

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

**Meeting February 23, 2026 1705 Manzanita Ave., Chico, CA**  
**Luncheon at 11:30 am–Executive Committee at 9:30 am**

**Program:** The February Program will be presented by one of our own: Mike O'Malley. Mike has coached soccer at the collegiate and professional level. He has also worked in marketing and sales as well as acted as a color commentator in broadcasting. Mike has rare experience coaching and motivating both collegiate and professional athletes. Come to the February lunch to hear Mike talk about his experiences and insights at motivating and guiding athletes for peak team performance.

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

Lunch Menu	Lunch Attendance Communication
<b>Teriyaki Beef Broccoli and Asparagus</b> , with rice, and bread. Dessert will be a surprise.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the <b>February 23<sup>th</sup></b> luncheon. <b><u>Please respond to the survey</u></b> , but if you could not do the survey, and <b><u>if you WILL attend</u></b> , contact Rocky Rockwell at 530-961-3418 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022. <b>by 6:01 pm on Wednesday, February 18.</b>



**Big Sir Message:** Dear Bidwell Branch members,  
“The Mission of SIR is to enhance the lives of our members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life.” I’d like to keep those words in mind this year in my time as Big Sir. Bidwell Branch welcomes your participation to strengthen our program and enrich our members’ lives by providing physical, mental, and social opportunities.

*Jose.*

**Please check out our website for regular updates.**

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

Webmaster: Ron Braziel

## 2026 Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

**This Committee is still subject to change.**

<b>Big Sir: Jose Lopez</b>		<b>Little Sir: Al Romero</b>	
<b>Secretary: Bob Dinger</b>	<b>Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush</b>	<b>Database Mgr: Rocky Rockwell</b>	
<b>Treasurer: Rich Utter</b>	<b>Asst. Treas.: Charles Staser</b>	<b>Parliamentarian: Ken Edson</b>	
<b>Director: Joe Navarro</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	<b>Director: Mike Nicholas</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	<b>Director: Jan Loring</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	
<b>Director: Mike Gross</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	<b>Director: Dave Jones</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	<b>Director: Dana Davis</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	

## 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 Rich Utter. Let's not miss acknowledging our fellow members.

► The Annual Basket Collection (ABC) is being collected at monthly meetings. This collection generates the funds needed to pay our insurance and other expenses. If you will not be at the February meeting, and need to pay the ABC, please send a check made out to SIR Branch 110 to Sam Smith, 25 Abbott Circle, Chico, CA 95973 ◀

## 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>Bowling</b>		Bowling continues at Bowlero Bowl in Chico – Tuesday nights at 6pm on the Esplanade. It is a drop-in league so you can form a group or join other groups needing a bowler or 2. You are not committed to be there every week. Men and women are involved. Join the fun no matter your skill level. Great fellowship. <b>Please contact Randy Benson or Jan Loring with any questions</b>
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<b>Bridge</b>		The Bridge players played one bridge session in January. They meet on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. <b>Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for more information</b>
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<b>Pinochle</b>		The winners for the first pinochle game of 2026 are: Charlie Clayton - 1st; Cindy Heffren – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Jenni Boles - 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Our next date for cards and lunch is Wednesday, February 25 <sup>th</sup> , BCCC, 11:00 am. Come join us. Come join the fun group. <b>Call Joe Navarro at 530-343-0832 with questions</b>
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<p><b>Piscatology</b></p>	<p>On January 14<sup>th</sup> five of us traveled to Lake Siskiyou near Mt. Shasta. Some nice trout were caught. Our fishing group met Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup> at Cozy Diner. In the early monthly meetings of the year we are discussing and working on a schedule for this year's fishing</p>
<p>events. The SIR 110 fishing group meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month at Cozy Diner at 7:00 am. Any SIR member who is interested in our group, is welcome to attend our breakfast meetings. <b>Contact Dana Davis at 530-570-1687 if you want to know more about the group</b></p>	

<p><b>Hiking</b></p>		<p>February's hike is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 10am at the Park and Ride lot closest to highway 99 and we'll proceed to Riverbend Park in Oroville for a walk along the Feather River. We'll stop at Boss Burger for lunch (optional). Wear layers, bring water and sun protection and snacks if desired. Have emergency contact and insurance information in your pack. For March, we're looking at March 17 for a hike. Save the date. <b>For additional information, please contact Rich Utter, Randy Benson or Jim Hertl</b></p>
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<p><b>Pickleball</b></p>		<p>Pickleball activity will pick up as the weather warms up. Watch for emails and this newsletter for the latest information. <b>For additional information, please contact Jay Hanson at jbirdhanson1@gmail.com</b></p>
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<p><b>Wood Working</b></p>		<p>Wood workers are ready to help you with your projects. 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. The group meets every Thursday at 10am at Bill Gebhardt's; call ahead to Craig or Bill.</p>
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<p><b>History</b></p>		<p>The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Museum Weekend presented by Explore Butte County is February 28 and March 1, 2026. Free admission! Check out the Explore Butte County website for the 15 museums and galleries participating.</p>
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<p><b>Book Exchange</b></p>		<p><b>SIR BOOK EXCHANGE AT THE FEBRUARY 23 MEETING</b>                  Please bring books to the February 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. This last month, jigsaw puzzles were added to the mix.</p>
<p>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.  <b>Please contact Rich Utter or Randy Benson with any questions</b></p>		

<p><b>ABV 110</b></p>		<p>We are currently working on events for the coming spring. Please contact Jim Braziel for information.</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. The next two tournaments are February 16 at Bidwell and March 16 at Canyon Oaks. Call <b>Darrell Hands</b>, the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.</p>
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MEMBERSHIP	<p><b>There are now <u>130</u> members including <u>8</u> on Attendance Relief.</b>                  Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call <b><u>Sam Smith</u></b> at 530-720-1041 to get one via the postal service.</p>
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<b>New Member in January</b>	<b>Guests in January</b>
<p><b>NONE, YET</b></p>	<p><b>Steve O'Brien</b> – guest of Charles Staser  <b>Don Breedon</b> – guest of Ken Edson  <b>Jim Marier</b> – guest of A. J. Haggard</p>

## Announcements

**Little SIR Message:** I am very pleased to serve the good people of SIRs. Looking forward to getting to know each of you this year. It would be very helpful for anyone interested to join one of the empty committee spots either as lead or assistant. Feel free to see me if you are interested in any of the vacant positions. Praying this is a very good year for all of us SIRs. - Pastor Al Romero

**Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **March** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**. Send your information by email to Rich Utter.

**Future Programs:** **March 23**, there will be a continuation of stories about John Bidwell. For **April 27<sup>th</sup>**, Information on Grand Jury operations will be presented. For **May 18<sup>th</sup>**, a U2 pilot's experiences will be related.

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

**Ladies Day Lunch:** **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, 1:30 pm, at Beatniks.



Richard Utter, Editor



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

If you have a February birthday, please join us at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> luncheon and see what you might win.

Jack Knowlton	Feb	2	Charles Wilson	Feb	16	Dennis Wolfe	Feb	21
Michael Lim	Feb	5	Joe Velasquez	Feb	18	John Janinis	Feb	24
Daniel Solomon	Feb	9	Bruce Heidemeyer	Feb	19			

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!**