



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**

Happy New Year to one and all!
 I look forward to a magnificent year for Branch 94. I have asked all the Advisors and Directors to serve another year so that we can keep our excellent momentum going in the right direction. This, however, does not mean that we don't need new volunteers. One of our primary needs is to have someone relieve Roger Prow of his duties as Editor of the Newsletter. He has been doing this for over 5 years and is now Little Sir and will be Big Sir next year. He needs your support! We have the best Newsletter of all the Branches. Perhaps this is part of the reason that no one comes forward. I know Roger would be happy to bring some wonderful volunteer up to speed and not miss a beat. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the present volunteers, many who work behind the scenes, for all the fantastic effort you bring to us. Branch 94 would simply fold without all you incredible people. Again, lets move into 2011 with full throttle momentum. We are the "FUN" Branch. We are the "DISTINGUISHED" Branch. Let's have a great time as we continue to bring those countless new guests to join us as new members. God bless!

Big SIR **Bill Hooper**

Editors Note: Thanks Bill for your kind words. Being the editor is really not a difficult task. It only takes a couple of days of your time once a month and is a great way to volunteer and help this great branch. Talk to me about how easy it really is!!!

Roger.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Respectfully Submitted By
Dan Petersen, Treasurer

ACTUAL	
<u>Opening Balance 12/01/2010</u>	\$3062.69
<u>Dec Income</u>	
Luncheon Receipts	\$2610.00
Contributions (2010)	\$0.00
Badges	\$0.00
Total Income	\$2610.00
<u>Dec Expenses</u>	
Elks - Luncheon	\$2610.00
Office Supplies,	\$0.00
Drawing	\$0.00
Entertainment and Candy	\$395.52
Badges	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$3005.52
Ending Balance for 2010	\$2667.17

GOLF

Here is the latest news from Area 5 golf. There will be no event in January. We have decided the weather, with the rain and the wind, is too harsh for our old bones.

The 2011 season starts on the last Monday in February. Mark your calendars for Monday 2/28/2011 at 9:00 AM shotgun at Coyote Creek Valley Course. In March we will travel to Seascapes for our second event of 2011. Stay tuned for more details. The 2011 golf schedule should be on the SIR Branch 94 web site by February.

Get your \$36 NCGA registration fee to Chuck McCoy immediately.

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

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

Check the www.sirbranch94.org for more tournament information.

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

HERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO GET YOU THINKING AND TO START THE NEW YEAR

- If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
 - The main reason Santa is so jolly is that he knows where all the bad girls live.
 - If a deaf child signs swear words, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
 - Is there another word for synonym?
 - Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
 - Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
 - How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
 - One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
 - How is it possible to have a civil war?
 - If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?
 - If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?
 - Why are hemorrhoids called "hemorrhoids" instead of "assteroids"?
 - Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
 - Can an atheist get insurance against acts of god?
- *Always Remember This, You don't stop laughing because you grow old, You grow old because you stop laughing!!*

BOWLING

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

11/29	Ron Bianco	221
	Dennis Pitchford	211
	George Zagelow	210
12/6	Ron Bianco	222, 223, 225, 670
	Eddie Fahrner	202, 213
	Ted Head	207
	Tom Higa	216
	Bill Hooper	228
	Bill Ikerd	210, 222, 616
	Tony Medeiros	213
	George Zagelow	201, 204, 279, 684
12/1	Ron Bianco	235, 260, 678
	Peter DeKruif	201
	Eddie Fahrner	220
	Ted Head	201
	Bill Hooper	206
	Bill Ikerd	204, 208, 219, 631
	George Zagelow	239
12/20	Ron Bianco	227
	Dave Catron	217
	Peter DeKruif	204, 225, 247, 676
	Eddie Fahrner	213
	Bill Hooper	215, 215, 247, 677

Contact **Dennis Pitchford (408-559-7977)** for **Branch 94** bowling information.

SUNSHINE

We all know of someone who could use a smile and some conversation.

Contact **Howard LeBas 408-268-4588** for Sunshine News.

ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

Members145 (%)
 Guests0
 Total Active + Life Members173
 Total Inactive Members17

ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

(if your name should be here or the years are missing send updates to Ron Carter, Membership at ron.carter@comcast.net)

Louie	Deanda	65	Larry	Nelson	43
Bill	Graham		Andy	Orendac	54
Paul	Houghton		Frank	Pollifrone	65
Bob	Kuechler	63	Mike	Sinnott	98
Howard	LeBas		Dan	Thery	85
Chuck	Loney	66	Ernie	Veal	
Jim	Love	00	Larry	Verjinski	

SIR BORN IN JANUARY

Jay	Bandanza	Jim	Krepps
Jim	Castillo	Ray	Lyons
Peter	DeKruif	Wayne	Malotte
Paul	Houghton	Chuck	McCoy
Marcelo	Jasso	George	Souza
Don	Johnson	Ernie	Veal
Bill	Knowlden	Dave	Zenk

SOME OF THE DECEMBER BIRTHDAY GUYS



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The Total Active numbers include the following changes:



New members:

038 **Bill Johns**
 162 **Peter DeKruif**
 166 **Nick Salamida**
 286 **Bodie Beaudikofer**

Other changes:

196 Bruce Johnson transferred

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

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

131 **Leo Pursley** (April)
 1063 Crosspoint Ct
 San Jose, CA 95120-1528
 408-997-6680, pursleypm@comcast.net
 Sponsor: **Gary Cameron** #016

212 **Andre Ashley** (Susan)
 1410 Oak Knoll Dr
 San Jose, CA 95129-4139
 408-910-7300, andreba1410@gmail.com
 Sponsor: **Bob Brown** #060

274 **Sid Dubin** (Judy)
 1141 Ardsley Ct
 San Jose, CA 95120-1783
 408-927-9275, judubin@yahoo.com
 Sponsor: **Ed Ehrich** #249

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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

WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT FROM THE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR





**Sir Branch 94
January 2011
Newsletter**

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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, JANUARY 13, 2011

JANUARY PROGRAM

Do you need HEARING AIDS? WHAT???

We will be highly entertained by our own Ernie Bodie. This will be an **Intro to the need for hearing aids.** This is also a precursor message for the speaker we will have in March who will discuss hearing aids and his campaign to lower the obscene (the editors word) cost of hearing aids.

The Lunch will be:

**Roasted Chicken and Mashed Potatoes,
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.