

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting March 25, 2024 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

Program: Our Program for February will be about the Collier Hardware business and the historic building in downtown Chico. Collier Hardware is not only a downtown hardware store, it is a piece of Chico history. Our speaker will be **Kathleen Gabriel**. Kathleen was born and raised in Chico. After teaching high school and then earning a doctorate degree in education at Kansas University she returned to Chico as Associate Professor at CSU, Chico where she retired as Professor Emeritus. She always held a passion for history, especially local history and has written *Chico History: 1905-1971 featuring the Bartlett Drug Co.* Kathleen is currently the President of the Chico Heritage Association.



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

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
<p>Corned Beef, cabbage, red potatoes, bread, and a side of whole grain mustard Lemon Bars for dessert</p>	<p>It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the March 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 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 by Thursday, March 21.</p>



Big Sir Message: BASEBALL... March always reminds me of baseball. Clouds are high in the sky, the air is fresh with a light breeze, and the weather warms up. The baseball fields are filled with activity ready for the long season. I think most all of us feel better in the spring after the long rainy cold winter. The beautiful area we live in comes alive for another long year. The wildflowers come back, the foothills are green and alive, and my favorite, everyone's landscaping wakes up and life feels a little more enjoyable.

I hope you all enjoyed the February program brought to us by Craig Kielb who has done a fantastic job expanding the Automotive Technology Department at Butte College. He is the kind of teacher that we all would have benefited from. It was interesting that he offered to do all the work for all the various area High Schools to expand their Auto hands-on program, and in the end, the Administrators passed on it. It apparently didn't fit their thoughts on what direction they wanted to take that part of the curriculum. There is a huge number of students that will never go to college, my feeling is this is just what some of those students need. It's sad that in years past Chico High had a wonderful stained-glass class, wood shop and welding programs. PV had the same with auto shop. Almost all are gone. I remember the olden day's walking through the Silver Dollar fair

there was hundreds of fantastic projects built by all the talented students displayed. My daughter's boyfriend made a beautiful canoe. It was all hand made with two colors of laminated hardwood... fantastic. All gone! Now a few truck bumpers and BBQ's. *Dave*

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

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

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2024 Officers and Directors

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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.

We don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us.
Marcel Proust


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.


Bridge		The bridge group met weekly on Thursday afternoons during February, and Bob Dinger was a winner at one of the sessions. 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>
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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.
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Pickle Ball		There is a newly formed pickle ball group. Contact Jay Hansen , if you are interested in joining
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Hiking		<p>Our March 12 walk is along the Oroville Dam crest. The views are spectacular along the crest. We'll stop at the far end of the crest to look around at the spillway and monuments. Then return along the crest, and for those interested meet at Tong Fong Low in Oroville for lunch.</p>
<p>PLACE: We'll meet at 9:30 am at the Park and Ride lot closest to Highway 99 off Highway 32. We'll carpool to Oroville Dam.</p>		
<p>DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 TIME 9:30 am</p>		
<p>WEAR: Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots</p>		
<p>LOGISTICS: Bring water. Bring a snack, if desired. Suggest bringing sunscreen, eye protection, lip balm, walking poles or staff if desired, a personal first aid kit, and a hat. Binoculars could come in handy to watch birds and view the valley if a clear day. Include in your pack the name of an emergency contact, contact information and medical insurance information. Bring money for lunch at Tong Fong Low in Oroville after the walk (optional).</p>		
<p>COMMENTS: This hike is along level pavement with occasional tripping hazards on the path and at the far end of the crest. Be alert to occasional tripping and fall hazards. We need to be aware of other path users that may include joggers and cyclists as well as vehicles on the adjoining road.</p>		
<p>For additional information please contact Rich Utter or Jim Hertl.</p>		


History		<p>The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, at 10 am. The format will be exploring topics related to Chico's historic buildings, institutions, businesses and people. Besides discussions on current</p>
<p>projects, there will be a presentation on the chronology/history of Chico's post offices since 1851.</p>		
<p>Please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452) if you would be interested in participating or would like more information.</p>		

ABV 110		<p>A wine tasting is scheduled for Thursday March 28 at 2 pm. It will be held at Jim and Carol Braziel's home (or barn). The wine is currently described as a "Mystery Wine". The cost of the tasting has not yet been determined and is also a mystery.</p>
<p>To be added to the ABV email list, contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).</p>		

Pinochle		<p>Pinochle Report: The winners of February's pinochle game are: Lyn Smith - 1st; Cindy Heffren - 2nd; Sam Smith - 3rd. Next lunch and game day is Wednesday, March 27, BCCC, 11 am. Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</p>
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Piscatology		<p>Already the weather has changed our schedule of "Fishing dates." The Collins Lake trip has been postponed for a month. The dates are now April 2 - 4 (T/W/Th) at Collins Lake.</p>
<p>We will eliminate Antelope Lake for this year. We look forward to seeing all interested fishermen at our next breakfast meeting. Our next meeting will be at 7:30 am on Thursday, March 14, at Cozy Diner. Call Bill Colvin 530-521-7269 or Bob Weckerle 530-864-6698.</p>		


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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 Thursday, February 22, a 4-man Scramble tournament was played.

