

# Rooster's Tale

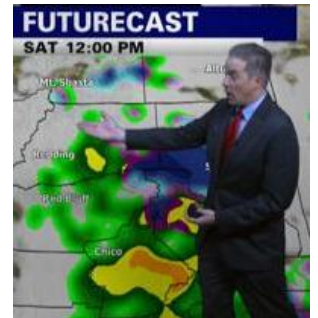


*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

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

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

**Program:** The January Program will be about weather forecasting. **Jason Stiff** is the Chief Meteorologist for KHSL TV's Action News Now. Jason loves forecasting the weather for northern California. He considers forecasting the weather an important, exciting, and fun responsibility. Jason was born and raised in Montana. Before moving to California, Jason worked in Utah, Idaho, Washington, and New Mexico. Jason earned the prestigious Certified Broadcast Meteorologist designation from the American Meteorological Society (AMS) in 2005, and the original AMS Seal of Approval in 1998. Jason earned both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in meteorology from the University of Utah. As an undergraduate, he also worked for the National Weather Service in Salt Lake City for four years.



**Lunch:** The food will still be served as it has been recently. There will be an option of ordering just a salad **when you respond to the survey**. **The cost will still be \$17.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
<b>Grilled tri-tip</b> w/reduced zinfandel wine sauce, fire roasted red potatoes, Caesar salad, bread and butter. Dessert will be fresh baked brownies.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the <b>January</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, January 19.</b>

**Big Sir Message:** I'm writing this message for the January Rooster's Tale on January 1,



which seems appropriate. Goodbye 2022 and hello 2023. Before we totally forget about 2022, I want to recognize and thank all the people in our branch who made the branch function in the past year. The first thank you goes to Norm Stump for two years as Big SIR. Then a thank you to all the people who make SIR Branch 110 work - there are a whole lot of people who make for a smooth functioning SIR Branch.

I'm happy to see a steady increase in new members as in-person meetings have resumed after the Branch was not meeting for too long. Let's hope and work to continue that increase as our outstanding programs continue and word-of-mouth and invitations from our members draw in new members looking for events and socializing.

I'd ask you to make an effort to make new members and visitors welcome. If you see someone you don't know or who looks a bit uncertain, say hello. A newcomer is invited in by one member but what makes a newcomer stay is all of us making that visitor or new member feel welcome.

I look forward to seeing you at the next SIR meeting or around town. Best wishes for 2023. *Rich*

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

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

**Webmaster: Ron Braziel**

# SIR Branch 110 2023 Committees (1-4-23)

## BEC "RAMP" COMMITTEES

### 1. ACTIVITIES OVERSIGHT

Chair— Jim Braziel\*  
 Assistant— Randy Benson\*  
 Big Sir— Rich Utter  
 Little Sir— Dave Jones

### 2. MEMBERSHIP

#### RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair— Don Levensaler  
 Assistant— Ken Edson\*  
 Assistant— Don Alger\*

#### RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

Chair— Bill Colvin\*  
 Assistant— Jim Braziel\*  
 Little Sir— Dave Jones

#### ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

Chair— Bruce Heidemeyer  
 Assistant— Vacant

#### PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Chair— Don Alger\*  
 Assistant— Ron Braziel\*  
 Assistant— Jim Braziel\*  
 Assistant— Norm Stump

### 3. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Chair— Jim Braziel\*  
 Assistant— Don Alger\*  
 Assistant— Dave Rush  
 Big Sir— Rich Utter  
 Little Sir— Dave Jones

A \* indicates a Director on the committee.

