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## Luther Burbank Branch 17

Santa Rosa, CA



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# The BARK Newsletter

May 2013



### Big SIR Fred Rose's Message

Now is a good time to bring a prospective new member and a great time to join because next month's picnic is an excellent venue to introduce your friend to what we're all about. Heck, you can bring a significant other or your wife and a great time will be had by all!

Bring your check this next meeting, May 17th, for picnic tickets at \$20.00 per person. A bargain for what's known as one of the best meals of the year.

So the picnic is a easy and fun way to help with recruitment but we need volunteers. This is not the Army. No disrespect to our men in uniform, whom we all hold in highest regard, but any one of you can be Big SIR, sit on the Board of Directors, head a committee, or start a new activity. What is your hobby, your game?

Now, regarding our activities for this month, Bridge is bridging, Golf is puttering, the Garden Club – well it is that time of year. This might be a good time to check with new grandpa Gary Erickson about the Cycling Group. Get hooked on fishing with the exaggerators, (I mean Fishermen's Club), book the Book Club meeting, and chow down with The Boy's Night Out.

If I missed your group or personal interest, send me an e-mail and complain!

### Little Sir Steve Virtue's Message

The guest speaker at our luncheon meeting on Friday, May 17 is Dr. Frank Chong, President, Santa Rosa Junior College.

Prior to joining Santa Rosa Junior College as Superintendent/President in January 2012, Dr. Frank Chong served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges at the United States Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Among his key responsibilities at the Dept. of Education were shaping President Barack Obama's community college agenda, providing leadership in the development of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act, and developing policies related to the President's college completion goal. Chong also helped convene four regional community college summits.

From 2006 to 2009, he was president of Laney College in Oakland, and served as president of Mission College in Santa Clara from 2003 to 2006. Chong was dean of student affairs at San Francisco City College from 1993 to 2003.

He served as Special Assistant to Willie Brown, speaker of the California Assembly, from 1987 to 1991, and in that position created legislation in higher education, mental health, small and minority business affairs and local government. Chong also developed a consortium of more than 50 San Francisco youth organizations to share resources.

Chong was a member of the San Francisco Children and Families Commission and San Francisco Human Rights Commission, and was elected to the San Francisco Board of Education in 1998.

He is an experienced administrator of non-profit organizations, and worked in Oakland as director of special services for the Asian Community Mental Health Services and executive director of Asian Manpower Services.

Since Chong's arrival in Santa Rosa last year, he has become active in community organizations. He currently serves on the boards of the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, Pepperwood Preserve, and the Sonoma County Health Alliance.

Chong has participated on numerous higher education boards, including the Chief Executive Officers Board of the California Community Colleges and the American Council on Education Commission on Advancement of Racial and Ethnic Equity. He is a former president and founding member of the national advocacy organization Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education.



Chong has a bachelor of arts degree from UC Berkeley in social welfare and Asian American Studies, and a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University. He also completed the Educational Management program at Harvard's Graduate School of Education, and earned his doctorate in educational administration, leadership and technology from Dowling College in Oakdale, New York.

Chong has received numerous honors including the Leadership Education for Asian Pacific Americans Award, NAACP Santa Clara County Chapter Diversity Award and Harvard Club of San Francisco Distinguished Alumni Award.

### April Attendance Report

At the April 19th meeting there were ninety-eight members, one speaker (Susan Milstein), four guests, and one transfer.

The transfer was Tom Lubas.

The four guests were:

- Jack Bass
- Lance Thompson
- Don Coover
- Bill Edmondson

The status of Bob Weise will be changed to inactive.

**Remember**, if your guest is a No-Show, **YOU** are responsible for the payment of the meal that was ordered for him.

**Please**, you must call or email before 10:00 A.M. on the Monday preceding the meeting for an excused absence, **otherwise you will be charged for a meal.**

Assistant Chair: [Marv Schouweiler](#), 695-9214

Attendance Chairman: [Lou Funk](#), 539-9214

### Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker at our Luncheon Meeting on Friday was Susan Milstein, the co-owner and operator of [Personal History Production](#).



### Meeting Schedule - May 17, 2013

- Board: 10:15 A.M.
- Social Hour: 11:00
- Lunch: 12:00 Noon (Committee Reports and Announcements)

Please **do not** leave the meeting while our guest is speaking.

Place your badge into the collection bucket as you leave.

Attendance Chairman: Louis P. Funk

### Luncheon Menu

- Sonoma Mixed Field Greens Salad with tomato, cucumber, croutons, and topped with a dill ranch dressing.
- Fresh baked bread and butter.
- Chicken Cordon Blue -Fresh boneless breast, seasoned and stuffed, panko breaded, then baked. Served with a creamy mushroom sauce, mashed potato, and vegetable.

**- IMPORTANT -**

You must contact Lou or Marv **before** 10:00 A.M. on the Monday before the Friday meeting and

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- and vegetable.
- Dessert is *Chef's Choice*.
- Coffee, ice tea, and ice water.

Alternate Entree:

- Vegetarian Ravioli with seasonal vegetable, marinara sauce, and fresh Parmesan cheese.

GREETERS:

- Rich de Lambert
- A Board Member

BARTENDERS:

- Steven Newman

provide:

**Alternate Entree Request**

- Your name
- Badge number

**Absence Request**

- Your name
- Badge number
- Reason for absence

**Bringing a Guest**

- Your name
- Badge number
- Guest's full name
- Guest's entree choice

**Contacts**

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**Announcements**

Are you interested in a trip to the beautiful Arboretum in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco? Wives and/or guests are invited. Contact Vern Calsy at 545-0932, or better yet, stop by the Garden Club meeting at 11:30, in the board room before the regular meeting.

Please visit the web site Activities page for additional detail.

[Summer Picnic](#) — Branch 17 will join Windsor Branch 176 at Villa Chanticleer on June 20, 2013. Buy your \$20.00 tickets at the May meeting. Contact Frank Moreda or Robert Gaggero.

[Giants Baseball](#) — Come enjoy an all SIR ballgame against the Milwaukee Brewers on August 8th. There are only 25 **first-come-first-served** tickets.

[Golden Age Cruise to Alaska](#) — Sail with us this August from San Francisco to Alaska and back. We'll visit Juneau, Skagway, and Ketchikan; sail the length of Tracy Arm to Sawyer glacier; and make Victoria, B.C. our final port of call before returning to San Francisco.

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