

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110 Meeting May 24, 2021

1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA–Luncheon at 11:30 am–Executive Committee 9:30 am

Program: Our May 24th Luncheon Program (our first in-person luncheon in well over a year) will feature our Butte County Public Health Officer, **Robert S. Bernstein**, MD, PhD, MPH, FACPM, who will be speaking about the implications and challenges surrounding epidemic outbreaks, Covid-19, vaccines and related "must know" information.



Dr. Bernstein, a graduate of the CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Program and the CDC-Johns Hopkins University Residency Program in Public Health and Preventive Medicine, has had a successful career of more than 40 years with United States and Global experience in epidemiology and public health. He has published more than 40 Public Health papers in high-impact peer-reviewed journals based on his work in the US and in Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Lunch: We will be having a SIR Bidwell Branch 110 Luncheon Meeting on Monday May 24, 2021, at the Elks Lodge. The following information is for the May SIR meeting only. There will **not** be a buffet luncheon the way it was in the past. The food will be plated and set on a table for the members to pick up. The salad will be plated and set on a table along with the entrees. There won't be any vegetable. We will be having a salad, entree, and a dessert only. The dessert will be put on a table and we will have to go and get it like we have before. **The cost will be \$16.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance
Mama's Meatloaf w/ Mushroom Gravy, Mash Potatoes, and a Mixed Green salad w/ Italian Dressing Dessert will be Peach Cobbler.	Since there is greater than normal uncertainty regarding the number or lunch attendees, it is important to communicate whether you will participate in the May 24 th luncheon. There will be a survey but if you can't do the survey, <u>PLEASE</u> contact Craig Lindquist if you will NOT attend at 898-8483 or c.lindquist@sbcglobal.net . by Thursday May 20.

Big Sir Message: Your BEC has been actively working on being able to have our first meeting on May 24, 2021. The Elks Lodge is ready and can't wait for us to be back. I talked to the State Big Sir Stu Williams and he is happy for us to be able to start having meetings again. He did say that we all should sign a hold harmless waiver that releases and holds harmless the branch officers, directors and members from all responsibility for illness et cetera arising from exposure to Covid-19 at a Branch event. This is something that our insurance is requiring. This will be a one time signing for all future events.



I am looking forward to seeing everyone again. It is also great that we will be able to start our other activities again, fishing, hiking, wine tasting. Just getting together will be super and will give us a chance to socialize again. After this first meeting, I would like to get feed back on how you think that it went and what we can do to make it better.

See you there and bring a friend. That's it for now. Norm

Health, Wisdom and Memorials

There has been an endeavor to include information about Branch 110 members who have health issues or have passed away. It is usually the case that information of this sort is not known to those who would be responsible for informing the membership at large. Therefore, **everyone's assistance is requested**. If you know of a member who has or has had health issues or has recently died, please provide the information to Don Alger. It is important to not miss acknowledging our fellow members.

KNOWLEDGE is knowing what to say. WISDOM is knowing when to say it.

Jim Kirks: Jim passed away on April 19 after an extended battle with cancer. Jim joined Branch 110 in 2003 and served as a Big Sir in 2008 and in 2016 he was designated as an Honorary Life Member in recognition for his many contributions to the Branch. At Jim's request, and with the agreement of his family, they will wait to hold his funeral until the summer when hopefully the pandemic has subsided and we can celebrate Jim's life in the full splendor that he desired.

Les VanderVelden: Les passed away on April 28 while on a fishing trip. He was a longtime SIR member. Les enjoyed fishing and was a regular participant in Branch 110 Piscatology activities and had been involved since the activity began in 2005. He was well liked by the whole group and was considered a very good fisherman. Les also participated in the Branch History Club.



May 30 1971: *Mariner 9* was launched by the US towards Mars at 6:32 p.m. local time from Cape Kennedy, 11 days after the Soviet Union had launched *Mars 2*. On November 14, it became the first spacecraft from Earth to orbit another planet, when it reached Mars and took photographs. No attempt to land a probe was made. And here we are fifty years later with another Mars mission. The USA's Perseverance rover has successfully landed on Mars with a helicopter called Ingenuity strapped to its belly. NASA's **Mars helicopter** Ingenuity successfully flew for the first time in the thin air above the red planet on April 19, 2021.

Branch 110 could use your help.

Besides vacancies in the officers and directors positions, as shown below, Dave Rush has been instrumental in finding several people to volunteer for a variety of committee assignments. However, as indicated on the following page, there are several positions which still need to be filled. **In some cases, (such as the Supper Club) the continuation of the activity is dependent on finding someone to serve as chair.**

2021 Officers and Directors

Big Sir –	Norm, Stump	Little Sir –	Jim Amis	Secretary –	Bob Dinger	Asst. Sec. –	Vacant
DB Mgr. –	Rocky Rockwell	Treasurer –	Ed Matzdorff	Asst. Treas. –	Steve Laird	Asst. Treas –	Vacant
Attend. Sec. –	Don Curtis (replacement requested)						
Director –	Ken Tietz	Director –	Dave Jones	Director –	Jim Braziel		
Director –	Don Alger	Director –	Jose Lopez	Director –	Ken Edson		

