

Rooster's Tale

Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting September 26, 2022 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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



Program: The September program will explore some factors which have allowed the Chico State Men's Basketball Program to have such unprecedented years of success since at least 2014 when they won their first Western Regional Tournament and advanced to the Elite 8 in Division II basketball. Since 2013, only five teams out of over 300 Division II schools have been able to make it to the Elite 8 three or more times. Chico State is one of them. During those recent years no other team in their Conference—the CCAA—has advanced to the Elite 8. How has Chico State been able to pull off such an amazing feat? The initial plan was to have Greg Clink, the current Head Coach, speak but because of a time conflict it was decided to have the current Assistant Coach **Cevin Meador** provide some insight into this question. This is perhaps even better because the coaching aspect will not be filtered through Coach Clink's modesty. Cevin is in his second year at Chico and has had coaching experience at several schools including three seasons as an Assistant Coach in our conference at Cal State Monterey Bay.



Lunch: The food will still be served as it has been recently. **The cost will still be \$17.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Bolognese Lasagna, with ground beef, mushrooms, ricotta and mozzarella cheese, herb's and marinara sauce. There will be garlic bread and Caesar Salad. Dessert will be carrot cake.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the September luncheon. Please respond to the survey , but if you could not do the survey, and if you WILL attend , contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 by Thursday, September 22.

Big Sir Message: Here it is September, and summer is almost gone, I think.



Harvest time has started, and the grapes are coming in to be made into wine. This makes me think that we have one of the best wine groups in the world, anyway I think so. The wine tastings each month are great. Watch the Rooster's Tale to see when the next one is being held and where. It is a great time to socialize with other SIR members.

Our meetings are great and growing; we are getting our old members back to enjoy our meetings. We are also getting new members. I would like to see our meetings back up to the number that we had before Covid. We are going in that direction. If you talk to any of our members that are not attending, ask them to come back to our meetings.

You can tell when you're on the right road – it's uphill. *Norm*

Please check out our website for updates and lots of new humor.

Branch 110 Website: <http://www.branch110.sirinc2.org>

Webmaster: Ron Braziel

2022 Officers and Directors

Big Sir: Norm Stump		Little Sir: Rich Utter	
Secretary: Bob Dinger	Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush	Data Base Mgr: Rocky Rockwell	
Treasurer: Ed Matzdorff	Asst. Treas. : Jose Lopez	Asst. Treas. : Charles Staser	
Attendance Sec.: Soon to be Vacant			
Director: Dave Jones (3 rd term)	Director: Don Alger (2 nd term)	Director: Jim Braziel (2 nd term)	
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A vote was held at the August luncheon and the above members were elected to the BEC.

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 provide the information to Don Alger. Let's not miss acknowledging our fellow members.



Ron Robinson: Ronald Alfred Robinson, 83, passed away July 31, 2022, in Chico. Ron had been a member of Branch 110 since November 2008. He was involved with many organizations over the years including the National Guard, scouts, sports and square dance calling. He also played a variety of musical instruments and loved to sing and play with various bands


Craig Lindquist: Craig is almost finished with his chemo treatments and his cancer is in remission. He is feeling stronger and has hopes of attending the September SIR meeting.

Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will.
Suzy Kasseem

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.

Bridge		Bob Dinger was high scorer in 2 of the 3 sessions of bridge. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. Call Ed Mazdorff at 342-3649 for information.
Out to Lunch		There are no Out to Lunch activities planned for September.

<p>Golf</p>		<p>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 Darrell Hands, the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.</p>
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On Monday, August 29, 51 Sirs played a four man scramble at Canyon Oaks.


Flight One		Flight Two	
1st Place Net = 56.3	2nd Place Net = 61.1	1st Place Net = 60.0	2nd Place Net = 60.3
HULL, MICHAEL	ATKINS, NORM	BROSSOIT, PAUL	BRUGGMAN, DENNIS
MABREY, BOB	BROWN, WAYNE	EBER, JEFF	CAMY, DON
McNAMARA, DENNIS	VELASCO, STEVE	HYDER, MARK	MAIN, ED
MESSINA, JOHN	VELASQUES, JOE	PERTUIT, GLEN	QUINTO, RAY


Closest to the pin #3: ATKINS, NORM - 5' 8"; BROSSOIT, PAUL - 6' 10"; McNAMARA, DENNIS - 7' 8"
 Closest to the pin #11: McNAMARA, DENNIS - 11' 6"; HANDS, DARRELL - 14' 9"; SHOOK, DOUG - 17' 2"


On Monday, August 8, Sirs played a 4 man scramble at Bidwell.


