



THE MAIL POUCH

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The Pony Express Branch #69
April — 2019 Edition

Alan Weinel, Editor



PAT'S PAPERS

Ok, this is the last time I'll cover the subject of the move from the Dante Club. I feel I need to address this one more time because there are members who do not have email and may have missed last months luncheon.

At the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meeting on March 14th the voting members of the BEC (6 Directors and 6 Officers) unanimously voted to move our luncheon location and leave the Dante Club. **It's now official that Sirs Branch 69 is moving to the Carmichael Elks Club located at 5631 Cypress Avenue, effective in April (see maps at the end of the Newsletter for suggested directions).** The main reason; Dante Club wants \$32 per person while the Carmichael Elks Club is charging \$18 per person, a \$14 dollar difference.

The Carmichael Elks Club is offering a buffet lunch (no sit down-service), no table wine, no birthday gifts and no raffle wine. BUT the Dante Club's projected contract (at \$32 per person) was also going to exclude these items.

There will likely be some growing pains with this move to be adjusted as we move forward. Such as location of tables, use of video equipment, etc.. The buffet lunch, in particular, may be a new challenge. Tables will be called randomly by number to pick up their lunch. I'm certain that if a person at your table needs assistance that you will consider helping this fellow member.

Our membership roster was available at the January, February and March luncheons. Those paying a voluntary contribution received a roster. Do note however that a contribution helps with so much more than just receiving a roster. Branch expenses and a branches obligation to pay the State Sirs based on the number of members must be covered. We made the decision in 2018 to keep our membership contributions voluntary. Unfortunately about 28% (39 members) have not contributed. I'll have to evaluate our branch expenses and projections. The voluntary contribution may soon be changed to mandatory dues. Please consider adding your voluntary contribution if you haven't already done so.

Hope to see you for lunch.

Pat Quinn, Big Sir



JIMMY'S GEMS

Hello, Fellow SIRs

The long-awaited re-location is happening April 11, 2019. The new location is the Carmichael Elks Club. The transition period from the Dante Club to Carmichael Elks will require some patience. As with any change there will be some things that will need your indulgence. Give our new location a chance. We will make every effort to ensure the disruptions are kept to a minimum. Feel free to make suggestions. We will try to accommodate, if possible.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Carmichael Elks Club, 5631 Cypress Ave, Carmichael Ca. Encourage our fellow members to come out and enjoy the new location. Oh, did I mention the reduced price of the luncheon, you will like it.

Our guest speaker this month is Lori Harman from Easter Seals. Lori is the Director of Aquatics at Easter Seals and manages the Warm Water Therapy Pool. She is also capable of discussing the basics of other programs. She has spent 37 years as a branch manager in banking. After experiencing 6 bank mergers and 13 robberies, she chose to focus in a different direction and became involved with Easter Seals. She manages a staff of 12. They offer classes, one on one sessions and independent workouts for adults with disabilities such as knee or hip replacements, strokes, arthritis, fibromyalgia and many others.

Hope to see you all at the luncheon.

Jimmy Buckley, Little Sir

APRIL 2019 LUNCHEON MENU

Thursday April 11, 2019

**Mushroom Ravioli Served in a Rich Mornay Sauce,
Seasonal Vegetables, Salad, Rolls & Butter and
Chef's choice dessert**



league title.

We're nearing the end of our 2018-2019 bowling season—I'll announce the overall championship team at the April luncheon. Right now, it's neck and neck to see which team will win the second half of the season and bowl against the first half winners for the

Several of our bowlers competed in the State Seniors tournament at Mardi Gras Lanes recently. Unfortunately, most of us found the lanes there very hard to figure out—low scores.

We have several more tournaments coming up in the next couple months, including events in the bay area, Jackson and the annual State SIR event in Carson City. I will report the results as they become available.

Tom Knoble had a great day bowling recently. He took top honors in scratch game (246), scratch series (654), handicap game (277) and handicap series (747). Nice bowling, Tom. Bob Kiehne and Frank Levings also kicked in with handicap games of 277 and 271, while Erle Hansen nailed a 732 handicap series.

