

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting November 28, 2022 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA
Luncheon at 11:30 am—Executive Committee **9:30 am**

Program: The November program will be our traditional veteran's recognition with a message of the importance of military service and gratitude for the sacrifices that have been made for our freedom.

The speaker will be **Gary Bright** who served 11 years in the United States Marine Corps. He served 5 years as an enlisted man and the last 6 years as an officer and helicopter pilot including 1 year in Vietnam.



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

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Lunch will be beef pot roast, w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, a Caesar salad and bread. Dessert will be a surprise!	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the November 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, November 24.

Big Sir Message Well, we finely got some good rain. What a great time to spend some quality time with some good friends at SIRS. It's time to talk about how the Thanksgiving family get together went or didn't. It's time to talk about Christmas and what to get for the family. Speaking about that, we have a SIR committee working hard to put together a fun filled time for our Christmas party this year. We should have a great time. How many of you hang mistletoe? Did you know that if a woman was under mistletoe, she had to allow a man to kiss her, but she could say no, but if she did, she would have bad luck and not marry within that year. That brings to mind history. We have a History committee that is working with the Chico Museum. They have great programs all the time. Our History committee would like to get the SIRs history started again. Family history, Chico, Butte County, and Chico State are a few topics that could be explored. Don't forget that SIRs is a great MEN'S organization to get together and socialize and enjoy each other's company.



A good man goes through three stages in his lifetime: First, he believes in Santa; second, he doesn't believe in Santa; and third, he is Santa! *Norm*

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

Branch 110 Website: <http://www.branch110.sirinc2.org>

Webmaster: Ron Braziel

Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Members (11-2-22)

Big Sir: Norm Stump		Little Sir: Rich Utter	
Secretary: Bob Dinger	Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush	Data Base Mgr: Rocky Rockwell	
Treasurer: Ed Matzdorff	Asst. Treas. : Jose Lopez	Asst. Treas. : Charles Staser	
Attendance Sec.: Bruce Heidemeyer			
Director: Dave Jones (3 rd term)	Director: Don Alger (2 nd term)	Director: Jim Braziel (2 nd term)	
Director: Ron Braziel (1 st term)	Director: Bill Colvin (1 st term)	Director: Ken Edson (1 st term)	

SIR Branch 110 2022 Committees (11-2-22)

BEC "RAMP" COMMITTEES

1. ACTIVITIES OVERSIGHT

<u>Chair & Director</u>	Jim Braziel
Big Sir—	Norm Stump
Little Sir—	Rich Utter
Director—	Don Alger

2. MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS OVERSIGHT

<u>Chair (Little Sir)—</u>	Rich Utter
Assistant—	Dave Rush
Director—	Ken Edson

2a. RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

<u>Chair—</u>	Vacant
Assistant—	Vacant
Director—	Vacant

2b. ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

<u>Chair—</u>	Bruce Heidemeyer
Assistant—	Vacant
Director—	Dave Jones

2c. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

<u>Chair—</u>	Don Levensaler
Assistant—	Ken Edson
Director—	Don Alger

2d. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

<u>Chair—</u>	James Braziel
Assistant—	Don Alger
Assistant—	Dave Rush
Big Sir—	Norm Stump
Little Sir—	Rich Utter

BEC COMMITTEES

Audit: <u>Chair—</u>	Joe Navarro
Assistant—	Vacant
Bulletin: <u>Editor—</u>	Don Alger
Assistant—	Dave Barnum
Assistant—	Don Philips
Assistant—	Rocky Rockwell
Calendar: (Interim)	Rocky Rockwell
Chaplain:	Al Romero
Assistant—	Vacant
Food Liaison:	Vacant
Assistant—	Don Alger
Greeters: <u>Chair</u>	Steve Laird
House Manager: <u>Chair—</u>	Larry Hildenbrand
Assistant—	Jim Weidert
Assistant—	Bob Wessels
Assistant—	Dave Barnum
Jokester:	Bill Bebensee
Assistant—	Dave Rush

Maitre D:

Vacant

Members Roster: (for 2022)

Editor—	Rocky Rockwell
Assistant—	Ken Edson

New Member Orientation & Mentoring

<u>Chair—</u>	Dave Rush
Assistant—	Vacant

Nominating Committee (for 2022)

<u>Chair—</u>	Dave Rush
Assistant—	Dave Jones,
Assistant—	Ken Edson
Assistant—	Vacant

Piano Virtuoso:

Vacant

Quartermaster:

