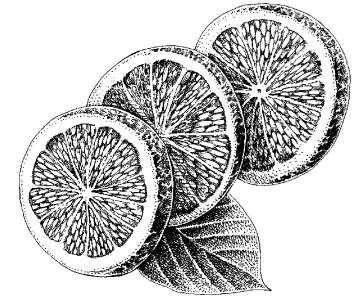




# Orangevale Branch 150



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## February 2006

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - February 15, 2006	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Regular Monthly Schedule</b>	<b>Menu:</b>	Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, green salad, & chocolate cake
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Business meeting 10:30 Social time 11:00 Luncheon 12:00	<b>Speaker:</b>	Harry Dunlop
		<b>Topic:</b>	Baseball

### John Albu

December 22, 1932 - January 11, 2006



I really didn't know John that well. I became acquainted with him a couple of years ago when one of our SIR luncheons was set up to have members sit randomly to get to know one another a bit better. I mentioned to John that I was taking a class at Sierra College in Golf and felt it was helping me get started with the sport. He seemed interested and ended up joining me in the same class the following semester.

At the service I learned many things about John. He loved his wife Joan and family foremost. He also loved to sing. He loved animals and critters to the point that the word went out to neighborhood pets and even the homeless strays that John was an easy mark for a handout and/or health care. He loved to fish but it was related that he once caught a nice catfish and ended up letting it go because he was certain it was soon to be a mother. Drowning worms were also saved after the rains. I learned he loved tennis and working in his flower garden. John also played bridge with Branch 150.

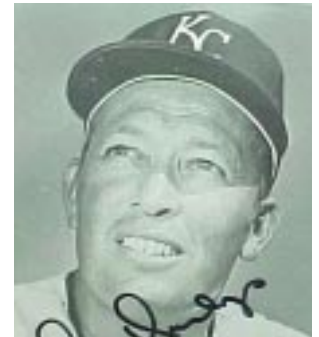
In his life before retirement, he was well respected by his colleagues at the Board of Equalization where he assumed many management positions. Obviously he touched many lives and was loved by many.

It has been mentioned before that we find out more about our fellow members after they pass on. It also has been mentioned that we ought not wait for that time to come.

-Bob Carlstroem

### Harry Dunlop

February Speaker



Harry Dunlop was in professional baseball for 51 years. He signed his first contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates after graduating from Sacramento High School in 1951. He played 6 years in their organization before becoming a player/manager. In 1952 he caught the legendary game in which Ron Neciai (netch-eye) struck out all 27 batters without allowing a hit or a run.

Harry spent 21 years as a major league coach. He started major league coaching with Kansas City, then moved to several major league cities: Chicago Cubs (1967-1977), Cincinnati Reds (1979-1982), San Diego (1984-1987), and Cincinnati again in (1998-2000), and finishing his major league tour with the Florida Marlins (2005).

Harry managed on the minor leagues for 14 years with a record of 894 wins and 800 losses. He spent three years managing in the AAA level. While managing in the minors he was Manager of the Year three times. He did not play in the majors, but played 980 games in the minors. His best season was in 1959 when he hit 349 with 27 double, 9 triples and 80 runs batted in.

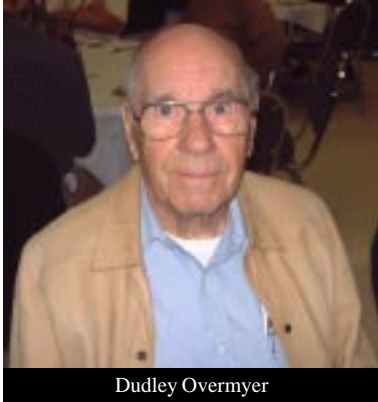
He has been married to his wife Joanne for over 50 years and they have three children: Laura, David and Susan. Harry is a member of SIR Branch 107

-Jerry Courter

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# Spotlighted SIRs

By Bruce Kennedy



Dudley Overmyer

For the second month in a row, our more veteran member is also a World War II veteran. Dudley joined the Navy in early 1942. As a torpedo man on a destroyer, he went through our invasion of North Africa, then Sicily, Italy and the landing at Anzio. Dudley's tin-can was sent back to New York for much needed repairs after Anzio. That led to Dudley's reassignment

to a new destroyer and redeployment to the Pacific Theatre. He went through the Canal in time to see action in the Philippines, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa; names we all know. He describes his proximity to General MacArthur's signing of the peace agreement aboard the battleship Missouri as "about one good drive" as he was anchored in Tokyo Bay. He remained in Japan long enough to tour Nagasaki in early September 1945, about a month after the second A-Bomb had been dropped.

Dudley returned to his native Indiana after the war, decided to get started in business and went to New York, to work for a national hospital sanitation supply company. In 1964 he was transferred to California as a regional administrator. Two years later he was promoted back East as the National Regional Administrator Coordinator. Dudley quickly figured out the difference between California and east coast winters. So, he returned to California taking over one of his company's distributorships, a position he kept until retirement in 1993. His career found him in all 50 states on business purposes.

