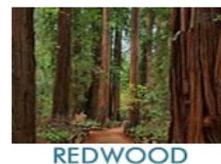




A non-profit club for retired men devoted to the promotion of independence and dignity of retirement

Luther Burbank Branch 17  
Santa Rosa, CA



## THE REDWOOD BARK NEWSLETTER For February 21, 2014 Meeting

Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month at the Scottish Rite Center, 600 Acacia Ln., Santa Rosa, CA  
For **Excused Absences, Guests Lunches** or **Alternate Lunch Selection**, please, you must call or email before 10:00 am on the Monday preceding the meeting for an excused absence, otherwise you will be charged for a meal.  
Contact: **Marv Schouweiler**, [mschouweiler@att.net](mailto:mschouweiler@att.net) 484-3070 or **Lou Funk**, [loufunk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:loufunk@sbcglobal.net) 539-9214

### Meeting Schedule

Board Meeting: 10:15 A.M.  
Social Hour: 11:00 A.M.  
Lunch: 12:00 Noon Committee reports and announcements. **Speaker: Jon Stout**, Airport Manager for the Sonoma County Airport regarding the runway expansion project.  
Adjourn by: 1:30 P.M.  
Bartenders: A. Coero, D. Malvestiti, B. Vidalin  
Greeters: Rotating by board members  
Please do **NOT** leave the meeting while our guest is speaking. Place your badge into the collection bucket.

### Lunch Menu

**Broccoli cheddar soup**  
**served with fresh baked bread and butter.**  
**Baked meat lasagna with marinara sauce,**  
**OR**  
**Baked vegetable lasagna with marinara sauce,**  
**Chef's choice for dessert.**  
**Coffee, iced tea, and ice water.**



### BIG SIR Stephen Virtue's Message

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"Lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime, and, departing, leave behind us footprints in the sands of time."  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1807 – 1882

A special thank you to Adu Ebrahim for persisting with the idea and graciously hosting the first meeting of our Book Club. The first book we selected was suggested by George Nelson and is the candidly written untold story of Red Cloud. Our small group will soon meet and share our perspectives on the book while also socializing and getting to know each other better.

That new activity aside, SIR 17 men have been out there involved in enjoying the fabulous weather, playing golf, cards, engaging with family, friends and associates regularly in other pastimes and activities mostly memorable and pleasant.

We were happy to see Oscar Barragan off the sick list and back with us at our January meeting. We are also delighted that Bill Fulwider is on his way back!

More than 70% of us regularly turn out for our monthly luncheon meeting where we enjoy a great meal, pleasant company, friendly conversation, thought provoking and interesting presentations from our guest speakers and last but not least,... a good amount of fun and laughter! That's what SIR is all about, guys!

Thank you all for the enjoyable experiences, your help and kind advice!



### LITTLE SIR Herb Percy's Message

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The secret of business is to know something that nobody else knows.

Aristotle

This statement not only applies to business, but also applies to each one of us. For us, we need to remove the word business and insert the word life and its experiences and what we've learned and how we have applied it!

We are privileged to have with us at our February 21 meeting **Mr. Jon Stout, Manager of the Charles M. Schultz-Sonoma County Airport**. Through the years we have watched the airplanes come and go and now we get to be privileged to experience the future. The airport has plans for expansion of a new field, landing space and a terminal for future growth.

Future speakers will be from the Sonoma County Water Agency, also a Professor talking about Egypt (very interesting.)

If you would like to see a specific speaker or topic, your ideas are welcome and the calendar is wide open!



## January Attendance

**Marv Schouweiler**, Ass't to Lou Funk  
[mschouweiler@att.net](mailto:mschouweiler@att.net) 707-484-3070

At the January 17th meeting there were: 87members, 6 guests, 2 visitors present.

10 members failed to notify Marv that they would not be in attendance.

Gary Erickson, resigned and has been dropped.

Inactive member Richard Jenkins, resigned and has been dropped.

Total active membership is now at 121 active members and 6 inactive members. A revised directory will be available on the website or request a copy from the Sect.



## January Membership

**Doug Weber**, Chairman  
[zzzweber@aol.com](mailto:zzzweber@aol.com) 707-545-3188

Marv Mia, a transfer from Branch 76 and Glen Steime sponsored by Roy Thuestad were approved for membership by the BEC on January 17th and will be inducted at the February 21st general meeting.

No new applications were submitted this month.

Bill Buhrman was a guest of Bud Hill.

Adam Ramos was a guest of Fred Rose.

Russell Schwarz was a guest of Claude Schwarz.

Bill Traverso was a guest of Stan Borges.

