

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting October 23, 2023 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

Luncheon at 11:30 am – Executive Committee 9:30 am

Program: The October program features **Michael ("Mike") Ramsey**, our Butte County District Attorney, who has been a prosecutor for over 45 years and is currently the longest-serving elected District Attorney in California. Mike's luncheon topic is, "The Current Challenges For Law Enforcement In Butte County."

Mike is a multi-generational Butte County resident, who graduated from Oroville High School in 1966 and went on to the University of California at Berkeley. He came home during the summers to work in the logging industry and at the local cannery. After graduating from UC, Berkeley, he worked briefly as a teacher in Oroville and then as a reporter for the Oroville Mercury-Register newspaper, assigned to the "court beat." From there he attended McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. He was sworn in as an attorney in 1977, the same year he graduated from law school. He worked in the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office until he was able to return to Butte County when a position opened up in the District Attorney's Office. He worked his way through the ranks from Deputy DA to Chief Deputy DA.



In 1987, the County Board of Supervisors appointed Mike District Attorney, and he has been subsequently elected and reelected nine times. The Butte County DA's mission statement: "To do Justice, as no one is above the Law, nor beneath its protection" is the rock upon which his years as a prosecutor have been based. These are the words upon which his philosophy and office policy are centered.

Mike has dedicated his career and the resources of his office to ensure that justice is done, no matter who the offender or victim may be. Everyone deserves to be protected from the criminal element. Everyone deserves to have their constitutional rights protected. He believes in holding people accountable for their actions.

Lunch: The food will still be served as it has been recently. **The cost will still be \$17.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Chicken Alfredo Casserole, penne pasta, spinach, squash, with a side Caesar salad, and carrot cake for dessert	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the October luncheon. Please respond to the survey but if you could not do the survey, and if you WILL attend , contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 by Thursday, October 19.



Big Sir Message: It was good to see a strong turnout at our September lunch with Doug Williams' presentation on the Titan Missile Silo complex north of town. Doug is also the Principal for Chico High School, so it was an opportunity to meet a school principal other than on Parents Night at school or with a son or daughter hitting the miscreant list and called on the carpet with parent in tow. Not that there's any particular reason for mentioning that last part.

I'm looking forward to hearing Mike Ramsey, Butte County District Attorney, at the October lunch. Our lunch programs continue to be outstanding.

Last month I mentioned the annual State SIR meeting. I didn't mention that during the online meeting the SIR Treasurer presented his analysis on the assessments each branch pays based on number of members. Our fixed costs for things like insurance are rising. No proposal to raise assessments was made, but I don't see how we can continue to squeeze the needed expenditures out of the current assessment - the fixed component continues to grow. We cover our assessments with the ABC fund collected from every member. At the moment, I'm only fussing but this could lead to an increase in our ABC collection.

Lunches continue to be \$17 which pleases me. I like to think that is in part because we're easy to work with so be nice to the Elks Club staff. And be nice to Dave and Rocky who work those numbers. This last month, the response rate for people confirming that they will or will not attend lunch improved. This is very important that we get the number of meals right so thank you for responding to the survey. Calling in also works in a pinch. *Rich*

Please check out our website for updates and lots of humor.

**Branch 110 Website: <http://www.branch110.sirinc2.org>
Webmaster: Ron Braziel**

2023 Officers and Directors

Big Sir: Rich Utter		Little Sir: Dave Jones	
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Health, Wisdom and Memorials

In order to include information about Branch 110 members who have health issues or have passed away, **everyone's assistance is requested**. If you know of a member who has had health issues or has recently died, please provide the information to Don Alger. Let's not miss acknowledging our fellow members.

Frank Zebley: Franklin H. "Trip" Zebley, age 77, died peacefully at home on September 9, 2023. Frank served with distinction in the United States Navy in Japan and Vietnam as a hospital corpsman. He was a loyal member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1555,

**"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late"
Ralph Waldo Emerson**

SIR 110 Activities

Please remember that when planning SIR activities, it is critical that approval be obtained from the BEC and have it entered into the minutes for insurance coverage.


