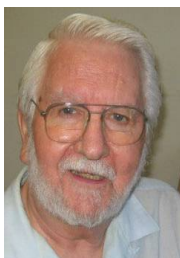




**SONS IN RETIREMENT ALMADEN BRANCH 94**  
**A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED MEN**  
*Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement*

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  
DECEMBER 2011**

As we come into this Yule Tide Season, I need to tell you, one and all, what an amazing gift you have given to me by letting me be your Big SIR for the last two years. It has been magnificent!

In some ways it has been a long road with lots of work and responsibility. However, in the greater part of my thinking, the time has flown by and I know that I will miss being your Big SIR more than I can tell you. So, I want to thank each and every one of you! I truly believe that we have the very best Branch in all of the SIR's Nation.

Your new Big SIR, Roger Prow, will be a superb leader. He has asked me to be an Advisor on the Branch Executive Committee next year. I have a high regard for Roger, but, with all due respect, I'm going to decline his offer. I'm tired. I feel that I am in a bit of a burnout state of affairs and I need to unwind, let go, and have a break for a bit.

Should the offer, of being an Advisor, be on the table next year, I'm confident that I would accept with delight.

Should Roger offer, I will be delighted to continue to lead the prayers at each meeting during the 2012 year.

Again, thank you all for the enormous gifts you have given to me.

Respectfully,  
 Big SIR, Bill Hooper



**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR  
NOVEMBER**

Respectfully Submitted By  
**Dan Petersen**, Treasurer

<b>Opening Balance 11/01/2011</b>	<b>\$ 1,170.49</b>
October Income	
Luncheon Receipts	\$ 1,600.00
Contributions (2012)	\$ 1,260.00
Badges	\$ 0.00
Christmas Luncheon	\$ 1,295.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 4,155.00</u>
October Expenses	
Elks – Luncheon	\$ 1,632.00
Drawing	\$ 70.00
Badges	\$ 19.49
SIR's Quarterly Assessment	\$ 157.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 1,878.49</u>
<b>November Ending Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,447.00</u></b>

**SIR HAPPENINGS NOTICE**

**The Fall edition of SIR Happenings is now available on the SIR website:**

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

Be sure to check out page 4. **RON BIANCO** sent in an article about Branch 94. Look closely and you might see your picture in the State Newsletter.

Remember **“BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND.**

## GOLF

## BOWLING

Gentlemen,

It's time to pay your \$36 for the Northern California Golf Association yearly dues. The dues need to be in to the NCGA by 12/31/2011 or you go on the inactive list. Get your money to Chuck McCoy ASAP so Chuck can get your money in to the NCGA. on or before that date. Bring your checks to the December meeting or send your money to:

Chuck McCoy  
15019 Cooper Ave  
San Jose CA, 95124.

If there is a problem call Chuck at 408-371-6988.

**Chuck McCoy** - 408-371-6988,  
15019 Cooper Ave. San Jose CA, 95124  
chuckmccoy@comcast.net.

**Sam Walters** - Area 5 Chairman 408-268-3739,  
6488 Almaden Rd. San Jose CA, 95120  
sowalters@att.net

## CHRISTMAS HUMOR

The Santa Claus at the shopping mall was very surprised when Emily, a young lady aged about 20 years old walked up and sat on his lap. Now, we all know that Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, 'What do you want for Christmas?'

'Something for my mother, please,' replied Emily sweetly. 'Something for your mother? Well, that's very loving and thoughtful of you,' smiled Santa. 'What would you like me to bring her?' Without turning a hair Emily answered quickly, 'A son-in-law.'

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year. Male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should have known... ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

What is the purpose of reindeer? It makes the grass grow, sweetie.

What does Santa call reindeer that will not work? Dinner.

