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# THE MAIL POUCH



**The Pony Express Branch #69  
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*Frank Franzago, Editor*

## TED'S TOPICS



Here we are approaching the end of the year. I have enjoyed my tenure as Big Sir more than you'll ever know. I have been in the position to meet and greet each and every member of our branch. Each luncheon, I try to get to each table and let everyone know how happy I am that they found time in their life to share some of it with us. Those that haven't been attending every luncheon, I let them know that they were missed and they are contributing to the welfare of the branch by attending as often as possible. Not all of us can attend every luncheon, things happen. Attendance at the luncheons is one of the criteria the State uses to measure the branch each month. We have been on a roll this year and our attendance has been over 100 for seven of the nine months this year. That's great!!

With our membership growing, the new faces need to get into the mix. When the new year starts our branch officer cadre will be among the youngest in the state. That speaks well for the future. We, the BEC, and the new officers will be asking many of you to step up to the plate and assume some of the positions of leadership in our branch. Don't worry about doing whatever the task may be. We have enough experienced members to get you through any endeavor. Help us and by doing so help yourselves to keep Branch 69 healthy, prosperous and growing by infusing new ideas, your ideas, into the future of this branch.

Lastly, if I don't know you or haven't spoken to you directly, please stop me at the next luncheon and remedy that situation. See you on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October.

*Ted Patterson, Big Sir*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

We received another \$25.00 donation in September. This brings us up to a record breaking \$3,172 in donations for the year.

But it takes money to run a first class outfit and our expenses totaled \$2,562. This still leaves us enough money in the treasury to remain fiscally solvent through the remainder of the year.

In September we had expenses totaling \$254. The money was spent on printing, supplies, officer expenses and guest expenses.

Just a reminder, when you sponsor a new member, in appreciation, we pay for your luncheon.

Each month we submit a SIR Form 28. It is our Profit and Loss statement for the month and year to date. If anyone would like to see how we spend your money, just ask and this form will be e-mailed to you.

Thanks for your cooperation

*Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer*

## RON'S RHETORIC



Hi everyone....Septembers Guest Speaker was well known historian, author and public speaker, Bill Pettite, who entertained us with stories about famous people who are part of the Sacramento area's colorful history, such as Ancil Hoffman, Joe DiMaggio, Wyatt Earp and Max and Buddy Baer. Bill has written numerous newspaper articles, booklets and books on various subjects and his presentation was titled "Those Were the Days." After listening to Bill's presentation, it was obvious that he has led quite an interesting life having worked with numerous celebrities and sports figures such as Lou Rawls, Frank Sinatra Jr., Jackie Coogan, Joe DiMaggio, and 14 World Boxing Champs including Jack Dempsey, Jack Sharkey and James J. Braddock.

Highlights of Bill's presentation included the story of how Joe DiMaggio purchased two crypts at Westwood Memorial Park in Los Angeles for him and his wife, Marilyn Monroe, where she was buried. However, after their famous divorce, Joe sold his crypt which was eventually purchased by Hugh Heffner. Upon Joe's death, he was buried at South San Francisco's Holy Cross Cemetery in the Italian section with his Mom and Dad. Another story involved Wyatt Earp's burial in the Jewish section of South San Francisco's Hills of Eternity Memorial Park. Although Wyatt was not Jewish, he was laid to rest in 1929 and later joined by his common law wife Josephine Sarah Marcus in 1944.

All in all, Bill's presentation was most interesting, entertaining and very enjoyable.

October's Guest Speaker will be former US Army Sergeant Jim Brown, who spent 32 years at Folsom State Prison as an Officer, Sergeant, and retired in 2002 as a Lieutenant and is currently the Retired Correctional Peace Officers Museum Operations Manager. Jim is going to share his experiences and the history of Folsom Prison.

*Ron Hutcheson, Little Sir*

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

At the September Luncheon, we had 97 members, 2 visitors and 1 guest in attendance. With 134 active members, this gave us an attendance rate of 72%.

*Don Neufeld, Attendance Chairman*



**OCTOBER LUNCHEON  
Thursday, October 10, 2013**

Menu

Chicken Cacciatori

A Vegetarian Plate (cheese Ravioli) is offered as an alternative meal.  
If you would like one, please let your caller know.



## October Birthdays

10-1 Otis Benning	10-17 Carl Cloud
10-2 Noble Zumwalt (95)	10-19 Doug Bailey
10-5 Charlie Landau	10-21 Eddie Gonsalves (92)
10-5 Tom Mezzanares	10-22 Sam LeRouge (91)
10-6 Dan Smith (96)	10-27 George Christman (80)
10-8 John Wallace	10-28 Charles Rainoldi (82)
10-8 Ray Chase	10-28 Ted Canty
10-13 Adrian Herrell	

## A Special Congratulations To:

**Noble Zumwalt**  
**On His 95th Birthday, October 2, 2013**  
**And HLM George Christman**  
**On His 80th Birthday, October 27, 2013**

## October Anniversaries



10-2 Danny & Rosa Pascu (67yrs)
10-3 Curtis & Carole Main
10-3 Larry & Kathy Aronson
10-6 Alan & Carolyn Markis
10-6 Hal & Dolly Copperberg
10-11 Denis & Louise Welsh
10-19 Fred & Gail Libby (58yrs)
10-21 Mark & Nancy Machado
10-30 Ron & Mae Bacher

## WE HATE TO SEE YOU GO

Our September Luncheon featured a farewell to Sir Ron Rice. Ron will be moving to Florence, South Carolina, due to wife Barbara's job promotion.

