



**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.

| OFFICERS                  |                            |              | DIRECTORS             |                  |              | ADVISORS     |  |  |
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| <b>State SIR Web Site</b> | <b>www.sirinc.org</b>      |              | SIR State President   | James Stedman    | 925-932-1636 |              |  |  |
| <b>Branch 94 Web Site</b> | <b>www.sirbranch94.org</b> |              | SIR Region 7 Director | Richard Kabanek  | 408-841-5639 |              |  |  |
|                           |                            |              | SIR Area 5 Governor   | Richard Bischoff | 408-395-8878 |              |  |  |



**BIG SIR MESSAGE FOR  
FEBRUARY 2012**

Today is January 20, 2012. Here I sit, trying to write my Big Sir message to put in the newsletter. I have two problems. 1. The newsletter editor gets pretty cranky if the newsletter contributors don't get their articles in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. 2. My mind is blank!!! What do I say to all you guys that you haven't heard before. So, I asked my wife what to say. She said, "Remind them all to get **Valentine Day** cards for the important people in their lives." Okay!!!! Now what?

Well, I have thought of a couple of things: The Nominating Committee consisting of **Dave Zenk, Chuck McCoy, Sam Walters and Bill Hooper** is in full swing getting the best guys in office for 2013. If you see them coming, just say "yes", make some recommendations, or if you want to volunteer for something, find one of them and let them know. We can use a few directors and advisors.

Also, Richard Bischoff is our new Area 5 Governor and he will be at the next meeting on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Let's have a good turnout!!!!

My article is now long enough so I will end with **"Bring a Friend!"**

Enjoy yourself at Branch 94,  
Big SIR, Roger Prow

**COME TO THE FEBRUARY LUNCHEON AND MEET OUR NEW AREA 5 GOVERNOR!!!**

Yes!!! Come and help welcome **Dick Bischoff** to Branch 94. Dick belongs to Branch 141 so say "HI" and show him what a friendly branch is like.



**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR  
JANUARY 2012**

Respectfully Submitted By  
**Dan Petersen**, Treasurer

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Opening Balance 0101/2012</b> | <b>\$ 1,748.14</b> |
| January Income                   |                    |
| Luncheon Receipts                | \$ 1,696.00        |
| Contributions (2012)             | \$ 820.00          |
| Badges                           | \$ 7.00            |
| Christmas Luncheon               | \$ 108.00          |
| <b>Total Income</b>              | <b>\$ 2,631.00</b> |
| January Expenses                 |                    |
| Elks - Luncheon                  | \$ 1,696.00        |
| Drawing                          | \$ 70.00           |
| Badges                           | \$ 0.00            |
| Ron Carter-Rosters               | \$ 264.92          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>            | <b>\$ 2,187.92</b> |
| <b>December Ending Balance</b>   | <b>\$ 2,191.22</b> |

**BRILLIANT STUDENTS**

- Q. How can a man go eight days without sleeping?  
 A. No problem, he sleeps at night.
- Q. What is the main reason for failure?  
 A. Exams.
- Q. In which battle did Napoleon die?  
 A. His last battle.
- Q. River Ravi flows in which state?

## GOLF

### AREA 5 and AREA 20 GOLF

The February event for Area 5 And Area 20 golf will take place on the 27th at Los Positos Golf Course. The cost is \$45 each for cart, prize fund and golf. The format of 3-2-1 will start with a 9:30 shotgun. We hope to see all of our golfing SIRS there. It looks like a good time.

On March 26 the tournament will be held at Ridge-mark with a 8:30 shotgun for \$45.

### STATE SIR GOLF OUTINGS

The first state tournament will take place from April 22 through April 26 at Las Vegas on Aliante and Angel Park Courses. Stay at the Palace Statikon or the Suncoast Hotel and Casino. Reserve the dates from April 22nd to April 26th on your calendar NOW!!! Your hosts for this event are - Bob Mannell, Bill Wilhelm, and Rich Seyler.

The Branch 94 web site at [www.sirbranch94.org](http://www.sirbranch94.org) Has the 2012 golf schedule for both Area 5/20 and SIR State tournaments. CHECK IT OUT!!!