1 st Place Net = 59.6	2 nd Place Net = 61.3	3 rd Place Net = 62.7
EBER, JEFF	BROWN, GREG	BRUGGMAN, DENNIS
BROSSOIT, PAUL	PARSONS, DICK	HULL, MICHAEL
HYDER, MARK	SOLOMON, DAN	QUINTO, RAY
PERTUIT, GLEN	GLAZINER, KYLE	VAN PATTEN, ALEX


CLOSEST TO PIN 2: HULL, MICHAEL - 14' 5"; BONDON, JIM - 25' 0" **PIN 4:** BROWNING, BOB - 3' 7" CAGNO, JIM - 8' 2" **PIN 7:** QUINTO, RAY - 8' 11"; HULL, MICHAEL - 13' 0" **PIN 12:** GLAZINER, KYLE - 7' 8"; WEIDERT, JIM - 21' 3" **PIN 16:** NUSSBAUM, RICHARD - 13' 7"; SHOOK, DOUG - 19' 2"

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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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. Contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452) for more information on the following events.
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Chico History Museum Events

March 23: Chico's M & T Ranch - From Its Beginning to Today

Butte County Historical Society Events

April 6: Bidwell Park with Paul Betz

April 20: History of Oroville's Southside Community

Travel		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Best of Spain and Portugal April 27 – May 12, 2024 2. Princess 11 Night Inside Passage Cruise from San Francisco to Alaska May 26 – June 6, 2024
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Venice & Croatian Islands Cruise September 30 – October 12, 2024 4. Fall Mexican Riviera Getaway October 15 – 26, 2024 5. SIR Grand Circle River Trip: Prague to Budapest November 6-20, 2024 6. Panama Canal Cruise San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale. Jan. 20 – Feb. 5, 2025 <p>For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</p>		



There are now 129 members including 8 on Attendance Relief.

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 by April 1. It will be \$24.00 for the year and it will be collected at the membership table in March. If you will not be at the March 25th meeting, and have not paid a check made out to SIR Branch 110 can be mailed to Don Levensaler, 2354 Burlingame Drive, Chico, CA 95928, by April 1.

New Members in February



Name: **Ralph Skytte**
 Wife: Alana
 Occupation: Locksmith
 Interests: Biking, Bowling, Hikers, Veterans
 Sponsored by: Jan Loring



Name: **John Schaller (Chris)** Wife: Diane
 Occupation: Attorney
 Interests: Bowling, Coins, Hikers, Travel, Genealogy, History
 Sponsored by: Dave Jones

Guests in February

Ed Pozas-guest of Ron Imhoff
Dan Bequette-guest of Bill Colvin

Dana Davis-guest of Vern Hartman

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **April** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, April 4**. Send your information by email at dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at 530- 894-2452.
- **Future Programs:** The **April 22nd** program will be some interesting stories about world travel adventures. The **June 24th** program will be on some of Chico's homeless issues.
- **Ladies Day Luncheon - to honor the ladies in our lives:** Please save **Wednesday, May 8**, at 11:30 am at Chico Elks Lodge, Manzanita Place
 Live entertainment by Robert Karch, local singer and guitarist
 Cost is \$25 per person. We'll be selling tickets at the March SIR meeting.
 We are seeking raffle prizes – we'd appreciate your donations
 For more information, please contact **Randy Benson or Rich Utter**.
- **State SIR Bulletin: (Sir Happenings)** is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>
- **Harddaddy Men's Gongfu Rooster Button Down Summer Casual Shirt:**
 Several members have asked about the shirts, that Randy Benson, Dave Jones, and Don Sturt have been wearing. They are available on Amazon for \$23.99 in various colors and sizes.



RANDOM THOUGHTS

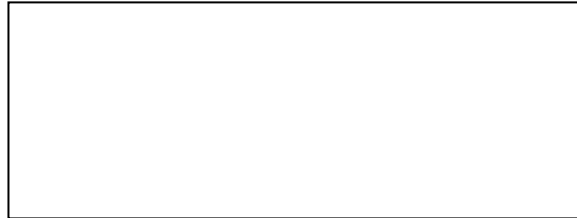
**Growing old should have taken longer.
 Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
 My people skills are fine. It's my tolerance for idiots that needs work.**



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have a March Birthday, please join us at the March 25th luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!****

Rocky	Rockwell	Mar	1	Gary	White	Mar	17	Vern	Hartman	Mar	25
Norman	Atkin	Mar	7	Larry	Hildenbrand	Mar	20	Les	Julian	Mar	26
Craig	Potter	Mar	12	Scott	Donahoo	Mar	23	Bob	Weckerle	Mar	26

****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!

Happy St Patrick's Day!