

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110 **No July Meeting!!**
1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA – **No Luncheon – No Executive Committee Meeting**

SIR Luncheon and Program Update

Everyone is wondering **when** we will ever get back to enjoying our monthly luncheons and programs. Also participants in our various activities would like to resume those entertaining meetings and wonder **when?** If you would like to obtain answers, you could listen to the various political, media or conspiracy theory pundits or perhaps more reliable predictions could be obtained from a good old fashioned crystal ball. Several vendors have great sales.



Big Sir Message:

Can you believe it is already July and I'm certain that the 4th of July was a great celebration with family and friends. I wanted to wish you all a July Happy Birthday. I certainly want to get our Bidwell Branch 110 started soon. I just want you all to be safe and remain healthy through this Coronavirus. The Coronavirus outlook worsens in much of the U.S. as July begins with a crush of cases. July in America is off to a miserable start.

Over this month's first five days, the United States reported its three largest daily case totals. Fourteen states recorded single-day highs. In all, more than 250,000 new cases were announced nationwide. I certainly hope that this will soon go away. **Just a reminder that all SIR activities are canceled until further notice.** I have researched the Zoom Program and I will look into implementing this as an opportunity to reach out and communicate with our Bidwell Branch 110 SIR Members. I will keep you updated. I am certain that we are committed to get our SIR Bidwell Branch 110 starting once again. Our Chico Elks Lodge has been sanitizing and working so hard in keeping our Elks Lodge clean. As soon as it is safe and healthy and it has been approved by our SIR State Board to move forward to resume BEC meetings, luncheons, and speakers, we will move forward. I just wanted to thank you all for your SIR Membership and continuing to support Bidwell Branch 110.

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Lunch Menu

**No Meeting
No Lunch
No Menu**

Attendance

**No Meeting
No Lunch
No Survey**
No need to contact Don Curtis

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Webmaster: Ron Braziel

Chaplain's Corner: Health, Wisdom and Memorials

In consultation with Tom Shifflet and others, it was decided to endeavor to include more information about Branch 110 members who have health issues or have passed away. It is often found 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 inform either Tom Shifflet or Don Alger. It is important to not leave out acknowledging any fellow members, and it is not possible for a few people to recognize news about all members.

There are no guarantees about the **Wisdom** part of this new feature!

Chaplain's Message:

In the midst of these troublesome days, brought on by the coronavirus and subsequent social distancing, you may be a SIR (Bidwell Branch 110) with an unmet need. If so, feel free to email **TomShifflet@aol.com**. Likewise, if you are a SIR 110 member that is willing to volunteer some time and energy towards helping a fellow SIR with a specific need, please contact me, **TomShifflet@aol.com**. I will try to match SIRs with needs and SIRs who are willing to help. We can get through this pandemic together.



July 27, 1970: In Chicago, Sears, Roebuck & Company announced its plan to construct the tallest building in the world, to be 1,451 feet (440 m) high, taller than the what was the 1,350 feet twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. The 110-story **Sears Tower** (now called **the Willis Tower**) took its first tenants in 1973 and remained the world's tallest building until 1998. It is the now the third



Sears/Willis Tower

tallest building in the Western Hemisphere and the 23rd-tallest building in the world. The **Central Park Tower** at 1,550 feet is the tallest residential building in the world. It was completed September 2019. **One World Trade Center** at 1,776 feet (also known as One World Trade, One WTC, or Freedom Tower) is the main building of the rebuilt World Trade Center complex in Lower Manhattan. One WTC is the tallest building in the United States, the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere, and the seventh-tallest in the world. The 2,717 feet tall **Burj Khalifa** in Dubai has been the tallest building since 2008.



The Central Park Tower



One World Trade Center



Burj Khalifa

SIR 110 Activities

There were of course no official SIR activities due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions. However, some members pursued related activities on an individual basis.

For contact information for leaders of any of the activities, please refer to a Rooster's Tale edition prior to May.



Piscatology

Members of the fishing group continue to fish on their own. The two Steve's, Larry and Vern have had some success at Bucks Lake. Without meetings we have been unable to organize a group fishing trip. Whatever we don't get done this summer will just have to wait until next year. For more information call Bob Weckerle 894-6698 or Bill Colvin 521-7269

Woodworking

The woodworking group did not hold any activity meetings, but Don Levensaler and Bill Gebhardt finished projects.

Don built a bed slide used for easy access to equipment under a camper shell (see photo). The bed easily slides on hard slippery plastic strips called UHMW.



Bill designed and formed a concrete base for a windmill and installed it in their Rose garden (see photo).



It was for his wife's birthday.

For something different this month, here's a short excerpt of *From the Editor* in Issue #276 of *Fine Woodworking* magazine entitled:

The healing power of woodworking

We each approach woodworking in a very personal way, and we get our satisfaction from it in personal ways. While appearing on our Shop Talk Live podcast at Fine Woodworking, furniture maker Nancy Hiller talked about the joy she gets from the work:

"The brilliant thing about making something is that you get the satisfaction in three dimensions and sensually. It's aesthetic in all senses; you get to touch the wood, and to smell the wood, and to feel the wood."

Indeed, there is great satisfaction in completing a project. But woodworking is more than that. For many, the shop is an escape from the daily grind, a healing shelter from life's stresses. When my oldest brother passed away suddenly in March, my woodworking helped me to refocus and to cope, providing welcome relief from the static noise that had enveloped the complicated processes of death and grieving. I am not the only person who has found therapy in woodworking. It's a story I hear quite often, especially from veterans who are trying to overcome the psychological and physical burdens of war.