In 1987, Dudley went to China with a delegation from the Association for Practitioners in Infection Control. He was asked to address a seminar of the Chinese Medical Association, mostly doctors, in Nanking. He turned in a script outline that was approved. However, he visited a couple of hospitals and found sanitation practices so below standards, he gave a completely different speech. Somehow the Chinese let him come home.

At the time of his retirement in 1993, Dudley's wife Kristi, was playing in a women's bridge group. One of the women's husband, Cliff Denney, ended up introducing Dudley to Branch 150 in October 1994. Cliff passed away the later part of 1996. Dudley has actively participated in Branch 150 golf, bridge, and fishing.

Dudley has traveled extensively to Europe, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, the US. and relaxes in Napili Bay, Maui every other year. He also obtained a contractor's license and built, with his son-in-law, a home at Tahoe-Donner, an experience Dudley does not recommend for the faint of heart. Both Dudley and Kristi brought a daughter to their marriage, and they now have six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren with the eighth on the way.

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*Dudley retired as our Fishing Chairman. On behalf of all the Sirs, I'd like to thank you for all that you have done for our fishermen. -Bob Carlstroem*



Leon Vann Jr.

Starting his work career with an engineering education, Leon brought that perspective to many different analytical and management assignments over his career with the State of California. He was also in on the ground floor for many changes that we now take for granted. He started with the Energy Department and was very involved in Alternative Energy sources

when that was a new idea. At the Department of Conservation, he led the effort to enact the landmark bottle recycling legislation in 1985. This effort included working with legislative leaders including the author Byron Schear and making a presentation to the full cabinet of Governor Deukmejian as the bill was being considered for passage. He also managed the installation and build-out of pari-mutual horse track betting while working at the Fairs and Expo Division of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

He retired from the Executive Division of the Air Resources Board, but immediately went back to work as a retired annuitant with the Solano County Fair Board providing the value of his experience and management background.

As is the situation with several other new members, Leon's arm was twisted on a golf course to join SIR, in this case by Stan Wirth. It did not take too much twisting. While he came for the golf, at his first introduction, something was mentioned about fishing and our other presented member for this month, Dudley Overmyer, snapped Leon up for the Jolly Hookers.

In fact, if you asked Leon to describe his activities and schedule in a brief manner, he would probably say, "Find me outdoors." Fishing, hunting, hiking, and golf are all things that Leon considers to be year round activities. Since he has two boats, one of which is ocean rated, he can be found frequently on the ocean, lakes, or rivers of Northern California. And, "fishing" for him includes abalone diving. If he's not fishing or diving, check what hunting season (both rifle and archery) is in operation to find him. If he's not there, he might be on a day hike somewhere.

This last year Leon went on his first, and successful, moose hunt in British Columbia. He thoroughly enjoyed 10 days of hunting while based at a camp seven miles from the nearest road. I forgot to ask if he has any moose meat left.

Leon, and his wife Elaine, take frequent short trips to the coast. When they travel, she frequently joins him on the golf course, but has no great interest in jumping in one of the boats to be rocked around on the ocean. She would much rather walk the beach, check out the tide-pools, and just enjoy the scenery. They have a son who lives in Seattle, but no grandchildren yet.

**Confucius Say: Never argue with a fool....  
he may be doing the same thing.**

## 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: Our first 2006 Scramble is February 24)

Every last Friday of the month.

Prior sign-up required

### Away Tournaments

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bing Maloney**	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dry Creek Ranch
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bartley Cavanaugh**	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ancil Hoffman
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Teal Bend	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mace Meadow
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Micke Grove	August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mather
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lockford Springs	September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wild Wing
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Alister Mackenzie**	September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Green Tree
May 10 <sup>th</sup> *The Reserve At Spanos Park		October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bass Lake
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rio La Paz	October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bing Maloney**
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Plumas Lake	November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Alister Mackenzie**
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wild Hawk	November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wild Hawk

\* Previously published as May 9

\*\* Capitol City Cards must be up-to-date

### Poppy Hills

The Poppy Hills qualifying tournament is being played on the 9th of May. It will be played at Mather. The green fee is \$25 and the cart fee is \$14.

## BRIDGE

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

Our bridge games seem to be becoming more popular as we add new members. As the golf chairman so aptly said at last meeting, "If we keep getting new players, we will have to find a bigger place to have the games." We had five tables, which is the maximum limit of the room. Our high scores were held by Tom Bittner, Christi Overmyer, Charleen Gaugler, and Charlie Martin. When we have five tables, we always have a low score which, in this case, was Jiggs Watnee. Tom Bittner will host the February games since I will be in the islands on the beach. Yes I know it is a rotten job, but someone has to do it. I will be back to play in March.

## 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.

## 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

22 members attended *Desperate Husbands* on Jan 26. It was a smashing success. I am going to try to set up another date. I am looking at April 27th. The play is called "Play it Again, Sam" It is a story of a recently divorced film critic who is obsessed with the movie "Casablanca." I hoped to have everything definite by the Feb. meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

For detailed information contact Jim Rae at 967-4951. Printed rosters are available at the monthly meetings or an electronic copy can be requested from [jamesrae@earthlink.net](mailto:jamesrae@earthlink.net).

