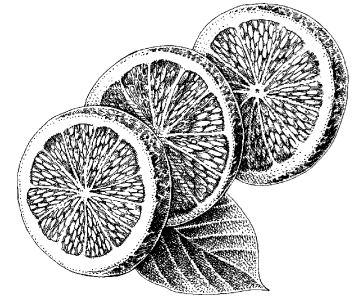




Orangevale Branch 150



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January 2007

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - January 17, 2007	
Location	Regular Monthly Schedule	Menu:	Fish and Chips, salad, and a dessert
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge	Business meeting 10:30	Speaker:	Chief Warrant Officer Art White
11440 Elks Circle	Social time/registration 11:00	Topic:	Experiences in Iraq
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Meeting/luncheon 11:30		

Holiday Season 2006



Thank you Jim Rae for your Christmas party photos



Branch 150 Executive Committee			Branch 150 Committee Chairmen		
Big Sir	Jerry Courter	353-0715	Attendance	Open	Greeter/Pub Relations Bill Ferreirae 635-6093
Little Sir	Stan Wirth	362-1748	Booster	Charlie Martin 858-1453	Historian Open
Secretary	Leon Vann, Jr.	684-9603	Bowling	Tom Bittner 723-1497	Membership Jim Rae 967-4951
Asst. Secretary	Bruce Kennedy	363-5412	Bridge	John Mahony 485-2449	Newsletter Editor Bob Carlstroem 791-3608
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Director	Len Bloom	961-2225	Golf	Harold Doppelmayer 922-6134	Social Affairs Pat Andrews 525-0773
Director	Jim Rae	967-4951	Golf Asst.	John Sigl 362-2429	Travel & Events Open
Director	Bob Trathen	927-5987			
Director	Joe Ramay	635-1158			
			State President	Robert G. Curley (209) 549-0792	Director Region 2 Hal Stephens (530) 295-1867
					Governor Area 31 Al Dumont (916) 635-7813

January Speaker - Art White



I joined the Air Force Reserves on December 7, 1966, the 25th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and six months after graduating from high school. I joined the Reserves to complete both my college education and military obligation at the same time. Back then very few Reservists were ever activated for Vietnam. I liked being a

weekend warrior and, after college graduation, sought a commission in the Reserves. I also had just gotten married and started my career in the computer industry with the State of California. To minimize the time I'd be away from my family and job to earn a commission, I transferred into the California Army National Guard, which offered an Officer Candidate School (OCS) program over 14 months that required attending one weekend "drill" a month and two 15-day summer encampments. I was commissioned in August 1975. I was promoted to major, but was not selected for lieutenant colonel, partially because the military had downsized after the fall of U.S.S.R. in the early 1990s. I became a warrant officer in September 1994 as an Information Technology Specialist. I currently am a Chief Warrant Officer three (CW3). I was deployed for a little over 15 months, from July 2005 through November 2006, with a year of that time in Iraq. I just recently completed my 40th year with the Air Force Reserves and Army National Guard.



From Big & Little Sir

Big Sir Says: It's 2007 and I would like to wish everyone a "Happy New Year. Now we will all have to get use to writing 2007 instead of 2006 for the date. That shouldn't be too hard. Remember when the change was from 1999 to 2000. Now, that change was a little harder.

Don really out did himself this year for the Christmas "gala". If you missed it, you missed a very good time. The harpist provided beautiful background music as the membership ate lunch and carried on conversations that could actually be heard. "Bosco, the magician" put on a great show after lunch. I'm still not sure how much he had to pay Bob Trathen and Don to complete the last illusion.

I am looking forward to 2007, hoping to represent the membership well throughout the year. Of course, I will be leaning heavily on the experience of the past big sirs, the Branch Executive Committee and the Committee Chairmen. I hope it turns out to be a very good year for the club and a great year for each of you.

Little Sir Says: Hard to believe another year has already passed. Needless to say it is time to start planning for all of those fun things, travel, fishing, golf, bridge, etc.. I look forward to having a lot of fun working with Jerry and supporting all of you. Thanks again for the honor.



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 for December & January

Sign-up when you show up

End-of-Month Scramble

There is no Scramble in January

2007 Away Tournaments

Bing Maloney Feb 6th first tee time 9:00

Bartley Cavanaugh Feb 20th first tee time 9:00

Sign up sheets will be out in January. Carts are optional on these courses.

NCGA fees

The list of paid players is on our website: www.sir150.com. The list will be updated periodically.

West Coast Golf Value Book

The 2007 edition is now available. It is \$15 a copy and must be ordered at a minimum of 5 copies per branch. If anyone is interested contact Harold Doppelmayer at 912-9164.

January Golf Luncheon

The luncheon will be on January 11th. Lunch served at 12:00. Social hour 11:00. Those that have signed up are listed on our website: www.sir150.com.

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

More Christmas Party Photos



Can you imagine what these two were like in school



In Memory of Tom Wirth

March 13, 1920 - December 9, 2006



Quite a bit was written by Jerry Courter about Tom in our March 2005 newsletter. As was stated, Tom reached the rank of Lt. Colonel after 24 years in the Air Force. And thus, Tom received full military honors at his funeral service December 15, 2006.

