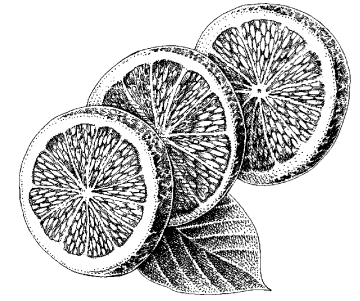




Orangevale Branch 150



State SIR website: www.sirinc.org

January 2006

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - January 18, 2006
Location	Regular Monthly Schedule	Menu: Chicken or pork enchiladas, green salad, rice or beans, tortillas
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Business meeting 10:30 Social time 11:00 Luncheon 12:00	Speaker: CHP Brad Romera & "Nikita"
		Topic: Use of K-9s in Police Work

January Speaker

Brad Romero - CHP

Our January speaker will be Brad Romero. Brad was raised in Rancho Cordova and graduated from Cordova High School. He joined the C.H.P. in 1988 and began working in narcotics in 1998. Ten minutes into his first shift in narcotics he made a stop that resulted in the seizure of 50 marijuana plants. In his first ninety days working narcotics he located over \$4,000,000 in dope and \$500,000 in cash.

Brad's first K-9 partner was "Ben." On Ben's first day on the job, he located 1-½ pounds of cocaine. Ben retired in 2002. Brad is now working with his new K-9 partner Nikita. Her largest load of dope so far is 17 pounds of methamphetamine. Brad and Nikita continue to patrol I-5 on a daily basis and are proud to serve the community where Brad grew up.



The Holiday Rememberd

All photos taken by Ron Chute



Branch 150 Executive Committee			Branch 150 Committee Chairmen					
Officers			Attendance	Ron Chute	791-4087	Quartermaster	Walt Nauer	966-3588
Big Sir	Bob Carlstroem	791-3608	Booster	Charlie Martin	858-1453	Social Affairs	Pat Andrews	525-0773
Little Sir	Jerry Courter	353-0715	Bowling	Tom Bittner	723-1497		Don Severance	961-6668
Secretary	Fred Holton	965-1483	Bridge	John Mahony	485-2449	Telephones	Bob Neubacher	685-7528
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Spotlighted SIRs

William (Ken) Huseman

by Bruce Kennedy

Ken is an old hand at meeting the “retired” part of the SIR(etirement)’s requirements. He left Goodyear after a long career in 1988. At that time he was working in the bay area and was responsible as a Small Business Consultant for Goodyear to California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington. Guess the Hawaii part was pretty tough.

Ken and his wife, Audrey, live in Folsom. They have been married for 58 years and have two sons and four grandchildren. One son is a Captain for the San Jose Fire Department and the other works for some company called Goodyear (Go figure?) and lives in Vacaville. Family is very important to Ken and Audrey.

But, they also find time for a volunteer and recreation schedule that would leave most people exhausted. They work for CAPS (Citizens Assisting Public Service) for the Folsom Police Department. This involves courier type duties and fingerprinting pre-school children, among other activities. They’ve also been tasked with the role of Santa Claus on occasion. They are active in their church community with several other Branch members. Ken was recruited by John Means and joined SIR Branch 150 in September 1995. They met when Ken was volunteering to do Income Taxes for seniors with the Income Tax Aid Program through AARP. With SIR he is very active in the golf group, has held various offices, and is a frequent attendee with Audrey at the bridge sessions.

They also travel with SIR and on their own. They rank a trip that took them to New Zealand, then to a two week cruise around New Zealand and Australia, and then to a week more in Australia for a total of over a month as one highlight. They’ve also been Europe and the Far East. Might be easier to name places they have not been than where they have. Ken and Audrey use all of these activities to broaden their experiences and continue learning. Several of these trips have been through Elderhostel which incorporates an educational focus.

Ken is one of the many Sirs in Branch 150 with military experience. He served with the 8th Armored Division under General George Patton in World War II. He was with the Forward Observer Group of the 8th during the Battle of the Bulge. Being a forward observer meant, that unlike the other tank units, they did not have to withdraw to the rear each night. They stayed out there as the tip of the spear. Some reward. Ken said that Patton’s troops were also different from every other group in that General Patton required them to wear their Class A uniforms whenever they “liberated” a town. It was tough keeping uniforms clean in that environment. Ken also saw the start of the Cold War firsthand serving in Vienna until May 1946. Like Berlin, Vienna was under a Divided Administration by the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union.



William (Ken) Huseman

Larry Fries

by Jerry Courter

If you like tennis, I think I can find a match for you. Larry Fries enjoys playing tennis. He has played it off and on over the years and is looking for someone who still enjoys playing the game.