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

SIR Branch 110 Committees

BEC "RAMP" COMMITTEES

1. ACTIVITIES OVERSIGHT

Big Sir— Norm Stump
 Little Sir— Jim Amis
 Director— Jim Braziel
 Director— Don Alger

2. MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS OVERSIGHT

Chair— **Vacant**
 Assistant— **Vacant**
 Director Ken Edson

2a. RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

Chair— Jim Amis
 Assistant— **Vacant**
 (Director) — Dave Jones

2b. ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

Chair— **(Interim)** Craig Lindquist
 Assistant— **Vacant**
 Director— Jose Lopez

2c. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair— Don Levensaler
 Assistant— **Vacant**
 Director— Ken Tietz

2d. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Chair— James Braziel
 Assistant— Don Alger
 Assistant— Dave Rush
 Big Sir— Norm Stump
 Little Sir— Jim Amis

BEC COMMITTEES

Audit: Chair— Joe Navarro
 Assistant— **Vacant**
Bulletin: Editor— Don Alger
 Assistant— Craig Lindquist
 Assistant— Dave Barnum
 Assistant— Rocky Rockwell
Calendar: **Vacant**
Chaplain: **Vacant**
 Assistant— **Vacant**
Food Liaison: Ken Jensen
 Assistant— **Vacant**
Greeters: **Vacant**
House Manager: Chair— Larry Hildenbrand
 Assistant— Phil Morgan
 Assistant— Don Curtis
 Assistant— Dave Barnum
Jokester: Bill Beensee
 Assistant— Dave Rush
Maitre D: Craig Lindquist

Members Roster: Editor— **Vacant**
 Assistant— **Vacant**
New Member Orientation & Mentoring
 Chair— Dave Rush
 Assistant— Jim Amis
Nominating Committee (for 2022)
 Co-Chair— **Vacant**
 Co-Chair— **Vacant**
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Piano Virtuoso: **Vacant**
Quartermaster: **Vacant**
Rooster Cage: Chair— Don J. Phillips
 Assistant— Dave Miller
 Assistant— **Vacant**
Song Leaders: Ken Jensen
 Assistant— Dave Rush
Special Events
In/out Breakfast: **Vacant**
Ladies Day: **Vacant**
Fall BBQ: Chair— Jim Amis
Christmas P.: Chair— Craig Lindquist
Webmaster: Chair— Ron Braziel
 Assistant— Rocky Rockwell

INTEREST(ACTIVITY) COMMITTEES

Bridge: Chair— Robin Thompson
 Assistant— Ed Matzdorff
Dominoes: Chair— Joe Navarro
Golf: Chair— Darrell Hands
 Assistant— Doug Shook
Hiking: Chair— Jim Hertl (Br. 84)
 Assistant— **Vacant** (Br. 110)
History Club: Chair— Don Alger
 Assistant— **Vacant**
Out to Lunch: Chair— Bill McNeeley
 Assistant— **Vacant**
Pinochle: Chair— Joe Navarro
Piscatology: Chair— Bill Colvin
 Assistant— **Vacant**
Supper Club: Chair— **Vacant**
 Assistant— **Vacant**
Travel: Chair— Jose Lopez
Wine Club: Chair— Keith Johnson
 Assistant— **Vacant**
Woodworking:
 Co-Chair— Bill Gebhardt
 Co-Chair— Craig Lindquist
 Assistant— Michael Kobelt

SIR 110 Activities

The State Leadership has reminded all branches that when its activities resume, it is critical that activities obtain BEC approval and have it entered into the minutes for insurance coverage.

Golf: After a year of inactivity the Chico-Paradise SIR's Golf Club has renewed its golf tournaments. The April 26th event was played at Bidwell. The results of the winners are shown below.

Flight A Winners with (net score):

QUINTO, RAY (63); HILDENBRAND, LARRY (66); BROSSOIT, PAUL (67); SOLOMON, DANIEL (67)

Flight B Winners with (net score):

BARNUM, DAVE (68); FLEMMING, G (68); HERMAN, CRIAG (68); STEPHENSON, ALAN (70)

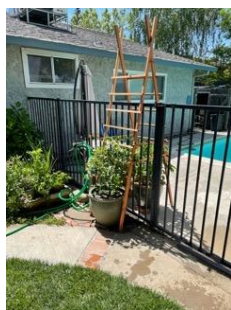
Hiking: Jim Hertl (Hiking Branch 84) is still trying to find out what the new protocols are for hiking.

Dominoes and Pinochle: Now that SIR's is being able to start, I am checking to see if there is an interest in continuing Mexican Train and/or Pinochle. Our **Domino** game is **Mexican Train** which in the past has been played on the 2nd Thursday of the month beginning at 11:30 at a restaurant for lunch and game ending before 4 p.m. Our **Pinochle** group has met at 11:30 also at a restaurant for lunch and game on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We only play single deck (our old hands seem to only be able to hold just so many cards). We also end by 4 pm. These games are open to members, wives, significant others or guests. Please call me at 343-0832 or email at majcnav@att.net if you are interested. Joe Navarro

Piscatology: The first fishing trip of the year was to Davis Lake. Considering the weather, we were possibly a week early. The temperature was 25 degrees the night before we arrived. The fishing was only average. One boat reported six fish over two days. Interested in fishing? Join us for breakfast at 7:00 am on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Cozy Diner's back room. Our next fishing trip is planned to be Lake Almanor, May 25-27. Call Bill Colvin 521-7269 or Bob Weckerle 864-6698.