Vacant

Rooster Cage: Chair—

Assistant—	Don J. Phillips
Assistant—	Dave Miller
Assistant—	Dave Barnum

Song Leaders:

Assistant—	Ken Jensen
Assistant—	Dave Rush

Special Events: Chair—

Vacant

In/out Break fast: **Rich Utter (2023)**

Ladies Day: Chair— **Vacant (for 2023)**

Fall BBQ: Chair— **Vacant (for 2023)**

Christmas P.: Chair— **Vacant (for 2023)**

Webmaster: Chair—

Assistant—	Ron Braziel
Assistant—	Rocky Rockwell

INTEREST(ACTIVITY) COMMITTEES

Bowling	<u>Chair—</u>	Randy Benson
	Assistant—	Vacant
Bridge:	<u>Chair—</u>	Ed Matzdorff
	Assistant—	Vacant
Golf:	<u>Chair—</u>	Darrell Hands
	Assistant—	Doug Shook
Hiking:	<u>Chair—</u>	Rich Utter (Br. 110)
	Assistant—	Jim Hertl (Br. 84)
History Club: <u>Chair—</u>		Don Alger
	Assistant—	Bill Niepoth
Out to Lunch: <u>Chair—</u>		Bill McNeely
	Assistant—	Vacant
Pinochle: <u>Chair—</u>		Joe Navarro
Piscatology: <u>Chair—</u>		Bill Colvin
	Assistant—	Bob Weckerle
Travel: <u>Chair—</u>		Jose Lopez
Vino 110: <u>Chair—</u>		Vacant
	Assistant—	Jim Braziel
Woodworking: <u>Chair—</u>		Bill Gebhardt
	Assistant—	Craig Lindquist

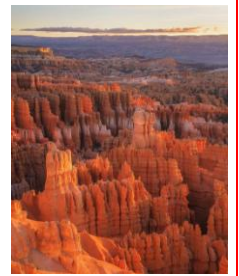
Health, Wisdom and Memorials

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.

Don Curtis: Gordon "Don" Curtis passed away in October 2022. Don was very involved in Branch 110 activities and leadership.

Bob Thomas: Robert "Bob" E. Thomas passed away on October 27, 2022. He was member of Branch 110 and really enjoyed the camaraderie and programs at the SIR luncheons.


All the ugliness of the world can best be forgotten in the beauty of nature.



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.

<p>Bridge</p>		<p>There was no report for Branch 110 winners for October. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. Call Ed Mazdorff at 342-3649 for information.</p>
<p>Out to Lunch</p>		<p>There is no report of plans for an OTL activity in November.</p>
<p>Wood Working</p>		<p>Woodworking is back and with better hours. The shop is now available every week on Thursday from 10:00 am until about 2:00 pm. Should you need more time, talk to Craig or Bill. Holidays are coming up fast. Is there a toy you want to make? Or one that needs repair?</p>
<p>How about a planter for her green thumb? If you have more projects than tools or experience, then come on down. Or just drop by to see what is available and join us for lunch at Bellanchino's. Call Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.</p>		
<p>Pinochle</p>		<p>October Pinochle results: Vi Aldax - 1st; Charles Clayton and Cindy Heffren tied for 2nd. Due to conflicting dates with the County Club, we are cancelling Pinochle for November. We are playing in December the usual 4th Wednesday, December 28, at 11:00 am at the BCCC. <u>Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</u></p>


Golf		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.
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On Monday, October 19, SIRs played a tournament at Rolling Hills.

Flight One		Flight Two	
1 st Place Net = 55.5	2 nd Place Net = 58.4	1 st Place Net = 58.5	2 nd Place Net = 59.5
ATKIN, NORM	BROWN, GREG	GAINES, BOB	CAMY, DON
BROWN, WAYNE	HULL, MICHAEL	HARRIS, DAVE	GLAZINER, KYLE
VELASCO, STEVE	MARTINEZ, RUBEN	LEE, FLOYD	KNOWLTON, JACK
VELASQUEZ, JOE	VAN PATTEN, ALEX	LEE, LLOYD,	MAIN, ED

Closest to pin #12: HARRIS, DAVE - 4' 7"; BROWN, WAYNE - 9' 8"; GRIFFIN, RON - 11' 4"

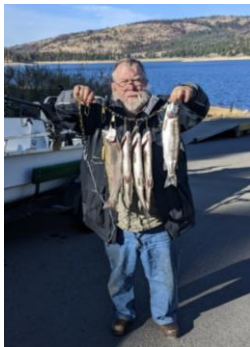
Closest to pin #14: ATKIN, NORM - 5' 9"; MABREY, BOB - 10' 8"; LAMPE, DON - 23' 0"

