

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

Meeting April 24, 2023 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

**Program:** The April program will be our delayed veteran's recognition program with a message of the importance of military service and gratitude for the sacrifices that have been made for our freedom.

The speaker will be **Gary Bright** who served 11 years in the United States Marine Corps. He served 5 years as an enlisted man and the last 6 years as an officer and helicopter pilot including one year in Vietnam.



**Lunch:** The food will still be served as it has been recently. There will be an option of ordering just a salad **when you respond to the survey**. The cost will still be \$17.

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Beef Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and Carrots, Bread and Butter Dessert will be a surprise.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the <b>April</b> luncheon. <b>Please respond to the survey</b> , but if you could not do the survey, and <b>if you WILL attend</b> , contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 <b>by Thursday, April 20</b> .



**Big Sir Message:** At the moment I'm out of town visiting dear old mom and house sitting my sister's place and her two dogs. The doggies remember me from previous visits so are happy to see me. By the time she returns I figure on spoiling the dogs and she'll wonder what the heck happened. I lie on the floor with them and pet and scratch them so we're homies. I'm the fun human while she's the work human. I give them a lick of peanut butter to entice them to go in their kennel. I know my sister just tells them to go. So the tie-in to SIR is we're enticing you to come to the monthly luncheons with some outstanding programs. We're not going to tell you to come, you decide to come to enjoy some fellowship, listen to an interesting program, and relax for an hour. No peanut butter but there will be a dessert. You should have received an email about the Ladies' Luncheon on May 3. Please look at the email you received and look elsewhere in this Rooster's Tale issue for more information. See you on the 24th. *Rich*

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

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

## 2023 Branch 110 Executive Committee

<b>Big Sir: Rich Utter</b>		<b>Little Sir: Dave Jones</b>	
<b>Secretary: Bob Dinger</b>	<b>Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush</b>	<b>Data Base Mgr: Rocky Rockwell</b>	
<b>Treasurer: Charles Staser</b>	<b>Asst. Treas. : Jose Lopez</b>		
<b>Director: Don Alger (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Jim Braziel (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Ken Edson (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	
<b>Director: Ron Braziel (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Bill Colvin (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Randy Benson (1<sup>st</sup> term)</b>	

[A list of committees is available on the Branch website.](#)

### 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 contact Don Alger. Let's not miss acknowledging our fellow members.

**Everything's already been said, but since nobody was listening, we have to start again.**

### 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>Bridge</b>		Ed Matzdorff and Bob Dinger were Branch 110 winners in March. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. Call Ed Mazdorff at 342-3649 for information.
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<b>Wood Working</b>		The shop is open every Thursday from 10 am til 2 pm. Call Craig Lindquist at 530-898- 8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.
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<b>ABV 110</b>		As has been previously indicated, the title of this activity has been changed from VINO 110 to ABV 110 (Alcohol By Volume) in order to justify the expansion of the activity to include visits to distilleries and breweries. It has become necessary to change the previously announced date for a visit to the Golden Beaver Distillery, free tasting and touring event.
It was originally scheduled for Thursday, April 27, but has been changed to <b>Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 2 pm</b> . The location for the event is the distillery's facility at 13464 Brown Valley Drive (near the airport). Contact Don Alger for more information.		

<b>Golf</b>		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 <b>Darrell Hands</b> , the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.
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Recent tournaments have been cancelled due to bad weather.