Recent high scores in the Monday SIR League at Cambrian Bowl were as follows:

10/31	Wayne Crane	222
	Eddie Fahrner	210
	Bill Hooper	201
	Tony Medeiros	226, 227
	George Zagelow	200, 201, 209, 610
11/7	Ron Bianco	201
	Dave Catron	232, 233, 635
	Wayne Crane	204, 210, 600
	Bill Hooper	210
	Bill Ikerd	212, 255, 646
	Dennis Pitchford	212
	George Zagelow	204, 212
11/14	Dave Catron	206
	Wayne Crane	206, 235, 612
	Eddie Fahrner	223
	Bill Ikerd	214, 252, 630
	Dennis Pitchford	223
	George Zagelow	203, 225
11/21	Wayne Crane	206, 235, 612
	Dennis Pitchford	210
	George Zagelow	211, 223, 610

At the SIR tournament in Modesto on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, **Dennis Pitchford** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Division A Singles with a 724 scratch, 799 handicap series.

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

## TRAVEL

Be sure to visit the travel table. Take a look at the many travel choices for you. **Your next vacation is in your hands.**

For more information contact **Bud Souza** @ 408-340-0082 or **Darrel Jensen** @ 408-371-6652.

**Bud Souza** - Travel Chairmen. 408-340-0082  
**Darrel Jensen** - Asst. Travel Chrmn. 408-371-6652

## REMINDER

The servers would like to thank you for leaving a buck or two on the table. They really appreciate your kindness especially during this Christmas Holiday Season.

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

**ATTENDANCE — NOVEMBER**

Members ..... 99 (63%)  
Guests ..... 0  
Total Active + Life Members ..... 157 (+2)  
Total Inactive Members ..... 9 (0)

**ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER**

Send updates or changes to [ron.carter@comcast.net](mailto:ron.carter@comcast.net)

George Armes Betty 57  
Paul Bryant Karen 59  
Ed Cash Dorothy 52  
Tom Siljander Judy 44  
Tom White Joanne  
Parker Willey Jr. Sue  
Bob Zoller Roberta 56

**SIR BORN IN DECEMBER**

George Armes Bob Nulk  
Louie Deanda Don Patterson  
Joe DeMaria Joe Pisapia  
Ed Ehrlich Bob Renfer  
Ted Head Paul Rotolo  
Andy Hernandez Earl Smith  
Bill Hooper Jim Viallet Jr  
Bert Jasso John Warner  
Andy LaScola George Zagelow Jr.  
Ken Mills

**DRAWING WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER**

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

#016 Gary Cameron  
#038 Bill Johns

Each receive \$10.00 for the winning ticket.



**\$50.00 Badge Drawing**  
(Only one active number drawn and must be present)

#205 George Faxon

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

The following applicants were received and made active

#036 **Bill Shook** (Janice)  
910 Kingfisher Dr  
San Jose, CA 95125-2915  
408-264-3024, [bsaj910@msn.com](mailto:bsaj910@msn.com)  
Sponsor: Bud Jackson #98

#137 **Douglas Shook** (Pamela)  
5828 Laguna Seca Way  
San Jose, CA 95123-3245  
408-225-1039, [dshook@pacbell.net](mailto:dshook@pacbell.net)  
Sponsor: Bud Jackson #98

#273 **Dave Hammons** (Norma)  
23496 Summit Rd  
Los Gatos, CA 95033-9300  
408-353-3326, [ndhannons@verizon.net](mailto:ndhannons@verizon.net)  
Sponsor: Dave Zenk #225

The following member has resigned.

#219 Rod Lund

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

Report errors, corrections, or changes to:  
**Ron Carter** - 408-996-1285,  
[ron.carter@comcast.net](mailto:ron.carter@comcast.net)

*Editors Note:*

*If you like getting a newsletter, volunteer to keep it published every month. Everyone likes the newsletter, volunteer to get one published with your ideas every month.*

*Roger Prow*

*Little SIR, Newsletter editor, Web Master.*

**SOME OF THE NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY GUYS**



Return Service Requested

# SIR BRANCH 94 DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER



## 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, DECEMBER 8, 2011

Get ready for a real treat as we will be entertained by the wonderful Skylark Singers. They sing almost every Monday at the Campbell Community Center. There are usually 8 women and they will be singing Christmas carols. I am sure we will probably be asked to sing along on some of them.

**The Lunch will be:**

**Great Tri-tip with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
or Tilapia with Rice**

**Salad and Vegetables,**

**Rolls and Dessert**