Our substitute situation has been pretty good lately. If you have thoughts of bowling in our league, contact me and think about being on a team or bowling as a substitute next season.

Contact me to join our fun league—you will enjoy the action.

Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465

April Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- Bryan Perrin 3
- Paul Sickert 5
- John Hanson 6
- Curt Grieve 7
- Phil Olavari 17
- Alan Weinel 19
- Thomas Walton 21
- Jim Oblizalo 23
- Mark Machado 28
- Mike Ratzlaff 30**

Big #65 ☺

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April Anniversaries

Steve and Edith Brandenburger	2	53
Warren and Jewel Senegal	3	64
Bob and Linda Clanton	6	
Bill and Wanda Rhoe	9	
Bob and Ruth Dant	15	
Amnon and Helyne Igra	17	
Gary and Sue Lukins	21	
Roger and Patrice Wilbur	25	
Steve and Leslie Goodman	27	

RECRUITING & PUBLICITY

Three more gentlemen joined our branch in March, plus we hosted several guests who expressed interest in our branch. Our individual recruiting efforts have been really great this year—keep up the good work.



April brings us Morton Golf's Golf Expo, the annual golf show set for April 26-28, 2019 at Haggin Oaks. This event is always fun to attend—we always want to look at the latest and greatest clubs—plus, we get a chance to meet potential new members for our branch. I passed around the signup list for staffing our booth at the March luncheon; as always, I'm gratified at the great response by our branch members. Every slot is filled up, plus a couple of our guys are on standby in case of a cancellation.

I hope to see all of you at the April luncheon. I'll be handing out parking passes for Golf Expo and reminder slips for the staffing assignments. I hope to see all of you at the luncheon and at the golf courses and at the bowling alley—don't forget to invite a guest or two to our upcoming luncheons. Don't forget—our April lunch will be at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, our new luncheon venue.

Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director

2019 ATTENDANCE REPORT

Gentlemen: For March, 2019 our luncheon attendance was 74.2%, and YTD is 69%
The SIR minimum goal is 70%

Paul Sickert, Attendance Chairman

WELCOME!!

SIR JOSEPH CAIN

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Sponsored by John Popadak



Joe was born in West Virginia but at an early age his parents moved to a farm in Southern Ohio. After high school he attended The Ohio State University and graduated with a B.S. degree in business. He also attended Ohio State for grad school and earned a JD degree in Law. After college Joe worked for the State of Ohio in the field of Criminal Justice. He served as a an Assistant Attorney General at the State level and Prosecuting Attorney at the Local level where he handled cases from misdemeanors to very serious felonies. He served as a Judge for over thirteen years.

Upon retirement, Joe and his wife Sharon moved to California to be near his wife's family. He lived in Davis for 15 years and 2 years in Walnut Creek. While there he was a member of Walnut Creek Sirs Branch 116. His interests include golf, although a back injury has curtailed his play, fishing, investment, book club, traveling, volunteering and walking/hiking. He has two children, a son and a daughter.

Birthday: March 5, 1945
Anniversary: Sharon, August 21, 1977

Please welcome him!

SIR BLAKE THOMSON

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Sponsored by Connor Chin



Blake was born in beautiful downtown Burbank, CA, and grew up in nearby Mission Hills until his family moved to South Lake Tahoe while Blake was still in school. After high school, Blake moved to Sacramento to attend Sac State. He graduated from Sac State with a BA in journalism, but a family emergency lead him back to South Lake Tahoe to assist in running the family accounting business. He took accounting classes at American River College and ultimately obtained his accounting certificate. In 1988, Blake went to work for SMUD as an accounting technician and stayed with SMUD until his retirement on March 1, 2019.

Blake still maintains his independent tax business and loves to travel when it's not tax season. He has plans to attend a major league baseball game in every major league city in the US. Blake also likes mid-60's cars; he owns a 1967 Mustang, his very first car. He is planning to give bowling a try with our league next season as many of his SMUD friends in our branch have done.

Birthday: May 30, 1952

Please welcome him!

New Members in March:

Steve Macilraith** Sponsor David Fitzsimmons Sponsor Connor Chinn Blake Tomson Joseph Cain Sponsor John Popadak
Due to travel, Steve's bio will appear next month!