<p><b>Piscatology</b></p>		<p>The trip planned for March 28 to Bullards Bar Lake was cancelled because of expected bad weather. There is discussion that the trip might occur in April.</p>
<p>For anyone interested in fishing with us, join us at Cozy Diner, the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 am. <u>Call Bill Colvin 530-521-7269 for more information.</u></p>		

<p><b>Bowling</b></p>		<p><b>Men's Drop-in League:</b> Play is on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. It is held at the Chico Bowl from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. There are 3 games for \$14. Come join other men from both SIR groups. <u>For any questions, you can text Randy Benson at 530-513-9815.</u></p>
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<p><b>Hiking</b></p>		<p>May 9: <b>WALK ALONG OROVILLE'S FEATHER RIVER PARKWAY</b> Our May walk is the outing we had originally scheduled for March. We're looking forward to better weather on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> than in March and the opportunity to enjoy this walk.</p>
<p><b>PLACE:</b> Riverside Park, Oroville (meet at Chico Park and Ride lot off Highway 99 - the lot closest to 99) and proceed to Riverbend Park in Oroville. Lunch after at Tong Fong Low, Oroville (optional).  <b>DATE:</b> Tuesday, May 9, 2023 <b>TIME:</b> 9:15 am  <b>WEAR:</b> Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots  <b>LOGISTICS:</b> At Riverbend Park, we'll meet at the trailhead just past the restrooms. Restrooms along the route are in the parking area at Riverbend Park plus restrooms are close to part of the route as we walk near downtown. Bring water. Bring a snack, if desired. Suggest bringing sunscreen, lip balm, walking poles or staff if desired, a personal first aid kit and rain gear. This is a bird area so binoculars could come in handy. Include in your pack the name of an emergency contact and contact information and medical insurance information. Bring money for lunch afterward.  <b>COMMENTS:</b> This hike is generally on even terrain with minor elevation changes. Surfaces may be uneven so be alert to tripping and fall hazards. Much of the route is paved and we need to be aware of other trail users that may include joggers and cyclists. A small portion of the route is on grassy, uneven terrain and another portion may involve walking over rocks.  <u>For additional information please contact Rich Utter or Jim Hertl.</u></p>		

<p><b>Pinochle</b></p>		<p>Pinochle report for March. The high scorers are: Sam Smith - 1st; Maggie Navarro - 2nd; Patsy Stile - 3rd. Our next date for lunch and cards at BCCC is April 26th at 11:00 am. Come join us. <u>Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</u></p>
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<p><b>Out to Lunch</b></p>		<p>It appears that this activity will have to be discontinued due to a lack of interest in someone assuming leadership responsibility.</p>
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## Ladies Day Lunch

SIR Bidwell Branch 110 Ladies Day Luncheon - to honor the ladies in our lives.  
 Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 11:30 am at Chico Elks Lodge, Manzanita Place.

Menu: Chicken served with sides, dessert, coffee and tea.

Cost is \$24 per person. Make checks payable to "SIR Branch 110".

Contact Big Sir Rich Utter (925-922-7020) or Randy Benson (530-513- 9815)  
 to sign up **in advance** and arrange payment.

**Note: Tickets will not be available at the door.**

# SIR 110 Information Resources

**History** and **Travel** do not currently function as traditional **activities** but do provide information about opportunities for participation in history and travel events. Therefore, it was decided to create a separate category for these two SIR interests.

<b>History</b>		There are no official SIR History Club activities planned. Please forward any ideas for potential group history activities. There will be an endeavor to keep interested folks informed about upcoming history related activities. Please contact Don Alger at <a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> for more information on the following events.
<b><u>Chico History Museum Presentations</u></b>		
April 29	CHICO MONEY by Randy Taylor	
May 06	A CHICO WALK-AND-TALK by Dave Nopel	

<b>Travel</b>		There are some tours scheduled for 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Salmon Fishing in Ketchikan, Alaska, during the last two weeks in June 2023.</b> Contact Heber Slusser at <a href="mailto:Branch62sir@gmail.com">Branch62sir@gmail.com</a></li> <li>• <b>Autumn Colors Trip to East Coast - October 13-22, 2023.</b></li> </ul> For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.
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**50 Years Ago** **April 3, 1973:** The first handheld **cellular phone** call was made in New York City by Motorola employee Martin Cooper to the Bell Labs headquarters in New Jersey. It occurred at a press conference held by the Motorola Company to unveil its new “radio-telephone” and to announce its commitment to spend up to five million dollars to install transmission towers throughout the city. Cooper's call was made possible by the installation of temporary towers on two buildings on Fifth Avenue.

