



FORT SUTTER NEWS

BRANCH No 14



2019 OFFICERS

Big Sir: Al Russo
Little Sir: Hugh Thompson
Secretary: Bob Jackson
Ass't: Duane Clark
Treasurer: Dick Lewis
Ass't: Bill Boxell

Directors

Don Langley Dennis Scovill
Paul Willett Steve Willett
Joe Freitas Tom Tompkins

STATE OFFICERS

Area 3 Governor: Giorgio Dina
Regional Director Region 1: Mark Stuart
State President: Ed Bensen

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

Attendance: Hal Higgins
Ass't:
Badge Custodian: Dick Jackson
Ass't:
Bowling: Don Reinmuth
Bucket Brigade: Joe Freitas
Ass't: Jim Poindexter
Bulletin Editor: Hal Higgins
Chaplain: Dick Lewis
Golf: Dick Lewis
Greeters: Len Ohlendorf
Ass't:
Membership, Administration: Hal Higgins
New Membership Recruitment: Hal Snow
Ass't: Dennis Scovill and Len Ohlendorf
Programs: Hugh Thompson
Photo Group Tommy Silver
Photographer: Joe Freitas
Sunshine: Bob Jackson
Telephone Tree: Tom Tompkins
Ass't: John Evers, Bob Jackson, and Steve Willett
Tour Director: Hal Snow
Woodwork: Dan Franke

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING-10:00
MEET AND GREET-11:00
GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH: 11:45

WE MEET THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
State website: www.sirinc.org
Sirs 14 website: : <http://branch14.com>

At Stock Ranch Road Retirement Community
7418 Stock Ranch Rd
Citrus Heights

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2019 (1 WEEK EARLIER)

LUNCHEON MENU

Starter - Garden salad OR Tomato Bisque soup

We will be serving BBQ Ribs w/corn confetti and sweet potato fries

OR

Turkey Cranberry Sandwich on Wheat bread, with sweet potato fries

Dessert will be Carmel Apple Tart



BIG SIR-AL RUSSO (714) 642-0586 Branch 14's November penultimate luncheon of 2019 was another fun affair featuring good food, a very informative speaker and lots of comradery. Kelly, our liaison with Stock Ranch, once again showed Branch 14 that we are appreciated by providing a lovely coaster with SIR engraved into the wood. I have no doubt we have the best meeting facility of the local branches.

As I have said over and over, the continued health of Branch 14 requires our continued attention to recruiting. I realize this is a drumbeat you have heard before, but this remains an important issue. I am delighted to report that Branch 14 now has 56 members with several prospects showing interest. Thanks to Hal Snow and Dennis Scovill for great effort and awesome success. Cock a doodle do!!!

Len Ohlendorf has climbed onboard as Little Sir for 2020. He has already proposed several activities designed to increase our knowledge of each other to increase camaraderie among Branch 14 members.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, and a great month. See you in December. AL



LITTLE SIR-HUGH THOMPSON- 276-5117
Meeting of Friends 9/26/19

Little SIR Observations:

The Fort Sutter Branch 14 members are really doing outstanding in areas of recruiting and building friendships through activities such as woodworking, bowling and Golf and wonderful outings with our ladies. We now are pleased to confirm that Tom Silver came to the BEC and was totally welcomed and endorsed to lead our Photography Activity, perhaps with a contest next year. We are open to other activities which can include hobby interests and active things to do and Branch 14 would welcome others to help FORM and lead these activity efforts for fun and friendship for our members. While the history of Branch 14 says in November or 1990 there were 256 Branch 14 members, recall there were several military bases open and other sources of retiring men in those days. The growth of Branch 14 will be what we want it to be and you are doing great! As I have explained Branch 14 meetings and activities to others, the leaders from other branches have joked ... where do we sign up! Keep-it-up you are doing great!

