



SONS IN RETIREMENT ALMADEN BRANCH 94
A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED MEN
Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

Almaden Branch 94 Meets the Second Thursday of each Month at the
 Elk's Lodge, 444 W. Alma Avenue, San Jose, CA. 95110
 Executive Board Meeting—10:00 A.M. Fellowship—11:00 A.M. Luncheon—11:45 A.M.

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BIG SIR MESSAGE FOR MARCH

March is a time, during the year, when we realize we have broken most, if not all, of our New Years Resolutions. However, our Branch's resolution to have FUN and enjoy great fellowship will not be shattered this month or any other time. We are the Branch that cares. It is so important that we all really want to attend our meetings. Not so much for the numbers, but because this is a highlight time in our Month.

You guys are why this happens. You are that dynamic that makes me look forward to each meeting. I can't thank you enough. I find that the more you make happen for the good of our GREAT Branch 94, the more you get out of it. It's a fact. That's just the way it works. For years I wondered how to get involved. I finally found out the big secret. I'll share this with you. Are you ready? This is a volunteer organization. Come forward let us utilize your talents. You won't be sorry!

I look forward to being with you all at our March meeting.

Big SIR **Bill Hooper**

Editors Note: Again, no lines formed last month to volunteer for the editor position. REALLY, being the editor is really not a difficult task. Talk to me about how easy it really is!!!

If you like getting a newsletter, volunteer to keep it published every month. If you don't like the newsletter, volunteer to get one published with your ideas every month.

Roger Prow
 Little SIR, Newsletter editor, Web Master.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Respectfully Submitted By
Dan Petersen, Treasurer

<u>Opening Balance 02/01/2011</u>	\$1,548.68
<u>February Income</u>	
Luncheon Receipts	\$1,744.00
Contributions (2010)	\$660.00
Badges	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$2,404.00</u>
<u>February Expenses</u>	
Elks - Luncheon	\$1,776.00
Drawing	\$70.00
Badges	<u>\$35.78</u>
	<u>\$1,881.78</u>
February Ending Balance	<u>\$2,070.90</u>

BOCCE BALL

Beginner's Bocce meets **Tuesday at 9:00 AM** at **Almaden Lake Park** on the eastern side. You do not have to know how to play, you do not need to have equipment of any kind. If you have any questions call me. See you at the **Lake** on the **Bocce Ball Court**.

Call **Sam Walters** at (408) 268-3739 or email sowalters@att.net for more details.

GOLF

On March 28th, we will travel to **Seascope Golf Club** for our second event of 2011. This will be an 8:00 AM shotgun start.

The 2011 golf schedule is now on the SIR Branch 94 web site. Check it out at www.sirbranch94.org and put your SIR golf dates for 2011 on your calendar now. Check it often for any changes to the schedules.

Chuck McCoy - 408-371-6988,
chuckmccoy@comcast.net.

Sam Walters - Area 5 Chairman 408-268-3739,
sowalters@att.net

TRAVEL

The travel committee representing **Areas 5 and 20** needs your support. The **Travel Newsletter** will only be mailed every other month, **but** if you give me your **email address** then you will receive this valuable information, **every month**.

Your best travel info is set out for you every month on the **brochure table**. Take some brochures home to share with your family and friends and take a little time to look at these great trips in detail. **Your next vacation is in your hands**.

