

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement – Branch 110*

**Meeting May 18, 2026 1705 Manzanita Ave., Chico**

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

**Program:** Ray Wilson is delighted to announce Major Cory Bartholomew, a U-2 'Dragon Lady' pilot for over 25 years is our guest speaker for May. Major Bartholomew has extensive experience as a pilot in a number of aircraft both military and commercial. Note the May meeting comes early in the month due to Memorial Day.

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

Lunch Menu	Lunch Attendance RSVP
<b>Chicken Fried Steak</b> with mashed potatoes and vegetable. 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, May 13.</b> Please note committing to lunch incurs a cost which the branch pays and will ask you to reimburse.



**Big Sir Message:** Fellow SIRs, our speaker Mike Ramsey gave a very good presentation about the Grand Jury. He had our undivided attention. Our upcoming speaker about the U-2 plane should be just as interesting. The May meeting has been moved to 18 May due to a conflict with Memorial Day.

The Board Executive Committee has been doing outstanding work getting the speakers, menu and hall ready for our meeting. Ron Braziel, Rocky Rockwell and Rich Utter deserve a pat on the back for all the time they spend on the computer ensuring the BEC meeting runs smoothly. I would give them a pay raise but was voted down. As Bugs Bunny says "That's all folks." *Jose.*

## Annual Basket Collection (ABC)

The ABC due January 2026 is now OVER DUE. Please pay by check made out to SIR Branch 110 and mail to Sam Smith, 25 Abbott Circle, Chico 95973 or pay at the May 18th meeting. This collection generates the funds needed to pay our insurance and other expenses.

**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> 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	<b>Director:</b> Randy Benson 1 <sup>st</sup> term	


**Health, Memorials and Wisdom**


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.


**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 two bridge sessions in April. No winners to report. 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 April are: Barbara Fradilla - 1<sup>st</sup>, Maggie Navarro – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Next lunch and game day is Wednesday, May 27th, BCCC, 11:00 am. Come join us. Call Joe Navarro at 530-343-0832 with questions.</p>
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<p><b>Piscatology</b></p>		<p>The fishing group went to Lake Almanor April 28-30. We all caught fish and had a great time. 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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<p><b>Hiking</b></p>		<p>We had a good turnout for our April 28<sup>th</sup> hike in Upper Bidwell. The weather was sunny and temperatures were ideal. We met afterward for a sandwich and conversation at S&amp;S Organic Produce, a Randy Benson favorite. We're slammed in May so keep an eye on this space for our next hike. For additional information, please contact Rich Utter, Randy Benson or Jim Hertl.</p>
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<p><b>Pickleball</b></p>		<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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<p><b>Wood Working</b></p>		<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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<p><b>History</b></p>		<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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<p><b>Book Exchange</b></p>		<p>Please bring books to the monthly meeting to exchange. We currently have several excellent books including a Pulitzer Prize winner as well as action and mystery tomes. Stop by the Book Exchange table to put out books you've read and to see what is available. The book exchange starts during the social time before our meeting.</p>
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<p><b>ABV 110</b></p>		<p>We are currently working on coming events. Please contact Jim Brazier for information.</p>
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		<p>Branch 110 Golf is a very popular activity not only for our members but also for other local SIR Branches. After May, the next two tournaments are June 8 at Table Mountain and June 15 at Rolling Hills. Call Darrell Hands, the Chair of the activity, for information.</p>
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Golf at Bidwell Park Golf Course, April 15:

	INV/S	T/S	TH/C	N/S
QUINTO, RAY	74			
VAN PATTEN, ALEX		149	7.7	141.3
BRUGGMAN, DENNIS	75			
GRAY, MARK				
HAGGARD, AJ	77			
MARLER, JIM		160	9.9	150.1
DAHL, JAKE	83			
DEMMER, CHARLES				
WESSELS, BOB	73			
HERMAN, CRAIG		156	5.6	150.4
MATHESON, TOM	83			
PETERSON, RON				

CLOSEST TO PIN

- #2 Dennis Bruggman 10'10", Ray Quinto 11'5"
- #4 Rich Carlson 25", Joe Gallaway 16'8"
- #7 Ray Quinto 8'1", Jeff Eber 16'5"
- #9 Alex Van Patten 9'9", Craig Herman 20'9"
- #12 Mark Hyder 4'6", Bob Browning 44'7"
- #16 Kyle Glaziner 21'6"

**MEMBERSHIP**

**There are now 122 members**

Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call **Sam Smith** at 530-720-1041 to get one via the postal service.

New Member in April	Guests in April
NONE	Salvador Lopez – guest of Jose Lopez

## Announcements

**Little SIR Message:** Dear fellow SIRs, The best thing we can do to keep ourselves busy and healthy is to get involved. There are a lot of groups at SIR that offer ways for us to keep our bodies moving. Whether it's fishing, or playing cards, or golfing or even gathering together with other guys to learn about history. To stay healthy we need to keep our bodies moving and stay involved. So please find a hobby or a group you're interested in and join your fellow brothers at SIR activities.

Thank you - Pastor Al Romero

**Editor's Note:** The next deadline for Rooster's Tale articles is Thursday, June 4th. Send your information by email to Rich Utter.

**Future Programs:** **June 22nd**, D. Keister has done extensive research and will talk 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. **August 24<sup>th</sup>**, Amber Drake will speak on the topic of John Bidwell and the Native American connection.

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

For the Arts:

"A mouse in her room woke Miss Dowd  
 She was frightened – it must be allowed  
 Soon a happy thought hit her  
 To scare off the critter:  
 She sat up in bed and meowed"



Richard Utter, Editor



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

Randy Benson	May	1	Hal Stoner	May	9	Dave Jones	May	19
Joe Viscuso	May	5	A. J. Haggard	May	9	Mike O'Malley	May	23
Frank Moody	May	8	Steve Velasco	May	18	Jim Weidert	May	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!**