SIR Branch No. 110
2023 Christmas Dinner Party
will be held at

MANZANITA
Place
1705 Manzanita Ave.

Monday, December 4, 2023
5:00 PM Social -- 6:00 PM Dinner
MENU CHOICES
ROAST BEEF
TURKEY
VEGETARIAN
Cost: \$25.00 per person.
Holiday
Entertainment
Happy Holidays
to
Everyone!
Prizes!  **Prizes!**

Please make checks payable to
SIR Branch No. 110.

Bridge		<p>There was no report of SIR Branch 110 winners. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. Call Ed Matzdorff at 342-3649 for information.</p>
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Golf		<p>Branch 110 Golf is a very popular activity not only for our members but also for other local SIR Branches. There are tournaments usually twice a month on Mondays with a variety of entertaining formats at different courses. Call Darrell Hands, the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.</p>
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On Monday, September 11, 35 SIRs played a tournament at Rolling Hills

First Place Net = 57.7	Second Place Net = 58.6	Third Place Net = 60.9
BROWN, GREG	DAHL, JAKE	DAVIS, SAM
BROWNING, BOB	VAN PATTEN, ALEX	MABREY, BOB
HERMAN, CRAIG	DZWONEK, TED	EBER, JEFF
KNOWLTON, JACK	WOLFE, DENNIS	VELASCO, STEVE

CLOSEST TO PIN 4: MABREY, BOB - 40' 10"; HANDS, DARRELL - 52' 6"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 6: BROWNING, BOB - 3' 9"; VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 10' 6"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 12: KNOWLTON, JACK - 1' 9"; BROWNING, BOB - 4' 10"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 14: BROWN, GREG - 13' 4"; DAHL, JAKE - 14' 5"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 16: HYDER, MARK - 8' 7"; STRIBOLD, SKOT - 21' 9"

On Monday, September 18, a tournament was played at Canyon Oaks


First Place = 59.1	Second Place = 60.3	Third Place = 60.9	Fourth Place = 61.6
BRUGGMAN, DENNIS	CAMY, DON	BROWN, GREG	BAKER, KEN
HULL, MICHAEL	MAIN, ED	GLAZINER, KYLE	BLOCKER, JEFF
QUINTO, RAY	NEELEY, STEVE	KNOWLTON, JACK	DAVIS, SAM
VAN PATTEN, ALEX	SKELLY, BRIAN	PARSONS, DICK	EVANS, BOB


CLOSEST TO PIN 3: EVANS, BOB - 5' 11"; NUSSBAUM, RICHARD - 7' 0"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 6: VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 0' 11"; PORTERFIELD, CAP - 1' 5"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 11: DEMMER, CHARLES - 10' 7"; SHOOK, DOUG - 11' 11"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 14: LAMPE, DON - 3' 2"; SOMMER, BENNY - 11' 3"


On Monday, October 2, 48 SIRs played a low gross tournament at Bidwell


First Place = 125	Second Place = 133	Third Place = 134	Fourth Place = 137
BINGAMAN, BILL	BARGER, JIM	CAMY, DON	ATKIN, NORM
GLAZINER, KYLE	MABREY, BOB	MAIN, ED	CARLSON, RICH
KNOWLTON, JACK	MCMAMARA, DENNIS	MARTINSON, KEITH	VELASCO, STEVE
PARSONS, DICK	WHITE, GARY	SKELLY, BRIAN	


CLOSEST TO PIN 2: BAKER, KEN - 6' 7"; GLAZINER, KYLE - 7' 5"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 4: HERMAN, CRAIG - 2' 5"; MAIN, ED - 3' 0"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 7: HERMAN, CRAIG - 10' 2"; QUINTO, RAY - 14' 6"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 12: STASER, CHARLES - 10' 2"; DAVIS, SAM - 16' 9"