Piscatology		Our November fishing trip turned out to be our most productive "catching " trip of the year. Bob Weckerle. and I thought it would be too cold (28 degrees) to travel to Portola.
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Bob and Vic Fisher traveled to Lewiston Lake, near Trinity Lake, with good results near the upper part of the Lake. Larry Kreider and Vern Hartman fished Davis Lake on Tuesday, with outstanding results. Tim Casaulong and Frank Moody fished Frenchman's Lake (20 minutes beyond Portola) catching limits on both days. The weather was cold, but not freezing. What Tim Casaulong thought was a big black dog, in downtown Quincy, turned out to be a 300-pound bear. Just a little excitement for the trip!



Larry Kreider




Frank Moody



Bob Weckerle




Tim Casaulong


Bowling		Men's Drop-in League: Play is on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. It is held at the Chico Bowl from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. There are 3 games for \$14. Come join other men from both SIR groups. For any questions, you can text Randy Benson at 530-513-9815.
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Random Thoughts

It's weird being the same age as old people.

Senility has been a smooth transition for me.

Travel		<p>There are some tours scheduled for 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic Ireland Trip through Ireland - April 14-27, 2023. • Salmon Fishing in Ketchikan, Alaska during the last two weeks in June 2023. Contact Heber Slusser at Branch62sir@gmail.com • Autumn Colors Trip to East Coast - October 13-22, 2023. <p>For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</p>
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Hiking		<p>December 15 we'll go to Llano Seco for a hike in the area. We'll meet at the Park and Ride lot off Highway 99, in the lot closest to Highway 99, at 9 am and carpool to Llano Seco.</p>
<p>PLACE: Llano Seco Unit, Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area [meet at Park and Ride lot off Highway 99 - the Park and Ride lot closest to 99]</p> <p>DATE: Thursday, December 15, 2022</p> <p>TIME: 9:00 am</p> <p>WEAR: Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots.</p> <p>LOGISTICS: There are toilets in the parking area. Bring water. Bring a snack, if desired. I suggest bringing sunscreen, lip balm, walking poles or staff if desired, a personal first aid kit and rain gear. This is a bird area so binoculars could come in handy. Include in your pack the name of an emergency contact and contact information and medical insurance information. Bring money for lunch afterward - we'll go to lunch at a place to be determined.</p> <p>COMMENTS: This hike is generally on terrain with little elevation changes. Surfaces may be uneven so be alert to tripping and fall hazards. Surfaces may be muddy. For additional information, please contact Rich Utter at rrurdy@yahoo.com or Jim Hertl.</p>		

History		<p>There are no official SIR History Club activities planned. Please forward any ideas for any potential group history activities. There will be an endeavor to keep interested folks informed about upcoming history related activities. Please contact Don Alger at dalger@csuchico.edu for more information on the following events.</p>
<p><u>Chico History Museum Presentations</u></p>		
<p><u>November 19:</u> Chico's Civil War Monument</p>	<p><u>December 10:</u> First 100 years of the Chico Police Department</p>	

50 Years Ago **November 1972 Elections of Interest.**

November 7, 1972: Attorney Joe Biden was elected to the US Senate, representing the state of Delaware after defeating longtime incumbent J. Caleb Boggs by just over 3,000 votes; Biden would win re-election 6 times. Joe Biden served two terms as the 47th Vice President of the United States under Barack Obama. In November 2020, he was elected President of the United States.

November 7, 1972: Incumbent President Richard Nixon was re-elected, defeating Democrat candidate George McGovern in a landslide by winning 49 states. He reached an accord with North Vietnam and ended military involvement by 1973, at the same time ending the military draft. His landmark visit to China in 1972 helped initiate detente, a period of warming relations with the Soviet Union and the communist bloc.

November 19, 1972: Willy Brand and the Social Democratic Party of Germany won the West German election for Chancellor of West Germany. Brandt had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1971 for his efforts to strengthen cooperation in Western Europe and to achieve reconciliation between West Germany and the countries of Eastern Europe.

Persistence and determination III

A boy was born in a three-room cottage on January 6, 1878, in Galesburg, Illinois. His name was Carl but by elementary school he had adopted the nickname "Charlie".