Flight One		Flight Two	
1st Place Net = 58.0	2nd Place Net = 58.2	1st Place Net = 61.4	2nd Place Net = 62.8
BARNUM, DAVE	DONAHOO, SCOTT	REIMANN, FRANK	DZWONEK, TED
HILDENBRAND, LARRY	EVANS, BOB	SMITH, SAM	KEYSER, DENNIS
MESSINA, JOHN	FELLNER, CRAIG	SOLOMON, DAN	NEELEY, STEVE
WESSELS, BOB	NAVARRO, RAY		PETERICH, TERREL


Closest to the pin #2: BRUGGMAN, DENNIS - 10' 3"; HANDS, DARRELL - 11' 6"; KNOWLTON, JACK - 18' 0"
 Closest to the pin #16: BARNUM, DAVE - 10' 1/4"; HANDS, DARRELL - 10' 2"; FELLNER, CRAIG - 10' 8"



<p>Pinochle</p>		<p>The winners for August were: Vi Aldax - 1st; Maggie Navarro - 2nd; Sam Smith - 3rd. The next game day is September 28, at 11:00 am at BCCC for lunch and cards. <u>Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</u></p>
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<p>History</p>		<p>There are no official SIR History Club activities planned. There will be an endeavor to keep interested folks informed about upcoming history related activities. Please forward any ideas for any potential group activities. Contact Don Alger at dalger@csuchico.edu to receive regular updates on History activities in the area.</p>
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<p>Vino 110</p>		<p>This month's Wine Club tasting will be different. Usually we go to a winery, but this time the winery is coming to us.</p>
<p>John and Linda Alger (no relation to Don and Barbara) from the Alger Winery in Manton California are coming down bringing their wine and glasses for an enjoyable wine tasting. The event will take place between 2:00 and 4:00 pm on September 29th at Jim and Carol Braziel's house. Signups will be at the SIR luncheon or you can call Jim at 916-709-3344 or leave a message on the home phone at 530 342-1215. The cost will be \$10 per person.</p>		

<p>Hiking</p>		<p>The Hiking Group will take a break during the summer. Watch for an announcement closer to fall when we'll formally resume hiking outings.</p>
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<p>Piscatology</p>		<p>The fishing group is finishing the summer season on a positive note. The August trip to Bucks Lake allowed everyone to catch fish. Some caught more than others. Fourteen (14) fishermen made the trip. Vern Hartman provided a truly outstanding "fish fry" for Tuesday dinner.</p>
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			<p>Our next trip will be to Lake Almanor on September 27th and 28th. Any SIR member interested in fishing, should join us for breakfast, the second Thursday of each month at Cozy Diner, 7:30 am. For information call Bob Weckerle 530-864-6698 or Bill Colvin 530-521-7269.</p>
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<p>Travel</p>		<p>There are some tours scheduled for 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic Ireland Trip through Ireland April, 14-27, 2023 • Autumn Colors Trip to East Coast October, 13-22, 2023 <p>For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</p>
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<p>Bowling</p>		<p>Men's Drop-in League: A new season started Tuesday, August 16 - 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>Any questions you can txt Randy Benson at 530-513-9815.</u></p>
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50 Years Ago On **September 14, 1972**, "The Waltons" TV program premiered on CBS starring Richard Thomas, Ralph Waite, Michael Learned, and Will Geer. It was an American historical drama television series about a family in rural Virginia during the Great Depression and World War II. It was created by Earl Hamner Jr., based on his 1961 book *Spencer's Mountain* and the 1963 film of the same name. It had a ten season run.

Camping Frugality

My wife gives me a hard time about not throwing things away.

But I say "you never know"!



There could be some unknown use.