Woodworking: Ahh, springtime! It's getting harder to stay inside. This is being manifested by woodworkers making more gardening projects. Bill Gebhardt made a screen-bottom harvest basket (see photo) for their daughter to wash off fresh fruit & veggies from the garden.

Bill Jemison was busy outside building raised planter beds for their backyard vegetable garden, as well as redwood trellises for the tomato plants (see 2 photos).



Michael Kobelt stayed indoors and finished making a holder for pens, pencils, highlighter, and note pads for the breakfast table where he reads (see photo).



Need a little book rack, bike stand, tool box? Come on down. We've had many people come to do a single project. There's a library of woodworking magazines in the shop for ideas, or see stuff we've made on the SIR website at: https://www.branch110.sirinc2.org/sir_branch_110/Wood.html

Bill's shop will be open every Thursday of the month. Same hours: 10 am to 2 pm. Call Bill at 879-0429 or Craig Lindquist at 898-8483 for information.

Go through the wooden gate to the right of the big garage door and you'll see the backyard shop. We lunch at Bellachino's Cafe 11:30 to 12:30, on Bruce Road opposite the California Park Drive entrance.

Travel: There are no tours currently scheduled.

Vino 110: Our first Vino 110 wine tasting event will happen on Friday, June 4th from 3 to 5 pm. Hosted by Jim and Carol Braziel, the event will be at their home, 13625 Autum Lane in Chico. There will be blind tastes of 6 wines chosen by Jim from the best vineyards of Northern California and Oregon. Ron Braziel will be baking homemade slices of pizza. The cost for this event will be \$10 per person to be collected at the tasting. Please bring a folding chair to ensure seating for all.



Space is limited so sign up for this wine tasting at the May SIR luncheon meeting May 24th or call Keith at 343-5358. Also, pick up a map and directions at the SIR luncheon meeting. **Deadline for reservations is May 30th.**

History Club: Museums are opening so activities may be possible. Please stay tuned.

MEMBERSHIP

There are currently 167 active members.

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

If anyone knows of SIR members that have moved or are otherwise not interested in continuing their membership, please contact our Membership Chairman, Don Levensaler, at (530) 891-1045 or dlev29@comcast.net

Announcements

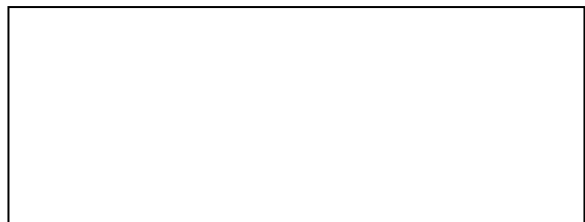
- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **June** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, June 10**. Send your information by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Artistic Endeavors:** An idea has been presented by the Woodworking group that since there are several members who have wood shops at their home that it would be nice to offer them the opportunity to submit information and pictures (if appropriate) about their creations. The idea was quickly expanded to include "artistic endeavors" besides just woodworking projects such as ceramics or other art work. So, if you have produced something you would like to share, please consider submitting it for possible inclusion in the Rooster's Tale. At this point there are no specific criteria. If the submissions exceed space limitations, some criteria will need to be developed.
- **Volunteers Needed:** Besides the vacancies which need to be filled for some officer positions, past Big Sir **Dave Rush** has been busy contacting people for a variety of other committee assignments. If you would be interested in providing some assistance for our Branch 110, please consult committee list on page 3 to see all the various vacancies for which needs exist. If you are interested in helping, please contact Don Alger at the contact information shown above.
- **Future Programs:** The Program Committee has identified several possible programs for 2021. **As always, new ideas are welcome.**
- **Fall BBQ:** The date for the Fall BBQ has been set for Friday, October 8. **Jim Amis** is the Chair of the committee. Please save the date. More information will follow.
- **Christmas Party:** The date for the Christmas Party has been set for Monday, December 6. **Craig Lindquist** is the Chair of the committee. Please save the date. More information will follow.
- **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 May Birthday, please join us at the May 24 luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch** or perhaps the 1st table called for lunch!**

John	Bollinger	May	2	Neil	Sorger	May	16	David	Jones	May	19
Hal	Stoner	May	9	Ken	Tietz	May	17	Jim	Weidert	May	28
Charlie	Clayton	May	9	Steve	Velasco	May	18	Ernie	Carlson	May	30
Cecil	Braswell	May	9								

****It is possible to get a free lunch card without being a Birthday Boy. There has been a free lunch winner at every meeting from a name badge drawing. Also both the sponsor and his guest received a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted**

Please plan on bringing a friend to the next SIR meeting!