Droese, Mario Moratorio, Bill Landers, and Paul Dubow** journeyed to Lake Tahoe for a two day mackinaw trip but were greeted by strong winds which made fishing very dicey. They managed to get out for an hour on the first day and hooked five fish, landing three. But on the second day, the winds were worse and they did not venture out. Two weeks later, **Dick Thomson** enjoyed great weather at the lake and limited out. **Mike Corker** and **Carl Moyer** tested the wind on the bay, but the wind won, and they returned with a single rockfish. Not deterred, **Carl** joined **Karl Droese, John O'Brien, Dick Thomson, and Bill Landers** for another bay trip but this time it was not only windy, but also rainy. They managed to catch one halibut and two stripers. **Terry Miller** and **Harry Sherinian** fared much better with **Carl**, catching rockfish and ling cod on the ocean. **Carl** made a second trip on the ocean for salmon, but caught only shakers. But he picked up some rock cod on the way back in. **Gordon Linebaugh** and **Joe Miscione** made successful trout forays on Bucks Lake and Lake McSwain respectively and **Tom Boltz** fished Lake Berryessa and came home with some trout and kokanee. Delta fishing for black bass produced the best results for the month. **Bill Landers** and **Paul Dubow** caught and released over 50 of these fighters on one trip and then, a few days later, they tried their luck again, this time joined by **Harry Sherinian**. Notwithstanding a heavy wind, they caught and released about 30 bass and **Harry** also caught and released a keeper striper.

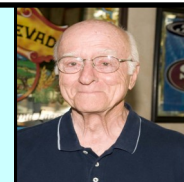
We will be very busy this fall with delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, a salmon trip to the Klamath, and party boat trips for kokanee, salmon, and rockfish. All members of our branch are welcome to join us. Our next meeting will be at 8:30 am on Thursday, September 22, at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. For those who would like breakfast, be there at 8 am.

Explore and Dine
John Pearl



Our September outing is now planned for Thursday, September 22. We will be touring the Nilas Essanay Silent Film Museum, located in the Nilas District of Fremont. This is where movies were first made in California, starring such names as **Charlie Chaplain** and **Bronco Billy**. You may have seen the *60 Minutes* segment that featured some film taken of San Francisco's Market Street shortly before the 1906 earthquake. The museum furnished that film clip to CBS. We will have lunch at a Nilas restaurant, with browsing for antiques available afterwards if you wish.

Bocce Ball
Martin Lyle



2nd and 4th Mondays at 9 am., May through October, at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord, near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads

Every day we are hearing of more and more interest in Bocce Ball, and you can find out the reason very easily.

Come and enjoy play with your fellow Sirs as we meet, play, and have a good time enjoying the fellowship.

Ladies are welcome.

SIR 146 Computer Classes Lo McCarley



Photoshop Elements 9

Hey computer users and photographers!!!

Come to the classes and have some fun while learning to improve your pictures. We have easy step-by-step scripts that we'll email to you with sample pictures.

Learn to:

- Bring you pictures into Elements
- Organize photos using albums, ratings, and tags
- Make quick fixes and rotate and resize photos
- Select all or part of a picture for editing
- Get rid of red eye
- Retouch photos, add color and special effects
- Use layers: the heart of Elements
- Order prints on line or print at home
- Create slide shows, CDs and DVDs

Photoshop Elements

Written for Photoshop Elements 9, but also helpful for Photoshop Elements 6 through 8

Two Great Classes

Thursday, October 27th

Friday, November 4th

Time:

1:30 to 5:00 each class day

Where:

Ygnacio Valley Library on Oak Grove Road

Teachers:

Lo McCarley and Dave Pierce

Unbelievable Deal:

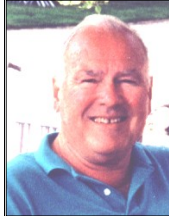
\$10 for both classes

To Enroll

E-mail Lo at LoMcCarley@astound.net

Or phone Lo at 935-3939

Computer classes for SIR Branch 146 members, their wives and friends.



Walkers
John Lewis



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

Walks - September 2011
Planned by **Bill Powell**

Sept. 2nd South on Iron Horse Trail

Meet: at Railroad Museum parking

Walk: south on Iron Horse Trail

Paved, level, some shade

Coffee: Pascal French Oven 155-B Railroad Ave.

Sept. 9th Lafayette Moraga Trail

Meet: at end of Olympic Blvd. for parking

Walk: west on Lafayette Moraga Trail at end of Olympic Blvd.

Paved, level, shady

Coffee: Rising Loafer 3643 Mt. Diablo Blvd. just past Trader Joes. Laf.

Sept. 16th Walden Park North

Meet: Walden Park parking

Walk: North on Iron Horse Trail

Paved, level, some shade

Coffee: Panera Bakery, Countrywood Shopping Ctr, 744 Bancroft Rd., W.C.

Sept. 23rd Arbolado Park North

Meet: at Arbolado Park Parking

Walk: North across park to Ygnacio Canal

Paved, level, some shade

Coffee: Sweet Affair 1815 Ygnacio Valley Rd. W.C.

Sept. 30th Lafayette Moraga Trail North: Moraga

Meet: At Moraga Safeway parking

Walk: North on School St., Cross Moraga Rd., at Light to Moraga Regional Trail to St. Mary's College

Level, some shade

Coffee: Terzetto Cuisine, Moraga

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