



THE MAIL POUCH

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Alan Weinel, Editor



TONY'S TALK

Welcome fellow SIRs members to the last month of the year 2018. December is a month filled with love, humanity and gift-giving events, like Christmas and New Year's Eve. It is also a month filled with Romance.

I want to thank Branch 69 for the opportunity to serve as your Big Sir for the past year. It has been a fun-filled whirlwind. Two items that I wanted to get done during my tenure, but was not able to accomplish. One: The selection of a specific luncheon location that all our members would be happy with. Two: I would have liked to have mandatory yearly dues in place because too many members did not volunteer to pay their yearly dues. These items will continue into 2019.

There are so many members that have given their time and effort to the Branch and have supported me on a monthly basis. I will try to recognize them to some degree and hope that I don't leave anyone out. First, thank you to all you callers. You've made my job a little easier every month. Thank you to Pat Quinn (Little Sir); I've enjoyed interacting with you throughout the year. I know that you'll be able to handle the responsibility of Big Sir without any problems. Ron Hutcheson (Secretary), you told me at the beginning of the year that your job was to help me do my job. I am very grateful to you for all the help you've given me throughout the year. Jerry Buhlert (Treasurer), I've enjoyed working with you and thank you for your help. I also want to recognize Alan Weinel (Newsletter and Branch Roster). Thank you for all the great work you've done.

It is only through the efforts of members like Lennie Silva, Greg Schweitzer, Tom Page, Mike Ratzlaff, Bob Houghton, and Bernie Moreno that Golf, Bowling, Book Club and RV Club continue to be fun and interesting.

There are others that deserve mentioning like Paul Sickert and Ron Bacher (Attendance), John Popadak (Membership) and Bill Nichols (Chaplain). And if, somewhere, there is someone I'm not noting, please forgive me.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Tony Vigil, Big Sir

The Luncheon menu is on Page 2 ...

QUINN'S QUIPS



... ooh, you got the bigger half [of the wishbone], what did you wish for? ... the bigger half ...

... I think the best Thanksgiving we ever had was one where we didn't even have a turkey ... Mom and Dad sat us kids down and explained that business hadn't been good at Dad's store, so we couldn't afford a turkey ... we had vegetables and bread and pie, and it was just fine ... later on I went into Mom and Dad's bedroom to thank them and I caught them eating a little turkey ... I guess that really wasn't the best Thanksgiving ...

Our guest speaker for November was the Sacramento City Police Chief Daniel Hahn. Daniel was sworn in as Sacramento's 45th Chief of Police on August 11, 2017. He was born and raised in the Oak Park neighborhood of Sacramento and graduated from Sacramento High School.

If you missed last months luncheon you missed one of the best, if not the best speaker we had during 2018. Several members said as much.

Daniel was very impressive. Dressed in full uniform you knew someone important was speaking. His personal story of a kid that could have gone the wrong direction but made important life long positive decisions was inspiring. I'm sure that all of us were left with the impression that this police chief deserves our full support.

Last chance to sign-up for the Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon. I'm asking Alan Weinel to attach the flyer one last time to his Newsletter. If you have procrastinated but still want to attend, the cut-off date is December 1st. Please use the attached flyer to select your meals and perhaps give our Treasurer Jerry Buhlert a call or send an email if your request to him might be after the December 1st date.

As your Little Sir for 2018 I hope I've done a satisfactory job. One of my main tasks has been getting speakers for our luncheons. The "Beer Guy" in January, Wild Things in April, Jerry Reynolds in May, our own Jim P-eterfield in July, and Daniel Hahn in November not to mention other good speakers.

Pat Quinn, Little Sir

WELCOME!!

SIR David Fitzsimons

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 Sponsor: Tony Vigil



David was born in New Jersey, and grew up on the Jersey shore. After high school, he attended college in New York before going to work for the US Department of Defense. He spent four years with DOD stationed in Germany, where in 1976 he met Cynthia, his wife to be. He followed her to her home in California, where they married and settled in San Francisco. Cynthia and David were blessed there with two sons. David attended San Francisco State University, from which he graduated in 1989 with a BS degree in nursing. He then put his degree to use working at U.C. San Francisco as an intensive care nurse. In 1991, the family moved to Elk Grove, where housing was actually affordable. David went to work at Kaiser South Sacramento in the ICU, emergency department, and recovery room. He worked there until his retirement in 2017. David has made three trips to the Philippines where he volunteers as an operating room nurse providing free cataract surgery to indigent residents.

David lost his beloved wife Cynthia to cancer in 2008. He remarried in 2012 to his current wife Om. They built a vacation home in Thailand where they spend time each year. He enjoys golf, biking, hiking, camping, and travel.