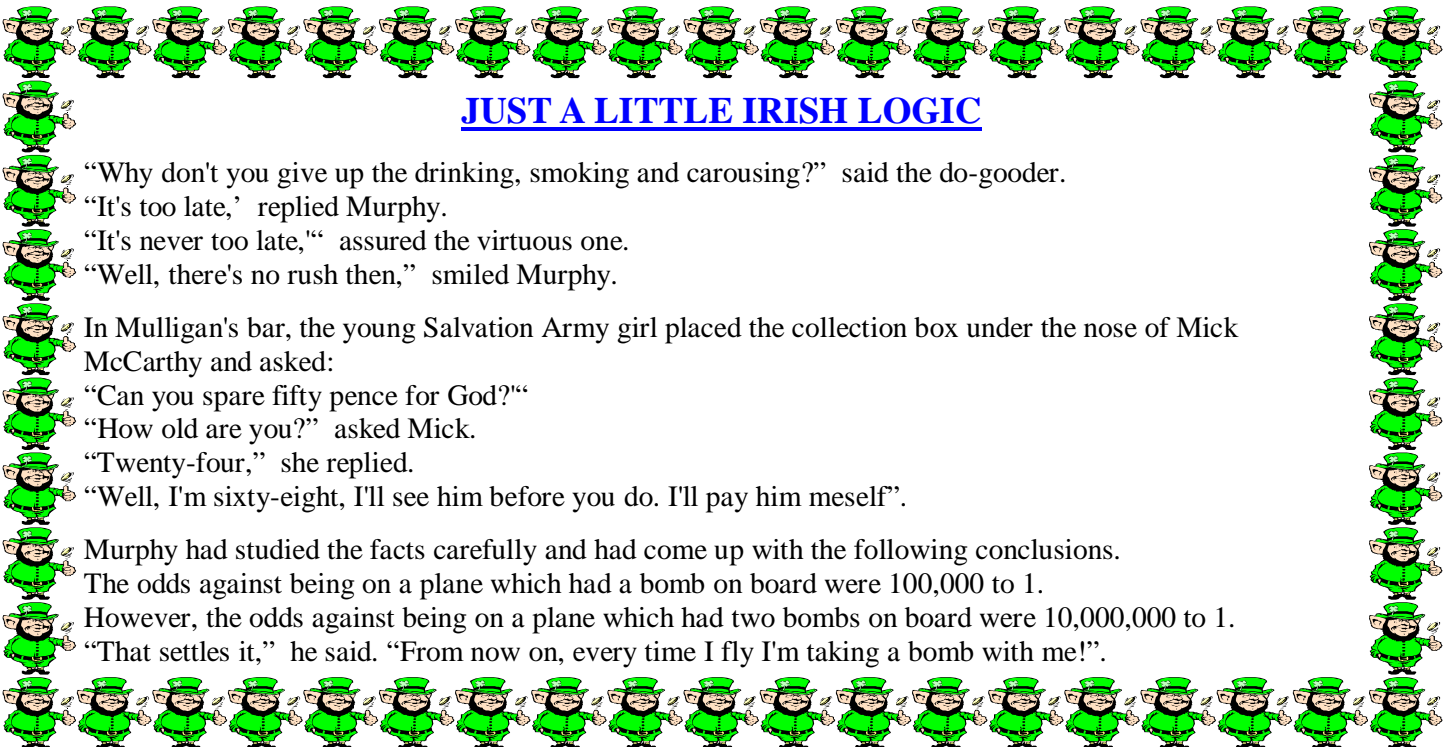
Bud Souza - Travel Chairmen. **408-340-0082**

BOWLING

Recent high scores in the Monday Sirs League at **Cambrian Bowl** are as follows:

1/24	Ron Bianco	206
	Dave Catron	216, 235, 619
	Eddie Fahrner	202, 210
	Tony Medeiros	219, 235, 650
	Dennis Pitchford	207
1/31	Ron Bianco	213
	Dave Catron	214, 225, 631
	Peter DeKruif	214
	Ted Head	206
	Tony Medeiros	204, 225, 628
2/7	Ron Bianco	231, 236, 643
	Dave Catron	233, 248, 671
	Eddie Fahrner	201
	Tom Higa	201
	Bill Hooper	205
	Bill Ikerd	202
	Dennis Pitchford	212, 236, 629
	George Zagelow	213
2/14	Ron Bianco	206
	Dave Catron	200, 208
	Eddie Fahrner	202
	Tom Higa	200, 249
	Tony Medeiros	235
2/21	Dave Catron	212
	Bill Hooper	221
	Tony Medeiros	211
	Dennis Pitchford	200, 210, 225, 635
	George Zagelow	201

Contact **Dennis Pitchford (408-559-7977)** or check the web site at www.sirbranch94.org for **Branch 94** bowling information.