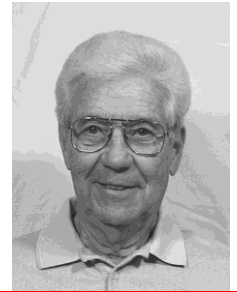


Branch 110 Senior and Super Senior Sirs

The Senior Sir designation is for members who have reached the age of 90.

A Super Senior Sir is a member who has reached the age of 95.

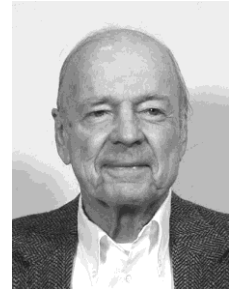
Jack Lutz was born on April 9, 1925. He was inducted into Branch 110 in 1985. He is our **Super Senior Sir**. He is also the longest active member of Branch 110 and an Honorary Life Member.



Bill Bebensee was born on October 14, 1930. He was inducted into Branch 110 in 2000.



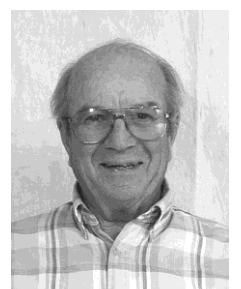
Bill McDermott was born on February 3, 1928. He was inducted into Branch 110 in 2000. He was recognized as a Senior Sir at a 2018 luncheon with a Senior Sir Certificate.



Bill Niepoth was born on August 18, 1928. He was inducted into Branch 110 in 2017. He was recognized as a Senior Sir at a 2018 luncheon with a Senior Sir Certificate.



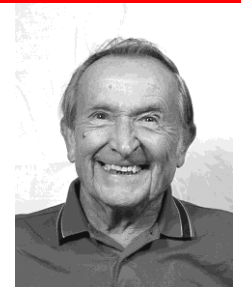
Frank Pangburn was born on September 7, 1932. He was inducted into Branch 110 in 1992.



Harold Reck was born on January 17 1932. He was inducted into Branch 110 in 2009. He was recognized as a Senior Sir at a 2022 luncheon with a Senior Sir Certificate.



Walter Stile was born on July 29, 1931. He was inducted into Branch 110 in 1998.



Harold Thommen was born on February 26, 1929. He was inducted into Branch 110 in 1995.



Bob Weckerle was born on March 26, 1931. He was inducted into Branch 110 in 1999.



Random Thoughts

Who decided on the spelling of queue?

About a 100 years ago, all people owned horses while only the rich had cars. Today almost everybody owns cars but only the rich can afford horses!

HISTORY OF THE CAR RADIO

Seems like cars have always had radios, but they didn't. Here's the story: One evening, in 1929, two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois, to watch the sunset. It was a romantic night to be sure, but one of the women observed that it would be even nicer if they could listen to music in the car. Lear and Wavering liked the idea. Both men had tinkered with radios and it wasn't long before they were taking apart a home radio and trying to get it to work in a car. But it wasn't easy: automobiles have ignition switches, generators, spark plugs, and other electrical equipment that generate noisy static interference, making it nearly impossible to listen to the radio when the engine was running. One by one, Lear and Wavering identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference.

When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a radio convention in Chicago. There they met Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. Galvin needed a new product to manufacture.

When he met Lear and Wavering at the radio convention, he found it. He believed that mass-produced, affordable car radios had the potential to become a huge business.

Lear and Wavering set up shop in Galvin's factory, and when they perfected their first radio, they installed it in his Studebaker. He drove his Studebaker nearly 800 miles to Atlantic City to show off the radio at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association convention. Too broke to afford a booth, he parked the car outside the convention hall and cranked up the radio so that passing conventioners could hear it. That idea worked -- He got enough orders to put the radio into production.

WHAT'S IN A NAME! That first production model was called the 5T71. Galvin decided he needed to come up with something a little catchier. In those days many companies in the phonograph and radio businesses used the suffix "ola" for their names - Radiola, Columbiola, and Victrola were three of the biggest. Galvin decided to do the same thing, and since his radio was intended for use in a motor vehicle, he decided to call it the **Motorola**.