## BEC COMMITTEES

**Audit:** Chair— Cap Porterfield  
**Bulletin:** Editor— Don Alger  
 Assistants— Ron Braziel, Dave Barnum, Rocky Rockwell, Don Phillips  
**Calendar:** (Interim) Rocky Rockwell  
**Sunshine Chaplain—** Al Romero  
 Assistants— Don Alger, Norm Stump, Don Levensaler, Rocky Rockwell  
**Food Liaison:** Chair— Dave Jones  
 Assistant— Rocky Rockwell  
**Greeters:** Chair— Jay Hanson  
**House Mgr:** Chair— Larry Hildenbrand  
 Assistants— Jim Weidert, Bob Wessels, Dave Barnum

### Jokesters:

Assistant—

Bill Bebensee  
 Dave Rush

### Members Roster:

Editor—

Assistant—

Rocky Rockwell  
 Ken Edson

### New Member Orientation & Mentoring

Chair—

Little SIR—

Dave Rush  
 Dave Jones

### Nominating Committee

Chair—

Assistants—

Dave Rush  
 Ken Edson,

Don Alger, Norm Stump

### Piano Virtuoso:

Vacant

### Quartermaster: Big Sir:

Rich Utter

### Rooster Cage: Chair—

Assistant—

Assistant—

Don J. Phillips  
 Dave Miller  
 Dave Barnum

### Song Leaders:

Assistant—

Ken Jensen  
 Dave Rush

### In/Out Breakfast:

Rich Utter

### Ladies Day: Chair—

Vacant

### Fall BBQ: Chair—

Vacant

### Christmas P.: Chair—

Craig Lindquist

### Webmaster: Chair—

Assistant—

Ron Braziel  
 Rocky Rockwell

## ACTIVITY COMMITTEES

### Bridge:

Chair—

Assistant—

Ed Matzdorff  
 Bob Dinger

### Golf:

Chair—

Assistant—

Darrell Hands  
 Doug Shook

### Hiking:

Chair—

Assistant—

Rich Utter—Br. 110  
 Jim Hertl—Br. 84

### Out to Lunch: Chair—

Assistant—

B. McNelley—Br. 52  
 Vacant—Br. 110

### Pinochle:

Chair—

Joe Navarro

### Piscatology: Chair—

Assistant—

Bill Colvin  
 Bob Weckerle

### Vino 110: Co Chair—

Co Chair—

Don Alger  
 Jim Braziel

### Woodworking: Chair—

Assistant—

Bill Gebhardt  
 Craig Lindquist

## INFORMATION RESOURCES

### History:

Chair—

Don Alger

### Travel:

Chair—

Jose Lopez

**At the January luncheon, please plan on paying your \$24 ABC Fee.**

## 2023 Branch Executive Committee

<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>	
<b>Director: Ron Braziel (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Bill Colvin (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Randy Benson (1<sup>st</sup> term)</b>	

### 50 Years Ago

**January 3, 1973:** CBS, the Columbia Broadcasting System, sold the New York Yankees baseball team for \$10 million to a 12-person syndicate led by George Steinbrenner. The price was \$3.2 million more than the price paid by CBS for the team in 1965. In 2013 the value was \$2.3 billion. By 2022 the value was \$6 billion.

### The Annual Basket Collection (ABC) fee is due for 2023.

## Persistence and Determination IV

**Hans Augusto Reyersbach** was born on September 16, 1898, in Hamburg, Germany. His early childhood revealed his early talent for drawing. In his neighborhood was a zoo, which gave him a familiarity with nonfarm animals. He often drew in school instead of doing his schoolwork.

**Margarete Elisabeth Waldstein** was born on May 16, 1906, also in Hamburg. She studied art between 1926 and 1928 and afterward worked in advertising. Hans and Margarete were German Jews. The couple first met in Hamburg at Margarete's sister's 16th birthday party.

In 1924, at the age of 26, when in the harsh aftermath of World War I, there was little employment at home, Hans left to find work in Brazil. Hans always carried his sketchbook with him.

With financial matters having gone from bad to worse, he accepted a job in a firm in Brazil. He thus found himself composing commercial letters (which he was not allowed to adorn with illustrations) and selling bathtubs up and down the Amazon River. Obviously it was not the right road but it took him years to find that out.