## Guest Speakers for January 17th Meeting:



Pictured above is Little SIR Herb Percy, Speakers Jim Pedgrift & Thea Hensel of the Southeast Gateway Project & Director Jim Gurke

This was a very informative presentation for the Southeast Gateway Project explaining what is proposed for the abandoned Cal-Trans property that was to be used for future Highway 12 expansion from Farmers Lane, past Summerfield Road and through part of Annadel State Park someday. They are purposing to turn this land into a long strip park with walking and bicycle paths to connect to other parks and trails.

## February 21st Program will be:

Jon Stout, Airport Manager for the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport. He will speak on the upcoming airport runway expansion, construction progress and the future growth.



## March 21st Program will be:

Someone from the City of Santa Rose Water Department to discuss the drought situation and future water conservation options.

## Chaplains' Corner

by Herb Percy

Please pray for our members to get better quickly and recover from their illnesses.

Please contact Chaplain Herb any time you hear of any "SIR" who is sick or in need of our thoughts and prayers @ [dadpercy@yahoo.com](mailto:dadpercy@yahoo.com) or call 707-575-7787.



## List of the February Birthday Boys!

Bartley, Chuck  
 Coero, Angelo  
 Fenstermaker, Jim  
 Fode, Darrell  
 Krebs, Darwin  
 Lamar, Jim  
 Mac Millan, James  
 Newman, Steve  
 Tuttle, Robert

## 2014

### Members Guidelines

booklets were distributed at the January meeting. If you were not there and/or did not get one, your copy will be available at the February 21st meeting. Just ask for it when you are getting your name badge.

## Where Our Days of the Week Comes From

**Sunday** is literally "day of the sun" and **Monday** is "day of the moon". Most remaining days are named for Germanic and Norse gods: **Tuesday** for Tiu or Tyr (war god), **Wednesday** for Woden or Odin (chief god), **Thursday** for Thor (thunder god), and **Friday** for Frigg (Odin's wife). **Saturday** belongs to the Roman agriculture god Saturn, whose festivals in Rome led to saturnalia (wild partying). (reprinted from *Readers Digest*)

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket. One of the many quotes from Will Rogers:

## ACTIVITIES

### Boys Night Out

We started the New Year at Riccardo's, in the Bennett Valley Shopping Center. The food was very good, the prices reasonable and a comfortable bistro atmosphere enjoyed by all. We would recommend it.

If you would like to join us on our next fun outing, the date is Wednesday, February 19th; time is 6:00 P.M. The place is **TOYO**, a Japanese Bistro at 3082 Marlow Road, corner of Piner Road, next to Mary's Pizza & across from Lads Market. **RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!**



So -- Contact Fred Rose @ 548-5797 or send an email to: [fredricrose@comcast.net](mailto:fredricrose@comcast.net) by Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Members, **wives** (significant others) and **guests** are invited to join us for a

**Food & Wine Tasting Event , March 20th, 2:00 PM at St. Francis Winery, Hwy. 12 @ N. Pythian Rd.**



The venue is limited to a maximum of 24 people, so first come, first served. The cost per person will be \$58.00

tax and gratuity included. A deposit of \$25.00 per person is required. Call Bob Vidalin for reservations at 545-7460 or email to [rosbo5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rosbo5@sbcglobal.net)

### Book Club

Thanks to all of you that expressed interest in forming a Book Club for our SIR members.

We held our first meeting on Thursday January 23rd and selected "The Heart of Everything That Is" by Drury & Clavin as our first read.

Our next meeting will be to review, discuss and socialize and will be held at Steve Virtue's home located at 1994 Long Leaf Court starting at 11:00 am on Thursday, February 20th, 2014.

If you are planning to attend, please contact Adu Ebrahim at 707-566-4786 or send an email to [Aebra@aol.com](mailto:Aebra@aol.com) for inclusion ASAP. The optimum book club size is six or seven, so it will be first come first served!



### Bowling

When was the last time you went bowling? Has it been too long? SIR bowling happens every Monday morning at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, adjacent to the golf course. We start at 10 A.M. and finish before Noon. A new season will be starting soon! Check it out.



Don't think you are good enough? Wrong!! This is casual bowling, no teams, but we maintain handicaps and have a very small prize fund each week. We have good bowlers, and not so good bowlers, but we have fun and we get a little exercise. Try it. No reservations. Bring a friend or two and just show up a bit early and get your names in.

The Bowling Activities Chairman is Jim Armstrong; call him at 707-322-7603 or email to [army4344@yahoo.com](mailto:army4344@yahoo.com)

### Bridge

The regularly scheduled bridge sessions held on January 7th and January 21st were limited to 8 players circulating between two tables and we played 7 rounds per session on each day. Unfortunately we were unable to fill a third table because we were short of one player signing up as per the protocol.

