

Sons In Retirement SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102 September 2011

LUNCHEON MEETINGS

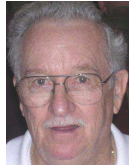
2nd Tuesday of the month
Executive Board meeting 10:00 A.M.
Social Hour: 10:45 — Luncheon: 11:45
Carmichael Elks Lodge

Next Meeting

**Tuesday
September 13th**

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING

Please let us know at e-mail
Sir102luncheonrsvp@gmail.com
or leave a message at 393-1142



BIG SIR STUFF:

Well it's Sept., time to start thanking some of the many folks who make our branch the best.

Last month if you were at the lunch you had a seat even with about 10 guests. Thanks to your response and the efforts of our attendance committee Tom, Gus and Bob. Your e-mails really help us make an educated guess at the number of lunches we need. Good job guys...

Next thanks to our Treasurer George Miller (that big guy that takes your money at the luncheon) for his article in our bulletin on our financial status. I think it's good to keep all of you aware of how the branch is doing, and don't forget our bowling league even if you can't make it as a regular sign up as a sub. Foster will welcome you with open arms... And then there's Mr. Wagner, he's been sounding lots better about our golf club officers. He hasn't called me lately saying "the sky is falling", but he still needs help for next years officers so jump in and give him a hand..

Congratulations to Ellsworth Sheetz aka Speedy for being chosen SIR of the month in August I can't think of a more deserving member. Also check out the new look of our general web site at www.sirinc.org. It has lot's of basic info. about our organization so if you have an interested friend or neighbor give him this address.

Well that's about it hope to see you at the meeting and as I mentioned before use sun screen, drink lot's of water and get active in the branch.

For you old timers that remember Hollywood Squares I leave you with this; The question was this "If you were making a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?" Charlie Weavers answer was "Three days of heavy drinking should do it."

Dick Larsen

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



At our August 9 luncheon meeting we had 128 members and a record setting number of--wow--ten(10) guests. Good to see all those guests. Out of the no shows 39 were excused, and the rest were where were you. As of this month we have at least eight members who are either AWOL or suffering from a temporary condition of lack of attentanis. Come to the September 13 meeting for a quick cure.

On the lighter side, we now have five badges missing--which is better than five lonely badges--but they are only to be furloughed during the meetings and returned after the meeting. Also when not attending a meeting, if you would indicate your badge number it would save us from having to look it up.

Thanks for your cooperation. See you next month.:

Your Attendance Guys: Tom, Gus, Bob



SUNSHINE REPORT: Bob Baker (961-4939)

Dick Blair is looking for a new vein for his leg. Not very anxious to use one from his other leg however, so would rather get a "store bought" one. Hope it works out Dick.

Past Big Sir Tom Eyman encountered a severe knee infection August 18th. This required him to be hospitalized for 3 days, but is now under home care.

George Barnes new kidney is doing good but he is having a problem handling some medications. He had to have 2 units of blood recently, but with the fine help of Molly, his wife the Barnes' are working hard to get him well.

Several others members are taking care of ailing wives. Our best to all those who are doing so.

Bob

September Luncheon Menu

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



LITTLE SIR:

Leslie Botos speech last month encouraged a few members into renewing their blood donations or at least look into donating their plasma. This month Tom Schuyler, an author, will talk about the process of writing a book, getting it published, and the marketing of the book. One of the founding reasons for SIR was the social aspects of the meetings, getting together with friends and talking about our various interests. Unfortunately, I have gotten a few complaints about our members, especially in the back of the room, talking while our guest speaker is giving their talk. Some of our members are hard of hearing and can barely hear the speaker. Out of respect for the speaker and your fellow members, please refrain from talking to each other while the speaker is giving their talk.

Jim Reese



MEMBERSHIP: Dick Coleman (967-1578)

Hi, Guys. We are steadily growing in membership, but we need to keep looking for new members. Please use the trifold brochures and IR business cards that are available at each luncheon.

Dick



Sir of the Month : August's Sir of the Month Ellsworth (Speedy) Sheetz was born "one day late" in San Francisco barely missing the 1930 July 4th holiday. His family later moved to East Los Angeles where he attended Alhambra High School. It was here a peer group calling themselves the *Applecore* became close friends. So close in fact that on their 50th high school reunion (1998) the group reinvented themselves and continue to meet once a year.

