

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting January 22, 2024 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

Program: Our Program for January will be about the **Honeybee Discovery Center** in Orland. As an interactive exhibition gallery and learning space, the Center provides a sensory experience to immerse visitors in the exhibit and teach the importance of pollinators - especially honeybees - in our environment. The Center, at its current temporary location, 501 Walker Street, Orland, was officially established as a non-profit educational institution in 2018. It's designed to teach the public about honeybees and the rich history of beekeeping in Northern California. The Center is a place for the community and schools to learn about honeybees and a public display for the beekeeping community to donate and preserve beekeeping artifacts that are part of the 100-year history in Northern California.



The speaker will be Carolina Bureson who is the CEO of the Center. She is a business owner and Manager of Operations of Bureson Farms, and owner/Managing Director of Moore Creek Apiaries

Lunch: The food will be served as it has been recently. **The price of lunch is now \$20.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
<p>Yankee Pot Roast Beef with mashed potatoes, veggies, bread, and salad. Dessert will be a surprise.</p>	<p>It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the January 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, January 18.</p>



Big Sir Message: Welcome to SIR 110 in 2024. I hope that everyone had a great Holiday season. It seems like it was just yesterday Rich was starting his term of Big Sir. Now as the calendar moves forward it's my turn. I remember years ago I was introduced to SIR by a very close friend of mine, Skip Reager. He at that time was the Big Sir, and he told me that the position was a piece of cake. He indicated that all the help he received from just about everyone involved made his job easy. He said that all the hard work was done by the few folks on the BEC that truly make the job of the Big Sir, and the whole organization function. I found that out last year as the Little Sir. We truly have a core group of guys that do so much in the background to make the committees function and the monthly luncheons such a success. The group of guys that schedule the guest speakers have always found guests that we all seem to enjoy. The December program with the wonderful singers was no different. The Program Committee has scheduled another group of interesting speakers set for this year. If you ever think of a program that would be of interest to the group, please notify one of the BEC committee members as we're always looking for any ideas that would benefit the group.

I would like to say THANKS in advance to the real backbone of this group, both the BEC (current and past) and all the committee folks for their efforts. The BEC has set a goal to work hard to increase our Membership. Statewide we've lost so many guys during the pandemic, and SIR 110 was no different. Let's all of us try to bring a friend or two and have them enjoy our monthly luncheon. *Dave*

**Please check out our website for updates and lots of humor.
There is also now a listing of committee assignments for 2024.**

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

The Annual Basket Collection (ABC) fee is due for 2024.

2024 Officers and Directors

Big Sir: Dave Jones		Little Sir: Don Sturt	
Secretary: Bob Dinger	Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush	Data Base Mgr: Rocky Rockwell	
Treasurer: Charles Staser	Asst. Treas. : Jose Lopez		
Director: Ken Edson (3rd term)	Director: Ron Braziel (3rd term)	Director: Bill Colvin (3rd term)	
Director: Randy Benson(2ndterm)	Director: Mike Nicholas (1st term)	Director: Joe Navarro (1stterm)	




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.


**Life is like a rainbow. It takes both the sun
and the rain to make the colors appear.**


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.

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.
Bridge		There were no recent 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. <u>Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for information.</u>
Hiking		There will be no hike planned for January.

History		The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, at 10 am. The format will be exploring topics related to Chico's historic buildings, institutions, businesses and people. Participating in the activity involves attending monthly meetings to learn about some interesting Chico history and perhaps contributing to the gathering of information on topics of interest. Please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452) if you would be interested in participating or would like more information.
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ABV 110		Subject to BEC approval, a visit to Lassen Traditional Cidery is planned on January 25 at 3 pm for a private tasting. To be added to the email distribution list, contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).
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Bowling		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 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. Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815.
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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, December 4, a tournament was played at Bidwell.


1 st Place Net = 57.1	2 nd Place Net = 57.7	3 rd Place Net = 57.9	4 th Place Net = 59.5
DONAHOO, SCOTT	EBER, JEFF	BUCKLEY, BERNARD	HULL, MICHAEL
GREMMINGER, EVERETT	MARTINSON, KEITH	GRAY, MARK	LAMPE, DON
MABREY, BOB	PARSONS, DICK	HYDER, MARK	MCNAMARA, DENNIS
STRIBOLT, STRIBOLD	VELASQUEZ, JOE	WESSELS, BOB	GRIFFIN, RON


CLOSEST TO PIN 2: QUINTO, RAY - 3' 7"; ATKIN, NORM - 10' 10"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 4: MCNAMARA, DENNIS - 6' 6"; PETERSON, RON - 6' 7"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 7: SOLOMON, DAN - 8' 6"; HERMAN, CRAIG - 13' 8"

On Monday, December 11, a tournament was played at Bidwell.

