

**Sons In Retirement
SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102
MARCH 2011**

LUNCHEON MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of the month
Executive Board meeting 10:00 A.M.
Social Hour: 10:45 — Luncheon: 11:45
Carmichael Elks Lodge

**Next Meeting
Tuesday
March 8th**

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING

Please let us know at e-mail
Sir102luncheonrsvp@gmail.com
or leave a message at 393-1124

Sons In Retirement is a nonprofit public benefit corporation for retired men, devoted to the promotion of independence and dignity of retirement. SIR's purpose is to assist men in renewing former friendships and provide opportunities to make new friends through association with other retirees. The only requirement for membership is that a man be retired and sponsored by an active member. Membership shall be open to men retired from fulltime gainful occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion.

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BIG SIR STUFF:

If you were curious about all the books on the table in the entryway at the last meeting, Dick Coleman has started a "book exchange" program. If you see something you like, help yourself and if you have books laying around that others might enjoy, bring them to the next meeting. I wanted to appoint Dick the branch librarian, but he refuses to wear the cute little outfit I picked out for him. Probably better for us all.

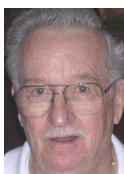
Dick also had a number of guys interested in an informal branch fishing club. All you need is your own tackle and license. If you think you might be interested in participating, let Dick know. If he approaches fishing like he does golf and bowling, he will have enough "tall tales" for the entire group.

Our membership numbers continue to climb with the addition of three new members that have transferred from other branches to 102. Everyone welcome John Swearinger, Fred Plutchak and George Williams to our group. Remember to "Bring a Friend to Lunch". We are always interested in making new friends and their lunch is free.

We will have a guest from the SIR State Offices at the March meeting to present "Roc" Sorgman with his Senior Honorary Life Member Award. This is an award that is given to a SIR Honorary Life Member after he has been an HLM for 10 years. To receive this award it quite an accomplishment and we all want to express our congratulations and thanks to "Roc" for his years of service to Branch 102 and the Sons in Retirement organization.

See you at the luncheon. Be sure to let us know if you can't make it.

Jim Johnson



LITTLE SIR:

Well Claudia seemed to be well received by the Questions asked it all boiled down to we're going to get higher BILLS. (whats new) Our next speaker will be detective Dave Olsen from the fraud ID theft division of the sherifs department. Dave said that they take advantage of older persons so since some of you are approaching old age I thought this might be an appropriate speaker. Again I would ask that if you know of any interesting speakers that you think our group might enjoy please give me a call or see me at the meetings. Have a great month!!!

Dick Larsen



ATTENDANCE: Tom Wight (393-1142) & Gus Kvick (967-7634)

At our February 8, 2011, meeting we had a good turnout of 141 members and four guests, which is better than last year's total attendance of

133. Many thanks are due our Attendance Committee (Bob Lamora) for handling the gmail to help estimate how many no shows we are going to have at the next luncheon meeting via our new gmail notification system. Also if you or someone you know is undergoing a serious health issue, you can so notify at this gmail address, but it would be better to email or phone Bob Baker, our Sunshine Chairman, or Tom Wight or Gus Kvick, the Attendance Guys. We are not trying to get too personal,

but perhaps we can lend some moral support.

Finally just a reminder that according to Attendance Rule 100 we can only excuse members from atotal of five missed meetings within the last twelve consecutive months. See you next month.

Your Attendance Guys, Gus and Tom



<u>Will be</u>	<u>Will be</u>
87 Lee, Don	71 Nustrom, Rod
86 DeCrona, Gene	70 Sellnow, Gerry
86 Dresser, Bill	66 Coleman, Dick
85 Raber, Eldon	66 Houpt, Jerry
83 Bingham, Dave	64 Dwyer, Pat
79 Downey, Waldo	64 Jochim, Loren
77 DeJarnett, DJ	64 Ludington, John
73 Murphy, Pat	63 Hampton, Gerry



SIR 102 MEMBER OF THE MONTH; Marty Owen "matriculated" from a small town (1100 population) outside of Toledo, Ohio. There were 65 bright and shining faces in his high school graduating class. Not too much teacher turnover in those days, as several of Marty's teachers also taught his mother several years earlier. How a small town Ohio boy could end up studying at the University of Hawaii is interesting.

Upon graduating from high school in 1965 Marty applied to Bowling Green State University as well as the University of Hawaii. He was accepted by both, but the daunting 18-year old decided on the rigors of Hawaii to complete his education. In order to live in a college dorm you needed to be a resident of Hawaii, so Marty rented an apartment a block off Waikiki Beach. This worked fine except for the academics, so in the second semester it became absolutely positively necessary to give up the beach and focus on study habits.