ABV 110		<p>There was a wine tasting activity in September at Jim and Carol Braziel's home with over 20 participants. The activity featured wines from Italy. Six wines were sampled with the interesting challenge of guessing prices at the conclusion. It was a very entertaining afternoon.</p>
<p>An October activity has not yet been arranged. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).</p>		


<p>Piscatology</p>		<p>Reports of the end of the year activities will be delayed until the November edition.</p>
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<p>Pinochle</p>		<p>The winners for September were Lyn Smith - 1st; Patsy Stile - 2nd; Sam Smith and Joe Navarro tied for 3rd. Our next meeting for lunch and cards is Wednesday, October 25, at BCCC at 11:00. Fun group, come join us. <u>Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</u></p>
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<p>Bowling</p>		<p>SIR Bowling started Tuesday, September 12, 6 pm, at Bowlero. This is a drop-in league that meets each week, so you can attend every Tuesday or when the mood strikes you. If you decide to show up near a holiday or as summer approaches, you might want to check to make sure the bowling night is happening. Bowling will not be held on holidays and the league wraps up as we approach summer. The cost is \$17 for three games plus shoe rental. There is a \$25 league enrollment fee so your first time to bowl will be \$42 then \$17 each time thereafter. <u>Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815.</u></p>
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<p>History</p>		<p>In an effort to revitalize our History Activity, the first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 10, at 10 am. The suggested format will be exploring topics related to the chronology/history of Chico's old buildings, institutions or businesses.</p> <p>Participating in the activity would involve attending a monthly meeting to learn about some Chico history and perhaps contributing to the gathering of information on topics of interest. Please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452) if you would be interested in participating or would like more information.</p>
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<p>Hiking</p>		<p>Our next Sons in Retirement hike is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, in Lower Bidwell Park. We'll take a three or five-mile hike on level terrain with brunch/lunch after for those interested.</p> <p>PLACE: Meet at Sycamore Field Parking, Lower Bidwell Park TIME: 9:00 am WEAR: Dress for the weather, layers are suggested. Include a hat, and walking or hiking shoes. LOGISTICS: Parking is available at Sycamore Field. Sycamore Field is accessible from South Park Drive. Bring water for drinking, a snack if desired, walking poles or staff if desired, and a personal first aid kit. Include in your pack the name and contact information for an emergency contact and your medical insurance information. If you bring walking poles, please include rubber tips as we'll be walking on hard surfaces. Bring money for brunch/lunch afterward - we'll go to a place (to be determined) after the hike. ROUTE COMMENTS: The hike is on level terrain along a maintained path that is paved or gravel. There are restrooms fairly close to the start and along the route. We'll walk along the path that is south of Big Chico Creek past Cedar Grove and almost to Five Mile. There's an option to make the hike a three-mile walk if desired by taking a crossover to the north side of the creek and then return along Petersen Memorial Way. Please say something if you wish to take the three-mile option and the crossover will be pointed out. Please contact Richard Utter with any questions.</p>
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<p>Wood Working</p>		<p>Due to a lack of interest, the woodworking shop has closed. Should someone have a project that needs a little help, call Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.</p>
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SIR 110 Information Resources

This is information related to History and Travel that does not represent official SIR Activities, but does provide information about other history and travel events.

<p>History</p>		<p>There will be an endeavor to keep folks informed about upcoming history related activities. Please contact Don Alger at dalger@csuchico.edu for more information on the following events.</p>
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Chico History Museum Presentations

October 28 10 am: *The Chico Chinese Response to Violence Against Them*


November 4 10 am: *World War II In North State California*

November 18 10 am: *A Special Event: Days Of Gold In Butte Creek Canyon*

Butte County Historical Society Activities

October 14, 2 pm, *The History of the Thermalito Colony and Rancho Golden*

November 18, 1 pm: *Historic Women of the Old West*

<p>Travel</p>		<p>There were no reported SIR travel opportunities. For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</p>
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50 Years Ago **October 9, 1973:** "Cape Kennedy" in the U.S. State of Florida, site of the launches of America's crewed space missions, was restored to its former name of Cape Canaveral by vote of the U.S. Board of Geographic Names. Assistant U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Stephen Wakefield, signed the order restoring the former name of the Cape, which had been changed on November 28, 1963, six days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The NASA headquarters on the Cape continued to be called the Kennedy Space Center.

