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## Luther Burbank Branch 17

Santa Rosa, CA



REDWOOD

# The BARK Newsletter

July 2013



## Big SIR Fred Rose's Message

Was that great? Wow! Bob & Fran Gaggero, and the Branch 17 crew:

- Frank Moreda
- Richard Honzik
- James LaMar
- Gary Lazzarini
- Dave Mink
- John Sommerville
- Ralph Lassa
- Stan Borges
- The Branch 176 Crew
- Bob Andersen
- Ken Marshall
- Bill Bergman
- Don Moors
- Mike Berry
- Dave Harrison

**Kudos!!!** You made a great picnic!!

July is a great time of celebration in America. This is a time for us all to be thankful for the blessings we are privileged to have in this great country. Celebrate!

We have SENIOR SIR PRESIDENTS AWARD this month FOR Lloyd Douglas, Jim Phipps, and Romie Schneider. Congratulations guys!

The nomination committee will be presenting their nominations for next years officers at this month's meeting and will also be presented in this months BARK. This is a process that you should be been involved in. Hopefully you are providing direction to the committee. The election will be next month.

Don't you feel guilty about all the fun you have as a SIR and are failing to share with others? Bring a guest and show them what a great bunch we are. After all, we are not a secret society.

Also, please review the list of candidates that were nominated for next year's BRANCH 17 officers.

## Little Sir Steve Virtue's Message

I am pleased to inform you that the guest speaker at our luncheon meeting on Friday, July 19, is David F. Fendrick, Chief Executive Officer/General Manager of River Rock Casino. His impressive resume highlights hands-on involvement and extensive management experience in the gaming industry since 1977.

Born and raised in Oildale, CA, David served in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1969 and attained the rank of Sergeant E-5. He was in Vietnam 1968-1969.

He was educated at Bakersfield Junior College, CA, earning AA degrees in Accounting and Fire Science. At the University of Nevada, Reno, NV, and at the University of Phoenix - Online Studies, he Majored in Business Administration.

He is married to Karen and lives in Windsor has four grown children and five grandsons between the ages of five and eight. His hobbies include golf, bike riding, reading and writing. He is currently working on a novel!

A special thank you to Rich deLambert for arranging for David to be our Speaker this month!

## Robert Gaggero, Picnic Chairman

Thanks to all who attended our June picnic. The weather co-operated and the food was great. I believe all who attended had a great time.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers, Big Sir Fred Rose, Branch #17 and Big Sir Bob Andersen Branch #176 for their opening remarks. Frank Moreda, who did a great job cooking the tri tips, Bob Andersen( Branch 176), salad making skills, Fred Rose and John Sommerville and members of Branch #176 Mike Berry and Dave Harrison for selling raffle tickets. Fred Rose for his MC duties; Dave Mink, who served as bartender (great Job); Food Servers Jim LaMar, Dick Honzik, John Sommerville, Ralph Lassa, Gary Lazzarini, name tags and Picnic Tickets Fran Gaggero; Branch 176'ers, Bill Bergman and Don Moors, and to branch 176 members who covered tables and to all who assisted with cleanup. If I missed anybody, please forgive me.



I also want to thank Clover-Stornetta for their generous donation of ice cream cups.

Please visit our Photo Gallery at the SIR Branch 17 web site, filled with photos from the picnic.

Again thanks to all that attended and volunteered.

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## June Attendance Report

There is no attendance report for the month of June as there was no meeting.

**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 — mschouweiler@att.net — (707) 695-3568

Attendance Chairman: Lou Funk

## Meeting Schedule - July 19, 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

- [Iceberg lettuce with tomato, croutons, and blue cheese dressing.](#)
- [Fresh baked bread and butter.](#)
- [Peach Chutney Chicken Breast - Fresh boneless/skinless breast, seasoned and grilled, our own mild chutney, Spanish rice, and vegetable.](#)
- [Chef's choice for dessert.](#)
- [Coffee, ice tea, and ice water.](#)

[Alternate Entree:](#)

- [Vegetarian Lasagna with Parmesan cheese and Marinara sauce.](#)

[GREETERS:](#)

- [Rich de Lambert](#)
- [A Board Member](#)

[BARTENDER:](#)

- [Don Coover](#)

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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.

[Giants Baseball — SOLD OUT](#) — 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.

Please visit the [Activities](#) page for additional detail.

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## Member Tribute

### - IMPORTANT -

You must contact Marv or Lou **before** 10:00 A.M. on the Monday before the Friday meeting and 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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- [Lou Funk](#)

George Hurley one of our new members who recently transferred from Branch 76 (Fountain Grove) passed away from complications related from Pneumonia. He was with us on earth from August 20,1941 to June 14, 2013. George served in the Air force and retired from PG&E after 35 years of service. He was proceeded in death by his wife Ruth of 37 years of marriage. Surviving family members include four children. James, Glenn(wife Betty), Dianna (husband David), Vincent. Also eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be on August 3, 2013.



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