



SIR WESTGATE BRANCH 125

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED MEN

*Devoted to the Promotion of Independence
and Dignity of Retirement.*

3rd TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

THREE FLAMES RESTAURANT

1547 MERIDIAN AVE., SAN JOSE, CA. 95126

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 10:00 AM

FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11:00 AM - LUNCH AT NOON

BRANCH OFFICERS

Big Sir: Milt Howard
Little Sir: Don Johnson
Secretary: Chuck Waggoner
Asst. Secretary: Sam Zullo
Treasurer: Roger Danielson
Asst. Treasurer: Peter Morrone

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 Jay Pinson

State President Robert Curley
Region 7 Director David Reiser
Area 5 Governor Gary Pelton

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Website <http://www.sirbranch125.org>

Message From the Big Sir

What is the real meaning of SIR? We know it is the independence and dignity of men in retirement. We know we are a social organization that has monthly luncheons and speakers. We know we meet to share stories and in general have a good time. We also participate in many of the club activities; our golf and bowling clubs are second to none. We have a great turnout, and always have a good time. SIR is the good life in retirement; the more we participate the better the deal.

Gary Pelton, SIR Area 5 Governor, visited us at the last Executive Committee Meeting and luncheon. He congratulated us on the quality of our WEB site and our monthly bulletin. He also said we have one of the top SIR branches as evidenced by the President's Award of Excellence we received last year. A major focus of the state and area officers is recruitment of new members. Recently, a PR person was picked to help publicize SIR as an aid to recruitment. Another point Gary made was that SIR is open to semi-retired men as long as they are able to attend the monthly Branch luncheon meetings. If you have friends or acquaintances that still are working part time invite them to a luncheon as our goal is to reach 200 members.

We need your help. Our costs for printing and mailing the bulletin keep rising. We currently have 39 members and others that have e-mail addresses but are getting the bulletin by regular mail. We would appreciate it if you could switch to e-mail delivery. If this would work for you please send Chuck Waggoner a message at charlie@waggs-home.com. E-mail delivery of the bulletin requires that you have the Adobe Reader installed on your PC or MAC and we would be glad to help you get this working. A special thanks to Chuck for his help.

MILT HOWARD



MARCH SPEAKER: FRED SHUHERK is the WEB Services Manager for the Star one Credit Union. He has more than 20 years experience in the Banking and Credit Union Industry, and trained in the US Army as a systems analyst. He holds MCSE and MCP+1 Certificates and is active in the Microsoft Development Network and Evaluation Program. He will talk to us : 1. SCAMS 2. The benefits of suppressing paper statement. 3. The importance of not giving out or storing on paper your passwords and secret codes, and why strong passwords are recommended. 4. The importance of checking balances and account activity frequently and why. 5. Why today, the digital world is safer than the paper world.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ernie	Amsden	10
Neal	Atchison	27
Bart	Benson	1
Dominic	Credi	3
Larry	Davis	7
Dick	Fenton	14
Tom	Gaffke	6
Jeri	Hickman	12
Jim	Light	13
Rudy	Lopez	16
Jerry	Nieto	31
Larry	Peck	18
Jack	Perry	25
Bob	Staudenmaier	22
Phil	Sumner	1
Ed	Wendler	24
Bill	Wishart	16

Chuck Waggoner, Database Manager

MARCH FINANCIALS ROGER DANIELSON, TREASURER

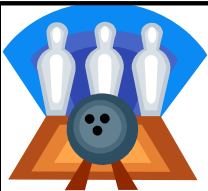
	GENERAL	CUSTO-DIAL	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$994.87		
RECIPTS	282.00	\$1,876.00	\$2158.00
DISBURSEMENTS	126.00	1,876.00	2,002.00
MONTHLY CHANGE	156.00	0.00	156.00
ENDING BALANCE			1150.87
MEMBERSHIP	ACTIVE	186	
	INACTIVE	5	
	WAIT LIST	3	
LAST MEETING	MEMBERS	134	
	GUESTS	8	
	VISITORS	0	
	TOTAL	142	

Website

<http://www.sirbranch125.org>

SIR STATE WEBSITE:

www.sirinc.org



BOWLING

9 weeks into the second half of the League season:

Team #11 with Bob Shields is 2nd. Team #1 with Tomix Alvaro and Rich Madayag is 8th.

