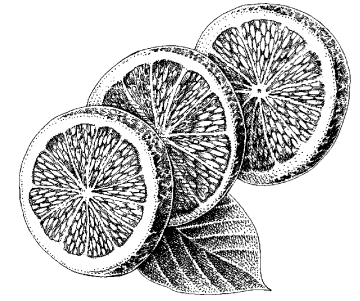




Orangevale Branch 150



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November 2006

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - November 15, 2006	
Location	Regular Monthly Schedule	Menu:	Game Hen with wild rice stuffing, broccoli with cheese gratin, salad bar, and carrot cake
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Business meeting 10:30 Social time 11:00 Luncheon 12:00	Speaker:	Carol Nolan, Alcohol and Beverage Control
		Topic:	Experiences as an agent

From Big & Little Sir

Big Sir Says: Purely by accident, I discovered that I could reduce my automobile insurance by taking an 8 Hour Mature Driving Improvement Course sponsored by AARP. My insurance company didn't promote the this (I wonder why). It was revealed when I pressed them to give me the lowest rates possible. At any rate, it was painless and I learned a few things along the way. You might ask your insurance company about it. If you save, heck sakes that's more you can put in the meeting Gold Pan.

We are all looking forward to the December meeting that Don Severance has organized. Soft background music by a local renowned harpist will be provided during dinner and afterward a magic show will dazzle all of us. For the past two years we sent special invitations to the ladies. This year we are leaving that honor to the gents. Be sure to get your tickets at the November meeting. If you can't make the meeting, please call Don Severance at 961-6668 to reserve your spot. Though, by design, the luncheon falls on our regular meeting day, reservations are required.

Little Sir Says: It seem like this year is going rapidly. That is either a sign of the times or a sign of the age. As the year comes to a conclusion, I am beginning to think about next year and the responsibilities of the office of "Big Sir." As the Little Sir this year I've had the opportunity to work with the club leadership. I think we all can be extremely satisfied with the guidance provided by the Executive Committee and Committee Chairmen. Without these men the club would not be what it is today.

This time of the year becomes very busy for many of us. It can be a time of many activities. December will also be our last meeting of the year. It is our annual Christmas Holiday meeting. It gives us an opportunity to meet together for good food, good entertainment in a relax atmo-

sphere. Be sure to sign up early so we have a good projected count. If you are not married or your wife cannot attend the luncheon, I encourage you to still attend. My wife is still working and I was not sure that I wanted to attend the December meeting my first year as a SIR, but I decided to go and really had a good time. So now I am a regular.

P.S. Don't forget your flu shoot. It is highly recommended.

**SIR Branch 150
Xmas Holiday Gala Event
December 20, 2006**

Great Entertainment
Magic Show
Harpist Performance

Great Menu
Prime Rib
Chicken Marsala
Baked Fresh Salmon

All for just \$20!!!!

Tickets on sale at the November luncheon

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Spotlighted Sirs

by Bruce Kennedy



Tom Bittner

When Tom was born in January 1920 in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, he was the 11th of what would be 15 children in his family. His father was a passenger train engineer for the old Baltimore and Ohio Railway. This meant they moved to the “long layover” towns whenever Dad’s route changed. This brought stops in Fairmont, West Virginia; Cumberland, Maryland; and Pittsburg, Pennsylvania where Tom graduated from high school. In school artwork was among his favorite subjects.

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Tom joined the Army in January 1942. At the end of basic training his company handed him a slip of paper with three choices on it: General Clerk, Shipping-Receiving Clerk, or Heavy Truck Driver. Not delighted, Tom lined through the offerings and wrote down “draftsman.” And, surprisingly, he got it. This led to a year’s stay in Dakar, Senegal (French West Africa as it was known then). Then there was a move to Casa Blanca. He came back to the Reno Army Air Force Base in January 1945, and was discharged from Air Transport Control headquarters in Cincinnati in June 1945.

Tom landed a draftsman’s job at a large architectural firm in Detroit. Getting ready to leave for a company bowling league night in absolutely freezing miserable weather, Tom told a friend he had just decided to quit and go to California. The friend, who had a car, said he had just made the same decision. They were off to LA in a matter of days in January 1947. There in 1949 he met his wife to be, Joan, at a singles dance at the Town House Hotel. As he entered the ballroom, two women exited past him. He found one very attractive and decided to wait hoping for her return. The two women almost left, but decided to go back for one more dance. As Joan entered, Tom immediately asked her for that one dance and the rest is history. They were married on the first day of the Korean War in 1950. Then, like so many, they were off to college on the G.I. Bill, in this case at the University of Oregon so that the draftsman could become a construction engineer.

Owens Corning snapped up the new engineer and the Bittners were off to Phoenix for seven years where Tom was the Acoustical Ceiling Manager. He wrote a design bid for a Bowling Alley, and installed the first “T-B” ceiling - what we now know as suspended ceilings. In addition to design, Tom was proficient at reading construction plans and wanted a little more independence. So he joined a commercial real estate brokerage, got his license, and then went out on his own. In 1978 Tom and Joan moved to San Ramon to be closer to family. He continued as a Broker until his retirement in 1986.

