

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting December 13, 2021 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA
Luncheon at 11:30 am—Executive Committee 9:30 am

Program: The December SIR Luncheon Program will be music provided by the “**Children’s**” **Choir of Chico** which was formed in 2001 by artistic Director Susan Tevis to unite the purity of children’s voices with excellence of choral music education and artistic performance. Guided by Tevis, the original choir has expanded to five choirs, including music experiences for early childhood through **adult women**. We will enjoy the singing of the Bella Voce Women’s Ensemble (High School and Up). A special thanks to Barbara Burkett, the President of the Board of Directors for arranging for this presentation.



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

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Teriyaki Grilled Chicken with Pineapple Mango salsa Fresca, wild rice pilaf, Asian Salad Dessert will be Apple Cobbler with whipped cream.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the November luncheon. There was a survey but if you did not do the survey, <u>PLEASE, if you will NOT attend,</u> contact Bruce Heidemeyer at 530-514-1414, or heidemeyer@sbcglobal.net by Thursday, December 9.

Big Sir Message:



Please check out our website for updates and new elephant humor.

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

Webmaster: Ron Braziel

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Director: Don Alger (1 st term)	Director: Bill Colvin	Director: Ken Edson (3 rd term)

** Bruce Heidemeyer has generously volunteered to fill the Attendance Secretary position.

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.

Ken Edson had knee replacement surgery, is recuperating and hopes to attend the December Luncheon.

Don Levensaler just had knee replacement surgery and does not expect to attend the December Luncheon.

Craig Lindquist is undergoing treatment for APL (a form of leukemia) at UC, Davis and expects to be there for at least a month.



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.

Bridge: There were no Branch 110 winners for last month.

Vino 110 Our last event was at the Roney Winery in November. Maggie Navarro won the free bottle of Roney wine. There will be no wine club event in December. Instead, you are all invited to attend the wonderful SIR Christmas Dinner on December 6. Merry Christmas and Happy 2022 to you all *-Keith*

Travel: There are currently some tours scheduled for 2022. The first one is:

Holland Tulip Festival Tour Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel, May 12 -19, 2022

For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.

In & Out Breakfast: Dennis Bruggman is making plans for this event. Stay tuned!!!

Golf: On November 3, 33 SIRS played a **scramble** at Wilcox Oaks in Red Bluff.

Flight 1 Winners	Net group Score 59.2	Flight 2 Winners	Net Group Score 55.5
CABRAL, MAT		EBER, JEFF	
DAVIS, SAM		HYDER, MARK	
LAMPE, DON		PERTUIT, GLEN	
MAIN, ED			

Closest to the pin #4: MAIN, ED 5" 1"; ATKIN, NORM 34' 1"

Closest to the pin #18: WHITE, GARY 1' 9"; LIM, MIKE 3' 4"; GRIFFIN, RON 7' 0"

Golf: On November 8, 33 SIRS played Bidwell. The format was a **Scramble**

Flight 1 Winners	Net group Score 62	Flight 2 Winners	Net Group Score 64
KEYSER, DENNIS		WEIDERT, JIM	
DONAHOO, SCOTT		NAVARRO, RAY	
NEELY, STEVE			

Closest to the pin #4: MAIN, ED 8" 4"; QUINTO, RAY 11' 7"; BRASWELL, CECIL 20' 0"

Closest to the pin #16: STORM, STEVE 17' 5"; MCNAMARA, DENNIS 21' 7"; QUINTO, RAY 22' 2"

Piscatology: The fishing group will finish the year with a Christmas Party during our next breakfast meeting. A gift exchange (in the \$10 range) will be a lot of fun. We have a present for the rookie fisherman of the year. The largest fish caught will be recognized with a perpetual trophy. This year the trophy goes to Steve George - 21 inch trout at Davis Lake, on our first trip of the year. Our next breakfast meeting will be December 9th, at Cozy Diner, 7:00 am. Join us if you can. For information call Bill Colvin at 530-521-7269 or Bob Weckerle at 530-864-6698.

Pinochle: We met at the Butte Creek Country for lunch and pinochle. The top scorers were: Charlie Clayton - 1st; Jenni Boles - 2nd; Joe Navarro - 3rd.

Our December lunch/card date is on Wednesday, **December 15th**. In January, we will go back to our regular schedule playing on the 4th Wednesday, **January 26, 2022**.

Hiking: Branch 110 members interested in getting into the outdoors and walking, please contact the new Hiking Committee Chair Richard Utter. You can contact him at rrurdy@yahoo.com or use the contact information for him in the directory. He will be coordinating outings with Jim Hertl and SIR Branch 84.

Out to Lunch: There is no OTL in December. OTL will resume in January with a trip to the Golden Beaver Distillery and lunch at Pour Me. Try to keep up if you can! Bill McNelley (530-872-0465)

History Club: Currently, the SIR History activities will involve "piggy backing" on events scheduled by other organizations that people may participate in individually.

As a spinoff of determining topics of interest for the History Club, information on the Diamond Match Company's Chico (Barber) millwork and match factory was developed and our webmaster, Ron Braziel, placed this historical information on the Branch 110 website and can be found either under "Announcements" or under "Activities" and the History Club. **Ideas for SIR sponsored activities are welcome.**

For regular updates on History Club activities, please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu).

Christmas Party: Tickets for the event will be available **until November 30** and may be arranged for by contacting **Keith Johnson** at (530) 343-5358.

We will have the popular Children's Choir perform once again!!!

About 100 Years Ago

Henry Ford and BBQ Briquettes

If you were asked what Henry Ford is known for, you would probably answer in terms of his development of manufacturing and sales of automobiles in the early 1900s. You might mention the Model A or Model T cars. Who would indicate that Henry Ford was also initially responsible for the development and marketing of the most widely sold charcoal briquettes in the world—Kingsford Briquettes? Nope, the “ford” part of Kingsford is not related to Henry’s last name. So how did all this happen?