While in high school Speedy self taught himself to refinish pianos and continued this trade for two years after graduation. When the Korean War exploded his Air National Guard Unit was activated. He later made a decision to join the regular Air Force and with Helen, (now his new bride) was sent to England to work with the 47th Bomb Wing specializing in aircraft avionics. 1956 found him assigned to George AFB in Victorville, CA overseeing that base's aircraft electronics. Following next was a transfer to Homestead, Fla. where during the Cuban crisis he was charged with keeping F100's ready to attack on word from the President. The next station was to Vietnam and included a close call when forced to "hunker down" during a vicious Sunday morning Bien Hoa mortar attack which killed 27 men and wounded 100 more. Twenty six aircraft were destroyed when five 50,000 gallon bladders of jet fuel were ignited. 1965 found him at McClellan AFB in charge of early warning aircraft. As a Chief Master Sergeant now, he worked until 1974 retiring at the age of 62 ...and 12 minutes. (The 12 minutes was to sign his discharge paperwork.)

Much of Speedy's military life was trouble shooting and traveling between bases. All was not always serious however and because he traveled worldwide so much, friends often asked him to purchase "personal supplies" for them such as hibachi pots for back yards and when first becoming available he'd bring back personal calculators by the caseload.

Now a civilian he went into Civil Service continuing there until a second retirement in 1992. He joined SIR #102 in 1994 and was our Membership Chairman for 6 years and 2007's Big Sir. We welcome Ellsworth (Speedy) Sheetz as our Sir of the Month.



Treasure: George Miller(408-2247)

SIR102 began July 2011 with a \$3,817.18 cash balance. That cash was increased by Gold Pan contributions of **\$238**, Luncheon receipts of **\$2,899**, and Day on the Bay receipts of **\$660**. The cash was reduced by our Quarterly Sirs Assessment of **\$203**, printing supplies of **\$35.60**, Luncheon costs of **\$1,958.84** and luncheon adjustment of **\$59.66** giving a closing July cash balance of \$4,416.77. We have at least \$660 of costs not recognized as of the end of July for the Day on the Bay excursion costs not yet billed.

George



BOWLING: Foster Maxwell (969-5115).

We will start our new 2011/2012 season with a meeting at the Fireside lanes on August 31st at noon, with bowling starting on September 7th.

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

Foster



Annual Christmas Dinner: We will start selling tickets at the September meeting to this year's December 13th Christmas dinner. Although it seems early, a lot of work and planning needs to be made. (We do offer full refunds until December 1st so don't hold back.) This is our big yearly event to which we invite our ladies to join us. Your non-Sir friends are also welcome. We are able to hold our pricing (\$24 ea.) the same as

last year giving you a choice of NY Steak or Salmon Steak. We can handle large groups or twosomes..... Your choice. This is a great time to get acquainted.

In September reservations can be made with payment not coming until the October meeting. In addition we have engaged an entertainer to make the evening complete. He is Harry Jordan, a popular man at Gold Country activities. It is a good deal as the price includes dinner w/wine, gratuity, and an hour entertainment.

Your Board of Directors

ACTIVITIES



Luncheon book swap: The book swap is working well. So don't forget to bring your unwanted books to the luncheon and pick up something new to

read.



Luncheon Door Prize/s: At our August Executive Board meeting we voted to give out door prizes at upcoming luncheon meetings, starting in September. The purpose of the door prizes is to promote attendance and reward members attending our monthly luncheon meetings.

Our Big SIR, Dick Larsen; has volunteered to take the lead in this program. We can expect to see some fun and surprises given out this year.

Our luncheon door prizes will be given out at the end of our meeting. The door prizes will be given out following the speaker for those still in attendance (**must be present to win**).

Your Executive Board



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| 92 Jack Walton | 72 Phil Hancock Sr. |
| 85 Russ McMillan | 72 Jim Johnson |
| 81 Hank Stuit | 72 Jim Masey |
| 79 Joe Battaglia | 72 Duane Morford |
| 78 Chip Peifer | 71 Tom McKinley |
| 76 Lindy Lindenschmitt | 67 John Klein |
| 75 Jerry Cradeur | 67 Dennis McCauley |
| 75 R.L. Prather | 64 John Henman |
| 75 Ron Whitehorn | 62 Larry DeZonia |
| 74 Don Koxar | 56 James Taff |

BIRDIES AND BOGEY

September 2011

web site: sirs102golf.org



GOLF CHAIRMAN: Don Wagner (967-1124) email: dwagner@pacbell.net

SIRs 102 ... Officers Step Forward

At our golf meeting in August, we announced that our key golf officer positions for 2012 are filled, thanks to friends who are volunteering their time to ensure we continue to enjoy golf in SIRs 102. Here are the positions that have been filled:

TD: Phil Hancock (Phil is already involved in working with the new NCGA program)

ATD: Larry DeZonia, Pat Dwyer, Mike Anderson and Bob Blake (these guys will help in the check-ins and also coordinate our annual Carson City trek, etc.)

