

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting April 22, 2024 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

Program: Our Program for **April** is entitled "World Adventures". It will be about the world wide travels and experiences for business, hunting, fishing and swimming. Our speaker will be **Jeff Lugosi**. Jeff worked for CBRE the largest world real estate dealer as a consultant to the high-end resorts all around the world. It will be interesting to hear how the different governments and billionaires around the world hired him to tell them what kind of resort and hotel they should build and what amenities they should have. He was only one of three with all the certifications to do this sort of work. Jeff has been to Asia, Europe and South America, and as he made these trips he always looked for something in the area not connected to business.



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

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
<p>Grilled Pork Chop with mango salsa, wild rice pilaf, green beans, bread and butter The dessert will be a surprise.</p>	<p>It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the April luncheon. Please respond to the survey but if you could not do the survey, and if you WILL attend, contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 by Thursday, April 18.</p>



Big Sir Message: I hope everyone enjoyed our speaker, Kathleen Gabriel. She seemed to know a lot about Chico's past history. She has lived in Chico her whole life minus the few years she taught at other universities. She told me that she and her husband would tell each other, when she was living away from Chico, that in a heartbeat they could always come back home where they both wanted to live if need be. She said that local history has always been very important to her, that, I imagine, is why she is so active acting as the President of the local Chico Heritage Association.

This month we are fortunate to have Jeff Lugosi as our guest. Yes, he is the grandson of Bella. There will be three areas of his talk. (One): His unique occupation that allowed him to travel all over the world. (Two): He made sure that he saw all the interesting local sites wherever he traveled. (Third): His recreational activities are unbelievable. Like swimming across Lake Tahoe. Group swimming to Catalina Island. Big game hunting in Kentucky. Sport fishing in Mexico and late-night shark fishing in Hawaii, or a fun recreational swim from Alcatraz to San Francisco (first in his age group). We will try to start 15 minutes early, while we are eating, to let him have a few more minutes. This would be a great month to bring a friend to enjoy our group for lunch. This is why SIR is in existence today. There are a lot of guys in our group that our monthly lunch is one of the few or maybe the only time a month that they get to hang around other old friends. All of us have friends that would fit right into this organization. If that's the case, invite them and see if it would be something they would enjoy.

The responsibilities for Sirs are that you show up for **6** lunch meetings a year. Even that is not set in stone. **We do insist that you pay the \$24.00 (just \$2.00 a month) a year for the branch's liability**

insurance and pay for your lunch. This insurance covers us for most any liability issues we can have going to a meeting or any sanctioned event like golf and fishing. (If you haven't paid it yet this year, please take care of it next month at the front table after you get your badge)

Lastly, I ask you all to please, please, respond to the monthly lunch survey. It takes about 30 seconds, and it will prevent a melt down like we had at the last meeting. There were **25** folks (most of them monthly regulars) that did not call in last month. It's truly amazing that the problem wasn't much worse. As it was, we had 8 guys that ordered the lunch (I was one of them) on the survey got stuck with a salad and 2 folks went out and had tacos and came back for the Speaker. We also had 8 guys saying yes to the survey and didn't show. We need to do a better job to insure a more accurate count. We're all adults, so please answer Rocky's lunch survey to help us out with our lunch count. I must order our lunch number on Thursday before the Monday meeting. Rocky and I use that survey number each month to estimate the amount of food needed for our lunch and deal with the Elk's kitchen staff's questions. I am told that they will usually have 5 extras, if needed, but we are forced to pay for any lunch not used. Last month we had 14 folks buy a Corned Beef lunch that didn't call in. I feel that it's just not right to punish some of the later arriving guys from getting the lunch they ordered, after they followed the rules and called in and completed the survey. A couple of months ago we had 5 extra meals unsold that we ordered using the survey, we had to pay the full amount to the Elk's. These meals were ordered using the survey and were not paid for at the back table. We did sell them for a fraction of the cost costing the club money. As you can see it goes both ways. Everyone in our group gets a Rooster's Tale that has this information in it also (with the exception of 6 guys without computers or email addresses). Please help us out by getting an accurate number by answering the e-mail or call the number that is in the Rooster's Tale each month.

P. S. I was the one that lost the bet about tunnels under the downtown buildings. I thought through the years, from my Pac Bell friends, that there was a series of underground tunnels somewhere in downtown Chico. Kathleen said that there wasn't any just a couple buildings that are connected, so Don Alger was proven correct. But after the meeting was over Norm Stump came up and talked to Kathleen saying he being a retired Chico Fire Inspector, he had seen some tunnels in a different location in an older location in Chico than the area Kathleen was talking about so **STAY TUNED!!** *Dave*

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

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

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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.


Every path has a few puddles.


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.