The Ford Motor Company sold more than one million Ford Model Ts in 1919. Each one used 100 board feet of wood for parts such as frame, dashboard, steering wheel and wheels. Because of the amount of wood used, Henry Ford decided to produce his own supply. He enlisted the help of a man named **Edward** who was a real estate agent in Michigan and the husband of Ford’s cousin. The cousin-in-law located and purchased some 313,000 acres of forest in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula for the Ford Motor Company. In the early 1920s, Ford built a sawmill and parts plant in a neighboring area which was named after his cousin-in-law. The finished lumber went to Detroit for use in Model Ts.

The mill and plants produced sufficient parts for the car, but generated waste such as stumps, branches and sawdust. Frustrated by the mountains of sawdust his lumber mills created, he and his partners sought a way to utilize the scrap wood and sawdust into a useful (and profitable) product.

His escape from the stress of life was camping in the great outdoors. An idea came to him one day with some friends in the wilds of Michigan. After he and some friends (**Harvey, Thomas** and cousin **Edward**) spent a long time collecting sufficient wood for a campfire, and after they had camped and had discussions, an idea sprang into Ford’s mind. Upon returning back to the lumber mill, he set to work on it.

Fortunately Ford discovered that Orin Stratford, a University of Oregon Chemistry Professor had a patent for just what he wanted. He had used sawdust and had created a binding agent consisting of starch, water, and tar, and the mixture was then baked at 400 degrees Celsius. The result was the pillow-shaped charcoal lumps we know today. He dubbed his invention “briquettes,” and patented it in 1923.

Henry Ford’s camping buddy, **Thomas**, designed the briquette factory adjacent to the sawmill, and **Edward** (Ford’s cousin) ran it. It was a model of efficiency, producing 610 lb (280 kg) of briquettes for every ton of scrap wood. The product was sold only through Ford dealerships. Ford named the new business Ford Charcoal and dubbed the charcoal blocks “briquets”.

The Ford Motor Company sold cars for trips into the country. A new Model T was frequently sold with a bonus bag of Ford Charcoal Briquettes, so you could drive into the woods to camp and not worry about finding campfire wood.

In 1951, an investment group bought the Ford Charcoal Briquette Company. The new company was named in honor Henry’s cousin **Edward** (Ford’s real estate partner who helped him find the land to supply wood for building the early Ford automobiles) and the town of Kingsford, Michigan which was named after Edward. His full name was **Edward G. Kingsford**.

It should be mentioned that the names of Henry Ford’s other camping buddies were **Harvey Firestone** and **Thomas Edison**. Ford, Firestone and Edison were generally considered the three leaders in American industry at the time, and often worked and vacationed together.

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Pictured (l-r) are Harvey Firestone, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, and Edward Kingsford who were posing at a campsite in August 1923. Not pictured is Orin Stafford, the man who had the solution and patent the quartet was looking for. As Paul Harvey might say, now you know the rest of the story.



Thanks to **Dave Rush** for some initial information about this account.



There are currently 162 active members.

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

New Members in November



Name: **Bruce Crowson**
Wife: Barbara
Occupation: Pharmacy Tech
Company: Terrace Pharmacy
Interests: Fishing, Wine Tasting

Sponsored by: Greg Robertson



Name: **Sam Davis**
Wife: Trish
Occupation: Manager
Company: Miller Buick
Interests: Golf, Investments, Woodworking

Sponsored by: Darrell Hands

Announcements

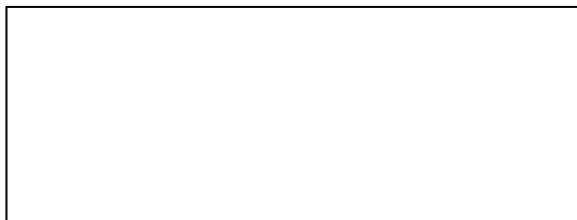
- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **January** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, January 6**. Send your information by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Volunteers Needed:** **Branch 110 could still use your help.**
Thanks to **Dennis Bruggman** and **Rich Utter** for volunteering to chair committees. However, besides the need for a Little Sir for 2022, there are several other positions which are vacant. If you are interested in helping, please contact Big SIR Norm Stump. You can check our website under "Committees" to see the vacancies. Some require minimal work but are important to the Branch.
- **Future Programs:** The currently scheduled program for January will be the rescheduled presentation on the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) by **Carl Leverenz**. LAFCO is an intra-local agency to ensure that changes in government occur in a manner that provides efficient and quality services. **As always, new ideas are welcome.**
- **Christmas Party:** The date for the Christmas Party has been set for **Monday, December 6**. Please save the date. **Keith Johnson** is now chairing the committee. Tickets for the Christmas Dinner may be arranged for until November 30 by calling Keith at (530) 343-5358. The price is still \$25 each like last year. **We will have the popular Children's Choir perform once again!!!**
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>



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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

If you have a December Birthday, please join us at the December 13 luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!****

Doug	Munier	Dec	14	Chuck	Priddy	Dec	18	Michael	Kobelt	Dec	26
Ron	Braziel	Dec	14	Cap	Porterfield	Dec	19	Don	Phillips	Dec	28
Frank	Zebley	Dec	15	Vance	Parker	Dec	20	Don	Levensaler	Dec	29
Robert	Stone	Dec	18	Bob	Mabrey	Dec	22	Steve	Storm	Dec	??

****It is possible to get a free lunch card without being a Birthday Boy. There has been a free lunch winner at 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!

Please have safe and happy holidays.