### Changes for February

At the January meeting we made the following membership changes: Losses: John Albu died; Tony Fenech transferred to Branch 33; and Neil Orchard resigned. Added Members: Norm Green; Roland Severance; Harrison Holton; Tom Silva; Bob Williams. We now have 105 active members and 14 inactive members for a total of 119.

### **2005 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

These tables show the increase in membership for 2005.

	Jan. 05	Jan. 06	Change
<b>Active</b>	97	105	8
<b>Inactive</b>	8	14	6
<b>Total</b>	105	119	14

<b>New Members Added in 2005</b>	22
<b>Members Lost in 2005</b>	8
<b>Net Gain in Members for 2005</b>	14

#### **Summary of results in membership changes for 2005:**

- Active members increased by 8 to a total of 105 (8%).
- Inactive members also increased by 6 to a total of 14.
- 22 new members were received.
- 8 members were lost.
- Total membership increased by 14 to a total of 119 (13%).

**Big Sir says:** Whew, I made it through my first meeting. What a interesting speaker. I also thought the lunch was great. Speaking of our luncheon, as you will see in the "Announcements" on the last page, our lunch cost has gone up \$1. What you might not know, is that we charge exactly what we have to pay the Elks Lodge. Thus our operational income is generated mostly from your generous contributions via the "Gold Pan" and drawings.

On a similar note, because we charge no more than what we pay out, it is extremely important for us to have an accurate count of those that will be attending the luncheon. Please help out by getting back with your lunch caller if you miss his call.

**Little Sir says:** Two of the jobs of the Little Sir are to get speakers and coordinate meals for the monthly luncheons. I am planning to go happily through the year attempting to complete each of these tasks adequately. In either area, if you have a suggestion I would be glad to hear it. In the area of speakers, if you now of someone who makes an outstanding presentation (including Branch 150 members) and you feel the group would enjoy it, let me know. I will then see if I can connect with that person. Otherwise, my main source will be Little Sirs from other branches.

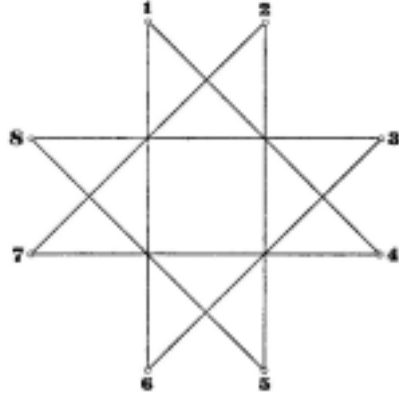
As far as food goes, I will try to put some variety into the menu and hope it is liked by almost everyone. I went with Mexican in January because it had not been on the menu for over a year. I appreciate your compliments, complaints, and meal suggestions.

My thought for today: If you cannot swim be careful when you are golfing this month.

# 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: 12 0 0 - 5 7 0 - 5 2 5 - 10 2 0 - 10 0 2 - 3 7 2 - 3 4 5 - 8 4 0 - 8 0 4 - 1 7 4 - 1 6 5 - 6 6 0, a total of 11 pourings. The first place winner was Jim Rae with noble efforts by Jim Dodge, Chuck Shumate, and Pat Andrews.

## Seven Pennies Puzzle



The object is to place a penny at all **but one** of the endpoints of the star shown above. When placing each penny you should move it along a free line, and put it down at the end of that line. A line is called free if there is no coin at either of its endpoints. For example, if the first penny is put on 1 by sliding from the endpoint 4, this move would be labeled 4 - 1. If the second penny was put on 8 by sliding from the endpoint 3, this move would be labeled 3 - 8. So report the moves, in order, i.e. 4 - 1, 3 - 8, and so on. By the way, this is an easy puzzle to make and numbers don't need to be included

## Announcements!!

The Elks Lodge has increased our luncheon price by \$1.  
Lunch will now be \$12.00. Still a great deal!  
We first met at the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge in  
March, 2002. The cost of lunch has been \$11 ever since.

Bob Carlstroem, Editor  
7990 South Lake Circle  
Granite Bay, CA 95746



# 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

Ellington	Ross D.	1-Feb
Kirk	George A	2-Feb
White	Arthur N	5-Feb
Ford	A James	8-Feb
Vann, Jr.	Leon	10-Feb
Holton	Frederick P	16-Feb
Howell	Ronald R	16-Feb
Gengler	William B.	21-Feb
Lamberson	Calvin L.	21-Feb
Sigl	John F	21-Feb
Avila	Raymond	22-Feb
Bonner	Robert	24-Feb
Blanton	Parke	28-Feb

### Other Birthdays

Clark Gable	1-Feb-1901
Tom Smothers	2-Feb-1937
Roger Staubach	5-Feb-1942
Jack Lemmon	8-Feb-1925
Robert Wagner	10-Feb-1930
Sonny Bono	16 Feb-1935
Alan Rickman	21-Feb-1946
Vijay Singh	22-Feb-1963
James Farentino	24-Feb-1938
Gilbert Gottfried	28-Feb-1940

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