Treasurer: Marty Owen (although Marty would just like to offer support, he is willing to take this on for next year)

Asst. Treas: R.L. Prather (R.L. has helped our golf club in the past)

Secretary: Dave Locy (Dave will be continuing on again...Check out his tees!)

Asst. Sect: Open

Handicap: Jim Reese (also our new Big Sir, Jim will have a busy year)

As a golf club, we vote for our new slate of officers at our annual banquet on Nov 12th. All that being said, I hope you can participate in our **Membership Appreciation Day at Mather on Sept. 22nd** which includes breakfast and lunch plus golf. It's open to every member of our golf club. If you haven't played enough rounds or are a new member, Marty will let you know your individual cost.

Golf Tip: Never wash your ball on the tee of a water hole.

Don



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Marty Owen, (916) 248-8383 email: m.c.owen@sbcglobal.net!

Treasurer Candidate Platform: Hats off to Gary Bohn who has done a wonderful job over these past many years keeping our club's financials in order. He's been responsible for introducing many new concepts to the club: a written annual budget, detailed spreadsheet tracking of transactions, and providing payout details to members just to name a few. Thanks Gary for all your great work!

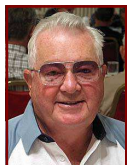
I told Don Wagner I would take on the Treasurer's job if no one else stepped up. If no one does and you should decide to elect me my goal will be to build upon Gary's work and automate the record-keeping as much as possible to reduce the amount of time required to perform the Treasurer's function. To that end, some of the changes I've been thinking about include:

- Putting all record keeping on QuickBooks,
- Change member payments from cash to checks, and
- Pay all winners once per/year at the annual Awards Banquet (refunds will still be made at the next monthly meeting after the cancellation).

Over the next few weeks I look forward to your thoughts and comments regarding the financial operations of our golf club. Just shoot them to me in an email.

I know we have a number of members who were accounts in their working life. I would greatly appreciate if a couple of you would volunteer to help me develop the necessary bookkeeping procedures required for our club to effectively utilize QuickBooks. This of course does not commit you to any further ongoing support, but of course the club can always use additional volunteers.

Marty



ASSISTANT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR; DON WHALEN(962-0820) email: ltcoldon@att.net

SEVILLANO OVERNIGHTER. The last chance to sign up for this event is the September meeting. We only have five (5) people signed up. We need twenty (20) ! Two days of golf, overnight room, breakfast, and prize fund all included for \$185 per person sharing a room or \$240 for a single room. Don't have someone to share a room? We can arrange it.

The ATD Team of Larry DeZonia, Pat Dwyer, Mike Anderson, and Bob Blake are working on next year's schedule. If you have any druthers talk to them now or forever hold your peace.

SIR 102 2011 OFFICERS

BIG SIR, Dick Larsen961-0701
 LITTLE SIR, Jim Reese.....451-4995
 SECRETARY, Jim Reese.....451-4995
 ASST. SEC., John Luddington.....961-4918
 TREASURER, George Miller408-2247
 ASST. TREAS., Rob Axell.....965-3366

DIRECTORS

Joe Virga (2011)
 Don Dresbach (2011)
 Mickey Wagner (2012)
 Max Kinsey (2012)
 Bob Lamora (2013)
 Tom Hanson (2013)

State President: Robert Mannell
 Region 3 Director: Maynard Rodland
 Area 9 Governor: Jimmie Johnson

SIR 102 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

AUDITOR: Don Lewis
 ATTENDANCE : Tom Wight & Gus Kwick
 MEMBERSHIP: Dick Coleman & Marty Owen
 HARDWARE: Dick Louie
 SUNSHINE: Bob Baker
 BOWLING/RV: Foster Maxwell
 EDITOR: Mickey Wagner
 CHAPLAIN: Warren Coffeen
 GOLF: Don Wagner
 Web Page Lindy Lindenschmitt

Past 102 BIG SIR

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
Wesley Fisk Jr. 1988	Chuck Shoemaker 2002
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
Bill Spencer 1994	Joe Virga 2008
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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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.

Visit the SIR website at <http://sirinc.org/>

NEWSLETTER INPUT: Please contact me if you want to have the newsletter sent to a potential member for a couple of months or if you have any input for "your" newsletter. Phone me, 916-729-0267 or emailrmw19@comcast.net

Thanks Mickey