

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement – Branch 110*

**Meeting April 27, 2026 1705 Manzanita Ave., Chico**

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

**Program:** Dave Rush says: If you have ever run across a subject which you know little about but wish you knew more, you are in luck. Our speaker for April 27 is Mike Ramsey, Butte County District Attorney, who has kindly agreed to speak to us on the subject of the "Grand Jury."

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

Lunch Menu	Lunch Attendance RSVP
<b>Chicken Fajitas</b> with rice and beans; and chips and salsa on the table. Dessert will be a surprise.	It is important to get the lunch count right. Please respond to the monthly email survey regarding lunch attendance. If you could not do the survey, please contact Rocky Rockwell at 530-961-3418 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 <b>by 6:01 pm on Wednesday, April 22.</b> Please note committing to lunch incurs a cost which the branch pays and will ask you to reimburse.



**Big Sir Message:** Good day, fellow SIRs. April is going by quickly. First Easter then Tax Day and now our meeting. This year the weather is very unpredictable. We are survivors and can handle anything Mother Nature throws at us. Getting back to our meeting, we need some positions filled. An assistant is needed for the Audit Committee and for the Nominating Committee. The person in that position is stepping down at the end of his term. He did a great job but it is time to move on. Give it some serious thought and contact Little Sir Al Romero if interested. Hope to see you at the meeting. *Jose.*

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

<http://www.branch110.sirinc2.org>

**Webmaster: Ron Braziel**

## 2026 Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

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

### Health, Memorials and Wisdom

A remembrance was held for Ken Shippen earlier in April at Glen Oaks Cemetery. Ken was known to many branch members and in the community.


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.


### Annual Basket Collection (ABC)


The 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 April 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


**When planning SIR activities, it is critical that approval be obtained from the BEC for insurance coverage.**


<b>Bowling</b>		<p>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.</p> <p>Please contact Randy Benson or Jan Loring with any questions.</p>
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<b>Bridge</b>		<p>The Bridge players played three bridge sessions in March. Bob Dinger was the winner once. The bridge games are held on Thursdays at The Terraces at Noon. Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for more information.</p>
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<b>Pinochle</b>		<p>The pinochle winners for March are: Barbara Fradilla - 1<sup>st</sup>, Lyn Smith – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Next lunch and game day is Wednesday, April 22nd, BCCC, 11:00 am. Come join us. Call Joe Navarro at 530-343-0832 with questions.</p>
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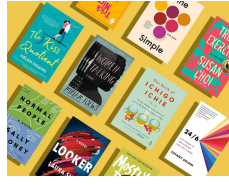
<h2>Piscatology</h2>		<p>On March 24-26 the fishing group went to Lake Siskiyou. A total of 10 of us made the trip and almost everyone caught fish. Our fishing group meets for breakfast on the second Thursday of each month at Cozy Diner, 7:30am. Any SIR member who is interested in our group, is welcome to attend our breakfast meetings. Contact Dana Davis if you want to know more about the group</p>
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<h2>Hiking</h2>		<p>April's hike is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 8:30am at Horseshoe Lake, Upper Bidwell. We'll hike into Upper Bidwell Park and return on the Yahi Trail. Wear layers, bring water and sun protection, and snacks if desired. Have emergency contact and insurance information in your pack. For additional information, please contact Rich Utter, Randy Benson or Jim Hertl.</p>
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<h2>Pickleball</h2>		<p>Pickleball meets at 10:30 Thursdays as weather permits. Watch for texts and this newsletter for the latest information. For additional information and to be added to the text list, please contact Jay Hanson at <a href="mailto:jbirdhanson1@gmail.com">jbirdhanson1@gmail.com</a>.</p>
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<h2>Wood Working</h2>		<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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<h2>History</h2>		<p>The Chico History Museum regularly offers talks covering various aspects of local history. Check the museum's website for the schedule or drop by the museum to check out the exhibits and the gift shop. If you go to a museum event you'll likely see several branch members.</p>
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<h2>Book Exchange</h2>		<p>Please bring books to the monthly meeting to exchange. Members can pass on books that they have enjoyed and take books home that they'd like to read. Stop by the Book Exchange table to put out your books and to see what is available. The book exchange starts during the social time before our meeting.</p>
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<h2>ABV 110</h2>		<p>We are currently working on coming events. Please contact Jim Braziel for information.</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. The next two tournaments are May 4 at Plumas Lake and May 11 at Bailey Creek. Call Darrell Hands, the Chair of the activity, for information.

