

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting December 15, 2025 1705 Manzanita Ave., Chico, CA

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

Program: In December we will be entertained with Christmas music by the **Sounds of the Valley Chorus**. This group entertained us last December and was well received by all of our members. Sounds of the Valley Chorus is a membership organization of female singers, who meet regularly to practice, perform, socialize and have fun. They currently have 18 singers from various walks of life, and parts of the greater Chico area and surrounding counties. Originally chartered in 1974 as Chico Sweet Adelines, the chorus was renamed the Sounds of the Valley Chorus in 1994. For over 50 years, they have carried on the proud tradition as Chico's Original Women's Barbershop Chorus.



Lunch: **The price of a salad is \$18. The price of lunch is still \$20.**

| Lunch Menu | Lunch Attendance Communication |
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| Stuffed Pork Tenderloin , with herb's, spinach, blue cheese, and cranberries. The sauce will be a sun dried tomato cream sauce. Also there will be wild rice pilaf, veggies, bread, and butter. Dessert will be a tiramisu. | It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the December 15th luncheon. <u>Please respond to the survey</u> , but if you could not do the survey, and <u>if you WILL attend</u> , contact Rocky Rockwell at 530-961-3418 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022. <u>by 6:01 pm on Wednesday, December 10th.</u> |

Please check out our website for regular updates.

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

Webmaster: Ron Braziel



Big Sir Message:

As my term as Big Sir comes to an end, I want to take a moment to express how much I have truly enjoyed serving in this role over the past year. It has been an honor and a privilege to lead such an outstanding group, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with so many dedicated members.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Executive Board for their unwavering support and hard work. Your commitment and enthusiasm have been instrumental in helping us achieve our goals and

keep our branch thriving.

I also want to acknowledge the officers and committee chairmen, whose efforts often happen behind the scenes but are essential to our success. Thank you for your time, energy, and devotion to SIR. Working together, we've made a real difference and built wonderful memories.

As I step aside, I am confident that our branch will continue to flourish, and I look forward to supporting you all in the future. Thank you again for a fantastic year and for the camaraderie and friendship that make SIR so special.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. *Don S.*

2025 Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

| Big Sir: Don Sturt | | Little Sir: Ralph Skytte |
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| Secretary: Bob Dinger | Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush | Database Mgr: Rocky Rockwell |
| Treasurer: Charles Staser | Asst. Treas.: Jose Lopez | Parliamentarian: Ken Edson |
| Director: Randy Benson (3 rd term) | Director: Mike Nicholas (2 nd term) | Director: Joe Navarro (2 nd term) |
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Health, Memorials and Wisdom

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 notify Don Alger. Let's not miss acknowledging our fellow members.

**Wishing you peace and joy this holiday season
and throughout the coming year!**

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.

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| Bowling |  | SIR Bowling took the summer off but will start again in January. Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815. |
| Bridge |  | The Bridge players played last month. Bob Dinger was the only Branch 110 winner and won twice. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for information. |
| Pinochle |  | Winners for November pinochle day are: Lyn Smith - 1st; Patsy Style - 2nd, Barbara Fradilla - 3rd. Next date for lunch and pinochle is DECEMBER 17th , at 11 am at the BCCC. Come join the fun group. Call Joe Navarro at 530-343-0832 with questions. |

Piscatology



The fishing group has had their last scheduled trip for 2025. However, the Thursday breakfast meetings will continue. The next one will be **Thursday, December 11th at 7 am** at the Cozy Diner on Mangrove Avenue.

Contact Dana Davis at 530-570-1687 if you want to know more about the group

Hiking



The November hike along the Feather River was cancelled. There are no plans for a December hiking activity. Stay tuned for plans for possible January hiking. **For additional information, please contact Rich Utter, Randy Benson or Jim Hertl.**

Pickleball



It has been over a month now since my operation and I have been cleared to once again play Pickleball and other active things. With that in mind we will continue to have our weekly Pickleball events at 20th Street on **Thursdays at 12:00 pm.**

During my recovery I encouraged our players to go out to the courts on their own and participate in Pickleball with others. Players can once again look forward to my weekly message reminders. I am looking forward to resuming our activity on the courts. Thank you for your support.

Jay Hanson can be reached at jbirdhanson1@gmail.com

Wood Working



Due to a lack of participation, there are no longer regular meetings. If someone has a project that needs a little help, call Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.

History



There will not be a December History Activity meeting. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 13th, at 10 am** at **6 Stratford Way**. Agenda information will appear in January.

If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).

More History



There will be an endeavor to keep members informed about upcoming history related community events.

Contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452) for more information about these history activities.

Chico History Museum Events

Saturday, December 6: "Chico in the 50's"

Book Exchange



SIR BOOK EXCHANGE AT THE DECEMBER 15th MEETING

Please bring books to the December lunch meeting to exchange. We're enjoying continued success with people passing on books that they have enjoyed and people taking books home that they'd like to read.

Stop by the SIR Book Exchange table to put out your books and to see what is available. The book exchange starts during the social time before our lunch meeting.

Please contact Rich Utter or Randy Benson with any questions

Humor

Santa in the 21st Century



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.