Hawaii was great. Surprisingly for that time period, there was quite a bit of racial discrimination in the new 50th State. Some establishments weren't overly pleased to even provide service to any of the fair-skinned "mainlanders." But by 1969, Marty completed a BA degree in Finance with a minor in Religion.

His first job was with AeroQuip in Jackson, Michigan in their Data Processing Department. From there he moved to Chicago where he spent the next 25-working years working (1st National Bank of Chicago, a GE systems consulting unit, a mutual fund company, and Deloitte Touche) finally retiring in 1998. His wife Patricia was from the Sacramento area so the two Owen(s) {no "s" in the last name please } looked forward to retiring in this area.

In 2002 we can thank Max Kinsey for sponsoring Marty to SIR #102. It wasn't long before Marty was helping Tournament Director George Smith. Soon afterward as the new Tournament Director Marty made many changes including rebuilding the entire SIR database and adding first-time pictures of members. Many parts of the Golf Club's procedures were also streamlined using his computer skills. Our yearly Golf Club Awards Banquet was introduced to new activities as well as new awards. All of these strong SIR activities make Marty Owen this month's Sir of the Month.



MEMBERSHIP; Dick Coleman (967-1578)

We're off to a good start this year in acquiring new members. We now have a 197 active members. Lets keep working on brining guests to our luncheons.

My thanks to the members that brought books to our first luncheon book swap. Your participation made it a success!! Lets keep it going. Bring those unwanted books gathering dust.

Our first meeting of the fishing club was held at our February meeting. "Gone Fishing" is the name of our group, and we have 12 members signed up so far. If you would like to join, all you need is your own tackle and a fishing license. We have several members with boats, and also some with RV's. We hope to enjoy both same day and overnight excursions.

I didn't get as much response to establishing card groups as I had hoped. Choices are Pinochle, Gin, Spades, Poker, Pedro, etc.

If anyone is interested in the above, or has any other ideas for activities our membership would enjoy, please contact me. See you at the March meeting,.

Dick



SUNSHINE REPORT: Bob Baker (961-4939)

Bill Hillard's February 8th back surgery was successful even though it took a long time between the start to finish. A planned three-hour operation turned into almost eight by the time he was back in his hospital room. Things are looking good now however, and he got home on the 11th of February.

Don Dresbach had a scary heart seige requiring an ambulance, but he also arrived back home on the 11th. Don has a sodium problem that looks like he'll be pampering for some time, so he can keep away from those nitro tablets.

Hal Hession took a tumble (on cement) outside his home. Fortunately the neighbors were able to "right him", but he did have to spend a couple of days in the hospital. He's moving much slower these daysand certainly more cautious.

Carl Alhberg was able to be at the February SIR meeting, but has a knee problem that will soon needs attention. He'll know more about this shortly. It appears that tires can blow and knees can blow also.

Bob



BOWLING: Foster Maxwell (969-5115).

Our SIR's 49er league bowling season is in full swing. We bowl at Fireside Lanes on Auburn Blvd. at noon.

The following SIR's 102 members have done some great bowling this past month:

- Dick Coleman (193 avg) 201 game
- Jim Johnson ((165 avg) 237 game
- Jim Graves (178 avg) 201, 203 games

Congratulations bowlers., keep it up.

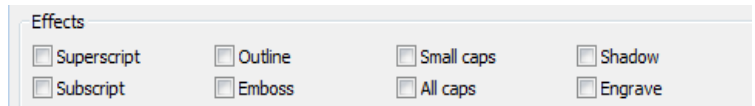
If you are interested in bowling or have any questions just give me a Call.

Foster



Hey Computer Guy!!!!

Do you prefer 1st or 1st? That was the question that Al Williams posed to me after proof reading our newsletter. He then told me that I should be consistent when I write it. I told Al that my computer was magic and it wrote it any way it wanted to, and I had no control. Anyway, Al taught me how to control it by formatting the font. It is easy, just highlight the st or nd for first or second go to format on the tool bar, select font and then you will have a drop down menu. On the menu if you put an X in the superscript box you will have 1st or 2nd. In Word 2007, just hit the **X2** on the Font tool Bar. There are other blocks that you can check under font and have a shadow on your LETTERS, have just an outline of your and many other Letters, like changing all letters to caps. This is what the drop down menu looks like. Try it.



Thanks to **SIR Frank Franzago** from Branch 69 for sharing this article.

March Luncheon Menu

Green Salad, Sliced Beets with Onions , Three Bean Salad, Chef's Choice Vegetables, Corned Beef and Cabbage, Desert, Coffee

SIR # 102 MAY PICNIC:



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS. Our annual picnic will be held on Tuesday, May 17th , at the Carmichael Park. You have your choice of Chef John Swart's BBQ steak or chicken and of course we'll have all the other fine picnic trimmings (potato salad, beans, bread) and bar (Our famous bloody Mary's, beer, wine, soft drinks). **What a Bargain, you get all this for \$10.00 per person.** Buy your tickets and give your meal choice at the April meeting, if possible so we know how many are coming. There is a good deal of preparatory planning which needs to be done. The "Great SIR Book Exchange" will again be trading books, so bring all you've read and get new ones you haven't (the first "book exchange" was started in 2005 by then Big Sir Don Wagner and its been very successful).

