



THE MAIL POUCH

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Alan Weinel, Editor



TONY'S TALK

Welcome fellow SIRs members to the month of August 2018. A few significant facts for this month: On the 3rd of August 1492, Columbus set sail on his first voyage. On August 12th 1908, the Model T Ford, known as the Tin Lizzie and the first mass-produced car, went on sale. On the 14th of August 1945, Japan unconditionally surrendered effectively ending World War II. On the 28th of August, 1963, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968), American civil rights campaigner, made his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

Several of us met with the Dante Club on Thursday, July 12th to begin negotiations to add an additional year to our current 2-year contract. At this time, not much has been really achieved. We will continue the negotiations and I hope to have something to report for the September or October Newsletters.

On Tuesday, August 7th the SIR State Board Meeting will be held at Thunder Valley Casino Resort. As your Big Sir for Branch 69, I will be attending. The Little Sir (Pat Quinn) will not be attending because he is vacationing in Germany. So, I have asked the Little Sir for 2019, Jimmy Buckley to attend in his place. (It so happens this year both the Big and Little Sirs are invited to the SIR State Board Meeting.) I will report back to the branch on all exciting news from the Board Meeting at our next luncheon.

I have heard that one of the agenda items for the SIR State Board Meeting will be Yearly Membership Fees versus Volunteer Membership Fees. So, for the time being there will not be a vote regarding Membership Fees for the Branch. We will defer it until the SIR State Board Meeting is concluded.

I have to say, and I know it's been a little hot out there, but it's good to be playing golf. One of the reasons I joined SIRs, is because I wanted to play golf and found out that it's fun to play golf with SIRs members. Let me take it a bit further: It is also fun bowling. Bowling is going to be starting soon & it's a great activity. Come on out and join us!

See you at our next luncheon on August 9th.

Tony Vigil, Big Sir

QUINN'S QUIPS



The best time to make friends is before you need them ...

Our guest speaker in July, our own Jim Porterfield did a great job but the Dante Club Audio System let him and many of us down. I have to thank Jim for filling in as a guest speaker when the one I had scheduled for July had to cancel. Jim gave us a sense of the danger we are in if we continue on our current destructive path. The time to start changing is now.

Reminder, if you haven't already done so, it's never too late for your \$25 voluntary contribution.

If you were at the July luncheon I hope my presentation made sense on what our \$25 luncheon fee really buys us. There is a lot more we get from the Dante Club than just the food we eat.

Our guest speaker for August will be Debbie Webber from the Neptune Society of Northern California, and she will be talking about *The Benefits of End of Life Pre-Planning*. Every day we make decisions about the way we live, but often avoid considering the important decisions that must be made at the time of our passing. When we deal with the reality of death thoughtfully and with consideration of those we leave behind and when we discuss and plan the service arrangements we desire, we rid the burden from our loved ones.

Join us in discussing: The Benefits of Preplanning, Traditional Burial, Simple Cremation, Affordable Options and Savings, Veteran Benefits, Travel and Relocation Protection, and How to Begin this Discussion with Loved Ones.

Planning in advance just makes sense. This is a gift we leave behind. Please Join us for this thoughtful dialogue..

Pat Quinn, Little Sir

AUGUST 2018 LUNCHEON MENU

Thursday August 9, 2018

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garden Salad, Rolls and Key Lime Pie.

Vegetarian Lasagna / Vegan options available. Ask your Caller.

WELCOME!!

SIR John Valdes

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Sponsor: Dan Nelson



John was born in East St. Louis, Illinois. He grew up in Illinois until his family moved to Oregon when he was 12. After graduating from high school in Bend, Oregon, John went to Oregon State and graduated in 1981 with a degree in civil engineering. He worked two years at the California State Water Resources Control Board, and then worked for a private engineering firm in the Seattle area for 10 years. His final job was with the Sacramento Suburban Water District until his retirement last October.

