

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

Meeting May 22, 2023 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

**Program:** The May program will be a presentation about issues affecting the Butte County Sheriff's Department such as staffing, the release of felony prisoners with misdemeanors, perspective about the homeless and what's going on at the Sheriff's Department. The speaker will be **Kory Honea**. Kory L. Honea became the 31<sup>st</sup> Sheriff of Butte County in May 2014. Prior to becoming the Sheriff, Honea served as the Undersheriff for nearly four years. Sheriff Honea began his career with the Butte County Sheriff's Office in 1993, when he was hired as a deputy sheriff.



**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
<b>Panko Crusted Pork Shop</b> , w/ Dijon Mustard Cream Sauce or Mandarin Orange Glaze, baked potatoes or Rice Pilaf, salad or fresh steamed vegetable (choose one). Brownies or Lemon bars for dessert	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the <b>May</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, May 19.</b>



**Big Sir Message:** You have probably seen some new faces at our monthly lunches. And some who look familiar after reinstating membership. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and chat. See if you can answer any questions or steer them to someone for help if something needs to be cleared up. We are inviting folks which can get people through the door. For people to stay, we need the help of our members to make newcomers and guests feel welcome. Our programs continue to be excellent and a wonderful draw. A friendly and welcoming group can only add to a person's desire to join.

About that inflation, you have seen increased prices at stores around town. Our meeting place is not immune to those pressures. I fully expect the lunch price to increase in the near future.

**Please RSVP for lunch.** Optimists are special people but showing up without notice causes uncertainty in our count. **We had people go without lunch at our last meeting.** It's great to have increased attendance but we're imposing a surprise dietary restriction for some. Responding and updating your response if needed is greatly appreciated. *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.

**"I have not special talent. I am only passionately curious."**  
**Albert Einstein**

## 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 was a Branch 110 winner in April. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. <u>Call Ed Mazdorff at 342-3649 for information.</u>
<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.
<b>ABV 110</b>		There was the first activity at a distillery on Thursday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> , at the Golden Beaver Distillery. The next venture will be a visit to the Grey Fox Winery in Oroville. The visit will be on <b>Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm</b> . There will be the opportunity to bring picnic lunches and enjoying a beautiful view overlooking the valley. <u>Contact Don Alger for more information.</u>
<b>Bowling</b>		<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>
<b>Pinochle</b>		Pinochle report for April: Patsy Stile - 1st; Walter Stile - 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; Cindy Heffren - 3rd. The next meeting for cards and lunch is May 24 at BCCC, at 11:00 am. Come join us. <u>Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</u>


<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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On Monday, April 18, SIRs played a 2-man tournament at Willows.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Net =71.7</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Net = 71.9</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Net =72.2</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Net =74.0</b>
STASER, CHARLES	GRIFFIN, RON	WEIDERT, JIM	BROWNING, BOB
BARNUM, DAVE	VAN PATTEN, ALEX	PETERICH, TERREL	STURT, DON

Closest to pin #13: ATKIN, NORM - 7' 1"; WEIDERT, JIM - 20' 9"

Closest to pin #16: LEE, LLOYD - 5' 1"; VELASQUEZ, JOE - 13' 3"; EBER, JEF F - 14' 0"

<b>Piscatology</b>		The fishing group postponed our first trip of the season until April 25th. We hope to fish Bullards Bar and catch Kokanee trout. This will be a one day trip, and expect five boats. One of our fishing group, <b>Tim Casaulong</b> , entered a Kokanee Fishing Derby there at Bullards Bar, on April 1st, and won 1st place. 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>
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<b>Hiking</b>		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.
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Meet at the Chico Park and Ride lot off Highway 99 at 9:15 am. Please see the April Rooster's Tale for more details, available online, or contact Rich Utter or Jim Hertl.

**JUNE 13: UPPER BIDWELL HIKE**

This hike is a return to Upper Bidwell. We'll meet at 9am at Horseshoe Lake. We're thinking a hike out along Middle Bidwell and a return on the Yahi Trail along the creek but can decide on our route the day of the hike. Coffee or cool drink after, place TBD (optional)

**PLACE:** Horseshoe Lake, Upper Bidwell Park **DATE:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023 **TIME** 9:00 am

**WEAR:** Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots

**LOGISTICS:** Bring water. Bring a snack, if desired. Suggest bringing sunscreen, lip balm, walking poles or staff if desired, a personal first aid kit. 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 gathering for a drink afterward (optional).