## Tool Time

	<p><b><u>SKIL SAW:</u></b> A portable cutting tool used to make boards too short.</p>
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	<p><b><u>CORDLESS DRILL:</u></b> What a man gets for Father's Day when his wife is not sure of the concept.</p>
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	<p><b><u>VICE GRIPS:</u></b> Generally used to completely round off bolt heads.</p>
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# MEMBERSHIP

**There are currently 115 active members.**

Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call Don Levensaler at **891-1045** to get one via the postal service.

## New Members in March



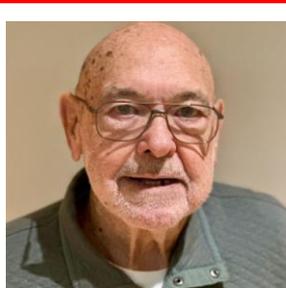
Name: **Gary Wolf**  
 Wife: Tammy  
 Occupation: US Postal Service  
 Interests: Bowling, Coins, Dancing, Hiking, Poker, Travel, Veterans  
 Sponsored by: Jose Lopez



Name: **Lou Mione**  
 Wife: Cathy  
 Occupation: Trucking – Roadway  
 Interests: Woodworking, Wine Tasting  
 Sponsored by: Jim Braziel



Name: **Steve Kodad**  
 Wife: Jannelle  
 Occupation: Culligan Water – Owner  
 Interests: Antique Cars, Biking, Hiking, Pinochle, Poker  
 Sponsored by: Randy Benson



Name: **Clay Dalrymple**  
 Occupation: Pro Baseball Player – Phillies & Orioles  
 Interests: Antique Cars, Bocce, Horseshoes, Wine Tasting  
 Sponsored by: Jim Braziel

## Guests in March

**Steve Hall** - guest of Dave Rush  
**Alex Lorenz** - guest of Jim Johnson

**Jerry Smith** - guest of Bill Colvin  
**Ken Carlsen & Matt Jackson** - guests of Jim Braziel

## Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2023 Roster, some changes have occurred. The Roster Updates will keep the members informed of **current membership**. For privacy reasons, typical Roster information on new members will not be published in the Rooster's Tale. If you need to communicate with a new member, contact Don Alger at 530-894-2452 or [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) for a contact procedure.

<b>Recent Drops</b>	Bill McNelley			
<b>New Members</b>	Gary Wolf	Steve Kodad	Lou Mione	Clay Dalrymple
<b>Reinstated Members</b>	Dennis McNamars	Michael Lim		

## Announcements

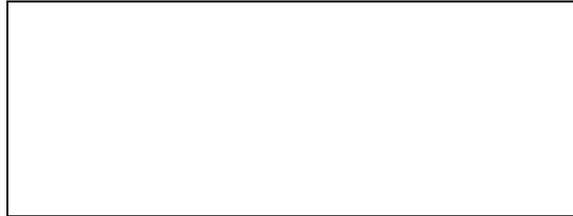
- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **May** issue is **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Send your information by email: [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Future Programs:** The program for **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** will be an interesting presentation by Kory Honea, the Butte County Sheriff.
- **Christmas Party:** **Craig Lindquist** will again chair the planning for this event. It is currently scheduled for **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please save the date.
- **Rosters for 2023:** You can pick up your 2023 Roster at the April Luncheon meeting if you have not done so. Thanks to **Rocky Rockwell** for all his work on this project.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>



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If you have a April Birthday, join us at the April 24<sup>th</sup> luncheon and find out what you might win. **It could be a free lunch! \***

Bob	Ediger	Apr	2	Steve	Emmons	Apr	26	Greg	Robertson	Apr	26
Mike	Wacke	Apr	7								

**\*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.**

**A true friend accepts who you are, but also helps you become who you should be.**