

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting August 23, 2021 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

Program: Due to COVID-19 issues the scheduled August speaker had to cancel. The Program Committee has had a back-up program on the books for this kind of situation. The **NEW topic** for the August 23 luncheon will be Dangerous Spiders. After a brief introduction of some general spider information, examples of dangerous (deadly) spiders in the world will be presented with an emphasis on what to be concerned about in California and Butte County in particular. **Don Alger**, a Program Committee member and long time amateur arachnologist will be the emergency back-up speaker.

Courtesy Reminder: The BEC has suggested that it would be courteous to let the speaker know beforehand if you will have to get up and leave during the presentation. Also conversations at your tables during the presentation should be avoided. In addition, in general, it usually works better to hold questions until the presentation is finished.

Lunch: The food will be plated and served as it was last month. There won't be any vegetables. We will be having a salad, entree, and a dessert. **The cost will be \$17.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
No menu was provided by publication time.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the August luncheon. There will be a survey but if you can't do the survey, <u>PLEASE</u> , if you will NOT attend , contact Craig Lindquist, at 898-8483 or c.lindquist@sbcglobal.net by Thursday, August 19.

Big Sir Message: SIRS 110 is getting back on its feet. Golf is going strong and if you want to join get in touch with Darrell Hands and he will help getting you involved. The fishing group is having a trip every month. Of course fishing in Northern California is hard but there is fishing on the coast and other great places. Keith Johnson said that they are having a great time at different wine tastings. Robin Thompson and Ed Matzdorff are looking for more members for bridge. Our woodworkers are busy cutting and sawing and making some v interesting things. You can join them by getting in touch with Craig Lindquist. As you can see our SIRS group is very busy and has lots of fun activities.



It is sad for me to let you know that Jim Amis had to resign because of conflicting obligations. So, **I am looking for a new Little SIR.** I am sorry to see him go and will miss him. We also need some committee positions to be filled. Please help me find someone.

I hope that everyone is being safe and careful. I thought that we were getting out of the woods, but it looks like we are in for another run of COVID. Be careful and be aware of where you are. Until next time, Norm.

2021 Officers and Directors

Big Sir: Norm Stump	Little Sir: Vacant	Secretary: Bob Dinger
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Director: Don Alger	Director: Jose Lopez	Director: Ken Edson

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

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.

**Do not listen with the intent to reply
but with intent to understand.**

Robin Thompson: Robin, who has been active in the bridge group and the fishing activities has been hospitalized and is currently home recovering. He is not yet ready for calls or visits but please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Jim Kirks: As has been previously noted, Jim passed away on April 9, but his service was postponed until this summer. His service is now set for Saturday, August 28th, at 2 pm at the Faith Lutheran Church on E. First Avenue, across from Bidwell Perk.



Aleksandr Isayevich Solzhenitsyn (December 11, 1918 – August 3, 2008) was a Russian novelist, philosopher, historian, short story writer and political prisoner. One of the most famous Soviet dissidents, Solzhenitsyn was an outspoken critic of communism and helped to raise global awareness of political repressions in the Soviet Union, in particular the Gulag concentration camp system.

He was perhaps best known for his novels One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich and The Gulag Archipelago. He was awarded the 1970 Nobel Prize in Literature "for the ethical force with which he has pursued the indispensable traditions of Russian literature". His The Gulag Archipelago was a highly influential work that "amounted to a head-on challenge to the Soviet state" and sold tens of millions of copies. Then not long after that recognition on

August 9, 1971: An attempt was made by the KGB to poison dissident Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn by putting an unidentified chemical agent on candy that Solzhenitsyn was purchasing at a department store. Solzhenitsyn was ill for several months but survived the poisoning attempt.

Seems that some things may have not changed in fifty years!

SIR 110 Activities

Please remember that when activities resume, it is critical that approval be obtained from the BEC and have it entered into the minutes for insurance coverage.

Golf: A **4 man Scramble Tournament** was held at Wilcox Oaks on Wednesday, July 21. Chico SIRS had 37 participants.

Flight 1 Winners (with Group Net Score of 62.2):

BOB WESSELS; DAVE BARNUM; LARRY HILDENBRAND; JIM WEIDERT

Flight 2 Winners (with Group Net Score of 59.3):

DON CAMY; ED MAIN; MAT CABRAL; BRIAN SKELLY

Closest to the pin # 8:

NORM ADKINS 10'7"; WAYNE BROWN 17'8"; BOB WESSELS 20'4"

Closest to the pin # 18:

DAVE BARNUM 4'; BOB MABREY 9'6"; PAUL BROSSOIT 12'3"

Dominoes: We are going to disband the Mexican Train group due to loss of five regular players who moved out of state and no new interest shown from the current members. This group was started by Mac Martin many years ago and provided a lot of fun times and lasting friendships.

Pinochle: Happy to say, pinochle is starting. New venue, same 4th Wednesday, same time 11:30. The first date is Wednesday, August 25, at the Butte Creek Country Club at 11:30. We will be ordering individually off their great sounding menu. If you plan to join us, it would be helpful if you let me know so we can give them an idea of how they want to set up for our group since we are new there. Please call 343-0832. Thanks, Joe Navarro.