JUST A LITTLE IRISH LOGIC

“Why don't you give up the drinking, smoking and carousing?” said the do-gooder.

“It's too late,” replied Murphy.

“It's never too late,” assured the virtuous one.

“Well, there's no rush then,” smiled Murphy.

In Mulligan's bar, the young Salvation Army girl placed the collection box under the nose of Mick McCarthy and asked:

“Can you spare fifty pence for God?”

“How old are you?” asked Mick.

“Twenty-four,” she replied.

“Well, I'm sixty-eight, I'll see him before you do. I'll pay him meself”.

Murphy had studied the facts carefully and had come up with the following conclusions.

The odds against being on a plane which had a bomb on board were 100,000 to 1.

However, the odds against being on a plane which had two bombs on board were 10,000,000 to 1.

“That settles it,” he said. “From now on, every time I fly I'm taking a bomb with me!”

*Always Remember This, You don't stop laughing because you grow old,
You grow old because you stop laughing!!*

ATTENDANCE — FEBRUARY

Members **110 (64%)**
Guests **3**
Total Active + Life Members **165 (-6)**
Total Inactive Members **23 (+2)**

ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

(if your name should be here or the years are missing send updates to:

Ron Carter, Membership at ron.carter@comcast.net)

Bill Adams (Lea) 19 Dan Petersen (Linda) 45
Bob Goetze (Mun) 37

SIR BORN IN MARCH

Andre Ashley John Minutello
Sam Campbell Vic Parrino
Joseph Cooper Rob Piper
George Felicetta Don Reeves
Bob Harmon Mike Sinnott
Tom Higa Tom White

DRAWING WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY

NOTE: Due to very low contributions the drawing format has changed to only two (2) ticket winners.

082 **Ray Edinger**
194 **Parker Willey**

Each receive \$10.00 for the winning ticket.



\$50.00 Badge Drawing

(Only one active number drawn and must be present to win)

081 **Jim O'Neill**

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The Total Active numbers include the following changes:



New member:

131 **Leo Pursley** (April)
408-997-6680,
pursleypm@comcast.net
Sponsor: **Gary Cameron** #016

Other changes:

- 037 **Joe Tremba** - resigned
- 099 **Steve Taylor** - resigned
- 088 **Robert Piper** - inactive request
- 186 **Sam Marifia** - inactive request
- 215 **Andy Dorsody** - inactive request
- 030 **Ralph Lemmon** - pass away (was inactive)
- 130 **Al Vivian** - passed away
- 296 **Gayle Pinkney** - passed away

The following are new applicants pending membership. They are not included in the Total Members count:

108 **Rich Barone** (Nancy)
4958 Rio Verde Dr
San Jose, CA 95118-2335
408-265-1520, richardbarone@sbcglobal.net
Sponsor: **Ron Bianco** #202

278 **Ted A Rogers** (Bonnie)
5210 Terner Way #326
San Jose, CA 95136
408-264-1304, tedbon1930@att.net
Sponsor: **Bob Baker** #193

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Ron Carter - 408-996-1285, ron.carter@comcast.net