In 1935, Margarete Waldstein also traveled to South America and, on arrival in Rio de Janeiro, looked up her Hamburg acquaintance. Their courtship was a rapid one, and in August 1935 they wed.

Restless and ambitious, Margarete persuaded Hans to give up his work in import-export and join her in an advertising venture. They wrote newspaper articles and advertisements, did posters, photography—anything that came their way. Hans described it as a “Turning Point” in his life.

Intending to spend a brief honeymoon period in Paris they returned “home”. However, they stayed for four years as Brazilian citizens and with Brazilian passports. Margarete took photographs and he drew. While in Paris, Hans's animal drawings came to the attention of a French publisher, who commissioned him to write a children's book about animals. The result is little remembered today, but they decided to write another book about just one of its characters. Their work was interrupted with the outbreak of World War II. As Jews, they decided to flee from Paris before the Nazis seized the city. The trains were full or canceled. They owned no car. So Hans built two bicycles. In June 1940, on a rainy morning before dawn, a few hours before the Nazis entered, they left Paris on bicycles with nothing but warm coats and their manuscripts they were working on, and could not bear to jettison and started pedaling south.

They finally made it to Lisbon, by train, having sold their bicycles to custom officials at the French-Spanish border. They returned to Brazil. After a brief interlude in Rio de Janeiro, their migrations came to an end on one clear, crisp October morning in 1940, when they saw the Statue of Liberty rise above the harbor of New York and landed in the U.S.A.

In 1935, for the convenience of clients, and as a way to forge a shared commercial identity, the couple had renamed themselves **H. A. and Margret Rey**. Finally in 1941, the first of the books with Rey's name was published by Houghton Mifflin.

Perhaps by this time you may have guessed that these two were the creators of character a called.....



*Curious George* was an instant success, and the Reys were commissioned to write more adventures of the mischievous monkey and his friend, the Man in the Yellow Hat. They wrote seven stories in all, with Hans mainly doing the illustrations and Margret working mostly on the stories, though they both admitted to sharing the work and cooperating fully in every stage of development. George became an industry with more than 27 million copies sold. There have been several "Curious George" films produced and of course the sales of the ubiquitous toy figure.

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


**Bob Kirkman:** Robert (Bob) Kirkman passed away on December 7, 2022, at the age of 89. He was a retired High School Principal with the CUSD and a member of SIR Branch 110 until 2021.


Beware of false knowledge;  
it is more dangerous than ignorance.  
George Bernard Shaw


## 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>Bridge</b>		Bob Dinger had the high score in one session in December. 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.
<b>Out to Lunch</b>		There is no report of plans for an OTL activity in January.
<b>Wood Working</b>		Did your New Year's resolution include fixing a table leg, making a grandson's first toolbox, a picture frame for the family portrait, or some other project that creates sawdust? If so, come on down to the shop any Thursday. We start around 10 am, take lunch at a local coffee shop, and call it a day around 2 pm. Call Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.
<b>Vino 110</b>		There is no scheduled wine tasting for January.

<b>Golf</b>		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.
<b>Recent tournaments have been cancelled due to bad weather.</b>		

<b>Piscatology</b>		<b>Frank Moody</b> from Oroville was the winner of the 2022 "Largest Fish Caught Yearly". Frank received the <b>Les VanderVelden Trophy</b> , awarded for the largest fish caught each year.
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	<p>Sons in Retirement, Branch 110, presented Frank Moody (on left) with the "Les VanderVelden- Largest Fish Caught this Year" Trophy. Making the presentation is last year's award winner Steve George (on right).</p> <p>Call Bill Colvin 530-521-7269 for more information on fishing.</p>
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<b>Bowling</b>		<p><b>Men's Drop-in League:</b> 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.</p> <p>For any questions, you can text Randy Benson at 530-513-9815.</p>
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<b>Hiking</b>		<p>The originally planned December 15<sup>th</sup> hike has been rescheduled for <b>Wednesday, January 18</b>. 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>
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**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]

**DATE:** **Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

**TIME:** 9:00 am


**WEAR:** Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots.

**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.

**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 [rich.utter@gmail.com](mailto:rich.utter@gmail.com) or Jim Hertl.