11 21 2019 MEETING

This lunch meeting was well attended and the food was great with a very nice fall table setting and services provided to each member by the Cogir Management of Stock Ranch Road Residence, including a very nice laser etched SIRS wood drink coaster provided to each member. In addition to welcoming two more new Branch 14 members, each of our Activity Chairmen invited participants into their Activities and explained their arrangements and cost. The Speaker is from UC Davis and kept all the member's full attention for an hour with detailed information on growing plants in the Sacramento Area. Mr. Taylor Lewis spoke to us from his view point as the Manager of the UC Davis campus Arboretum, Nursery, and Public Garden. He explained planting locations, irrigation, groupings, root growth and protection, pruning, and very specific answers to many member questions. His talk was very understandable and practical skills given down to even how to correctly read and understand some of the labels one may find associated with buying plants. He showed good plants for the area and pointed out plants and plant conditions not to buy or use. He invited us to contact him for more information or answers * * * * tclewis@ucdavis.edu

12 19 2019 MEETING

Do you know everyone in Branch 14? Our Big SIR, Al Russo, is anxious for a very good 2019 to be the basis for an even greater 2020. So here we go, we are going to have some FUN DECEMBER 19th . You know that with our typical meetings including: speaker, committee reports, normal meeting protocol, and seating with existing friends, one can conclude we have no time to REALLY get to know each other or new people! Therefore, this lunch meeting is to be dedicated to having fun and being able to learn about others and form new friendships based upon learning common interests and backgrounds and experiences. Our Little Sir for 2020, Len Ohlendorf, will help me administer several steps during this lunch time to help you and all of us meet new people and begin building new friendships in Branch 14. Some of the "old-timer" members know many people, but they too do not know everyone. The new members are not alone in Branch 14 trying to learn names, interests, and find folks they would like to talk with again and do some things together. Len and I are hoping to have a great year 2020 with you in Branch 14 as we grow, learn new things, and have fun.

GUESTS	
Max Timmons	Sponsor-Gary Julian
Ray Julian	Sponsor-Gary Julian
Doug Jensen	Sponsor-Dennis Scovill
Chris Barber	Sponsor-Dennis Scovill
Larry Prinzbach	Sponsor-Dennis Scovill

New members inducted by Little Sir, Hugh Thompson



DEWEY ROBERTS AND JOHN HESTER

Please make the following changes in your 2019 Roster

Please add the following members:

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John R Hester

Wife: Ellen

6916 Navarro Ct

Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Home phone: 602 545-3832

Birthday: 7/26/1936

E-mail: jhesterus@gmail.com

Sponsor: Dennis Scovill

Joined: 11/21/2019

**Worked: Human Resources Manager, State of California
and private consultant**



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Dewey Roberts

Wife: Cindy

11674 Melones Cir

Gold River, CA 956670

Home phone: (916) 549-0018

Birthday: 8/21/1941

E-mail: CINDEW.ROBERTS@GMAIL.COM

Sponsor: Ken Krueger

Joined: 11/21/2019

Worked: Business Tax Supervisor, State Board of Equalization



Badge 120



ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

55 Members, November 1, 2019

18 Members Absent

37 Members served, November 21, 2019 (67%)

5 Guests

1 Speaker

43 Lunches served

Remember to call me if you want an excused absence for a meeting. Read Page 3 in your Roster

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (ADMINISTRATION) Hal Higgins

55 Members, November 1, 2019

+1	Roberts	#120	New member
+1	Hester	#129	New member
- 1	Sikora	#59	Resigned

56 Members, December 1, 2019

5 New members pending, December 1, 2019

SONS IN RETIREMENT - DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
12/18/39	FREITAS	Joseph M.	74
12/15/41	LANGLEY	Donald P.	17

BIRTHDAY BOYS

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER



Paul Carroll and Paul Willett



Ray Julian (guest), Jerry Knox, John Evers, Clayton Moore, and Al Russo

WINE WINNERS



Paul Carroll



Paul Willett with Little Sir



BOWLING CHAIRMAN –DON REINMUTH 456-1844 (Don will not be available for awhile so I am listing the scores-Hal Higgins)

