Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110 No February Meeting!! 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA–No Luncheon –No Executive Committee Meeting

No luncheons or speakers are planned for the near future.

No February Big Sir Message was received. SIR Branch 110 Activities

There were of course no official SIR activities due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions. <u>The State Leadership has reminded all branches that when its activities resume it, is critical that</u> <u>activities obtain BEC approval and have it entered into the minutes for insurance coverage.</u>

Piscatology: The fishing group is waiting until all of us have been vaccinated with both shots, before we attempt to meet as a group. We have, however, selected fishing dates for the next year. Fishermen should reserve these dates on their calendar. If we are allowed through SIRS to participate in fishing activities, we can make reservations for cabins/camping. The starting dates for the three-day trips are: April 27, Davis Lake; May 25, Lake Almanor; June 29, Antelope Lake; August 24, Bucks Lake; September 28, Lake Almanor; October 26, Davis Lake.

Travel: Most tours have been canceled but there are or were a couple available.

- May 2-10, 2021, Columbia River Cruise aboard the American Empress
- July 11-19, 2021, Canadian Rockies by Train

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

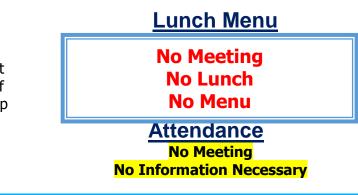
There still has been no indication of the details of the selection/election of 2021 officers and directors so the 2020 members have just been listed again.

2020 Officers & Directors

Big Sir – Steve LairdLittle SSecretary – Bob DingerAsst. SDB Mgr. – Rocky RockwellTreasuAsst. Treas. – Ted RaleighAsst. TrAttendance Sec. – Don CurtisDirectorDirector – Jim AmisDirectorDirector – Ken TietzDirectorDirector – Jose LopezDirector

Little Sir –Norm, Stump Asst. Sec. – Richard Matt Treasurer – Ed Matzdorff Asst.Treas – Norm Stump

Director – Dave Jones Director – Mike Nicholas Director – Ken Edson



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

Webmaster: Ron Braziel



Check out our Webmaster's humor on the Branch 110 website



February 2021 Rooster's Tale Chaplain's Corner: Health, Wisdom and Memorials

There has been an endeavor to include more information about Branch 110 members who have health issues or have passed away. It is often found that information of this sort is not known to those who would be responsible for informing the membership at large. Therefore, **everyone's assistance is requested**. If you know of a member who has or has had health issues or has recently died, please inform either Tom Shifflet or Don Alger. It is important to not miss acknowledging our fellow members.

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Chaplain's Message:

In the midst of these troublesome days, brought on by the coronavirus and subsequent social distancing, you may be a SIR (Bidwell Branch 110) with an unmet need. If so, feel free to email **TomShifflet@aol.com.** Likewise, if you are a SIR 110 member that is willing to volunteer some time and energy towards helping a fellow SIR with a specific need, please contact me, **TomShifflet@aol.com.** I will try to match SIRs with needs and SIRs who are willing to help. We can get through this pandemic together.



February 15, 1971: "Presidents' Day" was celebrated as a legal holiday nationwide in the U.S. for the first time, as new Federal legislation took effect moving the George Washington's birthday holiday from February 22 to the third Monday in February. It was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. The Federal holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day in that it comes between the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln (born February 12, 1809). Presidents' Day is now popularly

viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. Presidents, past and present.





GROUNDHOG DAY

As early as 1886, German immigrants here observed Groundhog Day and established the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club in 1899. According to folklore, if the hibernating groundhog-known as Punxsutawney Philleaves its burrow on February 2 and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. The legend is based on a European custom predicting the length of winter by weather conditions on Candlemas, an ancient Christian festival. PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION



The groundhog, also known as a **woodchuck**, is a rodent belonging to the group of large ground squirrels known as marmots. The aroundhog is a lowland creature of North America; it is found through much of the eastern United States, across Canada and into Alaska. It was first scientifically described in 1758.



There are currently 172 active members.

Even though we are not meeting face-to-face, SIR membership is still open to accepting new applications. Membership brochures and applications are normally available at the membership table but now you can contact Don Levensaler at 891-1045 or dlev29@comcast.net to get

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one via the postal service. The completed application can be returned by USPS or email.

Announcements

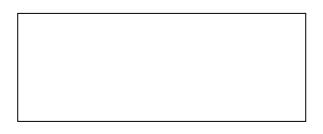
- Editor's Note: The deadline for the March Rooster's Tale is Thursday, March 4. Send your articles by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone him at: (530) 894-2452.
- State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings") The latest edition is available for review at https://sirinc.org/newsletters/
- **Future Programs:** Whenever we can have another normal luncheon meeting, we will have another interesting program. As always, your ideas are welcome.
- Annual Basket Collection (ABC): There has still been no indication of details regarding either the amount of the 2021 ABC fee, the status of those who did not pay the 2020 fee or the collection process.

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If you have a February Birthday, we are sorry we will not be able to celebrate with you. Here's hoping you had or will have a great day.

Mike Lim	Feb	2	Phil Morgan	Feb	13	Ed Thomas	Feb	20
Jack Knowlton	Feb	2	Noel Lyons	Feb	13	Dick Wright	Feb	24
Bill McDermott	Feb	3	Craig Fellner	Feb	16	John Janinis	Feb	24
Don Cummings	Feb	5	Ray Wilson	Feb	16	Michael Fromer	Feb	24
Jim Amis	Feb	7	Bob Thomas	Feb	17	Alan Stephenson	Feb	24
Dan Solomon	Feb	9	Joe Velasquez	Feb	18	Matt Cabral	Feb	24
Ralph Dacy	Feb	12	Bruce Heidemeyer	Feb	19	Keith Johnson	Feb	28

It was possible to get a free lunch card without being a Birthday Boy. There was a free lunch winner at every meeting from a name badge drawing. Also <u>both</u> the sponsor and his guest received a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.