

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement – Branch 110*

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

**Program:** The March Program will be presented by Amber Drake. As a tour guide and supervisor at Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park for 13 years, Amber shared her love of the John Bidwell story with tens of thousands of visitors. Although she no longer works for the park, she still enjoys telling people the amazing true story of John Bidwell's life and prominent role in California History. Recently, Amber has become passionate about spreading the truth about John Bidwell while debunking rumors and false innuendo.

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

Lunch Menu	Lunch Attendance Communication
Corned Beef and Cabbage, red potatoes, and bread. Dessert will be a surprise.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the monthly luncheon. <b>Please respond to the survey</b> , but if you could not do the survey, and if you WILL attend, contact Rocky Rockwell at 530-961-3418 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022. <b>by 6:01 pm on Wednesday, March 18</b>



**Big Sir Message:** Good day, fellow SIRs. As March rolls along the days are getting longer and warmer. With the change of weather folks are more active. Let's pace ourselves and listen to our bodies. Keep hydrated when outside doing things we enjoy. Try not to do everything at once. There is plenty of time, and we have the time now to enjoy life. Hope to see you all at our next meeting. *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)

<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: Scott Brogden</b>	<b>Asst. Treas.: Charles Staser</b>	<b>Parliamentarian: Ken Edson</b>	
<b>Director: Joe Navarro (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Mike Nicholas (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Jan Loring (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	
<b>Director: Mike Gross (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Dave Jones (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Dana Davis (1<sup>st</sup> term)</b>	

### 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 March 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 four bridge sessions in February. Bob Dinger was the winner twice. 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 our February game are: Joe Navarro - 1st; Barbara Fradilla – 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Our next date for cards and lunch is Wednesday, March 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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## Piscatology



After a change in plans due to a threat of a rainout, accommodation reservations at Collins Lake were canceled and the fishing group could go to any of the three scheduled days on our own. Wednesday Larry Kreider fished with Dana Davis for a damp day on the lake. Larry brought in a line-stripping 23" rainbow weighing 5 lbs even. Dana caught a couple of rainbows in the 15-16" range. Thursday was a beautiful day on the lake. Larry Kreider fished with Jim Barger and Larry caught a 20" rainbow and together they boated a few others. Vern Hartman fished with a non member friend and they boated a couple of trout and some bass. Vern caught a heavy-bodied 18" lightning rainbow. Mike O'Malley fished with Dana and Mike caught a couple of nice rainbows and Dana caught his limit with one being a 17" lightning rainbow. It was a good couple of days on the lake.

The SIR 110 fishing group meets monthly on the second Thursday at 7am at Cozy Diner. Any SIR member who is interested in our group is welcome to attend our breakfast meetings. **Contact Dana Davis at 530-570-1687 if you want to know more about the group**

## Hiking



Our next hike is March 17 in Upper Bidwell Park. We'll meet at the Chico Canyon Trailhead and depart at 9am. We'll walk along the Annie Bidwell Trail to the vicinity of Bear Hole and return. We'll stop for drinks and snacks after if people are interested. Wear layers, bring water and sun protection and snacks if desired. Have emergency contact and insurance information in your pack.

**NOTICE:** An email list is maintained for hiking announcements. Please contact one of the people listed to have your name added to the list. For additional information, please contact Rich Utter, Randy Benson or Jim Hertl

## Pickleball



Pickleball activity will pick up as the weather warms up. Watch for emails and this newsletter for the latest information. **For additional information, please contact Jay Hanson at [jbirdhanson1@gmail.com](mailto:jbirdhanson1@gmail.com)**

## Wood Working



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><b>Book Exchange</b></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. Please contact Rich Utter or Randy Benson with any questions</p>
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<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 March 16 at Canyon Oaks and March 30 at Rolling Hills. Thank you to all who sign up early. Call <b>Darrell Hands</b>, Golf Chair, at 530-966-1303 for information.</p>
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<p><b>MEMBERSHIP</b></p>	<p><b>There are now 125 members.</b> Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call Sam Smith at 530-720-1041 to get one via the postal service.</p>
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Roster Updates:

Since the preparation and printing of the 2026 Roster, some changes have occurred. The "Roster Updates" will help keep members informed of current membership.

If you need to communicate with a new member, contact: Rocky Rockwell (530-961-3418)

New members not in the 2026 Roster: Frank Condon

<p><b>New Member in February</b></p>	<p><b>Guests in February</b></p>		
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## **Announcements**

**Little SIR Message:** Happy March to everyone at SIRS. Once again I just want to thank you for the opportunity to serve all of our brothers. Just want to recap that most of the open positions that we had have been filled. Thank you volunteers for your service. Looking forward to the next year and any way that I can serve you as Little Sir and as Chaplain. I will tell you upfront, please feel free to contact me if any of you have any prayer requests or in need of any type of Pastor assistance. God bless each one of you - Pastor Al Romero

**Editor's Note:** The deadline for the April Rooster's Tale is Thursday, April 9th. Send your information by email to Rich Utter

**Future Programs:** For April 27th, information on Grand Jury operations will be presented. For May 18th, a U2 pilot's experiences will be related. For June 22nd, author Douglas Keister will talk about cemetery art

**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. Music performed by Robert Karch. Lunch will be a buffet, \$25 a person. Drinks will be available for purchase. Sign-up at the March SIR meeting. For additional information, please contact Randy Benson or Rich Utter



Richard Utter, Editor



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

Rocky Rockwell	Mar	1	Larry Hildenbrand	Mar	20	Vernon Harman	Mar	25
Norman Atkin	Mar	7	James Bondan	Mar	23	Bob Weckerle	Mar	26
Gary White	Mar	17	Scott Donahoo	Mar	23			

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!**