

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting September 25, 2023 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

Program: The program for September will be on the Titan Missile Silo

Complex North of Chico that existed at the Chico airport in the 1960's.

There will also be information presented about Beale Air Force Base's 851st Strategic Missile Squadron, which consisted of three bases in California.

The other two were located in the Sutter Buttes and the Placer County town of Lincoln. Our speaker will be **Doug Williams**. He grew up in Chico and attended Citrus Elementary School, Chico Junior High, and Graduated from Chico High. Mr. Williams then attended University of California at Davis, where he completed the Air Force ROTC program and a BA in History/Economics. While pursuing graduate studies at CSU, Chico, in 1992 he began his research on the Chico Missile Silos. He has obtained a California Single Subject Teaching Credential, a Master's in Education and a California Administrative Credential. He currently serves as the Principal of Chico High School.



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

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
<p>BBQ Pork Ribs with potato salad, corn on the cob, and fresh baked brownies for the dessert</p>	<p>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 21.</p>

Big Sir Message: August 31st was the annual State SIR meeting. Nowadays



that meeting is held online to help keep expenses in check. A nice feature of online meetings is we can include who we want. So the members of our Branch Executive Committee and branch officers were invited to listen in if they had the time and the desire. The meeting included the President Elect presenting his vision for 2024. If you'd like to read his vision that was added to our branch website (thank you, Ron). Look for the President Elect's Vision for 2024 under Announcements.

We had another outstanding program in August with Nicole Carter talking about the Merriam Park development. In September, I'm looking forward to hearing about the Titan missile silos north of town from a local who has done extensive research on the topic. Liquid fuel rockets can be somewhat temperamental so I suspect we'll learn some of the details of the local spectacular malfunctions involving liquid propellant at "our" missile silo.

We have recently added a number of new members to our branch. Please make these men welcome. If you see someone you don't know or looks lost, please introduce yourself. I think it's a great thing when we can make a new member feel welcome. *Rich*

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

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

Webmaster: Ron Braziel

2023 Officers and Directors

Big Sir: Rich Utter		Little Sir: Dave Jones	
Secretary: Bob Dinger	Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush	Data Base Mgr: Rocky Rockwell	
Treasurer: Charles Staser	Asst. Treas. : Jose Lopez		
Director: Don Alger (3rd term)	Director: Jim Braziel (3rd term)	Director: Ken Edson (2nd term)	
Director: Ron Braziel (2nd term)	Director: Bill Colvin (2nd term)	Director: Randy Benson (1st term)	

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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.


Hal Thommen: Fellow SIRS, we lost one of the original SIRS on August 11, 2023....Hal Thommen. Hal was 94 years old and had played in a lot of our golf tournaments years ago. Hal almost owned the 16th hole on k.p.'s He hit that difficult green almost every time....the rest of us always have a problem there. Hal had a great laugh and was always fun to be around. A celebration of life will be held at the Chico Elks Lodge on September 17, 2023 noon to 3 pm.


**Remember that the three words that kills learning are
"I already know."**

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		There was no report of SIR Branch 110 winners. 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.
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Wood Working		Due to a lack of interest, the woodworking shop has closed. Should someone have a project that needs a little help, call Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.
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<p>ABV 110</p>		<p>There will be a Wine Tasting activity in September. It will be Thursday, September 28, at 2 pm at Jim and Carol Braziel's home at 13625 Autumn Lane. It will involve sampling wines from Italy. The cost will be \$10 per person. If you are interested in participating PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.</p>
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It will be necessary to get an accurate head count to make certain there is sufficient wine to sample so **please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452) to indicate if you would be interested in participating. The RSVP deadline will be Tuesday September 26**


<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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Weather caused the cancellation of the tournament in August.

<p>Piscatology</p>		<p>Fishing is not necessarily "catching". The fishing group fished for Rainbow, Brown and Kokanee trout at Bucks Lake, during our latest fishing expedition.</p>
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The highlight of the trip was Vern's cooking. He prepared a fish fry on Tuesday night and breakfast each morning. The full moon may have contributed to the limited success of catching fish. We enjoyed a great campsite and great friendship. Please join us at Cozy Diner, September 14th at 7:00 am to help plan the next trip. Call Bill Colvin for more information at 530-521-7269.