1 st Place Net = 141	2 nd Place Net = 145	3 rd Place Net = 146	4 th Place Net = 147
ATKIN, NORM	BARGER, JIM	STASER, CHARLES	BAKER, KEN
BROWN, WAYNE	WHITE, GARY	LIM, MIKE	DAVIS, SAM
VELASCO, STEVE	MABREY, BOB	BARNUM, DAVE	HERMAN, CRAIG
VELASQUEZ, JOE	BROWNING, BOB	WESSELS, BOB	STURT, DON


CLOSEST TO PIN 2: BAKER, KEN - 5' 8"; WHITE, GARY - 11' 1"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 4: MABREY, BOB - 4' 5"; LIM, MIKE - 11' 6"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 7: DONAHOO, SCOTT - 12' 3"; KNOWLTON, JACK - 16' 5"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 12: ATKIN, NORM - 13' 5"; LIM, MIKE - 13' 6"
 CLOSEST TO PIN 16: EBER, JEFF - 20' 3"; ATKIN, NORM - 21' 2"


Pinochle		December pinochle report: The winners were: Lyn Smith - 1st; Patsy Stile - 2nd and Sam Smith - 3rd. Next game for the new year is Wednesday, January 24 at BCCC at 11:00 am for lunch and game. Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.
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Piscatology		Happy New Year! Looking forward to seeing everyone at Cozy Diner on Thursday, January 11 th at 7:00 am. Bring a friend if he is interested in fishing. We need to select the dates and destinations for 2024 SIR
fishing trips. If anyone would like to propose a new destination, now would be the time. Hope to see everyone on January 11 th . The Cozy Diner opens at 6:30 am. <u>Call Bill Colvin at 530-521-7269 or Bob Weckerle at 530-864-6698 for more information.</u>		

SIR 110 Information Resources

This is information related to History and Travel that does not represent official Branch 110 activities, but does provide information about other history and travel events.

History		There will be an endeavor to keep folks informed about upcoming history related activities. However, there are no January or February events currently scheduled.
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Travel		SIR Grand Circle River Trip: Prague to Budapest 11/6-11/20 2024 <u>For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</u>
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A Story About a Song

Sanford (Sandy) Greenberg, was attending Columbia University in 1958 and was rooming with a guy named Arthur. In 1961, in his junior year, Sandy lost his sight completely, became depressed, dropped out of school and returned home.

Arthur, however, visited him and encouraged him to return to school. He said "the darkness will accompany you but I will be your light." He started to do everything for his roommate. He read his books for him, read his exams and guided him around campus. He even adopted the moniker "Darkness" as a mark of empathy, when he was with his troubled friend. Arthur would refer to himself as "Darkness" whenever he would announce his arrival: "Sanford, Darkness is here to read for you" he would say.

Sandy graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Columbia in 1961. Despite being totally blind, he earned two graduate degrees from Harvard and went on to have a very successful career. In 2020 he wrote his memoir and titled it "*Hello Darkness my old Friend*".

But what about a story about a song? In 1964 Sandy's old roommate, Arthur, called and ask if he could borrow \$400 in order to pay for making a recording of a song.

Despite not having much more than \$400 at that time, Sandy gladly loaned Arthur the money.

The song was recorded and released in 1964 and became one of the most listened to songs of the century. It has been rightfully heralded as one of the greatest folk songs ever written.

It was recorded by Simon and Garfunkel with the title of "*Sound of Silence*" and has the opening line "Hello Darkness my old friend". Perhaps you have figured out that Sandy's roommate (Arthur) was in fact Art Garfunkel. Now you know the rest of the story.

Thanks to **Dave Rush** for providing the initial information regarding this story.



There are currently 129 active members.

Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call Don Levensaler at **530-520-3291** to get one via the postal service.

ABC Fees

The Annual Basket Collection (ABC) fee is due for 2024. 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 22nd luncheon meeting, a check made out to SIR Branch 110 can be mailed to Don Levensaler, 2354 Burlingame Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

Reinstated Member in December



Name: **Ron Imhoff**
 Wife: Barbara
 Occupation: Real Estate Broker
 Interests: Bridge, Fishing, Backgammon, RV's & Gin Rummy
 Welcome back!

Please plan on bringing a friend to the next SIR meeting!

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 for a contact procedure.

New Members	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			
Reinstated Members	Dennis McNamara	Michael Lim	Ron Imhoff	

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **February** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, February 8**. Send your information by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Future Programs:** 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.
- **Seeking Input For Our Branch Calendar:** Please take a look at our Branch 110 calendar on our website to check input for your activities and activities in which you are interested. We are steadily adding information, including Chico State Basketball home games, and are considering additional activities to post. Check the accuracy of what is posted - we can quickly update items. Please contact **Rich Utter** with any additions, corrections or questions.
- **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 January Birthday, please join us at the January 22nd luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!****

Don	Alger	Jan	7	Howard	Hamman	Jan	23	Ken	Shannon	Jan	21
Wayne	Brown	Jan	7	Craig	Lindquist	Jan	13	Don	Sturt	Jan	20
Bruce	Crowson	Jan	4	Keith	Martinson	Jan	5	Jim	Williams	Jan	8
Vic	Fisher	Jan	20	Jim	Renlund	Jan	25				

****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.**