Tom McKenna, editorial director

The monthly woodworking information is faithfully provided by Michael Kobelt. Thank you for all your efforts.



Travel

Most tours have been canceled but there are a few available.

For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.



Golf

No ok yet from SIRS higher ups.....when we get it, we still have a 30 day wait before we can play.

Here are some of the guidelines that Bidwell Golf Course has:

1. No gatherings of any type, before or after the round
2. No award ceremonies after rounds
3. social distancing must be posted on all materials
4. NO SHOTGUN STARTS
5. Tee times only, and now 10 minutes apart (usually 8 minutes)

6. Pre-payments required
7. No physical registration areas allowed (no sign-in tables)
8. Event director may not take payments on day of event for any reason.
9. Single riders only in carts
10. Must designate who is riding in cart and who is walking
11. Requires mandatory electronic scoring for competitive tournaments.
12. No collection of score cards allowed anywhere on property including parking lot.
13. No drinking water, no ball washers, no rakes in bunkers

As you can see it would be extremely difficult to have a tournament. Hope things get better real soon!!

This information is courtesy of Darrell Hands, SIRS tournament director. Thanks.

Deyber Art

One of Barbara Alger's favorite artists is Robert Deyber. His artwork is full of surprises. Every canvas revels in the artist's sense of humor, each painting a visual rendering of a clever turn on a common phrase. Despite his sense of fun, however, Robert Deyber is a seriously skilled painter. He is endlessly intrigued by visual imaginings that reside in the realm between reality and fantasy, and he is clearly able to render these imaginings brilliantly. His artwork is highly narrative in nature; his paintings convey an almost dreamlike quality to the bemused viewer. Most of his paintings have clever titles.

Can you deduce what the title of this piece is?

[The answer is given at the bottom of page 6.]




MEMBERSHIP

There are currently 180 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.

Even though we are not meeting face-to-face, SIR membership is still open to accepting new applications. Anyone wishing an application can e-mail me at dlev29@comcast.net. The completed application can be returned by USPS or E-MAIL.

If your name is on this list below, please send the \$24 ABC fee to Don Levensaler, 1492 Keri Ln, Chico, 95926. Payable to Sir branch 110.

If you have already paid, please excuse the inclusion of your name again.

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| 064 Barger Jim | 029 Giberson Richard | 090 Marple Larry | 214 Robertson Kenneth |
| 217 Baxter Frank | 026 Hagen Lyman | 255 Matthews Paul | 037 Scott Troy |
| 025 Bingaman William | 019 Hansen Raymond | 129 McDermott William | 059 Shippen William |
| 221 Bollinger John | 034 Herman Craig | 012 McNamara Dennis | 168 Shook Doug |
| 083 Carlson Ernie | 127 Iannone Rocco | 205 Merrill Fred | 047 Sorger Neil |
| 092 Ciapponi Fred | 194 Imhoff Ronald | 206 Musgrave Mike | 118 Spooner Daryl |
| 231 Cohea William | 036 Kandler Art | 048 Osborne Michael | 282 Van Houtte Edward |
| 234 Costa Peter | 107 Knowlton Jack | 169 Prewitt William | 263 Wilbur Richard |
| 074 Day Jeff | 174 Kreider Larry | 035 Priddy Charles | 125 Wilson Terrance |
| 187 Emmons Steve | 141 Mace Joseph | 225 Pustejovsky Donald | 010 Youngstrom William |
| 004 Fromer Michael | | | |

Please bring a friend to the next SIR meeting!

Announcements

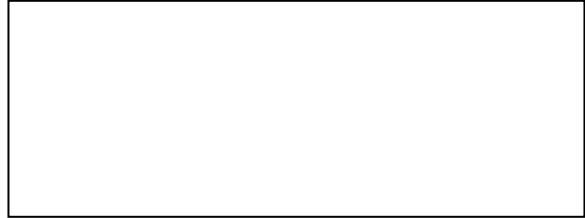
- **Editor's Note:** Deadline for the August Rooster's Tale is Thursday, August 6. Send your articles by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone him at: (530) 894-2452.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>
- **Future Programs:** Whenever we can have another normal luncheon meeting, we will have another interesting program. As always, your ideas are welcome.
- **Annual Basket Collection (ABC):** Just another reminder that our annual **ABC fee** is due. Please see the information above.
- **Coronavirus Treatment and Vaccine Development:** **If there is interest**, an update of the situations for potential treatments and vaccines for COVID-19 could be provided next month. **Please let the editor know if this would be of interest to you.**



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If you have a July Birthday, we are sorry we will not be able to celebrate with you. Here's hoping you had or will have a great day.

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| Fred | Ciapponi | July | 1 | Russ | Melquist | July | 11 | Syl | Lucena | July | 19 |
| Rick | Giberson | July | 3 | Robert | Engelken | July | 12 | Sam | Smith | July | 26 |
| Ken | Shippen | July | 7 | Henry | Maas | July | 13 | Joe | Silbernagel | July | 28 |
| Tony | Meith | July | 9 | Ed | Matzdorff | July | 14 | Walt | Stile | July | 29 |

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

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[Art Answer: "Wild Goose Chase"]