## SIR 110 Information Resources

**History and Travel do not currently function as traditional activities but do provide information about opportunities for participation in history and travel events. Therefore it was decided to create a separate category for these two SIR interests.**

<p><b>History</b></p>		<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 <a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> for more information on the following events.</p>
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**Chico History Museum Presentations**

<p>January 28</p>	<p>THE MILL CREEK INDIANS — RAIDERS OF THE SIERRA CASCADES</p>
<p>February 04</p>	<p>NEWSPAPERS TODAY: HOW THEY'VE CHANGED, AND WHY THEY'RE STILL VITAL</p>
<p>March 25</p>	<p>UNVANQUISHED — ISHI'S FIRST FOUR MONTHS IN SAN FRANCISCO</p>
<p>April 29</p>	<p>CHICO MONEY</p>
<p>May 06</p>	<p>A CHICO WALK-AND-TALK</p>

<p><b>Travel</b></p>		<p>There are some tours scheduled for 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scenic Ireland Trip through Ireland - April 14-27, 2023.</b></li> <li>• <b>Salmon Fishing in Ketchikan, Alaska, during the last two weeks in June 2023. Contact Heber Slusser at <a href="mailto:Branch62sir@gmail.com">Branch62sir@gmail.com</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Autumn Colors Trip to East Coast - October 13-22, 2023.</b></li> </ul> <p>For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</p>
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And a huge

Thanks to Norm Stump

For efforts far above and beyond the call of duty!!



**There are currently 117 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 in December**

**No Guests in December**

### ABC Fees

**The Annual Basket Collection (ABC) fee is due for 2023. It will be \$24.00 for the year and it will be collected at the membership table in January.**

**If you will not be at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> luncheon meeting, a check made out to SIR Branch 110 can be mailed to Don Levensaler, 1492 Keri Ln, Chico, CA 95926.**

## Roster Updates

Since the preparation of the 2022 Roster, some have passed away, some have dropped and new members have joined. The Roster Updates will keep 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](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) for a contact procedure.

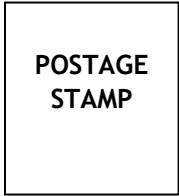
<b>Recent Deaths</b>	Don Curtis	Bob Thomas	Bob Kirkman	
<b>Recent Drops</b>	Don Kidd			
<b>New Members</b>	Randy Benson	Robert DiPietro	Michael Hull	Frank Moody
	Jim Johnson	Al Romero	Larry Willis	Joe Viscuso
	Clinton Lancaster	Alex Van Patten	Jay Hanson	
<b>Reinstated Members</b>	Ruben Martinez	Vance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

## Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **February** issue is **Thursday, February 9**. Send your information by email: [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Future Programs:** The program for **February** will be some highlights about playing golf and will be presented by **Ed Anderson** who writes the weekly golf column for the Chico Enterprise Record.
- **In and Out Breakfast:** This event on January 5, 2023 was well attended and well organized by **Rich Utter**. Thanks to all who have volunteered to provide leadership for 2023. Some "business" was discussed related to how to best improve Branch 110, but mostly it was a pleasant time for branch camaraderie.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>



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If you have a January Birthday, join us at the January 23<sup>th</sup> luncheon and find out what you might win. **It could be a free lunch! \***

Bruce	Crowson	Jan	4	Craig	Lindquist	Jan	13	Ken	Shannon	Jan	21
John	Hamiter	Jan	6	Harold	Reck	Jan	17	Howard	Hamman	Jan	23
Wayne	Brown	Jan	7	Don	Sturt	Jan	20	Jim	Renlund	Jan	25
Don	Alger	Jan	7	Vic	Fisher	Jan	20				

**\*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.**