John loves golf--he has already played in several of our SIR tournaments. He also likes Oregon State sports, Oakland A's baseball, the Kings, hiking and reading. With three buddies, he has traveled to nine of the major league ballparks; they have plans to attend games in the rest of the parks, too, but this will take years! Lastly, he was overjoyed to see his alma mater Oregon State win the College Baseball World Series a couple weeks ago.

Birthday: October 9, 1957



2019 BEC SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR SIRS BRANCH 69

The election will be held at August's Luncheon.

The Nominating Committee recommends:

OFFICERS:

Big Sir, Pat Quinn
From Little Sir in 2018



Little Sir, Jim Buckley
From Audit/ Director



Secretary, PBS Ron Hutcheson
Back for another term



Assistant Secretary; Frank Levings



Treasurer; Jerry Buhlert
Multiple terms as Treasurer



Assistant Treasurer, Hal Copperberg
Multiple terms as Asst. Treasurer



DIRECTORS:

PBS Tony Vigil



Jim Huffman
Term: 2017-2019



Bill Nichols
Term: 2017-2019



Steve Goodman
Term: 2018-2020



John Popadak
Term: 2019-2021



Rex Bowling
Term: 2019-2021



Thank you gentlemen for volunteering to serve as officers for Branch 69 during 2019.



BOWLING NEWS



We are nearing the start of the 2018-2019 bowling season. I passed around the signup list for our fall bowling league last month at the July luncheon. I'll also be contacting any other bowlers from last year to get them on board for next season. The teams will be finalized by the August luncheon, but it's not too late to get in on the fun. Give me a call or email (tpagefam@surewest.net) if you want to join the bowling league this year, perhaps as a substitute to start.



In July, many of our bowlers travelled to Pollock Pines to compete in the SIRs tournament there. Held at the small Knotty Pines Lanes there, the tournament is always a fun event in a friendly atmosphere.

At a recent SIR tournament at Yuba City, Mark Steffens, Tom Knoble, Jim Smalling and Darren Simonds acquitted themselves well and took home prize money. Mark took 5th in the Div. B All Events and Tom Knoble took 7th, Mark and Darren finished 4th in the Div. B doubles, while Jim Smalling finished 3rd in the Scratch singles and 2nd in the Scratch All Events. Congratulations, guys—great bowling.

Lastly, way back in May, Mark Steffens, Ritchie Carlson, Joe Bowers and Darren Simonds bowled in a SIR State tournament at Fireside Lanes. They won first place in the A Division! Last week, they received their championship trophy.



Very impressive, guys; both the bowling and the trophy.

Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465

August Birthdays

Paul Ogden	8/1	83 Years
Dan Calcagno	8/6	
Conrad Cookman	8/7	
Aubry Stone	8/10	
Warren Senegal	8/12	86 Years
Eddie Lang Jr.	8/15	
Gary Conner	8/17	
Heman Smith	8/20	89 Years
Bob Dant	8/21	88 Years
Roy Dunson	8/26	89 Years
Fred Schack	8/26	
Ernie Berryman	8/27	
Joe Glenn	8/28	
Joe Riley	8/31	

August Anniversaries

Greg and Norma Schweitzer	8/10	
Ross and Susan Martin	8/12	51 Years
George and Karen Langford	8/12	
Hal and Gwen Witsaman	8/14	64 Years
Mark and Jan Kraut	8/14	
Don and Violet Baldwin	8/15	
Dan and Kathy Calcagno	8/18	
Michael and Shelly Brassil	8/21	
Dan and Cheryl Nelson	8/23	
Armond and Mary Lee Delestrez	8/30	
Peter and Antonietta Pozzuto	8/31	

Your 2018 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

AUGUST GOLF:

08-02	Thurs	Dry Creek	Low Net
08-16	Thurs	Turkey Creek	Low Net
08-23	Thurs	Wildhawk	Low Net

AUGUST GOLF:

08-13	Mon	Bing Maloney	2nd Round Club Championship
08-27	Mon	River Oaks	4 man Scramble White Tees

SEPTEMBER GOLF:

09-06	Thurs	Bartley	3rd Round Championship
09-20	Thurs	Empire Ranch	Low Net
09-17/8	Mo/Tu	Lincoln Hills	Low Net
09-27	Thurs	Bing Maloney	Low Net

SEPTEMBER GOLF:

09-10	Mon	Wild Hawk	Last Round Club Championship
09-24	Mon	Emerald Lakes	2 man Best Ball



SUNSHINE



RON HUTCHESON: Ron missed the last luncheon because he was stricken with a minor stroke on July 2nd. Ron is doing fine and the only problem is that nasty monitor he has been carrying around for a month. It messed up his annual salmon trip but he will be ready for his elk hunt this fall.

We have several members that are dealing with some serious health problems and don't wish to be mentioned in this venue. Keep them in your prayers

If you know of any of our members or immediate family with health problems give me a call @ (916) 635-8516

Jim Carlson, Sunshine Chairman

RECRUITING & PUBLICITY

I want to welcome John Valdes, who joined our branch last month, sponsored by Dan Nelson. John is an avid golfer and has already played in some of our tournaments. We had a couple other guests at the July luncheon, one from Golf Expo.



The most important part of recruiting is the efforts of individual members, so keep those friends and neighbors coming.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the August luncheon—don't forget to invite a guest or two.

Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director



TREASURER'S REPORT – JULY 2018

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

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,267	N/A
Contributions	\$ 90	\$3,275
Expenses	\$ 268	\$1,584
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 5,089	N/A

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+1/-1	154
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HOW ARE WE DOING?

07/31/2018

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,275	\$3,700	\$ 425
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Income	\$3,275	\$3,700	\$ 425

EXPENSES

Printing & Postage	\$ 36	\$ 650	\$ 614
Officers' Expenses	\$ 146	\$ 350	\$ 204
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Pro Rata	\$ 714	\$ 950	\$ 236
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 147	\$ 300	\$ 153
Other, Misc.	\$ 541	\$2,000	\$ 1,459
Total Expenses.	\$1,584	\$4,350	\$ 2,766

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2017	\$3,572
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$5,089
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2018	\$2,922

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

Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer

2018 Officers		
BIG SIR:	TONY VIGIL	(916) 217-7816
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Directors

PBS JERRY SCHROEDER	(916) 801-2530	BILL NICHOLS	(916) 844-9382
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State Officers

STATE PRES:	DEREK SOUTHERN
REG. 5 DIRECTOR:	BILL HOLLY
AREA 4 GOV:	BOB PEREZ

Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations & Publicity (RAMP)

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MEMBERSHIP	JOHN POPADAK	(916) 662-0695

Committee Chairs

Programs	Pat Quinn	(916) 201-5262
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Chaplain	Bill Nichols	(916) 844-9382
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Golf	PBS Lennie Silva	(916) 487-9812
Golf (PGC)	Greg Schweitzer	(916) 687-8629
Bowling	PBS Tom Page	(916) 488-6465
Audit	Don Neufeld	(916) 863-5228
Audit	Jim Buckley	(916) 284-2364
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Sunshine	PBS Jim Carlson	(916) 635-8516
Bios	PBS Tom Page	(916) 488-6465
Web Site	Ross Martin	(916) 427-0559
Book Club	Bernie Moreno	(209) 245-6313
RV	Bob Houghton	(916) 487-1190
Membership	John Popadak	(916) 662-0695
RAMP	Jerry Schroeder	(916) 801-2530

Honored Members

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

PBS LENNIE SILVA (SHLM)
PRD WARREN SENEGAL
PBS TOM PAGE
PBS JIM PORTERFIELD
PBS RON HUTCHESON

SENIOR CERTIFICATES

SIR SAM LeROUGE
SIR JIM PAGE
SIR WINFIELD (WINDY) CURTIS
SIR NOBLE ZUMWALT

2018 ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our July attendance was only **62.3%**.
YTD is 67.5% The SIR minimum goal is 70%.

Paul Sickert, Attendance Chairman

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