<p>Bridge</p>		<p>This past month, the bridge group (which normally meets every Thursday) met only twice because of cases of Covid-19 at The Terraces. Neither Ed Matzdorff or Bob Dinger were winners. 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></p>
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<p>Wood Working</p>		<p>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.</p>
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<p>Pickle Ball</p>		<p>Pickle ball coach Jay Hanson would like to inform all SIR members that our newly formed group meets Thursdays at 2 pm at the 20th Street Park weather permitting. We have a small group but plenty of fun learning and playing this popular new sport, and is the number one sport gaining popularity in the United States. I am looking forward to seeing new faces out there playing this fun game and socializing with our SIR group. So come on out and join the fun. Jay can be reached at jbirdhanson1@gmail.com</p>
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<p>Hiking</p>		<p>A Sons in Retirement hike is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 at North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve. We'll take a mile or so out-and-back hike to the nearest waterfall and admire the wild flowers.</p> <p>PLACE: North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve DATE: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 TIME: Meet at 9 am at the Park and Ride lot closest to Highway 99. We'll carpool. WEAR: Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots LOGISTICS: There should be portable toilets at the parking area – they've been there in previous years. Bring water. Bring a snack, if desired. We'll go out to lunch after the hike for those who are interested. Also suggest sunscreen and lip balm. Include in your pack emergency contact information and medical insurance information. We suggest obtaining a Lands Pass or bringing your hunting or fishing license. COMMENTS: We will be walking over uneven terrain and probably encounter muddy ground. We may negotiate steep sections of trail as well as rocky terrain. There are numerous trip hazards. Part of the trail is a cross-country trail that is not well defined. Bringing drinking water on this hike is essential. Lands Pass information: https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lands-Pass. Do you really really need a Lands Pass? Your call. Fish and Wildlife expects you to have one. For additional information please contact Rich Utter or Jim Hertl.</p>
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FIFTY YEARS AGO: On April 4, 1974, in Cincinnati, baseball player **Hank Aaron** of the Atlanta Braves hit his 714th home run on the first swing of his bat to open the 1974 Major League Baseball season and tied the career record set by Babe Ruth.

<h2 style="color: #0070C0;">History</h2>		<p>The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, at 10 am. The format is exploring topics related to Chico's historic buildings, institutions, businesses and people. The April 9th meeting will feature a presentation</p>
<p>by Ray Wilson on the historic old Chico Brewery on 8th and Broadway and the original owner dating back to the late 1800s. Please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452) if you would be interested in participating or would like more information.</p>		

<h2 style="color: #0070C0;">ABV 110</h2>		<p>A wine/beer/cider/sour/kombucha/Pizza tasting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, at 2 pm. It will be at the Commons Social Emporium at 2412 Park Avenue. They feature a unique serve yourself venue from approximately 30 different taps that you can sample.</p>
<p>To be added to the ABV email list, contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).</p>		

<h2 style="color: #0070C0;">Pinochle</h2>		<p>Pinochle report for March: Winners were: Lyn Smith - 1st; Joe Navarro - 2nd; Walter Stile - 3rd. Our next lunch and game day is Wednesday, April 24, at BCCC at 11 am. <u>Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</u></p>
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<h2 style="color: #0070C0;">Piscatology</h2>		<p>The March 5th fishing trip to Collins Lake was postponed until April 2nd because of cold weather. Collins Lake is a private recreational area between Bangor and Marysville. We rented</p>
<p>a cabin and a campsite to accommodate 10 members of the fishing group. We will report our results next month. The dinner menu for the first night is "fish", so we better catch some! Our next breakfast meeting will be April 11th, at Cozy Diner at 7:30 am. Please join us to help plan our next outing to Bucks Lake on May 6-8. <u>Call Bill Colvin 530-521-7269 or Bob Weckerle 530-864-6698 for more information.</u></p>		

<h2 style="color: #0070C0;">Bowling</h2>		<p>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</p>
<p>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.</p>		

Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2024 Roster in January, some changes have occurred. The "Roster Updates" will keep members informed of **current membership**. If you need to communicate with a new member, contact Rocky Rockwell (530-961-3418)

New Members	Ralph Skytte	John Schaller		
Reinstated Members	Dan Bequette			

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, March 21, a 4-man Scramble tournament was played at Wilcox

1 st Place Net = 61.0	2 nd Place Net = 62.0	3 rd Place Net = 62.3	4 th Place Net = 62.7
DAVIS, SAM	BARGER, JIM	BARNUM, DAVE	GRIFFIN, RON
HANDS, DARRELL	MABREY, BOB	LIM, MIKE	NUSSBAUM, RICHARD
PORTERFIELD, CAP	MCNAMARA, DENNIS	STASER, CHARLES	PETERSON, RON
HERMAN, CRAIG	WHITE, GARY	WEIDERT, JIM	SOMMER, BENNY

CLOSEST TO PIN 4: STASER, CHARLES - 11' 6"; MABREY, BOB - 31' 6" **PIN 8:** BRUGGMAN, DENNIS - 7' 5"; CARLSON, RICH - 9' 6" " **PIN 15:** MABREY, BOB - 9' 3"; WEIDERT, JIM - 13' 8"
PIN 18: CARLSON, RICH - 13' 5"; LAMPE, DON - 15' 7"


On Monday, March 11 a SIR tournament was played.