But even with the name change, the radio still had problems: When Motorola went on sale in 1930, it cost about \$110 uninstalled, at a time when you could buy a brand-new car for \$650, and the country was sliding into the Great Depression. (By that measure, a radio for a new car would cost about \$3,000 today.)

In 1930, it took two men several days to put in a car radio -- The dashboard had to be taken apart so that the receiver and a single speaker could be installed, and the ceiling had to be cut open to install the antenna. These early radios ran on their own batteries, not on the car battery, so holes had to be cut into the floorboard to accommodate them. The installation manual had eight complete diagrams and 28 pages of instructions. Selling complicated car radios that cost 20 percent of the price of a brand-new car wouldn't have been easy in the best of times, let alone during the Great Depression. Galvin lost money in 1930 and struggled for a couple of years after that. But things picked up in 1933 when Ford began offering Motorola's pre-installed at the factory. In 1934 they got another boost when Galvin struck a deal with B.F. Goodrich Tire Company to sell and install them in its chain of tire stores. By then the price of the radio, with installation included, had dropped to \$55. The Motorola car radio was off and running. The name of the company would be officially changed from Galvin Manufacturing to "Motorola" in 1947.

Whatever happened to the two men who installed the first radio in Paul Galvin's car? Elmer Wavering and William Lear ended up taking very different paths in life. Wavering stayed with Motorola. In the 1950's he helped change the automobile experience again when he developed the first automotive alternator, replacing inefficient and unreliable generators. The invention led to such luxuries as power windows, power seats, and, eventually, air-conditioning.

Lear also continued inventing. He holds more than 150 patents. Remember eight-track tape players? Lear invented that. But what he's really famous for are his contributions to the field of aviation. He invented radio direction finders for planes, aided in the invention of the autopilot, designed the first fully automatic aircraft landing system, and in 1963 introduced his most famous invention of all, the Lear Jet, the world's first mass-produced, affordable business jet. (Not bad for a guy who dropped out of school after the eighth grade.) Sometimes it is fun to find out how some of the many things that we take for granted actually came into being.

Thanks to Syl Lucena and Dave Rush for information for this story.



There are currently 116 active members. That number includes 15 members who are on Attendance Relief but are characterized as "active" members by the State SIR Organization.

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 Members Inducted in August



Name: **Larry Willis**
 Occupation: Attorney – Willis & Willis
 Interests: Fishing, Golf, Hiking, Wine Tasting, Biking, Dining Out and Veterans.
 Sponsored by: Ken Edson



Name: **Ken Baker**
 Wife: Jackie
 Occupation: Insurance Agent – Allstate
 Interests: Camping, RV's, Fishing, Singing.
 Sponsored by: Darrell Hands

Ken had been a prior approved member but his induction was delayed.

Guests in August

Clint Lancaster – guest of Bill Colvin
Tim Hill – guest of Tim Casaulong

Reinstated Member

Dennis Wolfe

Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2022 Roster, some have passed away, some have dropped and new members have joined. Since the Roster is used for different purposes, the Roster Updates will keep the members informed of **current membership**, so people do not spend time trying to contact former members for SIR business.

Please refer to the June edition of the Rooster's Tale for previous Roster updates.

For privacy reasons, typical Roster information on new members will not be published in the Rooster's Tale but if you need to communicate with a new member, contact Don Alger at 530-894-2452 or dalger@csuchico.edu for a contact procedure.

New Drops	Don Kidd			
New Members	Randy Benson	Robert DiPietro	Michael Hull	Frank Moody
	Jim Johnson	Al Romero	Larry Willis	
Reinstated Members	Ruben Martinez	Vance Parker	Dennis Wolfe	

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **October** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, October 6**. Send your information by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Future Programs:** The program for **October** will be a presentation about the North Valley Community Foundation work and grants. The speaker will be **David Little**, Executive Vice President, Communications.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have a September Birthday, please join us at the September 26 luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!***

Larry	Kreider	Sept	2	Bill	Youngstrom	Sept	17	Rich	Utter	Sept	25
Tim	Casalong	Sept	7	Marv	Smith	Sept	18	Bob	Wessels	Sept	28
Eddie	Van Houtte	Sept	14	Ray	Rolls	Sept	20				

***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!

Never let your friends feel lonely... Disturb them all the time.