Team # 13 with Ed Lodi is 14th

Team # 6 with Bob Hunt is 15th

Team # 18 with Jim Silver, Pete Morrone & Vic Harris is 20th.

High Scores since the last report Are:

Tomix Alvaro: Two 201 games

Bob Hunt: 229,222,218,237 & a 610 series.

Jim Silver 206 & 201

Pete Morrone: 203 & 212.

The League bowls at 10:00 AM every Monday morning at Cambrian Bowl All active SIRS in Areas 5 & 20 are welcome.

Vic Harris, Bowling Chairman



**GOLF PLAYERS of the MONTH
JANUARY
GREG LYNCH, DON REAMS, CHUCK WAGGONER
Bob Fraka & Bob Ramirez (not shown)**

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Mini Tours** — None for March We called off the Guglielmo Winery Tour in February due to lack of interest. For April we are working on a tour of Filoli Gardens.
- Lacrosse** — We are working with the SAN JOSE STEALTH for an "ALL SIRS NIGHT" in Lacrosse. Mark your calendars and watch for April Newsletter.
- Baseball** — Those of you signed up for the "ALL SIR DAY" with the GIANTS on 21 JUNE should plan to bring your checks (made out to Chuck Roberts) to the March luncheon. \$34/ ticket.

Chuck Roberts/ Jack Feineman

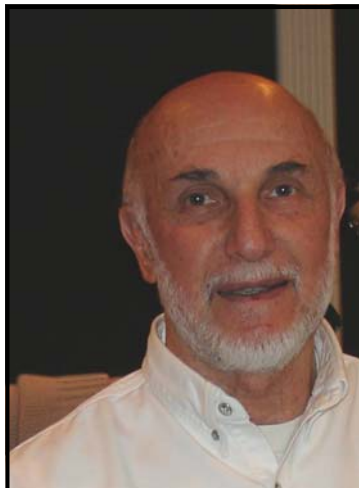


Big Sir Milt Howard inducted three **new members**; Left to right: Ron Lee (Sponsor Pete Morrone not shown), Sponsor Sid Tiedt with Lawrence Pugno, Sponsor Bob Merritt with Raj Chopra. Welcome to Branch 125.

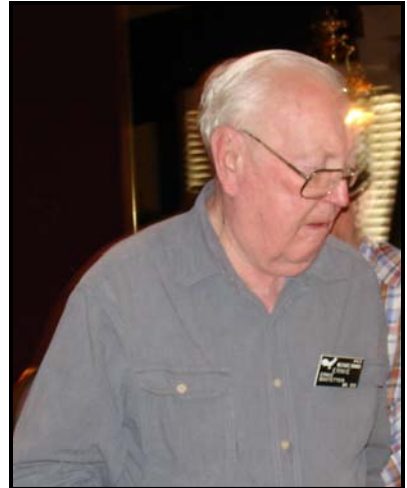
THE BIRTHDAY BOYS — CONGRATULATIONS!!



**Bob “Don’t Forget
the BBQ on July 18”
Rung**



Gene Bernardini



Ernie Bostetter



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. "I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life." "No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. "Is that your son?" the nobleman asked. "Yes," the farmer replied proudly. "I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of." And that he did. Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted **Sir Alexander Fleming**, the discoverer of Penicillin. Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia.

What saved his life this time? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? **Sir Winston Churchill**. Someone once said: What goes around comes around. Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching. Sing like nobody's listening. Live like it's Heaven on Earth.

May there always be work for your hands to do; May your purse always hold a coin or two; May the sun always shine on your windowpane; May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain; May the hand of a friend always be near you; May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you. OK, this is what you have to do... Send this to all of your friends.

*Editor's Note; Thanks to Past Big Sir, Past Bulletin Editor and Program Chairman **Don Palermo***



WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2006-DUBLIN RANCH-2 BEST BALL

1st Place- Gene Carson, Bob Johnson, Sam Shilmover, Fred Souza 105
 2nd Place-Roger Danielson, John Guarino, Bob Merritt, Wayne Stewart 107
 3rd Place-Pat Brennan, Tom Davis, Jerry Sanders, Bob Norbutas 112
 4th Place-Sam Zullo, Rudy Lopez, Bob Ramirez, (Jerry Sanders BD) 114
Closest to the Pin #6 (1 shot) Chuck Waggoner, #7 (1 shot) Bill Avery,
 #13 (1 shot) Bob Fraka, #17 (1 shot) Chuck Waggoner

WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2006-SANTA CLARA-2 BEST BALL

1st Place- Lou Bottini, Steve Jensen, Steve Bauman, Martin Devries 121
 2nd & 3rd Place Tie: Don Williams, Jim Smith, Ed Metevia, Don Palermo 123
 Ron Duval, Benton White, ,Jim Noah, Jay Pinson 123
 4th Place-Joe Gararge, Gerry Maddams, Tom Davis, Bob Norbutas 124
Closest to the Pin #4 (2 shots) Gerry Maddams, #8 (1 shot) John Guarino,
 #13 (2 shots) Dick Fenton & Wayne Stewart. (birdies)
 #17 (2 shots) Benton White (birdie)

WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2006-SPRING VALLEY-2 BEST BALL

1st & 2nd Place Tie Bob Goldman, Bob Fraka, Al Smith, Jerry Long 117
 Phil Sumner, Joe Gerarge, Gerry Maddams, Pat Brennan 117
 3rd & 4th Place Tie Pete McErlean, Larry Peck, Neal Atchison, Don Fontes 118
 Don Palermo, Gene Carson, Bob Johnson, (Don Reams BD) 118
Closest to the Pin #4 (1 shot) Martin Devries, #7 (2 shots) Bob Johnson
 #11 (2 shots) Joe Gerarge, (birdie) #16 (2shots) Jerry Long

WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2006-LOS LAGOS-2 BEST BALL

1st Place- Ron Duval, Benton White, Jim Noah, Jay Pinson 110
 2nd Place- Milt Howard, Saul Miano, Carl Vollersen, (Jim Smith BD) 112
 3rd Place- Bob Gibbons, Jerry Sanders, Pat Brennan, (Bob Merritt BD) 115
Closest to the Pin #3 (1 shot) Pat Brennan, #5 (1 shot) Jerry Sanders
 # 7 (1 shot) Doug Wood, #16 (1 shot) Benton White

SIRS Players of the Month FEBRUARY 2006

Flight	Name	Hcp Idx	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	SANDERS, JERRY	12.7	70	1-Feb	-4	Dublin Ranch
B	WHITE, BENTON	18.2	81	8-Feb	-8	Santa Clara
C	STEWART, WAYNE	20.2	84	15-Feb	-3	Spring Valley
D	LONG, JERRY	28.5	87	15-Feb	-8	Spring Valley
E	CARSON, GENE	28.8	87	1-Feb	-2	Dublin Ranch

COMPUTER CLUB

The February 2006 Computer Club Meeting, was sparsely attended by only 8 members. The first part of the meeting was devoted to discussions of members problems with their computers. Then Ed Metevia continued with his comprehensive discussion on backing up data in the computer and backing up the hard drive. He provided a one page handout of subjects that he wanted to discuss and provided in more detail the definitions of backup, the various types of backups, how often to do backup, the restore definitions, when to restore, and the disaster restore steps. He reminded us to minimize the trash that may be on the hard disk by getting rid of cookies, emptying the recycle bin, and then doing a defrag before starting the back up. He ended up by discussing in more detail the various programs for doing this back up work.

The next meeting of the Branch 125 Computer Club will be on Thursday March 23, 2006 from 3 PM to 5PM. This is on the Thursday following our March luncheon meeting. This meeting will be held in our usual meeting place, at the Saratoga Senior Center across from the Saratoga Post Office on Allendale Ave.

Norm Martin



February Speaker, Dr. J. W. Skiles, with Program Chairman Don Palermo (on left) and the Big Sir Milt Howard, and Little Sir Don Johnson (on right)



In MEMORIAM

MIKE NAGY, 86, long time SIR and beloved member of Branch 125, passed away March 2, 2006. Mike was an avid golfer and well liked by all his friends in the Branch. Mike loved music and reading. He handled the SIR merchandise for many years at our monthly luncheons. Our condolences to Elizabeth, his wife of 59 years.

MEMBERSHIP We continue to encourage members to sponsor a guest at our upcoming luncheon meetings. Any first-time guest, who is considering membership, will be entitled to a free lunch courtesy of our branch. **Thanks again.** **Jim Silver/Larry Peck - Membership Committee**

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