

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

Meeting December 18, 2023 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

**Program:** Members of Branch 110 have a treat to look forward to at our December 18, 2023, Luncheon Meeting. We will be entertained with happy Christmas music by the Sounds of the Valley Chorus. This wonderful singing group is a membership organization of female singers, who meet regularly to practice, perform, socialize and have fun. Originally chartered in 1974 as Chico Sweet Adelines, the chorus was renamed the Sounds of the Valley Chorus in 1994. For over 45 years, they have carried on the proud tradition as Chico's Original Women's Barbershop Chorus.



**Lunch:** The food will be served as it has been recently. **There will be a cost increase.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
<p><b>Herb Stuffed Pork Lion</b>, w/ honey mustard cream sauce, wild rice pilaf, veggies, bread, and the dessert will be a warm cherry cobbler with whipped cream.</p>	<p>It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the <b>December</b> luncheon. <b>Please respond to the survey</b> but if you could not do the survey, and <b>if you WILL attend</b>, contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 <b>by Thursday, December 14.</b></p>



**Big Sir Message:** I just dropped a thank you note in the mail to the two ladies who came to our November meeting to talk to us about the Tuskegee Airmen. I'd heard references to the Tuskegee Airmen and the fine job they did escorting bombers on their runs into Europe in World War II and this was an opportunity to hear some details. It was an outstanding program. Which provides me an opportunity to point out the excellent programs we have enjoyed at our SIR meetings and to thank the program team for bringing in some great programs?

Alas, the price increase for lunch that we have been expecting has arrived. It ends up that the Elks Club has been giving us a break on the price for a couple months but that "break" has ended. I expect the price to increase to what the other SIR branch is paying - **in the neighborhood of \$20.**

This is also the last Big Sir article that you'll read from me. It is time to pass the torch to Dave Jones, our next Big Sir. Dave will do an outstanding job as will the incoming Little Sir, Don Sturt. Thank you to the folks who make our branch activities possible. I'm thinking that I don't say thank you enough especially to the folks who help make the meetings run so well so thank you. *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

<b>Big Sir: Rich Utter</b>		<b>Little Sir: Dave Jones</b>	
<b>Secretary: Bob Dinger</b>	<b>Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush</b>	<b>Data Base Mgr: Rocky Rockwell</b>	
<b>Treasurer: Charles Staser</b>	<b>Asst. Treas. : Jose Lopez</b>		
<b>Director: Don Alger (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Jim Braziel (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Ken Edson (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	
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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.

**The kindness we spread always comes back to us.**

## 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.**

<b>Wood Working</b>		<b>Due to a lack of participation, the woodworking shop has closed.</b> 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.
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<b>Bridge</b>		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.
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<p><b>History</b></p>		<p>In an effort to revitalize our History <b>Activity</b>, the second meeting was well attended with a great exchange of information. There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be <b>Tuesday, January 9, at 10 am</b>. The format will be exploring topics related to Chico's</p>
<p>historic buildings, institutions, businesses and people. Participating in the activity involves attending a monthly meeting to learn about some interesting Chico history and perhaps contributing to the gathering of information on topics of interest.  <b>Please contact Don Alger (<a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> or 530-894-2452) if you would be interested in participating or would like more information.</b></p>		

<p><b>Piscatology</b></p>		<p>The SIRS Fishing Group awards the Les VanderVelden Trophy to the SIRS member that catches and lands the largest fish each calendar year. Each year we remember and honor Les for his contributions to the Fishing Group.</p>
<p>The award this year goes to Mr. <b>Larry Kreider</b> for his 25-inch German Brown trout caught at Lake Almanor in August of this year. Congratulations to Larry. See Larry's picture and his fish in the <b>November Rooster's Tale edition</b>.          The Fishing Group will have our last meeting of the year at Cozy Diner on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. This will be our Christmas Party, please bring a \$10 to 20 gift for the exchange. This is always a lot of fun to finish the year. Call Bill Colvin with any questions at 530-521-7269.</p>		

<p><b>ABV 110</b></p>		<p><b>No ABV activities will be planned for November and December.</b>  <b>To be added to the email distribution list, contact Don Alger (<a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> or 530-894-2452).</b></p>
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<p><b>Pinochle</b></p>		<p>November pinochle report: Winners for the day are: Maggie Navarro - 1st; Jenni Boles - 2nd; Charles Clayton - 3rd. For December there is no date change. We play on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, December 27, at 11 am for lunch and cards at the BCCC. <u>Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</u></p>
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<p><b>Bowling</b></p>		<p>SIR Bowling meets Tuesdays at 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</p>
<p>sure the bowling night is happening. 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>		

<p><b>Hiking</b></p>		<p><b>There will be no hike planned for December.</b></p>
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<p><b>Golf</b></p>		<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 <b>Darrell Hands</b>, the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.</p>
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On Monday, November 6, a tournament was played at Bidwell.