Birthday: June 20, 1953
 Anniversary: Om, January 25, 2012

CHALLENGE YOUR BRAIN

SUDOKU: Each column, row and small 3X3 box must contain the numbers 1—9. No duplicates!

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Have fun!

DON'T FORGET—LADIES DAY/ HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 2018

Remember to attend on Thursday December 13th.

You can still order tickets — see attached flyer

Due date is December 1st

There will be no regular December luncheon meeting, but there will be nice food (Beef Tenderloin, Pesto Chicken, or a Vegan Tower), great company and music.

SIR George Ringley

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George was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and lived there all his life until his recent move to Sacramento. After high school, George went to college for a while, but soon began work in the grocery business. He worked the last 27 years of his career as a warehouse manager for the McClure Company, a mechanical engineer and contractor company in Harrisburg. George feels that he was very fortunate to work for so many years for a solid, family owned company.

George and his wife Barbara have two children, a son Matthew and a daughter Jennifer. Jennifer lives in the Sacramento area, which is the main reason the Ringleys moved to this area. George loves golf and family activities. He is looking forward to playing golf with our branch as soon as he finishes recuperating from recent surgery.

Birthday: November 13, 1951
 Anniversary: Barbara, June 14, 1974

December Birthdays

Mark Kraut	12/01	
George Langford	12/06	75 Years
Greg Schweitzer	12/14	
Ron Hutcheson	12/16	
Horace Holmes	12/25	84 Years
Rich Taylor	12/25	82 Years
Gary Lukins	12/25	
Rex Bowling	12/29	



2018 ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our November attendance was **66.7%**.
 YTD is **65.8%** The SIR minimum goal is 70%.

Paul Sickert, Attendance Chairman



BOWLING NEWS



Time goes by so fast—we are actually nearing the end of the first half of our bowling season. One team has moved out in front of the pack: the Pocket Dwellers (Jim Smalling, Alan Weinel, Patrick Fintel and Bud Rogers). Several other teams are bunched together a few points back; they are all hoping for a big win streak to catch the leader.



As always, we have had some outstanding bowling. Darren Simonds bowled a rousing 288 game the first week of action, followed by Jim Smalling with 268 and Ted Patterson with 263. Joe Bowers nailed a 698 scratch series, while Steve Eason rolled a 680 series. On the handicap side, Jim Oblizalo has a 769 handicap series. Bob Clanton has a 301 game and 735 handicap series, while Erle Hansen rolled a 299 handicap game and 734 handicap series. Sometimes bowlers not in the upper ranks of the league come through with great performances. Recently Windy Curtis had two strikes in a row and later picked up the difficult 6-7-10 split. Mark Kraut bowled a 270 handicap game and 735 handicap series. My team-mate Pete Pozzuto chipped in with three strikes in a row in one of his games, too.

We still have room for more bowlers—we can always use substitutes and sometimes team positions open up. **Contact me to join our fun league — you will enjoy the action.**

Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465

December Anniversaries

Bill and Betty Mullen	12/07	
Rodney and Cheryl Lukins	12/08	
Mike and Lonnie Ratzlaff	12/14	56 Years
Floyd and Helen Scott	12/16	57 Years
Conrad and JoAnn Cookman	12/20	52 Years
Paul and Carolyn Ogden	12/21	
Larry and Carolyn McLeod	12/23	
Lloyd and Joyce Plank	12/28	



RECRUITING & PUBLICITY

We inducted two new members in November, George Ringley from Golf Expo and David Fitzsimmons, a friend of Tony Vigil. Be sure to say hi to our new guys; perhaps you will see them out on the golf course, too, as both are avid golfers.



As I have mentioned before, the most important part of recruiting is the efforts of individual members, so keep those friends and neighbors coming. As with all organizations, our long-term operations depend on our recruitment of new members. If we're standing still, we're fading!

I did a little speechifying at the November luncheon. The subject was not just recruiting but also the importance of keeping our present members. Our branch is facing the issue of deciding on a location for our luncheons, whether to stay at the Dante Club or to move to one of several other possible luncheon sites. I know that our relationship with the Dante Club has suffered over the past couple years, primarily over food quality and price. Now the Dante Club has made overtures to us about staying there—they say that they want us to stay. However this works out, I know the branch will make a good decision. **The important thing is for all of us to recognize how much our branch means to us. No matter how the luncheon location issue gets resolved, stay with your friends and your branch. I don't want to see any members leaving us and giving up our two golf programs, our bowling, our dinner/theater outings and our branch friendships.**

I hope to see many of you at the December Ladies Day luncheon and at the golf courses and at the bowling alley—don't forget to invite a guest or two to our upcoming luncheons.

Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director

SIR APPAREL

This is the hat your dermatologist recommended. Only \$22 ...Order yours at the next meeting.



(I promise that you will look even **MORE** suave and debonair than Mike!! / Alan W.)

Your 2018 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course

DECEMBER GOLF:

12-06 Thurs Bing Maloney X-Mas Shoot
 12-02 Thurs Arcade Creek Low Net

JANUARY GOLF:

01-17 Thurs Alister Mac 4 man scramble
 01-31 Thurs Bartley Low Net



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

DECEMBER GOLF:

12-10 Mon Antelope Greens 4 clubs only!

JANUARY GOLF:

1-7 Mon Davis Stroke play / White Tees



SUNSHINE



LARRY ARONSON: Larry is currently undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

STEVE GOODMAN: Steve had back surgery.

BILL MUELLER: Bill has entered into a pulmonary therapy program and will be absent from Sirs through December.

ALAN WEINEL: His son, Chris (40), is in the hospital with a gene disorder that is effecting his liver and spleen.

Please keep these and other of our members who are experiencing illness or grieving the loss of a loved one in your prayers .

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



"30 OVER PAR, BUT I DID HIT THE GUY WHO PICKS UP THE GOLF BALLS TWICE."

Quotes from the great Muhammad Ali

- I'm not only the greatest, I'm the double greatest.
- Pleasure is not happiness. It has no more importance than a shadow following a man.
- Everybody's negotiable.
- When you're as great as I am, it's hard to be humble.
- I'm so fast I could hit you before God gets the news.
- My toughest fight was with my first wife
- (On retirement) There are more pleasant things to do than beating up people.
- I'll beat him so bad he'll need a shoehorn to put his hat on.
- Wars on nations change maps. Wars on poverty map change.
- The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life.
- I just *said* I was the greatest—I never thought I was.



Hopeful parents



HOW ARE WE DOING?

11/24/2018

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,422	\$3,700	\$ 278
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Income	\$3,422	\$3,700	\$ 278
EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 36	\$ 650	\$ 614
Officers' Expenses	\$ 202	\$ 350	\$ 148
Guest Expense	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Pro Rata	\$ 945	\$ 950	\$ 5
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 147	\$ 300	\$ 153
Other, Misc.	\$ 683	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,317
Total Expenses.	\$ 2,013	\$ 4,350	\$ 2,337

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2017 \$3,572
 CURRENT CASH BALANCE \$6,343
 PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2018 \$2,922

PROJECTED 2018 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP 159
 PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER \$ 18

Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer

**BEC
Meeting
10:00AM**



Knock off the antics, Buhlert, and just give us the treasurer's report

2018 Officers		
BIG SIR:	TONY VIGIL	(916) 217-7816
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Audit	Jim Buckley (916) 284-2364	
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Membership	John Popadak (916) 662-0695	
RAMP	Jerry Schroeder (916) 801-2530	



TREASURER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2018

Cash Balance 1/1/2018 = \$3,572

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,241	N/A
Contributions	\$ 52	\$3,422
Expenses	\$ 25	\$2,013
Ending Cash Balance	\$6,343	N/A

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss +2/-5 150

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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

Sir Branch 69 Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 13, 2018



Dante Club, 2320 Fair Oaks Blvd.
11:00 Drinks and Conversation, 12:00 Lunch
1:00 Dancing to the SLY FOX



Holiday Luncheon is open to all members of Branch 69. Entrance by pre-paid reservations only. Wives and significant others are encouraged, but not required. **Dress: Dressy Casual.**

Lunch Menu

Sliced Beef Tenderloin with cherry rhubarb glaze, mashed potatoes, and fresh green beans.

Pesto Chicken with rainbow potatoes, sautéed shredded Brussel sprouts

Vegan tower - stacked with eggplant, butternut squash, zucchini and yellow squash, on top of a Portobello mushroom with Ratatouille style sauce on bed of barley.

Please clip form below and return with a check made out to SIR BRANCH 69

Reservations:

• Name _____

Quantity

• Sliced Beef Tenderloin. @ \$27 = _____

• Pesto Chicken @ \$20 = _____

• Vegan tower @ \$20 = _____

Amount Enclosed TOTAL= _____

Prepay at October or November Luncheon, make Check out to SIRS Branch 69, send or give check to Treasurer, Jerry Buhlert, 4825 Willowbrook Drive, Sacramento, CA 95842 - by **December 1**

On reverse side, please list the members of your party and seating requests, if any. Seating: If you would like to be seated as a group with other members, write on the back of this reservation sheet, otherwise seats will be assigned.