On November 3, 42 Sirs played at Bidwell

| 1 st Total = 265 | 2 nd Total = 273 | 3 rd Total = 280 | 4 th Total = 282 | 4 th Total = 282 |
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| BROWNING, BOB | DONAHOO, SCOTT | PETERSON, RON | WESSELS, BOB | VAN PATTEN, A. |
| PARSONS, DICK | GREY, MICK | GIFFORD, KEVIN | SHOOK, DOUG | PETERICH, T. |
| HYDER, MARK | BINGAMAN, BILL | HANDS, DARRELL | DAY, JEFF | SMITH, SAM |
| MATHESON, TOM | HAGGARD, AJ | BROSSOIT, PAUL | WOLFE, DENNIS | VELASCO, STEVE |

CLOSEST TO PIN 2: GRAY, MARK - 3' 11"; WEIGER, BILL - 17' 8" **PIN 4:** BROWNING, BOB - **HOLE IN ONE**; PETERICH, TERREL - 1' 5" **PIN 7:** PETERICH, TERREL - 3' 8"; HYDER, MARK - 4' 6" **PIN 12:** MARTINSON, KEITH - 12' 1"; MATHESON, TOM - 37' 3" **PIN 16:** PETERICH, TERREL - 7' 10"; WOLFE, DENNIS - 18' 7"

November 10 , 43 Sirs played at Bidwell

| 1 st Net = 139 | 2 nd Net = 140 | 3 rd Net = 141 | 4 th Net = 143 |
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| BROWNING, BOB | HANDS, DARRELL | BRUGGMAN, DENNIS | BARGER, JIM |
| DAVIS, SAM | HAGGARD, AJ | GRAY, MARK | MABREY, BOB |
| GALLAWAY, JOE | MAIN, ED | QUINTO, RAY | MCNAMARA, DENNIS |
| HERMAN, CRAIG | BROSSOIT, PAUL | VAN PATTEN, ALEX | WHITE, GARY |

CLOSEST TO PIN 2: ATKINS, NORM - 8' 5"; VAN PATTEN, ALEX 9' 3" **PIN 4:** BROWN, WAYNE - 7' 3"; MATHESON, TOM - 8' 2" **PIN 7:** MCNAMARA, DENNIS - 7' 9"; GLAZINER, KYLE - 8' 4" **PIN 12:** WEIDERT, JIM - 13' 11"; PERTUIT, GLEN - 16' 10" **PIN 16:** VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 5' 9"; WEIDERT, JIM 11' 11"

ABV 110

The ABV Activity will take a break for November and December because of the holidays and time to ponder and plan the next activity. Suggestions are always welcome. **To be on the ABV email list, contact Don Alger** (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).

RANDOM THOUGHTS

I've found marriage to be very educational. For example, I had no idea there was a wrong way to put milk in the fridge.

Some things are just best said with an eye roll.



MEMBERSHIP

There are now 130 members including 8 on Attendance Relief.

Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call **Sam Smith** at 530-720-1041 to get one via the postal service.

Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2025 Roster, some changes have occurred.

The "Roster Updates" will help keep members informed of **current membership**.

If you need to communicate with a new member, contact Rocky Rockwell (530-961-3418).

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| New Members Not in the 2025 Roster | Mick Grey | Robert Minton | Warren Locke | Tim Hill |
| | Mark Frey | Scott Brogden | Mike Bates | Don Krysakowski |
| | Mike O'Malley | Larry Spencer | | |

No New Members in November

Bring a friend in December for some nice Christmas music.

Guests in November

Dave Cooper - guest of Rich Waldsmith
Sam Abaniz - guest of Jose Lopez

Announcements

Editor's Note: The deadline for the **January** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, January 8th**. Send your information by email to dalger@csuchico.edu.

Future Programs: Our **January 26th** program will be about activities of the Big Chico Ecological Reserve. On **February 23rd**, we will hear about an interesting soccer coaching career. In **March**, there will be a continuation of stories about John Bidwell. For **April 27th**, Information on Grand Jury operation will be presented. For **May 18th**, experiences of an experienced U2 pilot will be related.

State SIR Bulletin: (SIR Happenings) is available at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>.

In and Out Breakfast: **Monday, January 5th** is the tentative date. More details will be provided later.

Ladies Day Brunch: **Wednesday, May 6th** at 1:30 pm at Beatniks.

Our Branch Officers for 2026:

2026 Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

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SIR Branch No. 110
2025 Christmas Dinner Party
will be held at



Monday, December 8, 2025
5:00 PM Social -- 6:00 PM Dinner

MENU CHOICES

ROAST BEEF
TURKEY
VEGETARIAN

Cost: \$35.00 per person.

Children's
Choir

Prizes!!

Happy Holidays
to
Everyone!



Prizes!!

Please make checks payable to
SIR Branch No. 110.

If you do not have your tickets, you can call Craig Lindquist by Thursday December 4.



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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

If you have a December birthday, please join us at the December 15th luncheon and see what you might win.

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| Michael Hull | Dec 7 | Robert Stone | Dec 18 | Joe Gallaway | Dec 26 |
| Reuben Williams | Dec 9 | Charles Priddy | Dec 18 | Donald Phillips | Dec 28 |
| Ronald Braziel | Dec 14 | Cap Porterfield | Dec 19 | Don Levensaler | Dec 29 |
| Kevin Hennessy | Dec 16 | Robert Mabrey | Dec 22 | | |

It is possible to get a free lunch. Both the sponsor and his guest will receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.

Please, be a friend and bring a friend to the next SIR meeting!