They followed friends to Sacramento and Bill McCarthy brought Tom to the second meeting of Branch 150 in 1988. Tom has been very active in the Bridge group and, with his wife, plays in other groups as well. He went back into bowling with SIR. Years ago, he was the youngest in a Detroit league. He is now the oldest in our local SIR league. Staying true to his early love of art Tom does water color paintings. He comes by this talent honestly. Turns out he is related to Frank Lloyd Wright and a famous turn-of-the (last)-century painter, Howard Chandler Christie. He and Joan also enjoy cruising and Elderhostel travel programs.



Bob Williams

Bob is one of our members who has stayed close to home. While he has lived in various places in Northern California, most of the time he’s been close to Sacramento. However, along the way he graduated from high school in Tulelake, right up on the Oregon border.

Bob spent time in the Air Force starting in 1952. He was an Aircraft and Engine Mechanic and saw duty in Goose Bay, Labrador; Tule, Greenland; Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Georgia; and Yuma,

Arizona. He left the service as a tech sergeant.

Most of his working life has been with Proctor Gamble here in Sacramento. He primarily was a chemical analyst evaluating Proctor and Gamble’s product and also, not surprisingly, those of the company’s competitors. He also spent a lot of time in the quality control area of the company during his 37 years.

He and his wife, Marcia (who is also from Sacramento) moved to Elk Grove in 1970. They have been married for 42 years. Those new to Sacramento could not even imagine the sleepy little village Bob settled in. At that time the population was 2,300. That is a far cry from the signs that are now over 130,000 and are being changed upwards about every two weeks. Bob was a member of the, then volunteer fire department.

A major part of family recreation through those years was house boating in the Delta with the William’s family boats being moored near Walnut Grove. All the kids (and their friends) learned to water ski and had great times on the river. With all the kids now grown, Bob reluctantly let the boats go a few years ago.

Recreation for Bob and Marcia now revolves around golf. They have taken several golf related trips together, including Mexico and Hawaii. They both play with several groups. Since golf is a high priority with Bob, Tinker Qualls asked him if he’d like to join SIR Branch 150. Bob was a member of Branch 107, but was not completely pleased with their golf program. Tinker’s description of our operation was enough for Bob to make the move last January.

The volunteer spirit is still part of Bob’s life. Bob’s grandfather and uncles worked for Southern Pacific, one uncle being the Station Master at Gold Run. So, he talked the Railroad Museum into taking him on as a docent. You can find him there on Wednesdays, except for SIR luncheons.

The Williams have a son, daughter, and two grandchildren. The six year old granddaughter participates in Saturday soccer games that can’t be missed by her grandparents. They all live in the Sacramento area.

November Speaker

Our speaker for this month will be Carol Nolan. She will be speaking about her experiences working as an agent for Alcohol and Beverage Control. Carol comes to us highly recommended. Both John Sigl and Bill Ferreirae have had an opportunity to meet Carol and have recommended her as a speaker.

The Alcohol and Beverage Control department’s work load is divided into three elements: administration, licensing, and compliance. The department’s headquarters in Sacramento consists of the director’s office and other offices performing licensing, fiscal management, legal, business practices, training, and personnel/labor relations and other administrative support functions for the department.

GOLF NEWS

Call Harold Doppelmayr 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

Notice: Cordova will be charging holiday rates for Nov. 10th and 24th. We will not be playing as a club on those dates.

End-of-Month Scramble
Every last Friday of the month.
Prior sign-up required

Away Tournaments

Note: All players must be at the course before the first tee time. Regardless of when they are to tee off.

November 6th Alister Mackenzie | November 21st Wild Hawk

NCGA fees

From your sometimes not so friendly golf chairman: I do not intend to make telephone calls. Either the members want to rejoin or they do not. If they do not read the newsletter, then I have to assume they are not interested in playing. The list of paid players is on our website: www.sir150.com. The list will be updated periodically.

I would like to have all the NCGA dues collected by the first or second week of December. If members do not expect to see me to pay in person, they may send me a check made out to SIR 150 for the sum of \$30. Those who do not pay the dues before Dec 31st will be dropped from the roster. My address is 1212 Clinton Road Sacramento CA 95825

Posting all 9-hole and 18-hole Scores

Just a reminder to those who may not be aware of posting 9 hole scores. Every round of 9 or 18 hole scores must be posted. The 9 hole score will be stored in the GHIN computer until another 9 holes are posted. The two scores will be combined to make 18 holes. It does not matter how much time has passed between the rounds. Or if the scores are from two different courses. Also 7 holes of 9 and 13 holes of 18 hole rounds are postable. The scores for the missing holes will be what your handicap will allow you to take on them. If your handicap will give you a stroke on a par 4, enter a 5. If you do not get a stroke on the hole, enter a 4.

6-inch Bump

Another reminder about SIR golf organization 6 inch bumps. 6 inches at all away events and 12 inches at Cordova only. 6 inches does not mean 18 to 24. And the bump may not be toward the hole. All members of a foursome are responsible for seeing that rule is adhered to. We are playing for more than just fun. Those who stretch the rules make it so the rest of the players are not playing on an even field.