1 st Place Net = 59.7	2 nd Place Net = 62.8	3 rd Place Net = 64.8
WHITE, GARY	BROSSOIT, PAUL	VELASCO, STEVE
MAIN, ED	EBER, JEFF	GLAZINER, KYLE
DAVIS, SAM	HYDER, MARK	KNOWLTON, JACK
HERMAN, CRAIG	PERTUIT, GLEN	PARSONS, DICK

CLOSEST TO PIN 2: VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 5' 0"; HYDER, MARK - 18' 6"; **PIN 4:** MAIN, ED - 12' 6"; HYDER, MARK - 21' 6"; **PIN 7:** PERTUIT, GLEN - 10' 2"; **PIN 16:** HYDER, MARK - 9' 11"

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

- April 13:** Lecture Series 4: Butte County Hall of Records
- May 4:** Lecture Series 5: Camp Lassen On Chico Creek
- May 25:** Lecture Series 6: Before Ishi: The Life And Death Of The Yahi

Butte County Historical Society Events

- April 20:** Bidwell Park with Paul Betz

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

THE MYSTERY LADY

Who is this woman? Yes, you probably know her as Rosie the Riveter. But, was there a real Rosie? If so, who was she? What was the origin of this poster?

One photo, taken in 1942 by a photographer touring the Alameda Naval Air Station to show what life was like for women working in the aircraft industry, appeared to catch the attention of a Pittsburgh artist named J. Howard Miller.

Miller created a poster for the Westinghouse Electric Corporation in 1943 that became one of the most iconic images in history. The woman in Miller's poster soon came to be known as Rosie the Riveter.

Rosie the Riveter was believed to be based on one woman for 30 years. The inspiration for the iconic Rosie the Riveter image was believed to be **Geraldine Hoff Doyle**, a Michigan factory worker, who worked in a Navy plant in Michigan, and was long considered to be the inspiration behind the iconic image. The New York Times reported that Doyle came forward in the 1980s and claimed to be the woman in a photo believed to have inspired Miller's famous poster.

Doyle had seen the photo, which was published without its original caption and the correct name of the women in the photograph. She mistakenly identified herself as the woman in the photo and, since she bore a striking resemblance to the woman, she was widely accepted as the real-life Rosie the Riveter.

The true inspiration for Rosie the Riveter was later identified as **Naomi Parker Fraley**, then a waitress from California who had worked at the Naval Air Station in Alameda.

In 2009, during a reunion of war-era Rosies, 88-year-old Naomi Parker Fraley (pictured) attended a reunion of war-era Rosies, where she spied a photo of herself working at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, California, in a historical display — and saw another woman's name listed underneath the image as the inspiration for Miller's famous "We Can Do It!" poster.

The photo in question showed a then-20-year-old Naomi Parker Fraley wearing a red-and-white-polka-dot bandana and working on a turret lathe.

"I couldn't believe it because it was me in the photo, but there was somebody else's name in the caption: "Geraldine," Parker Fraley told "People" in 2016." I was amazed."

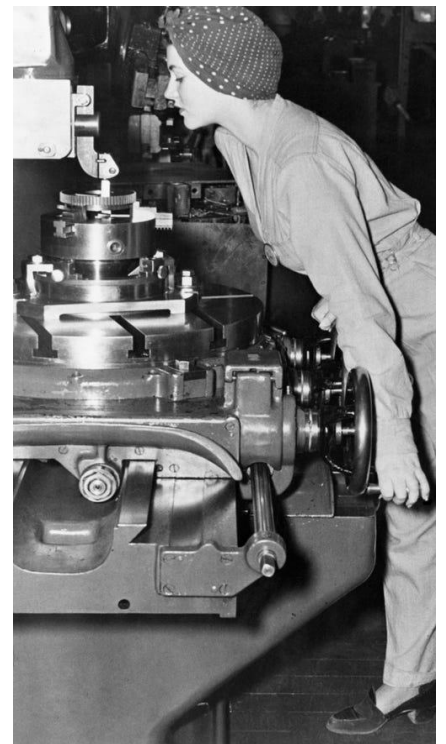
After learning that she had been the inspiration for Miller's poster and that another woman had been misidentified as her for more than 30 years, Naomi Parker Fraley got to work trying to set the record straight.