**COMMENTS:** This hike is generally on uneven terrain with some elevation changes. Surfaces are uneven so be alert to tripping and fall hazards. We need to be aware of other trail users that may include joggers and cyclists. For additional information please contact Rich Utter or Jim Hertl.


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No one ever said "I've lost my phone" in the 70s.

# 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.**

<p><b>History</b></p>		<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Chico History Museum Presentations</b></p>		
<p><b>June 3: <u>Saved or destroyed? Remembered or forgotten?</u></b> By Kathleen F. Gabriel, This presentation will explore the history of several historical buildings and the businesses.</p>		
<p><b>Butte County Historical Society</b></p>		
<p><b>May 20: A history of Oregon City</b> <b>June 17: Butte County Olive Festival</b></p>		

<p><b>Travel</b></p>		<p>There are some tours scheduled for 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Autumn Colors Trip to East Coast - October 13-22, 2023.</b></li> </ul> <p>For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</p>
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## 50 Years Ago

**May 5, 1973: Secretariat** won the Kentucky Derby.

On May 19, Secretariat won the Preakness Stakes, and after having won the Kentucky Derby two weeks earlier, it raised the possibility that he would become the first thoroughbred racehorse to win the Triple Crown of American horseracing.

On June 9, 1973, facing a field of five horses, Secretariat won the Belmont Stakes by 31 lengths. It occurred in front of a crowd of 69,138 spectators. This was the largest margin of victory in Belmont history. His winning time of 2 minutes and 24 seconds still stands as the American record for a mile and a half on dirt.

## Music Notes

### “Sweet Caroline” by Neil Diamond

The inspiration for Neil Diamond’s 1969 hit single would remain a mystery for more than four decades. Only then would Diamond finally reveal that the eponymous Caroline was none other than the daughter of President John F. Kennedy. Neil had seen an issue of Life Magazine from September 7, 1962, featuring a four-year-old Caroline Kennedy riding a pony. The image brewed in the musician’s fertile imagination for five years until he finally wrote the timeless song. Finally, when Neil Diamond was invited to perform for Caroline Kennedy’s 50th birthday in 2007, he told everyone the story. In a 2011 television interview, he added details about the magazine cover. However, the story got a little more complicated in 2014 when Neil said that, in fact, the song was about his wife Marcia and that he changed the name in order to have the three syllables that he needed to fit the rhythm. We may never know the whole truth.


Not only has “Sweet Caroline” become one of Neil Diamond’s biggest hits and most beloved songs but it has also been covered by other major recording artists, including Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra.





**There are currently 119 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 Member in April	Guests in April
 <p>Name: <b>Les Julian</b>                      Occupation: Nurse Practitioner                      Interests: Baseball, Biking, Chorus, Hiking, Wine Tasting, Veterans                      Sponsored by: Dave Jones</p>	<p><b>Ed Booth</b> - guest of Bill Colvin  <b>Bill Hopson</b> - guest of Vic Fisher  <b>Jan Loring</b> - guest of Randy Benson  <b>Norm Whitehurst</b> - guest of Cap Porterfield  <b>Alex Lornez</b> - guest of Jim Johnson</p>

## 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
	Les Julian	Gene Rideout		
<b>Reinstated Members</b>	Dennis McNamar	Michael Lim		

## Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **June** issue is **Thursday, June 8<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 **June 26<sup>th</sup>** will be about the Chico Animal Center presented by Tracy Mohr. The program for **July 24<sup>th</sup>** will be an interesting presentation on Enloe Hospital Issues by Jolene Francis. The program for **August 28<sup>th</sup>** will be a presentation about Merriam Park Development by Nicole Carter.
- **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.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>

## Ladies Lunch Thank You

Randy Benson and Rich Utter thank the SIR members and their dates who attended the Ladies Lunch on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. The Elks Lodge did a great job and the piano player was a highlight. Our special thanks to those who contributed their time and donations to the lunch. Without your help, we could not have had a successful event. Those who helped include: Carol Braziel, Charles Staser, Craig Lindquist, Dave Rush, Janine Rush, Jim Braziel, Ken Edson, Lou Mione, and Ray Rolls. If we left anyone off, please accept our apologies and thanks.



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If you have a May Birthday, join us at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> luncheon and find out what you might win. **It could be a free lunch! \***

Randy	Benson	May	1	Charlie	Clayton	May	9	Steve	Velasco	May	18
Joe	Viscuso	May	5	Ken	Baker	May	11	David	Jones	May	19
Frank	Moody	May	8	Neil	Sorger	May	16	Jim	Weidert	May	28
Hal	Stoner	May	9	Ken	Tietz	May	17				

**\*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.**