Your 2019 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course

APRIL GOLF:

04-04	Thurs	Mather	Low Net
04-18	Thurs	Allister Mac	Low Net
04-25	Thurs	Bartley	Low Net

MAY GOLF:

05-16	Thurs	The Reserve	Low Net
05-23	Thurs	Bing Maloney	4 Man, 2 Best Ball
05-30	Thurs	Mickey Grove	Low Net

SIRS #69 and #93 co-host golf at Land Park every Tuesday at 10 AM. Come join McLeod, Machado, Martin, Brazil, Copperberg and others. Very simple, no entry fee, no prize money, just chance to practice and socialize. If interested email me at mratz246@sbcglobal.net and I will put you on my weekly email announcement. It is important that we know if you are coming so we have enough tee times. We also welcome non-SIRS - perhaps a chance to recruit a new member.

Thanks,

Mike Ratzlaff

SIR VESTS!

We have a nice assortment of vests available—just \$35. See Mike Ratzlaff at the luncheon



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

APRIL GOLF:

04-15	Mon	Emerald Oaks	Stroke Play White Tees
04-22	Mon	Antelope Greens	2 Man Best Ball

MAY GOLF:

05-06	Mon	Bing Maloney	4 Man Scramble
05-20	Mon	River Oaks	Fwd Tees, Stroke Play

SOCIAL EVENT May 10th!!

Dinner and a show!

Just a reminder of our upcoming social event on May 10th. Guests are welcome!!

Dinner will be at 5PM at the Broderick Roadhouse/Café—6241 Fair Oaks Boulevard (Near Marconi Avenue).

You can order off the menu—they have a variety of items, including Vegan. Please see the [menu](#) on line, and I will have some sample menus at the April luncheon. You will be responsible for your own dinner bill.

Following dinner we will travel to American River College (4700 College Oak Drive—about 15 minutes away) where we will experience a concert of songs from the movies! There will be a lot of variety and interaction with the audience—this will NOT be like any other concert you may have seen.

Tickets are \$20 payable in advance. Please make checks payable to Mike Ratzlaff before or at the April luncheon meeting so that I can purchase a block of tickets.

Come along and enjoy an evening out!

Mike Ratzlaff

HOW ARE WE DOING?

4/2/2019

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,120	\$3,700	\$ 580
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,120	\$3,700	\$ 580

EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 0	\$ 550	\$ 550
Officers' Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Assessment	\$ 225	\$1,000	\$ 775
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300
Other, Misc.	\$ 301	\$1,800	\$1,499
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 526	\$4,050	\$3,524

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2018	\$3,509
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$6,103
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2019	\$3,159

PROJECTED 2018 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP	155
PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER	\$ 20

Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer



SUNSHINE



Nothing new to report ...

If you know of any of our members or immediate family with health problems give me a call @ (916) 844-9832 (Text is also OK.)

Bill Nichols, Sunshine Chairman

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TREASURER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019

Cash Balance 1/1/2019= \$3,509

	March	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,878	N/A
Contributions	\$ 325	\$3,120
Expenses	\$ 100	\$ 526
Ending Cash Balance	6,103	N/A