Ron has been one of the hardest working members of our branch, taking on any job that could use his expertise and talent. He has been our Sunshine and Branch Apparel Chairman since 2009. He has also been a Director for 3 years, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and has assisted Bob Vandenburg with the Short Course Golf program.

At the Luncheon, Ron was presented with an engraved mantle clock. Bob Vandenburg expressed his appreciation and thanks for the help that Ron gave him with the Short Course Golf program. But, the highlight of the Luncheon was the hilarious roast that was given him by his buddy Jim Porterfield.

Ron requested to be kept up on his Branch. He will remain on the newsletter e-mail list and has promised to keep us informed on how he is doing.

We hate to see you go and your efforts will be missed. Good luck in all your future endeavors, and don't take any crap from the red necks that you will be playing golf with.



## RECRUITING & PUBLICITY

After our outstanding August with seven new members, we didn't have any in September. We did have one guest at our luncheon; hopefully he will become a member soon. Meanwhile, I hope the newer members will take part in golf, bowling, dinner/theater, luncheon/explore, and other branch activities. This is the best way to meet other branch members and enjoy all that our branch has to offer.

Keep up your great effort on our recruiting. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the October luncheon.

*Tom Page, Recruiting & Publicity Director*

## 2014 ROSTER

We are working on the 2014 Roster. It will be closed out as of the November Luncheon. You will then receive an e-mail copy of it for you to proof your information. If you do not like your branch photo, please see Frank at the October or November and a new photo will be taken.

## SUNSHINE

Frank Calcagno fell while playing golf and tore up his artificial knee. This caused an infection and they had to remove the knee. He is in a full cast and will be treated with antibiotics for 6 weeks. When all is healed they will replace the knee. Looks like there will be no golf for at least 4 months. Keep Frank in your prayers.



If you hear of any branch member or a member of his family that is sick or hospitalized, please let me know at 916-635-8516 or zag-os@att.net.

*Jim Carlson, Sunshine Chairman*

## TODAY

Today is the oldest that you have ever been, yet the youngest that you will ever be. So, enjoy this day while it lasts.

## CONGRATULATIONS RIC

At the September Luncheon, Sir Ric Nannini received the SIR Senior Award from Area Governor Peter Macias. Ric turned 90 on June 15, 2013 when he was a member of Branch 112.

Ric remains extremely active and bowls weekly and maintains a very low handicap. Tom Page has been twisting his arm to bowl in our branch league, but Ric is busy running SIR bowling at Fireside Lanes.

Congratulations on reaching this milestone Ric.



## WELCOME PETER

Our welcomed guest at the September Luncheon was our new Area Governor Sir Peter Macias. Peter said a few words at our BEC Meeting and also at the Luncheon. We were impressed by his forthrightness and his easy going manner. It will be a pleasure working with him and we welcome him to our branch and hope to see him often.



## GOLF

### October Golf

10-3	Thursday	69RC	Cherry Island	LN
10-7	Monday	SC	Cavanaugh	CC #3
10-11	Friday	69RC	Bing	LN
10-17	Thursday	69RC	Mackenzie	LN
10-21	Monday	SC	Antelope Greens	LN
10-25	Friday	69RC	Wildhawk	LN

### November Golf

11-4	Monday	SC	Cavanaugh	F/Tees
11-7	Thursday	69RC	Bing	LN
11-8	Friday	GOLF AWARDS LUNCHEON		
11-18	Monday	SC	Antelope Greens	Fun Day
11-22	Friday	69RC	Cavanaugh	LN

## F Y I

Each quarter, we are required to pay the State SIR, \$1.25 for every member in our branch. This is our pro rata assessment. Interestingly enough, 40% of the money collected goes for paying liability insurance. But why do we have so much insurance? It is a requirement of the State of California and we purchase the minimum to maintain our 501 C4 status as a not for profit corporation.

## THANKS JIM & MIKE



JIM

Our thanks go out to PBS Jim Carlson and Sir Mike Ratzlaff who volunteered to take over Sunshine & Branch Apparel from Ron Rice.

Jim has spent many years as our Sunshine Chair prior to Ron Rice assuming that job, and set up all the procedures that are in use today.

Mike is looking forward to continuing what Ron started. He has a good supply of shirts and hats and will have them on display at the next Luncheon. He is also willing to special order any other logo item that he does not have in stock.