Our bridge activities continue to be diligently coordinated by Chairman Al Black, call 578-3210 or preferably email him at: [rosaridge@comcast.com](mailto:rosaridge@comcast.com).

We welcome new and interested members to join the pool of players.

Bridge days scheduled this month for play at Legends Restaurant Bennett Valley starting at 10 AM are on February 11 and February 25.

If you wish to play or have questions, you should call or email Al Black to book your spot the week before. Sign-ups open on Monday 9 PM and close Thursday 9 PM first-come first-served.

### Fishing in Sitka, Alaska

Anyone interested in heading to Sitka, Alaska to do some salmon fishing? A group of four will be heading to Sitka Alaska on Aug. 9, 2014. The group will be enjoying three days of spectacular ocean fishing and taking in the wonderful Alaska scenery. The Kingfisher Lodge is located on a hillside overlooking the waters and islands of Sitka Sound. They will enjoy truly excellent dinners ranging from prime rib and steaks to Dungeness crab, salmon and halibut. The kings and the silvers should be running in the waters around Sitka that time of year, so the fishing action will be hot and heavy.

A 3-day, 4-night trip costs \$2,295.00 **plus** travel. An added plus is they process the fish on site so when you head to the Sitka Airport your boxes of frozen fish are right there with you!

There might be 3 more spaces available for this trip of a lifetime but you must act **FAST** and contact Ted Scapeccia at [tescape@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tescape@sbcglobal.net) or call 707-539-5049.

## Garden Club

Contact our Garden Club chairman, Vern Calsy, by phone at 707-545-0932, or by email at [vecjfc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vecjfc@sbcglobal.net) for more information, or better yet attend a brief meeting of interested gardeners generally held at 11:15 A.M. in the Board meeting room prior to each regular meeting.



## Golf

Interested in playing? Our current Branch 17 golf chairman is the incomparable Jim Lamar, (707) 539-9064, or email to [jlamar@hughes.net](mailto:jlamar@hughes.net).



For more information check out the website at <http://www.sirstategolf.com> and scrolling thru the months (entry forms and all). Check 'em out.

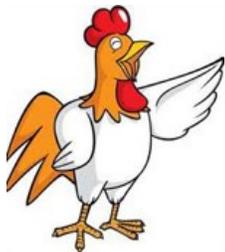
February golf dates at Bennett Valley are on Mondays the 3rd, 10th and the 24th, Tuesday the 18th.

The default play schedule is to begin at 8:30 A.M. Phone Bennett Valley at (707) 528-3673, give them your name and foursome if you have one, and they will give you a tee time. Singles will be assigned where there is an opening. Check in at the Pro Shop. All money will be handled there.

Allow enough time to be there should Bennett Valley have cancellations and be able to advance the tee times.

For other golf outings, contact Frank Morabito, (707) 542-0372, or send an email to [morabirdies@comcast.net](mailto:morabirdies@comcast.net).

### Joke of the day!



While shopping for vacation clothes, my husband and I passed a display of bathing suits. It had been at least 10 years and 20 pounds since I had even considered buying a bathing suit, so I sought my husband's advice. "What do you think?" I asked. "Should I get a bikini or an all-in-one?" "Better get a bikini," he replied. "You'd never get into an all-in-one." He's still in intensive care!

## Traveling Golfers

Gents,

I want to thank all those who voiced their opinion in our recent survey regarding the invitation of women to travel golf events. The ladies are in with a 97% approval rating. Let's show them some good old SIR hospitality and make them feel welcome. Depending on their numbers, the ladies will either be paired up in their own foursomes, or paired with their respective spouses. They will contribute to, and be eligible for, all prizes, play by the same set of rules, and hit from the ladies tees. They'd be "just like one of the boys", but different. For any of you who may have concerns with this change to our format, you can rest assured, there will still be plenty of foursomes out there with familiar faces.

When signing up your spouse or lady friend, be sure to note that she's your guest. It would be helpful if you could let me know whether she wants to play with you or other ladies. If she has an NCGA number, please include that also. We can work out the details as we go along.

Coming up on Thursday March 13th we have our first travel game of the season. We are heading off to Hiddenbrooke, and what a great course to start out on. For those of you who are not Travel Golf regulars, come and join us for a fun day in the sun. Oh, and by the way, bring your wife along... no matter how you play, you'll be a winner.

Until next time, Good Golfing. Roy Thuestad

Check out our local SIR website at:

[www.branch17.sirinc2.org/activities.html](http://www.branch17.sirinc2.org/activities.html)

then scroll down to the Traveling Golf section.

Click on our "2014 Travel Schedule.PDF".

You can contact Roy at (707) 838-7804 or send an email to [roymond@comcast.net](mailto:roymond@comcast.net).



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