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## TRAVEL

Be sure to visit the travel table and thank these two guys for volunteering to try to make your new year exciting. Take a look at the many travel choices for you. **Your next vacation is in your hands.**

**Darrel Jensen** - Travel chairman 408-371-6652  
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**Ray Mesa** - Asst. Travel Chairman 408-379-5097

### *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**

*Newsletter editor, Web Master.*

## BOWLING

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

|       |                  |                    |
|-------|------------------|--------------------|
| 12/26 | Ron Bianco       | 203                |
|       | Bill Hooper      | 224                |
|       | Bill Ikerd       | 200, 203           |
| 1/2   | Wayne Crane      | 201, 245, 641      |
|       | Eddie Fahrner    | 202, 219           |
|       | Bill Ikerd       | 245                |
|       | Dennis Pitchford | 217                |
|       | George Zagelow   | 202, 213           |
| 1/9   | Ron Bianco       | 200, 223, 244, 667 |
|       | Wayne Crane      | 205                |
|       | Bill Hooper      | 214, 247, 632      |
|       | Bill Ikerd       | 224, 257, 671      |
|       | Dennis Pitchford | 205                |
|       | George Zagelow   | 203, 208, 236, 647 |
| 1/16  | Dave Catron      | 201                |
|       | Wayne Crane      | 232                |
|       | Ted Head         | 225                |
|       | Bill Ikerd       | 207                |
|       | Chuck McCoy      | 214                |
|       | Dennis Pitchford | 207                |
| 1/23  | Dave Catron      | 201                |
|       | Wayne Crane      | 200, 216, 217, 633 |
|       | Bill Hooper      | 236                |
|       | Tony Medeiros    | 223                |
|       | Dennis Pitchford | 203, 207           |
|       | George Zagelow   | 216, 605           |

Check out the web site at [www.sirbranch94.org](http://www.sirbranch94.org) for the latest state tournament information.

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

## BOCCE BALL!!!

JERRY OLIVER from Branch 125 is trying to see if there is enough interest in starting an AREA 5 Bocce Ball league. He would like to hear from a "branch coordinator" from each SIR Branch that might meet with other branch coordinators to see if this would be possible. If you are interested, contract Jerry Oliver.

[jollie@comcast.net](mailto:jollie@comcast.net) 650-254-2074

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

**ATTENDANCE — JANUARY**

Members .....109  
Guests .....2  
Total Active + Life Members .....156

**ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY**

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

Don Black Janice 13  
Pat Blackford Helen 62  
Dennis Deisenroth Louise 49  
Joe DeMaria Cathy 20  
Dick Nakamoto Helen 53  
Ron Raecker Mary 38  
Pat Smith Dorothy 47  
Don Trehearne

**SIR BORN IN FEBRUARY**

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Gary Auclair    | Phil Ignoffo     |
| Granny Barefoot | Chuck Loney      |
| Jack Citti      | Frank Pollifrone |
| Wayne Crane     | Walt Robinson    |
| Bill Graham     | Neil Rowland     |
| Bob Haynie      | Shelly Spungen   |

**DRAWING WINNERS FOR JANUARY**

#155 Neil Keever

#173 Granny Barefoot

Each receive \$10.00 for the winning ticket.

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

#074 Pat Blackford

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

The following applicants were received and made active

#117 **Joe Keever** (Shirley)  
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Sponsor: Ron Carter #51

#158 **Dick Nakamoto** (Helen)  
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408-559-4008  
[richardnakamoto@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richardnakamoto@sbcglobal.net)  
Sponsor: Sam Walters #31

The following member has passed away  
#103 **Warren Degutis**

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

**Report errors, corrections, or changes to:**  
**Ron Carter** - 408-996-1285,  
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**TWO THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY**

A life directed chiefly toward the fulfillment of personal desires will sooner or later always lead to bitterness.

*Albert Einstein--*

The problems we face today exist because the people who work for a living are outnumbered by the people who vote for a living.

*Unknown--*

**SOME OF THE JANUARY BIRTHDAY GUYS**



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# SIR BRANCH 94 FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

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, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

**Dementia/Alzheimer's!!!** Words that may stir in us, bad memories and/or fear. **BILL FISHER**, the CEO of “The Alzheimer’s Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada”, will speak to us about it’s symptoms, warning signs, effects on the victim, and its impact on family and caregivers.

**The Lunch will be:**  
**ITALIAN CRUSINE!!!**  
**Pasta with Meatballs and Sausage and Garlic Bread**  
**Salad and Vegetables,**  
**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