## Golf at Rolling Hills, March 30:

	HCP	G/S	TH/C	N/S
EBER, JEFF	23	67	7.8	59.2
HYDER, MARK	17			
NUSSBAUM,RICHARD	19			
PERTUIT, GLEN	19			
HILDENBRAND,LARRY	29	66	5.8	60.2
LIM, MIKE	13			
WEIDERT, JIM	7			
WESSELS, BOB	9			
BINGAMAN, BILL	23	68	7.7	60.3
GLAZINER, KYLE	20			
KNOWLTON, JACK	19			
PARSONS,DICK	15			

## CLOSEST TO PIN

- #4 Dennis McNamara 7'2", Scott Donahoo 7'4"
- #6 Charles Demmer 5'7", Mike Lim 7'9"
- #12 Bob Mabrey 5'5", Keith Martinson 6'11"
- #14 Cap Porterfield 7'1", Paul Herman 11'0"
- #16 Bob Wessels 16'1", Greg Brown 16'5"

MEMBERSHIP	<b>There are now 122 members</b>
	Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call <b>Sam Smith</b> at 530-720-1041 to get one via the postal service.

New Member in March	Guests in March
NONE	<b>Bill Price</b> – guest of Dave Jones

## Announcements

**Little SIR Message:** Greetings good gentlemen of SIR. I thank you for welcoming me as Little Sir this year and also for last month's meeting allowing me to substitute for Big Sir Jose. I hope you're okay with the jokes as well as I enjoyed delivering them to you. I humbly ask you that if you have any prayer requests or if you would like me to call someone who may be struggling physically, please let me know. Do not forget that I am the Little Sir but also the Chaplain of our group. Thank you and blessings to each of you - Pastor Al Romero

**Editor's Note:** The next deadline for Rooster's Tale articles is Thursday, April 30th. Send your information by email to Rich Utter.

**Future Programs:** **May 18th**, a U-2/TR-1 pilot will talk about their experiences and about the fine airframe still on active duty. **June 22nd**, D. Keister talks about cemetery symbolism on markers and tombs. **July 27th**, an OLLI representative will talk about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), the Chico branch, and the benefits of lifelong learning.

**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. Last chance!!! See Randy Benson or Rich Utter at the April meeting and lunch to sign up. We'll have a nice buffet spread and wine, beer, and mimosas will be available for purchase. Music to be provided by Robert Karcher. This is your opportunity to honor the ladies in your life. Or buy her a lawnmower if that's your idea of a nice present.

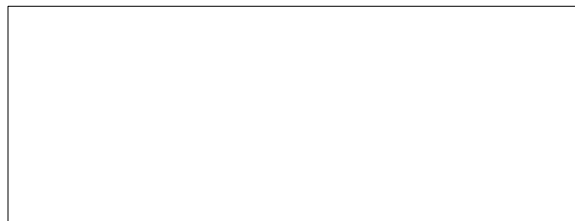


Richard Utter, Editor



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**If you have an April birthday, please join us at the luncheon and see what you might win**

Jeff Owings	Apr	1	Chris Schaller	Apr	9	Steve Emmons	Apr	26
Bob Ediger	Apr	2	Len Spesert	Apr	11	Greg Robertson	Apr	26
Dave Zebley	Apr	4	Bill Knudsen	Apr	22	Larry Spencer	Apr	28

**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!**