Parker Fraley contacted the World War II Home Front National Historical Park with her saved newspaper clipping, which included the original caption that listed her as the woman in the photo.

"I just wanted my own identity," she said. "I didn't want fame or fortune, but I did want my own identity."

However, it wouldn't be for another six year's when Parker Fraley, then 95, would be able to correct the record. In 2015, she was approached by Seton Hall University professor James J. Kimble, who had been on a quest to discover the true identity of Rosie the Riveter for six years.

After Parker Fraley showed Kimble the evidence that she had been Miller's inspiration, he published an article in an academic journal, "Rosie's Secret Identity," in 2016. "People" magazine then published a feature about the discovery, and Parker Fraley was finally recognized by the media at large as the inspiration behind Rosie the Riveter.



Thanks to **Ron Braziel** for the original information for this item.



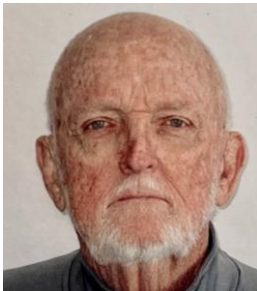
There are now 130 members including 8 on Attendance Relief. Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call Don Levensaler at **530-520-3291** to get one via the postal service.

ABC Fees

The Annual Basket Collection (ABC) fee was due for 2024 by April 1. If you have not paid, you will be contacted to see if you are going to continue your membership. If you have not paid and wish to continue in Branch 110, a check made out to SIR Branch 110 can still be mailed to Don Levensaler, 2354 Burlingame Drive, Chico, CA 95928.

As a reminder, here is a listing of those who had not paid by April 4.

\$	Carlson, Richard	Lim, Michael	Pangburn, Frank	Whitehurst, Norman	\$
\$	Dalrymple, Clayton	McNamara, Dennis	Parker, Vance	Williams, Reuben	\$
\$	Evans, Bob	Messina, John	Tietz, Ken	Wolf, Gary	\$
\$	Hartmann, Jeffrey	Miller, David	Velasquez, Joe	Youngstrom, William	\$
\$	Imhoff, Ron	Mione, Lou	Welsh, Michael	Zebley, Dave	\$
\$	Julian, Leslie	Niepoth, Edward			\$

New Member in March		Guests in March	
	Name: Dan Bequette	Gary Marquis - guest of Bill Colvin Kevin Hennessy - guest of Randy Benson Dana Davis guest - of Vern Hartman Bill Knudsen guest - of Alex Lorenz Paul Tullius - guest of Bill Colvin	
	Wife: Joan Occupation: Teacher – Hartnell College Interests: Bocce, Cribbage, Gardening, Travel, Wine Tasting Sponsored by: Reinstated		

Announcements

Editor's Note: The deadline for the **May** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, May 2**. Send your information by email at dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at 530- 894-2452.

Future Programs: The **May 20th** program will be about Butte College women's basketball program. The **June 24th** program will be on some of Chico's homeless issues.

Ladies Day Luncheon: Tickets are on sale for the Ladies Day Luncheon, honoring the ladies in our lives. Date and time: **Wednesday, May 8**, 11:30 am at the Chico Elks Lodge.

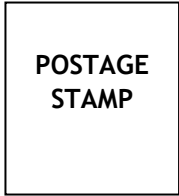
Live entertainment will be by Robert Karch, local singer and guitarist. Cost is \$25 per person. We'll be selling tickets at the April SIR meeting. Rather than holding a raffle, we'll have gifts for all the ladies. If you're making raffle items, those will be gratefully accepted by the Christmas Party organizers. **For more information, please contact Randy Benson or Rich Utter**

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

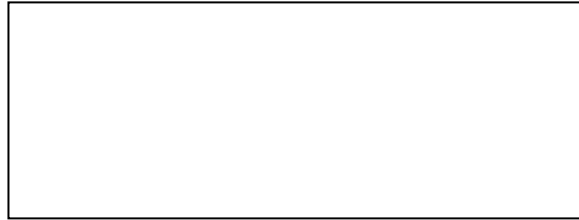
Branch 84 Joint Activity: We are looking for SIRr members that would like to play Fantasy Baseball this year. There is no fee. It is all for fun. The winner will get to store the trophy until next season. We will play from May to the end of August (4 month season). To become a member of our league, all you have to do is send your email to avanpatten@ymail.com or call or text 530-566-2151, and I will then send you an invite through yahoo. *Alex Van Patten*



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have a April Birthday, please join us at the April 22nd luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!****

Bob	Ediger	Apr	2	Mike	Wacker	Apr	7	Steve	Emmons	Apr	26
Michael	Welsh	Apr	4	Chris	Schaller	Apr	9	Greg	Robertson	Apr	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!

RANDOM THOUGHTS
To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
I had my patience tested. I'm negative.