At the age of thirteen, he left school and began driving a milk wagon. From the age of about fourteen until he was seventeen or eighteen, he worked as a porter at the Union Hotel barbershop in Galesburg. After that he was on the milk route again for 18 months. He then became a bricklayer and a farm laborer on the wheat plains of Kansas. After an interval spent at Lombard College in Galesburg, he became a hotel servant in Denver, then a coal-heaver in Omaha.

In 1898, Charlie volunteered to go to the military during the Spanish–American War and was stationed in Puerto Rico with the 6th Illinois Infantry, at Guánica, Puerto Rico.

Charlie was never actually called to battle but he gained an appointment to the US Military Academy. His acceptance, however, was dependent on his passing the entrance exam. He attended West Point for just two weeks before failing the mathematics and grammar exam.

Charlie returned to Galesburg and again entered Lombard College but left without a degree in 1903. He then moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to work for a newspaper.

He also joined the Wisconsin Social Democratic Party, the name by which the Socialist Party of America was known in the state. Charlie served as a secretary to the mayor of Milwaukee from 1910 to 1912.

Charlie met Lilian Steichen at the Milwaukee Social Democratic Party office in 1907, and they married the next year in Milwaukee. Their first daughter, Margaret, was born in 1911.

Charlie later remarked that Milwaukee was where he got his bearings and that the rest of his life had been "the unrolling of a scene that started up in Wisconsin".

At the age of 34, he moved the family to Harbert, Michigan, and then to suburban Chicago, Illinois, in 1912 after he was offered a job by a Chicago newspaper. They soon moved to Evanston, Illinois, before finally settling in Elmhurst, Illinois, from 1919 to 1930.

He finally began a writing career as a journalist for the *Chicago Daily News*.

During the time, Charlie wrote *Chicago Poems* (1916), *Cornhuskers* (1918), and *Smoke and Steel* (1920). In 1919, he won a Pulitzer Poetry Prize for his collection *Cornhuskers*. Charlie also wrote three children's books in Elmhurst: *Rootabaga Stories*, in 1922, followed by *Rootabaga Pigeons* (1923), and *Potato Face* (1930). He also wrote *Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years*, a two-volume biography, in 1926, *The American Songbag* (1927), and a book of poems called *Good Morning, America* (1928) while in Elmhurst. He won the 1940 Pulitzer Prize for History for the four-volume *The War Years*, the sequel to his *Abraham Lincoln*, and a second Poetry Pulitzer in 1951 for *Complete Poems*.

By now you may have figured out the Carl (nicknamed Charlie) was in fact Carl Sandburg.


After a very slow beginning, he enjoyed unrivaled appeal as a poet in his day, perhaps because the breadth of his experiences connected him with so many strands of American life.

At his death in 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson observed that "Carl Sandburg was more than the voice of America, more than the poet of its strength and genius. He was America."



There are currently **117 active members**. That number includes **14 members who are on Attendance Relief but are characterized as "active" members by the State SIR Organization.**

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.

New Member in October	Guest in October
 <p>Name: Alex Van Patten Wife: Christine Occupation: Educator – Ukiah Unified Interests: Golf, Travel, Poker, Antique Cars, Bocce Sponsored by: Cap Porterfield</p>	<p>Jay Hanson— guest of Randy Benson</p>

Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2022 Roster, some have passed away, some have dropped and new members have joined. Since the Roster is used for different purposes, the Roster Updates will keep the members informed of **current membership**. **Please refer to the June edition of the Rooster's Tale for previous Roster Updates.**

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

Recent Deaths	Don Curtis	Bob Thomas		
Recent Drops	Don Kidd			
New Members	Randy Benson	Robert DiPietro	Michael Hull	Frank Moody
	Jim Johnson	Al Romero	Larry Willis	Joe Viscuso
	Clinton Lancaster	Alex Van Patten		
Reinstated Members	Ruben Martinez	Vance Parker	Dennis Wolfe	

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **December** issue is **Thursday, December 1**. Send your information by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Future Programs:** The program for **December** will be our traditional music program. This year we will have songs by the Sounds of the Valley Chorus.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>
- **Save the Date!!** The **In and Out Breakfast** is scheduled for **January 5 at 9 am**. The location is still to be announced. The In and Out Breakfast is a celebration of our outgoing and incoming branch officers and directors. All branch members are welcome at the In and Out Breakfast. Reservations will open in December.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have an November Birthday, please join us at the November 28 luncheon and find out what you might win. **It could be a free lunch!***

Kyle	Glaziner	Nov	4	Dave	Barnum	Nov	4	Frank	Willis	Nov	17
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***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.

