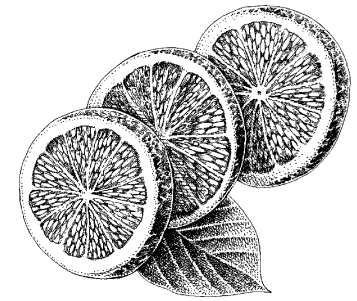




Orangevale Branch 150



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June 2007

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - June 20, 2007	
Location	Regular Monthly Schedule	Menu:	Burgers, Dogs, and Yummy Dishes
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Business meeting 10:30 Social time/registration 11:00 Meeting/luncheon 11:30	Speaker:	Jim Rae - Bingo Caller Pat Andrews - Organizer & Head Chief
		Topic:	How to Play Bingo & Food for Thought

Branch 150 Annual Picnic

June 20, 2007

What Time?

- Begins at 11:00
- Lunch will be served at 12:00
- Bingo & great prizes after lunch

What's Provided?

- Juicy hamburgers
- Special Polish dogs
- Beer, wine, & soft drinks
- Picnic plasticware, paper plates, napkins, etc.

What Should I Bring?

- Your wife and/or guest
- Your favorite dish to share (there are a few electrical outlets for warming trays)

Tickets?

\$10/person. Call Pat Andrews at 525-0773 or Don Severance at 961-6668 or e-mail Pat at pjandrews49@comcast.net

From Big Sir

Big Sir says: I just got back from Yosemite Valley. I left for Yosemite right after our last meeting to assist my wife with her 3rd grade class. It was her yearly trek with 20 students and about 8 or 10 parents to visit Yosemite Valley and attend the Yosemite Institute. The Yosemite Institute is a science based educational program for children from all over the state. We had a great time. It was the first time there for most of the students and they loved the park. It was also a great learning adventure for them.

Guess I am getting into a routine in my retirement. In May I now have my annual trip to Yosemite and in June I have my Annual SIR 150 Barbecue and picnic to attend. That's right, it is already June, getting warmer, and time to picnic.

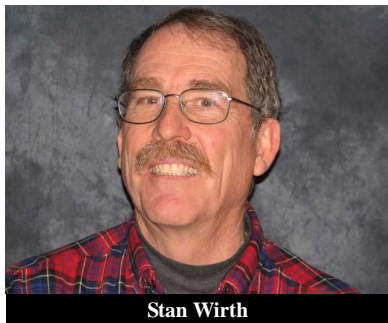
Chairman Pat Andrews, with the assistance of Don Severance, is putting together his plan for an outstanding Barbecue and picnic. The plans are going well and he will be ready for us on June 20th with hot dogs, hamburgers, bingo, and many prizes. Be social at 11:00 and be hungry at 12:00. The potluck is always fun because it means some great home cooked dishes and, of course, our "burger and dog" chefs are in a class of their own (no further comment).

Hope to see you there.

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Spotlighted Sirs

By Bruce Kennedy



Stan Wirth

Stan was born in 1945 in Great Falls, Montana, an Army Air Force Brat. I'm told that his father, Tom, thought that the Army Air Force had nothing to do with Stan's brat status. Stan knew by 6 months that Montana was too cold and since his father was from mild Redwood City, they left for other climes.

Tom retired from the Air Force when they were at Pease AFB in New Hampshire twenty years later. By then Stan was attending Plattsburg State in New York. He followed the family to Sacramento with the draft board on his heels.

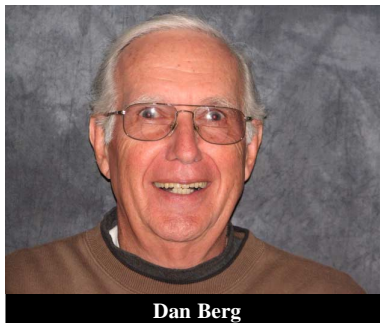
He enlisted in the Air Force in 1965. The military offered him several specialties, none of which sounded appealing. Since he had struggled with Spanish in high school and Latin in college, he decided Language Specialist probably was just the right thing. The bad news was he had to study in Monterey at the Defense Language Institute. He learned Chinese and was sent to a mountain top with more antennas than people outside of Taipei, Taiwan as an Intercept Processing Technician. Those who have played golf with Stan may wonder how he could have kept quiet long enough to hear much.