October 10, 1973: The U.S. Senate voted, 75 to 20, to pass the War Powers Act, prohibiting the U.S. President from committing American troops to battle for more than 90 days without authorization by Congress, and to be able to end military action by a majority vote, not subject to veto. The House of Representatives approved the bill two days later, 238 to 123.

October 24, 1973: U.S. President Nixon vetoed the War Powers Act, The proposed law, described by one reporter as "the most serious effort in U.S. history to curb presidential power to commit American forces without congressional approval," was criticized by Nixon as unconstitutional. With the House having passed the legislation three votes short of a two-thirds majority, the possibility remained that the veto could not be overridden. On November 7, however, the House would vote 284 to 135 to override and the Senate would follow the same day, 75 to 18.

**Some people seem to have aged like fine wine. I aged like milk ...
I got sour and chunky.**



There are currently 125 active members.

Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call Don Levensaler at **891-1045** to get one via the postal service.

No New Members were inducted in September.

Guests in September

Craig Potter- guest of Bill Bebensee

Don Camy- guest of Dave Barnum

Jim Willams- guest of Jim Braziel

Michael Welsh- guest of Bob Mabray

Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2023 Roster, several changes have occurred. The Roster Updates will keep members informed of **current membership**.

For privacy reasons, typical Roster information on new members will not be published in the Rooster's Tale but if you need to communicate with a new member, contact Don Alger at 530-894-2452 or dalger@csuchico.edu for a contact procedure.

New Members	Gary Wolf	Steve Kodad	Lou Mione	Clay Dalrymple
	Les Julian	Gene Rideout	Alex Lorenz	Bill Hopson
	Steve Nay	Gary White	Jan Loring	Keith Martinson
	Mike Gross	Norm Whitehurst		
Reinstated Members	Dennis McNamara	Michael Lim		
Members Dropped	Alex Van Patten	Harold Reck	Neil Sorger	Frank Zebley

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **November** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, November 9**. Send your information by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Future Programs:** On **November 27**, we will have a program about the Tuskegee Airmen. On **December 18** we will have Christmas music by the Inspire High School Chorus. The **January 22** program will be on the Honey Bee Discovery Center in Orland.
- **Christmas Party:** Tickets will go on sale in October for the **Monday, December 4, event**. The cost will be \$25 per person. **Please save the date and get your tickets.**
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>

Thank You Thank You Thank You

Here is a much belated thank you to all the people who are responsible for getting the Rooster's Tale published and distributed.

The numerous contributors who provide the content

Ron Braziel for placing it on our web site

Rocky Rockwell for providing the folks with the link to the document

The Treasurer (Ed Matzdorff and now Charles Staser) for paying for it

The mailers (Craig Lindquist and now Dave Barnum) for mailing duties



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have an October Birthday, please join us at the October 23rd luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!****

Robert	Huss	Oct	2	Jose	Lopez	Oct	14	Jeff	Hartmann	Oct	23
Jim	Johnson	Oct	8	Ray	Schimmel	Oct	18	Bill	Colvin	Oct	26
Charles	Staser	Oct	9	Jim	Barger	Oct	22	Pastor Al	Romero	Oct	30
Roger	Merlo	Oct	11	Jay	Hanson	Oct	23				

****It is possible to get a free lunch without being a Birthday Boy. There has been a free lunch winner at some meetings from a random selection process. Also both the sponsor and his guest will receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.**

Please plan on bringing a friend to the next SIR meeting!