Larry is a man of many interests. He enjoys gardening, working-out, bridge, reading, working with computers, and (of course) playing tennis. He was working-out the day he first learned about SIR. He was trying to stay in reasonable shape and take care of his health when he met Len (Arnold S.) Bloom. Len at the time was working out for some, yet to be determined, competition. Len told Larry about the SIRS somewhere between sit-ups and the Jacuzzi.

Larry has worked for Douglas Aircraft, procuring engines. He has a law degree and has worked in various facets of law. He has spent most of his career as an aerospace executive, and he retired from Lockheed.

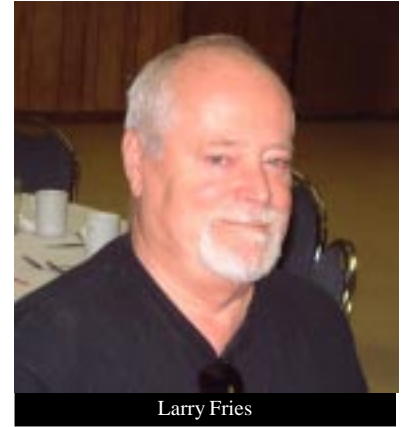
There was an interesting story that Larry told me regarding his experience while working with Lockheed. He was in the process of procuring engines from Mercedes-Benz in England. It was a long process that required him to fly to England 24 times in approximately a year and a half. On one of the flights he was asked to play in a game of bridge with Sammy Davis Junior. It was an interesting experience for Larry and it gave him an opportunity to form some lasting opinions regarding Sammy and his bridge game. One day at one of our lunch meetings you will have to ask Larry about his flight with Sammy Davis Junior, and “then you will know the rest of the story.”

Larry grew up in Southern California before he started his career. He came to the Sacramento area to support his mother. He also has a “little” brother living in the area, who retired, as a general, from the Air Force.

Big Sir says: I think I can speak for most members and extend a “job well done” to Don Severance. As I mentioned at the Xmas party, Don always focused on making Branch 150 a great organization for our membership. Don is still helping out in a major way during 2006.

I am truly looking forward to this year. I hope I can honorably follow in the footsteps of those that have preceded me. The whole idea of this organization is to promote having a meaningful, fulfilled retirement. As I mentioned before, if there is anything we can do better to promote that concept with each of you, let me, or any one of the officers or committee chairman hear from you.

Little Sir says: Hope you had a happy holiday season and are ready to start off the New Year. I am assuming all of your clubs are clean, your bridge deck has 52 cards, and your lures are shined and ready to go. During the year I hope to support Bob as he guides the branch this year. I hope that we can make your 2006-year a good “SIR” experience.



Larry Fries



GOLF NEWS

Call Harold Doppelmayer at 922-6134 or his assistant John Sigl at 362-2429 if you have questions or concerns. Tournament sign-ups are available at each monthly luncheon and at all tournaments.

Cordova Golf Course

Weekly Tournament Play

Every Friday except the last Friday of the month.

Sign-up when you show-up

End-of-Month Scramble

(Note: no scramble in January)

Every last Friday of the month.

Prior sign-up required

Away Tournaments

(pending approval)

February 8 st	Bing Maloney
February 21 st	Bartley Cavanaugh
March 8 th	Teal Bend
March 21 st	Micke Grove
April 5 th	Lockford Springs
April 17 th	Alister Mackenzie
May 9 th	The Reserve At Spanos Park
May 23 rd	Rio La Paz
June 6 th	Plumas Lake
June 20 th	Wild Hawk
July 5 th	Dry Creek Ranch
July 18 th	Ancil Hoffman
August 2 nd	Mace Meadow
August 15 th	Mather
September 6 th	Wild Wing
September 19 th	Green Tree
October 4 th	Bass Lake
October 16 th	Bing Maloney
November 6 th	Alister Mackenzie
November 21 st	Wild Hawk

Golfer's Luncheon

(Please note: The date has changed to January 12. Not Jan 4 OR Jan 11)

Cordova Elks Lodge, January 12, 2006. Social Hour 11:00 and Lunch at 12 noon. Please reserve your choice of meal: chicken or steak sandwich. Call John Ramos at 487-7603. After Jan 7 (John will be out of town) contact Harold Doppelmayer at 922-6134 or dlorah@surewest.net.

Generally speaking the lunch is free for those that participated in golf 11 times or more during the year. Anything less than 11, you pay the difference. (11 is the magic number because the lunch cost \$11). Information for the upcoming golf year is discussed and prizes are given for 2005 play.

NCGA Dues

For those who have missed the Dec 31st deadline for paying their NCGA dues, they will be on inactive status. That means they will not receive the NCGA magazine in a timely manner and they will not have an index for handicap purposes. If they do not renew before Feb 28, the fee will increase from \$25 to \$35 after that date.

Discount Golf

The West Coast Golf ValueBook will be ready for distribution on December 15, for \$15.00. It has two for one play at most local courses in Northern California and Nevada. If interested please contact Harold. There is a 5 book minimum order for each branch.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

For detailed information contact Jim Rae at 967-4951.
Printed rosters are available at the monthly meetings.