Stan got out in 1969, returned to Sacramento and started back to school at Sac State. He also met his wife, Ada, on a blind/double date arranged by a friend from the military and they married in 1970. Stan worked at the Post Office while attending Sac State and graduated in 1977. Their daughter was born during this time.

After graduation Stan started with EDD as an accountant. He also took the interest in computers he had gained in the Air Force and moved into fiscal accounting systems. After helping EDD for awhile he moved to CalTrans in the same area and finished his career with the Department of Food and Agriculture. He held several positions, but his last was maybe the most interesting. He was the Fiscal Manager for County Fairs. This job took him all over the state to tour, review, and speak with county fair managers and staff. Imagine working with the Modoc County Fair one week and the San Francisco County Fair the next. Stan retired from Food and Ag in 2004 and immediately started the one month class to be a docent at the California State Railroad Museum and joined SIR Branch 150.

He's not sure when his interest in trains really hit but he still remembers a train ride from Boston clear across country when he was 5 years old. It helped that Tom's back did not appreciate airplanes and his Mom does not like flying either. He has stayed with the museum putting in 10 to 12 hours per week. He is in the second stage of moving to actually operating the trains. He has completed his "brakeman" qualification and is now in the "engine wiper" phase. This takes in a lot more than it sounds like, just ask him. After that are "fireman" and then "engineer." Could be a couple of years away.

Stan's other love is golfing with SIR 150 and, unlike most of us, he had a ready-made sponsor with his father. Ada has just retired and they are planning time to clean up the house, and then travel and spend more time with the two grandchildren.



Dan Berg

Dan is a Sacramento native who graduated from Grant High School. Still in his teens, he started work 18 months after graduation at McClellan AFB. He started his second job with McDonnell Douglas (behind where Aerojet now sits). It was a great job! Dan became a tech on ballistic missile programs and was able, after training, to go to the "Midlands" of England to work on

the "Thor" intermediate range ballistic missile program. After three years he determined he really liked engineering, and headed off to college wishing he had taken many more math and science classes in high school. He got to know the "Bonehead" instructors well, but persevered to get his degree after attending both Cal Poly and Sac State.

His progress was interrupted during his Army Reserve tour when he was called up for the second "Berlin Crisis" in 1963/64. This took a year and a half. While in college he also met and married his wife Margo, and welcomed their son in 1968. Following graduation he went to work in the engineering department of Pacific Telephone in the (then new) headquarters on Watt Avenue.

In 1976 PacBell joined with AT&T in a venture in Tehran, Iran where the family moved for three years. This was during the decline of the Shah, but they were able to live on the economy and enjoyed their vacations to the Far East, Europe and Africa. It was an exciting time in a very different culture. The highlight of one trip was visiting the ruins of Persepolis, the capital of ancient Persia. Having seen the ruins in Greece, Dan states Persepolis is much more spectacular. They left Iran just a few months before the Shah was deposed and expelled from the country. Good timing.

Dan returned to Sacramento and retired from PacBell in 1994, but was not done with foreign intrigue just yet. A group of former AT&T guys formed a company to help Brazil through a divestiture effort for their "Emtel" system (very similar to what we did a couple of decades earlier to AT&T), and off the Berg's went to Brasilia. This effort involved trips to virtually every province in Brazil, and they also managed enough time to get to Peru, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. That leaves only Australia and Antarctica.

But that may not be in the cards now. The Berg's are now on their second RV and trips now are more likely to be for a month in Alaska or a week with their two grandkids in Pismo Beach. Their "road trips" equal more than six months per year. It is no wonder Dan never wins the best golf attendance award.

Back in 1996 Dan went with last month's interviewee, Len Bloom, to work on tax forms for AARP seniors, and he wound up being recruited by the quiet and mild John Means. Even with all their travel, Dan devoted time to golf which brought him to Branch 150. And with all this, Dan also finds time to be an accomplished wood worker in his garage producing things as diverse as rocking horses for the grandkids to cabinets for homes. They also just celebrated their daughter-in-law's graduation from Medical School.

