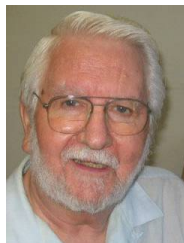




SONS IN RETIREMENT ALMADEN BRANCH 94
A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED MEN
Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

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 SEPTEMBER

As the pumpkins ripen and the crows get vigorous, we understand that before the Hallowed Weenies Trick or Treat, we are privileged to attend our October meeting and enjoy each other's company. I look forward to this get-together as I do each and every month. As a group, you guys are simply the best.

Please remember my appeal that we find a better way to take care of the Widows of our beloved Brother SIRs who have passed on from our assemblage. If each of us would take a moment and think about how we would like our dear wives to be cared for when we depart this life, we will come up with a plan to greatly enhance our current achievement in this regard. Thanks for your thoughts and coming comments.

With help from my friends and some contact on my part, we've brought out in the open, one of the most important reasons why we've been losing members. This, of course, speaks of those leaving for reasons other than kicking the bucket or moving away. The big problem: Dreadful speakers.

(continued in next column)

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.



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Respectfully Submitted By
Dan Petersen, Treasurer

No Report this month.

(Big SIR message for September - continued)

I was a bit surprised, but not really. When I thought about it, all the Branches are having a brutal period with the quality of speakers. Talking with some who have already left us, I find that when speakers are substandard it effects the whole meeting, at least for those that I talked to. The general, over-all, feeling that I came away with was, "It makes the entire meeting boring."

We will be discussing this at our next Branch Executive Meeting, but any suggestions from any of you would be greatly valued.

We are still the best darn Branch in the SIRs Nation, but development and improvement are always important.

Thanks guys, see you at the meeting.

Big SIR Bill Hooper

REMINDER

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

GOLF

The next two Area 5 and Area 20 tournaments will be held on:

Nov 21st at Spring Valley GC. It will be a 8:00 AM shotgun start. 4 man 4 Prize Team.

Dec 5th at The Villages GC. It will be a 12:00 PM shotgun start. 4 man 2 Best Ball

The **State Individual Championship** will be held at beautiful Poppy Hills Golf Course in Monterey as follows:

October 18th (Championship Round and Open Play)

October 19th (All Open Play)

In **January, 2012** we will be going to **MEXICO**, (stay tuned for details)

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TRAVEL

Join Bud and Darrel for “A Central Coast Getaway” on Nov 6 & 7, 2011.

Our first stop will be in the village of Cambria for a hosted lunch at Linn’s Fruit Bin (famous for their homemade pies). Then on to Covell’s California Clydesdale Ranch. Here, we will see over 100 Clydesdale horses on a working ranch along with some spectacular scenic views.

Our overnight stay will be in Morro Bay at the La Serena Inn. Our hosted evening meal will be a Yacht Dinner Cruise. After our morning continental breakfast and some free time to explore Morro Bay, we will go to Tobin James Winery and Clautiere Vinyards for a special wine tour like no other.

All this for \$327 per person, dbl occupancy – singles add \$70.

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

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BOWLING

The Monday SIRS Winter Bowling League at Cambrian Bowl began on September 12. We currently have 18 teams but additional bowlers are still needed. The high scores for the first two weeks are as follows:

The next State tournament will be held in Brentwood at Harvest Park Lanes on Oct 18, 20. The one after that will be held in Modesto at McHenry Bowl on Nov 2, 4.

9/12	Dave Catron	205, 214
	Wayne Crane	207, 226, 258, 691
	Eddie Fahrner	221
	Ted Head	201
	Bill Hooper	201
	Tony Medeiros	205
	Dennis Pitchford	220
	George Zagelow	214
9/19	Wayne Crane	227, 240, 650
	Bill Hooper	219, 246, 659
	Tony Medeiros	221
	Dennis Pitchford	214
	George Zagelow	213

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

PONDERISMS

- I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes
- Life is sexually transmitted.
- The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.
- In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it Normal.
- How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
- Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

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

ATTENDANCE — SEPTEMBER

Members 67 (43%)
Guests 54
Total Active + Life Members 157 (+1)
Total Inactive Members 9 (-1)

ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

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

Dick Fish (Linda) 53 Julian Luci (Mickey)
Bud Jackson (Katye) 51 Don Patterson (Brenda) 40
Howard Lockhart (Elaine)59 John Warner (Barbara)

SIR BORN IN OCTOBER

Bob Baker Jim Donegan
Jack Baldwin Steve Kitrosser
Harry Billings Flem Mathis
Jim Dack Dick Sheehan

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The following membership changes were made,

258 Bob Harmon -- reinstated as Active (was IA)

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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

DRAWING WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

No drawings this month.

Bingo Tournament

SOME OF THE HAPPY PEOPLE GETTING FED, AND WINNING AT BINGO AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING



THE SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY GUYS AT THE LUNCH





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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, OCTOBER 13, 2011

Our speaker will be author Ursula A. Smith. Ursula has spoken to many groups including other SIR's Branches on the subject of "The Struggle of Civilians in Germany during World War II".

The Lunch will be:

Pork Tenderloin with Red Potatoes

Salad and Vegetables,

Rolls and Dessert