Changes for January

2006 Rosters of Branch 150 members will be available at the January meeting. Pick up a copy or contact Jim Rae for an electronic copy. We now have 102 active and 15 inactive members for a total of 117. Keep those applications coming in 2006.

TRAVEL & EVENTS

All SIR members are welcome to go on any trip with other branches when space is available. Put a little joy in your life traveling with your old and new friends on a sirs trip. For detailed information contact John Galik at 366-0195

Desperate Husbands

January 26, 2006

Dinner and Show

at

Garbeaus Dinner Theater

\$78.36 per couple

Space is limited. If you haven't reserved your spot, call John by January 3

BOWLING

The SIR Bowling League at Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights completed it's first half of the season. The second half begins on January 4th. There are 20 teams in the league. The first half title was won by Tom Bittner's team. At the end of the season the first half title winner will play the second half title winner for the championship. Tom is the only Branch 150 member in the league. Hopefully, we can get more branch 150 members interested in bowling.

BRIDGE

For detailed information related to bridge meetings and schedules, contact Chairman John Mahony at 485-2449

In December we had 3 tables

First Place - Jane Peterson
Second Place - John Means
Third Place - Tom Bitner

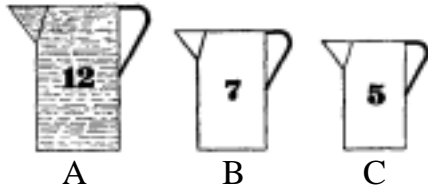
FISHING NEWS

Monthly Breakfast Meetings: Jolly Hookers meet at Folsom Elks on the 2nd Friday at 8:00 AM. Wheels & Reels meet at Coco's Restaurant on the 3rd Monday at 8:00 AM. If you are a fisherman and want to enjoy like company, why not join us for breakfast.

Fun Stuff

See if you can figure out the following puzzle. The first person to provide the correct answers will receive a prize at the January meeting. Send your answers by e-mail to Bob Carlstroem at bob@carlstroem.com or mail to 7990 South Lake Cir., Granite Bay, CA 95746. The answer to last month's Puzzle is: Felix-Apr-Wed-1948; Norman-Nov-Mon-1950; Raymond-Jan-Thu-1951; Wilbur-Sep-Tue-1956; Edward-Jul-Fri-1957. The first place winner was Jim Dodge with alternate challenge solutions from Leon Vann and Jim Rae.

Dividing Wine



We have three jugs, for 12, 7, and 5 liters. The biggest jug is entirely filled with wine, the other two jugs are empty. We want to divide the wine into two equal parts (leaving the smallest jug empty). The jugs are not calibrated, so that we can do nothing but pour wine from one jug to another until the first jug is entirely empty, or the second jug entirely full. We also assume that pouring can be done accurately and hence that no wine is spilled. We require the least number of pourings in which our goal can be achieved.



Bob Carlstroem, Editor
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Honored Members

Past Big Sirs

- 1989 George Erkson *
 - 1990 Jim Eastlund
 - 1991 John Mahony
 - 1992 Lou Parton *
 - 1993 Ken Allard
 - 1994 Ruel Smith
 - 1995 Bill McCarthy *
 - 1996 Tom Wirth
 - 1997 John Means
 - 1998 Jim Delk
 - 1999 Bob Smith
 - 2000 Bob O'Neal
 - 2001 Lou Joaquin *
 - 2001 Joe Ramay
 - 2002 Bob Trathen
 - 2003 Jim Rae
 - 2004 Len Bloom
 - 2005 Don Severance
- * Deceased

Honorary Lifetime Member

- John Mahony 2001
- Jim Eastlund 2002

Birthdays

Sutliff	Howard	1-Jan
Madden	Bernard L	7-Jan
Wolfgang	Albert E	9-Jan
Hoerl	Donald E	12-Jan
Doppelmayr	Harold	14-Jan
Becker	Donald H	16-Jan
Fenech	Anthony	16-Jan
Avila	Raymond	21-Jan
Peterson	Lee	22-Jan
Bittner	Thomas N	31-Jan

Other Birthdays

Barry Goldwater	1-Jan-1909
Katie Couric	7-Jan-1957
Richard Nixon	9-Jan-1913
Rush Limbaugh	12-Jan-1951
Andy Rooney	14-Jan-1919
A. J. Foyt	16-Jan-1935
Jack Nicklaus	21-Jan-1940
Bill Bixby	22-Jan-1934
Suzanne Pleshette	31-Jan-1937

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PAYMENT FOR TRIPS AND TOURS: 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 & 421).

ATTENDANCE: 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 who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Branch Attendance Committee giving a valid reason, or who attends less than six (6) regular meetings within the last twelve (12) consecutive month period, may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 100 & 107).