First Place Net = 94.2	Second Place Net = 94.4	Third Place Net = 94.5
CAMY, DON	BLOCKER, JEFF	ATKIN, NORM
BROWNING, BOB	DAVIS, SAM	BROWN, WAYNE
MAIN, ED	HERMAN, CRAIG	VELASCO, STEVE
SKELLY, BRIAN	BONDON, JIM	VELASQUEZ, JOE

CLOSEST TO PIN 2: DONAHOO, SCOTT - 5' 11"; SKELLY, BRIAN - 12' 2"; SMITH, SAM - 18' 8"  
 CLOSEST TO PIN 4: PORTERFIELD, CAP - 2' 2"; DONAHOO, SCOTT - 5' 2"; SHOOK, DOUG - 9' 0"  
 CLOSEST TO PIN 7: VELASQUEZ, JOE - 8' 2"; EBER, JEFF - 21' 1"; QUINTO, RAY - 25' 2"  
 SHOOK, DOUG - 25' 2"  
 CLOSEST TO PIN 12: PERTUIT, GLEN - 8' 6"; LIM, MIKE - 30' 4"; MCNAMARA, DENNIS - 33' 2"  
 CLOSEST TO PIN 16: BLOCKER, JEFF - 7' 1"; QUINTO, RAY - 17' 5"; HULL, MICHAEL - 20' 2"

On Monday, November 13, a tournament was played at Table Mountain.

First Place Net = 140	Second Place Net = 141	Second Place Net = 141
BINGAMAN, BILL	BROSSOIT, PAUL	BARGER, JIM
MAIN, ED	EBER, JEFF	MABREY, BOB
SKELLY, BRIAN	HYDER, MARK	MCNAMARA, DENNIS
MARTINSON, KEITH	PERTUIT, GLEN	WHITE, GARY

CLOSEST TO PIN 3: MCNAMARA, DENNIS - 3' 11"; EBER, JEFF - 7' 1"; VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 7' 7"  
 CLOSEST TO PIN 7: DONAHOO, SCOTT - 7' 7"; CALDIE THOMAS - 8' 4"; KEYSER, DENNIS - 8' 9"  
 CLOSEST TO PIN 12: DAVIS, SAM - 2' 2"; MCNAMARA, DENNIS - 3' 3"; HERMAN, CRAIG - 6' 7"  
 CLOSEST TO PIN 16: HERMAN, CRAIG - 1' 3"; SOMMER, BENNY - 4' 10"; QUINTO, RAY - 5' 10"

## 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><b>History</b></p>		<p>There will be an endeavor to keep folks informed about upcoming history related activities. Please contact Don Alger at <a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> for more information on the following events</p>
<p><b><u>Chico History Museum Presentations</u></b></p> <p><b>December 9, 10 am: <i>Celebrating Bidwell Park</i></b></p>		

<p><b>Travel</b></p>		<p>There were no reported SIR sponsored travel opportunities. For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</p>
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<p><b>MEMBERSHIP</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>There are currently 128 active members.</b></p> <p>Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call <u>Don Levensaler</u> at <b>530-520-3291</b> to get one via the postal service.</p>
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## New Members Inducted in November.



Name: **Craig Potter**  
 Wife: Patrica  
 Occupation: Property Manager – Parker Properties  
 Interests: Bowling, Bridge, Dominoes, Investments  
 Sponsor: Bill Bebensee



Name: **Michael Welsh**  
 Wife: Wendy  
 Occupation: Program Manager – Sun Micro Systems  
 Interests: Bowling, Bridge, Computer, Dining out, Golf Wine Tasting  
 Sponsor: Bob Mabery



Name: **Jim Williams**  
 Wife: Marilyn  
 Occupation: Health & Safety Dir. - CSUC  
 Interests: Golf, Wine Tasting  
 Sponsor: Jim Braziel



Name: **Reuben (Jim) Williams**  
 Wife: Priscella  
 Occupation: Owner – Burger Hut  
 Interests: Cooking, Hikers, Wine Tasting  
 Sponsor: Jim Braziel

### Guests in November

**Ron Imhoff** - guest of Mike Lim  
**Dan Boeger** - guest of Howard Hamman

## 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](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) for a contact procedure.

<b>New Members</b>	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	Mike Morgan	Richard Parsons
	Kenneth Glaziner	Craig Potter	Michael Welsh	Jim Williams
	Reuben (Jim) Williams			
<b>Reinstated Members</b>	Dennis McNamara	Michael Lim		
<b>Members Dropped</b>	Alex Van Patten	Harold Reck	Neil Sorger	Frank Zebley
	Mat Cabral			

## Announcements

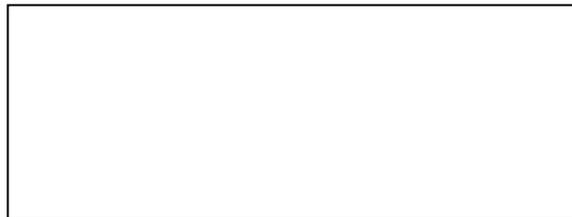
- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **January** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, January 4**. Send your information by email: [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Future Programs:** The **January 22** program will be on the Honey Bee Discovery Center in Orland. The **February 26** program will be about the Automotive Technology Program at Butte College. On **March 25**, we will have a presentation on the history of the Collier Hardware business and the historic building. The **April 22 program** will be on interesting World Adventures involving business and travel.
- **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 18<sup>th</sup> luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!\*\***

Ron	Braziel	Dec	14	Vance	Parker	Dec	20	Chuck	Priddy	Dec	18
Michael	Hull	Dec	7	Rick	Pero	Dec	14	Robert	Stone	Dec	18
Don	Levensaler	Dec	29	Don	Phillips	Dec	28	Jim	Williams	Dec	9
Bob	Mabrey	Dec	22	Cap	Porterfield	Dec	19				

**\*\*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!**

**Happy Holidays**