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The Monthly Newsletter of the Sierra Branch # 175
Sons of Retirement

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May 2014 issue

Big Sir Note

Big Sir Howard Jones



A big reminder. May luncheon 22nd is another proud to be a Sir Day so be sure and wear Sir Apparel for a chance to win a free lunch. I must apologize misplaced the 50/50 winners from ladies day luncheon. Will be omitted from the May Echo. Sorry. Not long we will have one-half of 2014 under our belt. We haven't gained a lot of new members, but we need to stay focused along those lines. Try and bring a friend, neighbor in-law etc. to let them experience our fun and informative luncheons as well

as the Pardini's cuisine. Little Sir George has a great speaker lined up for May, A Gal from the Veterans Administration, Am sure our veterans will enjoy her address.

Our Membership chairman Thom Thomas on May 22 will have a new knee installed, we are in need of a member to step and either help him with the task or take on the task themselves. We want to say a prayer for him and wish Tom best of luck and a quick recovery, we will miss him. As you know Dennis Murane our highly efficient and organized librarian has asked for a replacement.

Remember all the activities available for our members, all have room for new participants. The BEC are going to entertain a proposal from our Berlin Candy Bomber pilot, Mr. John Durant to establish a flying club for our pilots or wana be pilots. I will ask DC to publish his proposal in the Echo. Sir John has quite a legacy, Director WWW11 9th AF Berlin air Lift. Gemini, Apollo, Space Shuttle Programs, EAA Chapter1 and 376 as well as a member of Sir's 175.

Get involved and enjoy the ride, Big Sir Howard Jones



Ask not what your Country can do for you; ask what you can do for your fellow SIR

We all enjoy our SIR Branch, the activities, the camaraderie, the speakers, the food. But there is more. You can help make our organization more enjoyable and add to that which you draw from the Branch by filling a position and helping to distribute the work load from a few to many. If you have an interest in serving in a capacity in Branch 175 please contact Big Sir Howard Jones at [artwork559@sbcglobal.net]

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket. One of the many quotes from Will Rogers:



Little Sir George Pisching

George is still recovering from his surgery

SMaRT - no activity - on personal time.

SWIG - no activity - on personal time.



BRING A GUEST

Help keep the membership up!

Our most important job is to continue to grow our membership. Bring a friend or neighbor or former business associate that is now retired to the next meeting.

You will do him a favor by introducing him to SIR (and you will earn a free lunch when he joins!)



**Menu:
(Beef or Fish)**

**Lunch: 4th Thursday of
the month at Pardini's
Restaurant**

**Be a Friend, Bring a
Friend**

**Board Meeting: None
Lunch: 11:45am**



Last Month's Guest Was:

Mary Castro's role as "president's wife" presents a plate overflowing with responsibilities. But it also unleashed a cup overflowing with joy. From the moment she learned that her husband would become the eighth president of California State University, Fresno, Mrs. Castro says she has been "thrilled beyond belief." This appointment is the fulfillment of a dream they shared.

"We wanted for a long time to come back home to the Valley," she says. "There just wasn't a fit that was right. When Joe got the call [offering him the Fresno State position], it was all joy. It was something we had hoped for, dreamed about, made sacrifices for as we moved to different areas to get experience."

As she settles into her new role and the family's new residence at University House, Mrs. Castro brings energy and enthusiasm for what she calls the "exciting adventure" ahead.



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**U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**

Membership By Tom Thomas

The good news is that we should initiate two new members at the May luncheon. Both Jim Cooper and Edward Tow will be joining our barnyard. Let's all make a point to personally welcome them to our Branch.

The bad news is that Sir Walt Rube has dropped his membership for health reasons and our membership roster now stands at a total of 115. We must recruit!! Unless we get serious about adding new members we will cease to exist. We also must have someone step up and serve as our new Membership Chairman. It's your time to help out.

You will have an opportunity for a free lunch at the May luncheon as it is "Proud to be a Sir" month. You will get an additional chance for each Sirs item you have so "load up". See Gerald Stoltenberg and he will set you up with all kinds of rooster paraphernalia for a very modest sum.

Bring a guest..... invite him today!!!

GOLF, SIR #175 MAY, 2014

SIR 159 Played a 4 Man Scramble at Sierra Meadows on 4/9. Bob Dickson's team won 2nd with Bob winning CTP on # 17.

SIR 169 Played at Pheasant Run on 4/15. Ron McClain's team won 1st. Jim Cooper's team won 2nd. Mike Castle's team won 4th.

SIR 159 played a 2 Man Shamble at Airways on 4/17. Jim Cooper's team won 1st.

SIR 179 played a 4 Man Scramble at Eagle Springs on 4/24. 1^s Place was tied by Jim Cooper's team & the team of Rich Grigsby & Stan Nappe.

SIR 169 played a 4 Man Scramble at Sierra Meadows on 5/6. Ron McClain's team won 2nd. Jerry Long won CTP on #8.

Laws of Golf: The shortest distant between two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.
It's not a gimme if you are 4 feet away.
It's surprisingly easy to hole a 30 foot for a 10.



GOLF by Sir Stan Nappe



by Sir Don Milliken

Book Club Meeting

All SIRS are invited, The book club meets at 10 a.m. on meeting days inside Pardini's coffee shop.

**Celebrating Birthdays this Month
Call and wish them a
Happy Birthday**



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| Bill | Barbis |
| Tony | Ducas |
| Merle | Knapp |
| Cal | MacPherson |
| Bud | Pope |
| Jerry | Stoltenberg |
| Walt | Varellas |
| Hardy | Wagner |
| Don | Washer |
| Gerry | Young |



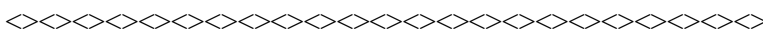
*From
Sir Richard Scheidt*



**SIR LIBRARY
by Sir Dennis Murane**

Librarian: Has been a very slow month. I received only one book for the library this last month, and with my medical condition, I was unable to travel around as before looking for possible books.

I again remind the members that we need a replacement for my position. I will be ending my Librarianship as of 1-1-15, and to continue with our Library in its current fashion, we need someone to step up and take over the position. I can and will train the person on what needs to be done.





Ladies Day
Here's proof of members and their wife's
having fun at the luncheon



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