At his service, several, including family, had great stories about Tom. Though he loved to fly, garden, and RV around the country, his son Stan (our new little sir) emphasized that Tom had a "passion for life." Something he carried with him always.

His wife for 65 years, Mildred, is from the South. When Mildred's brother Tommy described their first encounter with Tom, he said the family was taken a bit back because Tom "spoke a foreign language." You see, Tom was born in the non-English speaking State of Iowa. Tommy had fond comments about his brother-in-law (he also called him Tommy, rather than Tom). He called him an "honorable man." He also fondly never forgot the time he helped Tom pour, and pour, and pour cement. Tom, being a military man, was used to giving orders.

Tom was our "big sir" for 1996. He loved golf which he didn't take up until he was in his 60's. And speaking of golf, Tom would frequently show Stan what a great drive looked like.

We will all miss Tom.

If you would like an electronic copy of the March 2005 newsletter featuring Tom Wirth, e-mail me your request.

Bob Carlstroem

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2006 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

These tables show the change in membership for 2006.

	Jan. 06	Dec 06	Change
Active	105	102	-3
Inactive	14	14	0
Total	119	116	-3

New Members Added in 2005	15
Members Lost in 2005	18
Net Loss in Members for 2005	-3

Summary of results in membership changes for 2006:

- Active members decreased by 3 to a total of 102 (-3%).
- Inactive members remained at a total of 14.
- 15 new members were received.
- 18 members were lost.
- Total membership decreased by 3 to a total of 116 (-3%).
- Bottom line is that the branch needs to keep recruiting new members.

Jim Rae
Membership Chairman

BRIDGE NEWS

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

Please note the change in the meeting site for January 8, 2007: IHOP 2216 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova. The restaurant is located in the shopping center at the corner of Sunrise and Coloma, 2 miles south of Coco's. GOING SOUTH, turn right at the Trinity River light or any other entrance, GOING NORTH make a left at the Coloma light and a right into the center. We will begin at 10 a.m. as usual with coffee, water, and lunch in a private room. Perhaps December's winners: Leona White, first; Bruce Kennedy, second; Ken Struwe, third; and Joanne Martin, fourth will continue their winning ways. The rest of us hope not. We bid farewell to several bridge players this year: John Albu, Fred Horton, Ron Chute, and now Tom Wirth. John will remind you of the new meeting place when he calls for your reservations.

Happy New Year!

Fun Stuff

The first person to provide the correct solution will receive a prize at the next regular 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 was solved first by Leon Vann Jr. Honorable mention goes out to Jim Rae for the second correct answer.

How many of these four can you solve?

- A. Take the letters **ERGRO**. Put three letters in front of it, and the same three letters behind to form a common English word.
- B. What number gives the same result when it is added to 1.5 as when it is multiplied by 1.5?
- C. What do the words below have in common?
ADAM CLAIM GALL BUIY FOND RAMP
- D. Which of the following words is the odd-one-out?
IBIS IBEX ORYX SIKA ZEBU

December Solution

Eric-collie-Rover
Bernard-terrier-Spot
Bart-spaniel-Fido
Sidney-basset-Bowser
Ralph-poodle-Snoopy

Extra Credit

Solve each of these anagrams to give the name of a well-known U.S. city (hint, the first one is RENO):

NERO	OILMEN	LARDOON
MEALS	ASLOPE	DOMAINS
SAULT	MAILER	TRADUCE
NERVED	WADERS	VAUNTER
ORDEAL	TOOLED	OPERANTS
COUNTS	PARSEC	SALVAGES
TENDON	DOTTIER	HEADROOM
FREONS	AGROUD	DIAGNOSE

Confucius Say:

- ... *Old Maid she woman who know all answers, but nobody ask her questions.*
- ... *Man who have clear conscience usually have bad memory too.*

Honored Members

Past Big Sirs

1989 George Erksen *
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
2006 Bob Carlstroem

Honorary Lifetime Member

John Mahony 2001
Jim Eastlund 2002

* Deceased

Birthday Boys

Burns	Robert G	2-Jan
Wolfgang	Albert E	9-Jan
Hoerl	Donald E	12-Jan
Doppelmayr	Harold	14-Jan
Becker	Donald H	16-Jan
Hull	Edgar L	17-Jan
Peterson	Lee	22-Jan **
Bonner	Robert	27-Jan
Bittner	Thomas N	31-Jan

** Note: Something New

For 2007 the newsletter will pick one member **randomly** and provide historical information related to his birth date.

January 22nd in History

1771: The Falkland Islands are given to Britain by the Spanish
1879: British troops are massacred by the Zulus at Isandhlwana, South Africa
1941: Tobruk, North Africa, is captured by Australian troops
1946: US President creates the CIA
1957: Israeli forces withdraw from the Sinai Peninsula
1973: With Roe vs Wade, US Supreme Court legalizes abortion
1980: Russian dissident Andrei Sacharov is sent to Gorki gulag

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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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