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+3/-1	151
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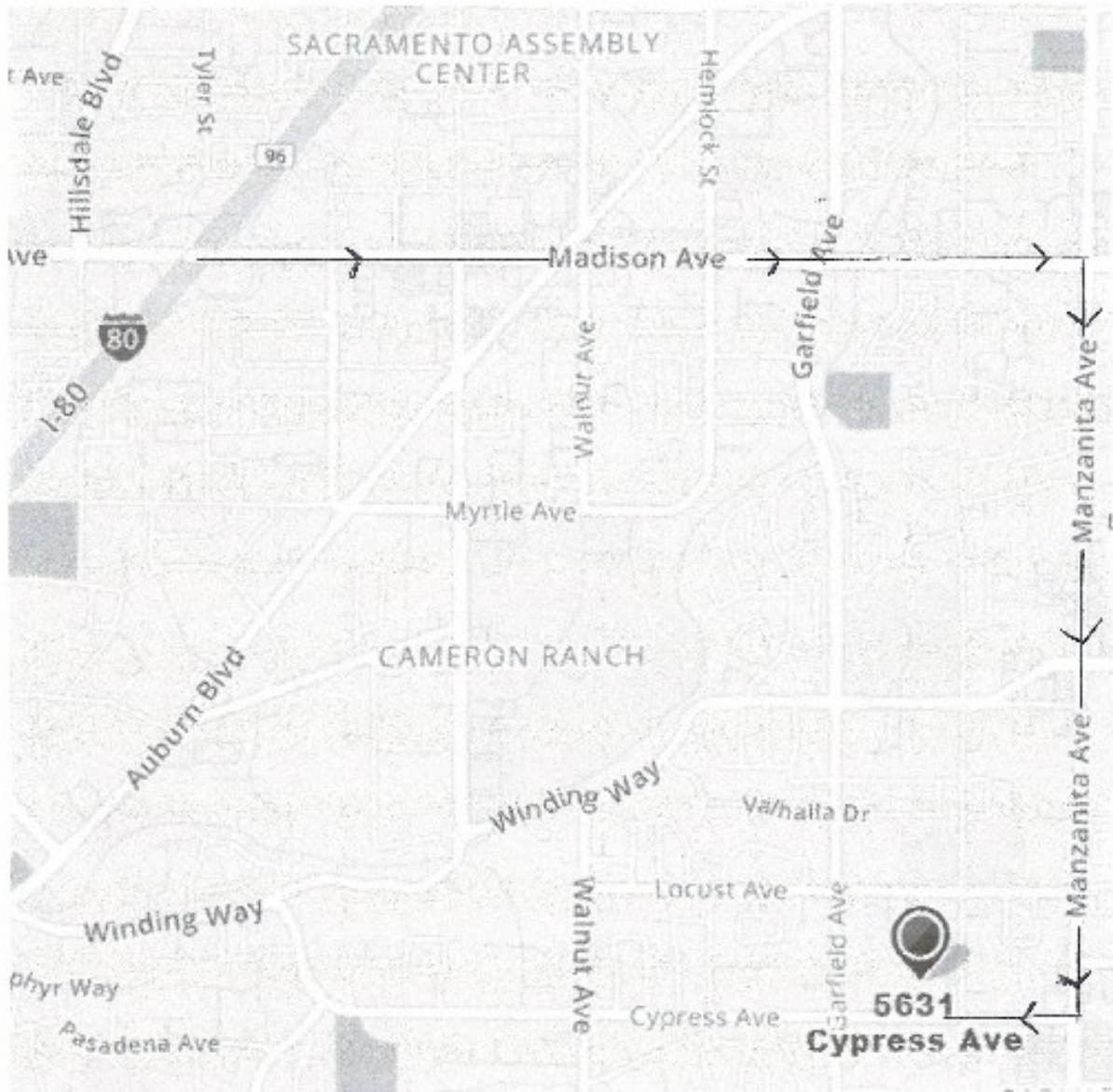
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Checks, money orders or credit cards for Travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the Branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency. (Rule 420 & 421).

Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale. (Rule 60). REQUIRED ATTENDANCE – A member who misses three (3) consecutive luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date, and giving a valid reason, or did not attend one half of the regular luncheon meetings within the

Suggest Highway 80 to Cypress

Suggest take Madison Avenue off Highway 80. Turn right on Manzanita Avenue, then turn right on to Cypress



Highway 50 to Cypress

Suggest take highway 50 to Watt Avenue then right on Fair Oaks Blvd, then left on Cypress Avenue



OU **RC** APITAL

SIR Day w/the River Cats
Sunday, April 7th, 1 pm
Raley Field; \$21.12



**Wow!!!
What a View**

Senate Section 104

Triple-A SF Giants Affiliate

River Cats vs Tacoma Rainer
(SF Giants vs Seattle Mariners)

individual/group ticket purchase below

<https://groupmatics.events/event/Sirsnight>



Collaborative
Effort

Thanks!
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