<p>Pinochle</p>		<p>The winners for August were Lyn Smith - 1st; Maggie Navarro - 2nd; Charles Clayton - 3rd. Next game day is Wednesday, September 27, with lunch and cards at the BCCC, at 11:00 am. Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</p>
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<p>Bowling</p>		<p>SIR Bowling starts this Tuesday, September 12, 6 pm, at Bowlero. This is a drop-in league that meets each week so you can attend every Tuesday or when the mood strikes you. If you decide to show up near a holiday or as summer approaches, you might want to check to make sure the bowling night is happening.</p>
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Bowling will not be held on holidays and the league wraps up as we approach summer. The cost is \$17 for three games plus shoe rental. There is a \$25 league enrollment fee so your first time to bowl will be \$42 then \$17 each time thereafter. Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815.


<p>History</p>		<p>In an effort to revitalize our History activity, here is a proposal and an inquiry as to potential interest and participation. To avoid uncertainty and conflicts for the activity, we will have it on a specific day and time of the month with weekends excluded.</p>
<p>The activity will involve a pursuit of topics which people will probably not have experienced. A more narrow range of topics/issues such as the chronology/history of Chico's old buildings or institutions or businesses will be the focus.</p> <p>Some examples would be the Collier Hardware building (built in 1871), Chico Post Office locations (first one was in 1851), Fifth Street Steakhouse (built in the 1920's), schools in Chico, and Chico Brewery building (built in the late 1800's)</p> <p>How about learning about defunct fine dining establishments such as, The Albatross, Burton's Mesa, Delancy's, Mike and Eddie's, Nimshew Stage, Sand Piper, The Sicilian Clan, The Lamb's Den, Wasney's, and Zephyr's.</p> <p>We might explore other memorable businesses that remind us of places we used to walk by, patron, and, perhaps, enjoy.</p> <p>Participating in the activity would involve attending a monthly meeting to learn about some Chico history and perhaps contributing to the gathering of information on topics of interest.</p> <p>Please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452) to indicate if you would be interested in participating.</p>		

<p>Hiking</p>		<p>Hiking activities will resume in the fall when it cools down (perhaps in October).</p>
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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.

<p>History</p>		<p>While there are currently no official SIR History activities planned, there will be an endeavor to keep interested folks informed about upcoming history related activities. Please contact Don Alger at dalger@csuchico.edu for more information on the following events.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Chico History Museum Presentations</u></p> <p>September 16, 2023, <i>Butte County's Forgotten Railway</i></p> <p>October 7, 2023, <i>The Sculpting of a Valley Landscape Mining and Agriculture</i></p> <p>October 28, 2023, <i>The Chico Chinese Response to Violence Against Them</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Butte County Historical Society Activities</u></p> <p>October 14, 2 pm, <i>The History of the Thermalito Colony and Rancho Golden</i></p>		

<p>Travel</p>		<p>There is at least one trip scheduled for 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Autum Colors Trip to the East Coast – October 13-22, 2023</p> <p>For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</p>
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There are currently 124 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 Members in August



Name: **Norman Whitehurst**
 Occupation: Project Mgr. IT – Akzo Nobel
 Interests: Bowling, Computers, Dancing, Hikers, Travel, Veterans
 Sponsored by: Cap Porterfield



Name: **Mike Gross**
 Wife: Steffi
 Occupation: Sales/Estimating – Walters & Wolf
 Interests: Golf, Biking, Bocce, Hikers, Dine Out, Softball
 Sponsored by: Dennis Wolfe

Guests in August

Dick Parsons - guest of Kyle Glaziner
Terry Moore - guest of Jose Lopez

Mike Morgan - guest of Jim Braziel

Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2023 Roster, several changes have occurred. The Roster Updates will keep members informed of **current membership**.

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 Members	Gary Wolf	Steve Kodad	Lou Mione	Clay Dalrymple
	Les Julian	Gene Rideout	Alex Lorenz	Bill Hopson
	Steve Nay	Gary White	Jan Loring	Keith Martinson
	Mike Gross	Norm Whitehurst		
Reinstated Members	Dennis McNamara	Michael Lim		
Members Dropped	Alex Van Patten	Harold Reck	Neil Sorger	

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **October** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, October 5**. Send your information by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Future Programs:** The **October 23** presentation will be by District Attorney Mike Ramsey. On **November 27**, we will have a program about the Tuskegee Airmen. On **December 18** we will have Christmas music by the Inspire High School Chorus.
- **Christmas Party:** Tickets will go on sale in October for the **Monday, December 4, event**.
- **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 25th luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!****

Larry	Kreider	Sep	2	Alex	Lorenz	Sep	15	Ray	Rolls	Sep	20
Bill	Hopson	Sep	4	Bill	Youngstrom	Sep	17	Rich	Utter	Sep	25
Tim	Casaulong	Sep	7	Marv	Smith	Sep	18	Bob	Wessels	Sep	28

****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!