SOME GOOD BOWLING SCORES IN NOVEMBER

name	games	series	Splits
Bob Jackson	148, 181	417	
Jim McCoy	131, 134	374	
Hal Higgins	158, 171	476	3/10
Bill Boxell	165, 209	505	



GOLF- DICK LEWIS-(916) 961-1244

GOLF SCORES

RANCHO CORDOVA GOLF COURSE

OCTOBER 31, 2019

BILL BOXELL 99

DAN FRANKE 89

DON LANGLEY 101

DICK LEWIS 89

TONY PLANZER 85

DON REINMUTH 104

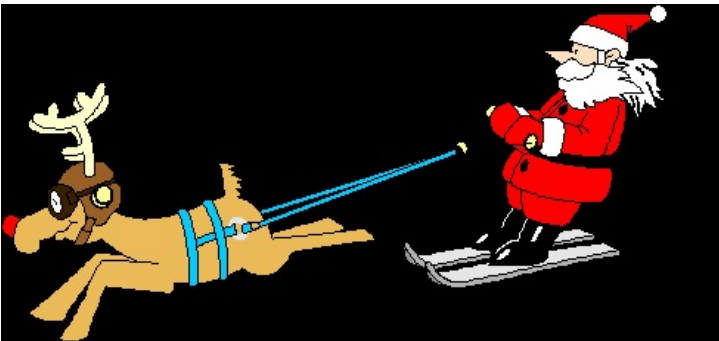


Branch 14 Photo Contest - 2020

- Tom Silver, Coordinator

Fort Sutter Branch 14's tradition of including a photo contest in conjunction with its annual Ladies' Day Luncheon in October is returning in 2020. After 2-year hiatus, the Executive Board re-established the contest at its last meeting. The photo contest is open to all members of Branch 14 and their wives or significant others. Photos for this contest are not judged by a panel of experts but by everyone attending the luncheon. Few voters will be photography experts, so it's a *fun* contest. Don't feel bad if you don't win a ribbon. There will be ballots for voting for the best photo in each of the four categories (more on categories later).. First, Second, and Third places in each category will be awarded at the luncheon, as well as Best in Show.

The coming Christmas Holiday season will offer photo opportunities for you to begin assembling a pool of photos for consideration of submission to the contest. I know there are quite a few members whom we have welcomed aboard over the last two years who have not seen our photo contest. Contest rules and more details will follow in future editions of The Fort Sutter News.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 338-6969

No illnesses reported .

BIG NEWS

Len Ohlendorf has agreed to be Little Sir in 2020



WOODWORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE 239-5888

At our November meeting of the Woodworkers, we had 18 members in attendance at “the barn”. At our show-and-tell we had several wonderful items displayed but the highlight of the day was not the crafts but rather the wounds. Hal Snow described how he nailed his finger with a pin nailer and had to use pliers to pull the pin out of his finger bone. Don Langley then showed the 26 stitches in his hand after contacting a still running bandsaw blade. Hard lessons learned.

The remainder of our meeting was “lathe day”. I showed several ways to mount a block of wood onto the lathe in preparation for turning a bowl. I then demonstrated how to turn a simple snowman ornament on the lathe (see photo).

Next month Dick Lewis is going to show everyone how he turns his beautiful pens on the lathe. This will be a DON’T MISS so I hope to see everyone on Friday, December 20th at “the barn”.



Dan Franke, Snowman Ornament



DECLARATIONS

NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION - All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities. (Rule 345).

Checks, money orders or credit cards for Travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the Branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency (Rule 420 and 421).

Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale (Rule 60).Required Attendance. A member shall be required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period unless the Branch BEC has approved a different attendance requirement(s).

MEETING DATES IN 2019

**January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27,
July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24, November 21, and December 19.**

**Fort Sutter Branch 14
Hal Higgins
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