Piscatology: Fisherman are having some success on the coast. Vern Hartman, Greg Robinson, Jose Lopez and Larry Kreider did very well last week. Below is some evidence of their success.



An August 24th activity is planned for Lake Almanor. The September 28th trip will be to Bucks Lake. There are hopes that water will still be available for October.

We meet the 2nd Thursday each month at 7:00 am at the Cozy Diner's back room. Please join us. Call Bill Colvin 521-7269 or Bob Weckerle 864-6698 for more information.

Woodworking: There may not be much activity to report for the summer.

Travel: There are currently some tours available.

- **September 16-24, 2021: Louisville to Nashville - Featuring a tour of Churchill Downs and the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park**
- **There are several tours scheduled for 2022.**

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

Vino 110: July's wine tasting event at WINE TIME in Chico was quite a success. Twenty SIRS and their guests tasted 5 delicious non-local California wines and Ron and Delores Braziel were the happy winners of a drawing for a free bottle of wine of their choice.

In August VINO 110ers will travel to Oroville for wine tasting at the PURPLE LINE URBAN WINERY. Featured will be samples of Barbera from the bottle and from the barrel. Charcuterie for this event will be provided by Vibes Grill and Pub, a new establishment at Purple Line.

OTL: Branch 52 had discussions, including the Out To Lunch (OTL) program, and the possibility of it starting in September. SIRS 110 are invited to help plan and participate in a combined OTL program.

Hiking: Our first hike, in a long time, will be on **August 10th** at Paradise Lake. We will assemble at Raley's South (Skyway) by The Country Waffle and Starbucks, at 8:00 am to carpool. Parking, at the lake is \$3.00 per car. This is an easy hike on partially shaded trails with restrooms, benches and great views of the lake. Bring a light lunch, water, binoculars and camera. Wear good hiking shoes and bring your walking sticks. **State Covid policy requires that this hike is only for SIRS who have been fully vaccinated and have signed the State waiver. This activity was cancelled due to temperature and smoke concerns.**

Bridge: Bridge met once, Ed Matzdorff was high scorer.

History Club: The Branch 110 BEC approved a private guided tour of the Chico History Museum on **Thursday, August 12 at 10 am.** The emphasis will be on discussions and viewing the new displays and remodel changes. As usual significant others or guests are always welcome.

Since there will be a limit of the number of people allowed, **if you have not already done so**, please let **Don Alger** know if you would like to participate in the Museum tour at 894-2452 or dalger@csuchico.edu. Also, if you would like to get regular updates on potential history activities please contact Don Alger.

Strange Species of Animals



This is a Venezuelan Poodle Moth first found in 2009.



This is a Homo Sapiens-Crazy Guy competing for a Darwin Award.



There are currently 168 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.

July 2021 Guests

Steve Storm guest of Cap Porterfield
Bruce Crowson guest of Greg Robertson

Rick Clack guest of Jose Lopez
Howard Hammer guest of Vern Hartman

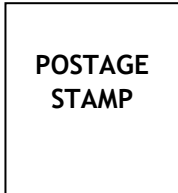
After about a year and a half leave **Charles Staser** has reactivated his membership. We welcome Charles back as an active member.

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **September** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, September 9**. 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
- **Volunteers Needed: Branch 110 could still use your help.**
 Besides vacancies in the officer's positions, there are several other positions which still need to be filled. In the case of the Supper Club, the continuation of the activity is dependent on finding someone to serve as chair. A discussion of whether to discontinue the Supper Club activity is scheduled for the August 23rd BEC meeting. If you are interested in helping, please contact Big SIR Norm Stump. His contact information is in the 2020 Membership Roster.
- **Future Programs:** The Program Committee has identified several possible programs for 2021. The currently scheduled program for September will be about the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) which is an intra-local agency to ensure that changes in government occur in a manner that provides efficient and quality services. The speaker will be **Carl Leverenz**.
As always, new ideas are welcome.
- **Fall BBQ:** The date for the Fall BBQ has been set for Friday, October 8. Please save the date. Since the Chair has resigned his SIR membership, **a new chair for this activity is needed**. 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 an August Birthday, please join us at the August 23 luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch****

Dave Miller	Aug	1	Norm Stump	Aug	7	Bill Niepoth	Aug	18
Greg Brown	Aug	1	Doug Shook	Aug	9	Steve George	Aug	18
Jeff Day	Aug	4	Joe Navarro	Aug	11	Terry Wilson	Aug	19
KR Robertson	Aug	4	Richard Symons	Aug	14	Gary Pederson	Aug	21
Bob Dinger	Aug	7	Ken Edson	Aug	16	Sam Davis	Aug	23
Bill McNelley	Aug	7	Jim Braziel	Aug	17	Dave Rush	Aug	24

****It is possible to get a free lunch card without being a Birthday Boy. There has been a free lunch winner at meetings from a name badge drawing. 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!