BRIDGE NEWS

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

In October we had four tables of bridge.

The winners were as follows:

1st - Lee Peterson 3rd - LaVerne Mahony
2nd - Ron Chute 4th - Tom Bittner

Tom Bittner will be in charge of November bridge.

Special for SIR 150

**Great seats
are currently
reserved just
for our group**

**Come Join
the Fun**

A Garbeau's Christmas Dinner and Play



Date: Thursday December 14, 2006
Seating: 6-6:30 pm. Play at 8:00pm
Cost: \$41.18 per adult
Includes: entree, non-alcoholic
beverage, dessert, sales tax, and gratuity
Deadline: November 28, 2006
John Galik (916) 366-0195

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Chairman, SIR Ron Chute, reminds us that attendance is taken by virtue of your badge being taken from the box, worn and placed in the gold pan at the end of the meeting. For those of you who travel or are incapacitated, please ensure that you are attending the regular Wednesday luncheon meetings at least 50% of the time.

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.

Changes for October

Added Members: Brent Soulis
Dropped Members: Bob Smith
Transferred to Active: Les Peterson

We now have 105 active members and 18 inactive members for a total of 123.

Note: If you are bringing a guest to the luncheons, please let your caller, or Communications Chair, Bob Neubacher (685-7528) know for our lunch count. For membership applications, call Jim Rae



Fun Stuff

The first person to provide the correct solution will receive a prize at the September meeting. Send your answers by e-mail to Bob Carlstroem at carlstroem@sir150.com or mail to 7990 South Lake Cir., Granite Bay, CA 95746. Last month's puzzle (and the extra credit problem) was not solved.

Ten Nine-Words

Below, 10 nine letter words have been broken into chunks of three letters. These chunks have been mixed up, no chunk is used twice and all chunks are used. Can you determine what the 10 words are?

ely	rec	ant	htn	fer	ort
ent	cer	por	sin	lig	ian
lio	row	use	rar	lib	ive
tfo	sca	ing	ing	far	eth
som	dif	est	dig	imp	mho

October Solutions

Who is Telling the Truth: Suppose a fisherman waits behind Door 2. Then the plaque is false; in other words, it is not true that if the golfer waits behind Door 3, then the bridge player waits behind Door 1. This statement can only be false if the golfer is behind door 3 and something other than the bridge player (i.e., a fisherman) is behind door 1. Consider the statement on Door 4: If a fisherman waits behind Door 2, then the golfer waits behind Door 3. Since there is a fisherman behind Door 2 and a golfer behind Door 3, this statement is clearly true, so a fisherman can't be behind door 4. Therefore, the second fisherman must be behind Door 1. But the plaque on Door 1 says that if a fisherman waits behind Door 3, then the golfer waits behind Door 4. Since a fisherman doesn't wait behind Door 3, this statement is vacuously true - but a true statement can't be on the door leading to a fisherman. Therefore our original supposition was wrong, and a fisherman doesn't wait behind Door 2; it must be the golfer or the bridge player. Since it's not a fisherman, the plaque on Door 4 is still true, so there's no fisherman there, either. Therefore, the fishermen are behind Doors 1 and 3. So the plaque on Door 3 is false, and it can only be false if the bridge player is behind Door 4. Therefore, the golfer must wait behind Door 2.

Extra Credit: The probability exactly nine letters were inserted in the proper envelopes is zero (0) because if nine are inserted properly, that means 10 will be inserted properly. The word "exactly" turns it into a trick question.

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

Birthday Boys

Nauer	Walter	3-Nov
Severance	Donald	4-Nov
Belford	Richard	6-Nov
Schuering	Mike	7-Nov
Toledo	Allen	9-Nov
Bullard	Alton F	10-Nov
Shumate	Charles	11-Nov
Silva	Thomas W	11-Nov
Sabbagh	Richard J	14-Nov
Gaugler	Roger B.	16-Nov
Berg	Daniel	19-Nov
Gibbons	Joseph D	19-Nov
Sanders	Herbert H	19-Nov
Gould Jr.	James J.	20-Nov
Johnson	Robert E	20-Nov
Hilton	Douglas R	22-Nov
Rae	James W	25-Nov
Rumsey	Michael E	28-Nov

Other Birthdays

Charles Bronson	03-Nov-1921
Walter Cronkite	04-Nov-1918
Maria Shriver	06-Nov-1955
Al Hirt	07-Nov-1922
Spiro Agnew	09-Nov-1918
Richard Burton	10-Nov-1925
Demi Moore	11-Nov-1962
Condoleezza Rice	14-Nov-1954
Burgess Meredith	16-Nov-1908
Meg Ryan	19-Nov-1961
Robert F. Kennedy	20-Nov-1925
Jamie Lee Curtis	22-Nov-1958
John F. Denney, Jr.	25-Nov-1960
Anna Nicole Smith	28-Nov-1967

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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 or who attends less than six (6) regular meetings of the last twelve (12) luncheon meetings may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 100 & 107).

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