Your Board of Directors

CHRISTMAS PARTY ENTERTAINMENT???

We need to start thinking of our 2011 Ladies night Christmas party. The one area we need to address is entertainment. Any entertainment we elect to have needs to be booked early in the year. Last year our scheduled entertainment did not show up. This did not cause any problem, in fact the soft music background was well received. Many of the members attending comments were very positive (such as it was nice to be able just to talk and visit among ourselves and just relax). The question we need to answer is do we want to schedule any entertainment or just provide a soft music background this year. **We need your input so we can move ahead. Please check one of the following boxes and place in the box to the left as you enter the meeting room at our March luncheon:**

Background music is fine with me.

Schedule entertainment is the way to go.

You can just print out this page (without printing the entire newsletter) and place in box, or you can e-mail me at rmw19@comcast.net with your input if you prefer.

Remember it always a good idea to ask your wife, she will let you know what you prefer. It is the ladies night after all.

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GOLF CHAIRMAN: DON WAGNER (967-1124) email: dwagner@pacbell.net

How good are We?

Gary Bohn said it best at our golf town house meeting this month: **“We are as good as the Volunteers”**. Special thanks to the 30 golf members who attended the meeting in support of the efforts of our golf club to discuss filling the positions of TC, ATC and Treasurer by June. The pay is lousy but the support we get from those that take the time to attend those meeting means a lot to us, your golf board. **Don Whalen, Marty Owen and Gary Bohn** talked about their jobs and what changes might occur in the future. What it all boiled down to was that the volunteers who run the golf program.....really do run it. Take the **ATD** position. Whoever takes over this position has the authority to decide what courses we will play and when. He can decide on his own or get input from anyone, the authority comes with the position. So if you're interested, just talk to Don. Our **TC** really runs the golf club (I am just window dressing). He has blanket authority to recommend changes in our policies, what contest we will play and more. The new TC will be working with the NCGA, probably other SIR golf organizations, and also our handicap chairman to determine what software (if any) we will use and to what degree we will use it. Marty is helping us bring this all together. Once our new TC is satisfied that the system/process is ready, we will make the switch over. However, until the new TC is ready, Marty will continue to maintain his system which manages our golf program. For the **Treasure**, there are some pretty basic procedures we do follow to protect the club operations. We will keep you informed but if you want more details on our progress, **YOU NEED TO COME TO OUR GOLF MEETINGS**. None of these jobs are intended to be permanent but it is time for a changing of the guard. Will you help? We need someone to step up and fill in one of these positions.

The term 'mulligan' is really a contraction of the phrase 'maul it again.'

Don



Assistant Tournament Director; Don Whalen, (962-0820)
email: ltcoldon@att.net

COMING EVENTS: Greenhorn Creek is coming soon. May 23,24. Cost is only \$195 for Golf , Cart, accommodations, and prize fund. Also, a Monday evening dinner (no Host) will be arranged at the Murphy's Hotel. Be sure to sign up this month. We have only 14 spots left.

Deadline for sign up is April 15.

The CARSON CITY GOLF AND FUN EVENT will be held July 14,15 with check in on the 13th and check out the 16th. Sign ups for Carson City will start April 12. Approximate cost will be \$310 per golfer, double occupancy; \$345 for golfer, single occupancy; and \$170 for a non-golfer, double occupancy. Remember this event is open to all genders, but they must have an NCGA index to compete for the prizes.

Don

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Thanks Mickey

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Gordon Nielson	1983	Don gayner	1997
Pete Tapella	1984	Don Wiles	1998
Roy Bostic	1985	Tom Eyman	1999
Don Johnson	1986	Bob Simowski	2000
Paul Siglin	1987	Stan Spalding	2001
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Ray Nyman	1989	Lloyd Browning	2003
Don Gaylord	1990	Bob Baker	2004
Les Jones	1991	Don Wagner	2005
Don Gaylord	1992	Frank Mason	2006
Rock Sorgman	1993	Speedy Sheetz	2007
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Tom Warburton	1995	Mickey Wagner	2009
Don Neudeck	1996	Bob Lamora	2010

ATTENDANCE RULES

Rule 60: Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meeting unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch's locale.

RULE 100: Any member missing three (3) consecutive meeting without notifying his Branch Attendance Committee Chairman giving a valid absence reason or who attends less than six (6) regular meetings within the last twelve (12) consecutive months, may be notified of pending SIR membership termination.

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