MIKE

*Thanks Guys*

## DINNER THEATER GROUP

On August 31st, 32 branch members and their significant others met at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse in Folsom. We were treated to a private salad, pizza and pasta bar that was delicious. After two hours of making new friendships and reviving old, we proceeded to the Sutter Street Theater. Here we had reserved seats in the first three rows and had a close up view of the hilarious Mell Brooks production of Young Frankenstein. Although it is a small intimate theater, the cast was 23 strong and the humor, singing and dancing was first class. A great time was had by all.



We would like to thank again our Activities Chairman, PBS Jim Porterfield for a job well done.

## BOWLING

### BOWLING NEWS

The bowling league has completed four weeks in the 2013-2014 season. Right now, the Strikes 'R' Us team (Carl Cloud, Ernie Berryman, Ron Bacher and Allen Riker) has a two point lead over Bud's Bandits (Bud Rogers, Vic Scott, John Martinez and Alex Canada), with two more teams another one point further back. In other words, the competition is close! I expect the leaderboard to change many times over the course of the season.

We've already had some really great performances in the first four weeks. Jim Smalling has a 269 game, followed by Carl Cloud at 268 and Rich Taylor at 264. Rich Taylor rolled a 656 series, too. Tod Davis nailed a 254 game that translated to a 345 handicap score. Many of our bowlers are significantly over their 2012-2013 averages.

Most of the substitutes from last year are bowling on teams this year, plus we have many new members participating as team members or substitutes. The neatest feature of the league is the great camaraderie and fun the guys are having.

Don't forget the State SIR Bowling tournaments scheduled for October:

Citrus Heights	October 7 & 9
Brentwood	October 15 & 17

Applications for these tournaments are on the State SIR website.

If you're interested in bowling in the Wednesday league this season and haven't contacted me yet, be sure to do so. I'll add your name to the list.

*Tom Page, League Secretary*

## LUNCH & EXPLORE GROUP APPLE HILL

Thirty eight members and guests met at the High Hill Apple Ranch in Placerville's Apple Hill area. The group enjoyed a hayride tour around and through the 70 plus year old apple orchard where our guide explained the process of growing healthy apples. After



our hayride we began our walking tour with a stop at their fish Trout Pond, in which they import up to 2000 fish at a time. Then over to the Apple Barn to see the Apple Packing Line, where the apples are sorted and sized. Next, we were taken to the Caramel Apple Kitchen to see how homemade Caramel is made. Next stop was the Cider Mill to see the process of pressing apples into juice. Then, over to the Pie House to see the Apple Peeling Machine and how their Apple Pies are made. At the conclusion of our tour we enjoyed a delicious lunch in the Pie House Dining Room. Lunch consisted of BBQ Chicken, macaroni salad, dinner roll and all the apple juice and coffee we could drink. To top it off, dessert was a slice of hot apple pie alamo. It turned out to be a fun and interesting outing.



## SIR HAPPENINGS

The latest issue of SIR Happenings is now on line. To view it, click on <http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>. If you have anything interesting that you would like to submit to SIR Happenings, e-mail it to [franque12@surewest.net](mailto:franque12@surewest.net).

### ROSTER REPAIRS

Pg.7: Jerry Deuser, Change e-mail to: [jeromedeuser7588@att.net](mailto:jeromedeuser7588@att.net)

Pg. 14 Ben Partington, delete, Resigned

Pg 15: Ron Rice, delete, moved out of area

## SIR

Get the most out of your SIR experience. Get involved. Volunteer today..

Don't ask "What can the branch do for me," ask,  
"What can I do for the Branch."

## HEY COMPUTER GUY

So what's the big controversy over Windows 8? It all starts with the START page. Old computer users look at it and think "what the hell is this? Where do I go from here? Where are the instructions?" As I said last month, if you have Windows 8, plan on a lot of time reading manuals and learning new skills. This is what the start page looks like?



All those little boxes are apps. You can have as many as you want. And where do these apps come from? The Windows APP store, where else. And are they free? Some are, but some you have to pay for. And how much are the apps? I couldn't find out as you need Windows 8 to visit the app store. I asked Wayne to check it out and he said: "A lot of aps are free but here are some that aren't. HP Smartfriend window 8 Quick Start. \$69.99; Live ATC Net 2.99; Women's Health 2.99; Every day Golf coach 6.99. Games are from 2.99 up to 6.99. There is a STORE that you go to download different apps. These are just some of the things that makes it a little complicated at first, but you get used to it."

Added to that, you have a lot of new things to learn about, like charms and snapping programs.

Send your computer Questions. Suggestions & Tips to,

*Hey Computer Guy at [franque12@surewest.net](mailto:franque12@surewest.net)*

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## PUZZLE CORNER

### This Month

The alphabet is written here but some letters are missing.

**CDFHJKMNPQRSUVWXYZ**

Arrange the missing letters to give a word.

### Last Month

How many miles should it be to Malaysia on this signpost?

Answer: 80. The number of letters in the country is multiplied by 10 to get the miles