THE FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY GUYS AT THE LUNCH





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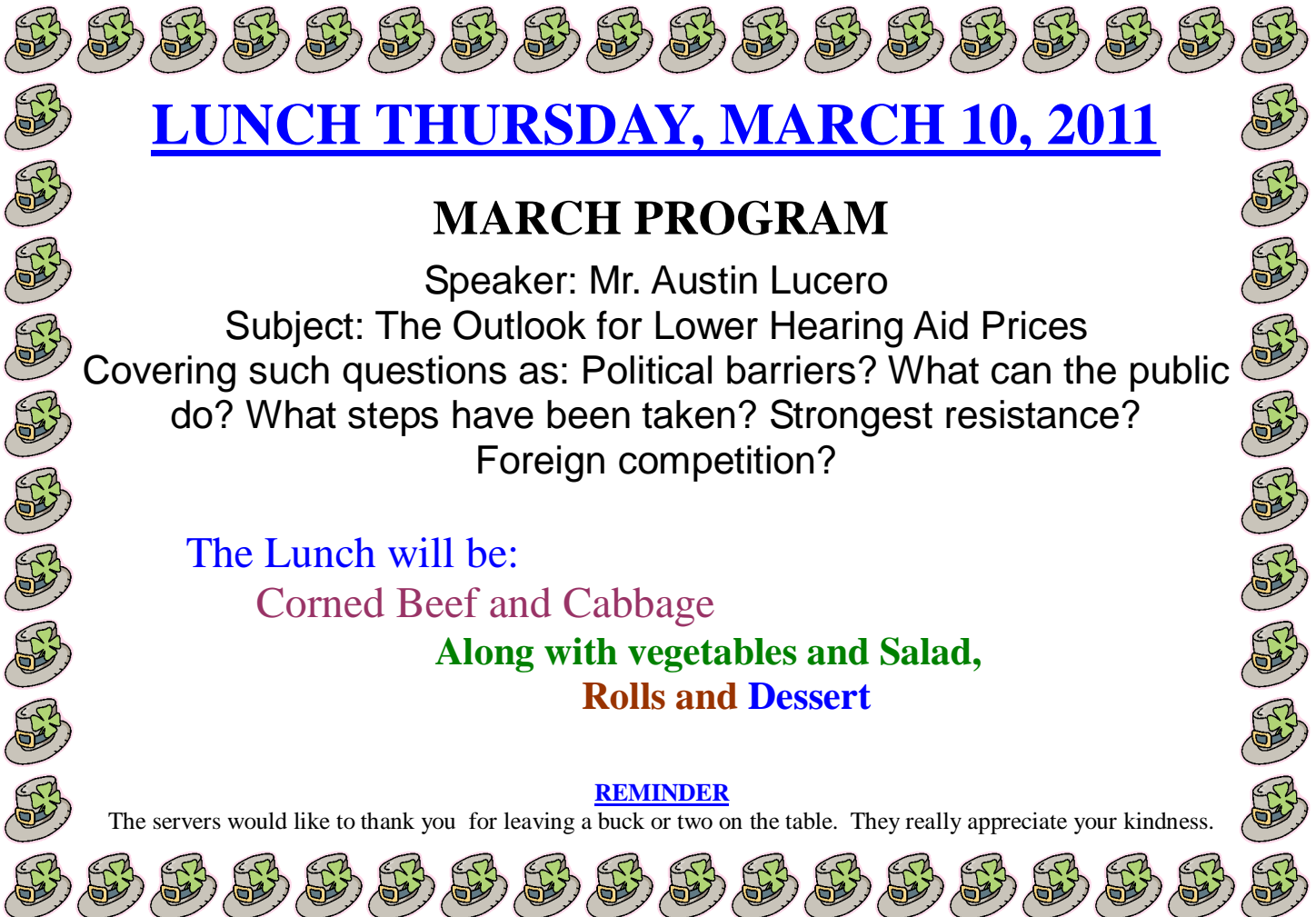
Roger C. Prow
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Los Gatos, CA 95032-1537

Return Service Requested

SONS IN RETIREMENT RULES

Sons in Retirement require that members may be dropped for failing to attend 6 meetings a year, or for missing 3 consecutive meetings without a valid excuse. Dispensation may be made for those who leave the San Jose area for an extended period each year, but who attend regularly while they are in town. Members who are unable to attend meetings for reasons should consider requesting inactive status.

NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION: All activities arranged for or by, Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.



LUNCH THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011

MARCH PROGRAM

Speaker: Mr. Austin Lucero

Subject: The Outlook for Lower Hearing Aid Prices

Covering such questions as: Political barriers? What can the public do? What steps have been taken? Strongest resistance? Foreign competition?

The Lunch will be:

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Along with vegetables and Salad,

Rolls and Dessert

REMINDER

The servers would like to thank you for leaving a buck or two on the table. They really appreciate your kindness.