Did You Know?

After the invention of the transistor in 1947, several US electronics companies rejected the idea of a portable radio. Apparently it was thought nobody would want to carry a radio around. When Bell put the transistor on the market in 1952 they had few takers apart from a small Japanese start-up called Sony. They introduced the transistor radio in 1954.

New Directory of Members

Thanks to the generosity of one of our members, the new Branch 150 Directory of Members, **in color**, is complete and was distributed **free**. If you have not picked up your copy, contact Jim Rae at the next meeting.

GOLF NEWS

Call Harold Doppelmayr at 922-6134 or his assistant Brent Soulis at 726-6326 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

Every last Friday of the month
Prior sign-up required

2007 Away Tournaments

- June 6th - Plumas Lake*
- June 19th - Wildhawk*
- July 10th - Dry Creek Ranch*
- July 24th - Ancil Hoffman*
- August 8th - Mace Meadow*
- August 21st - Mather*
- September 5th - Wild Wing*
- September 18th - Green Tree*
- October 9th - Bass Lake*
- October 22nd - Bing Maloney*
- November 5th - Alister Mackenzie*
- November 19th - Wildhawk*

Carson City

The Carson City golf trip is August 21 to the 24th. The cost is single golfer in a single room \$402. Single golfer with non golfer \$475. Single golfer double occupancy \$304. 3 night stay the Carson Station Hotel. 2 rounds of golf with cart. The courses are Sunridge Golf Course and Dayton Valley Golf CC. 3 breakfast vouchers. Welcome cocktail & appetizer party (Tuesday). Prime Rib/Wine Banquet (Thurs. 5:30 p.m.) Welcome golf gift and casino coupons.

Sign-ups

I will be making new sign up sheets for each months away tournaments starting with July. It will make it a lot easier to deal with additions and deletions during the sign up period. The away pairings will be done by computer, I will not be changing the pairings, but I will make it so that the same groups will not be the first or last groups all 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.

At the May meeting we made the following membership changes:

Changed Status: Al Toledo changed to Inactive

We now have 102 active and 15 inactive members for a total of 117.

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 SIR trip. A Branch 150 travel chairman is needed. If interested, contact Jerry Courter.

TRAVEL WITH BRANCH 33 & DALE

DALE MARTIN – 359-6121

dmartin@winfirst.com

Reno & Tahoe turnarounds lv CC Lanes @ 7:30
Local Indian Casino trips lv CC Lanes @ 9:30

OUR NEXT TRIPLE BAR DAY

JULY 20 - SILVER LEGACY – RENO

Receive \$10 instant rewards & \$5 food credit

JUL 31-AUG 1

YOSEMITE/CHUKCHANSI

Includes one night at Chukchansi Gold Resort / Casino near Yosemite, Valley floor tour by tram with lunch at Yosemite Lodge, & Quady Winery tour in Madera. Also get the casino bonus of \$10 cash / \$10 food credit.

Cost is \$183

SEP 18-23

BRANSON, MO

Travel from Sacramento International. Spend 5 nights at the Branson Radisson (includes breakfast & dinner each day. See as many as 12 different shows

Cost is \$1755

NOV 2-18

SPAIN & PORTUGAL

Enjoy 15 days touring Spain (begins in Madrid) & Portugal. Flyers will be at the travel table following approval.

Cost is \$3760

PLANNING NOW FOR 2008 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

BRIDGE NEWS

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

Tom ran the games for May in my absence. The high scores were held by the men SIRs. It does take some good playing and lots of luck. The top score was made by Lee Peterson (his first time in the money). Next was Bob Miller and for the first time there was a tie score for third by Jiggs and John Conyers.

I will be calling members for the June meeting so make sure you are home the first week. Good luck and I will see you on June 11th.

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.

For more information, contact Bob Bonner at 961-5403

There are 20 or more members that have indicated that fishing is one of their hobbies. If you are interested in getting together as a group to kick around some ideas, let Bob Bonner know so he can set up something.

SIR Branch 150 Annual Ladies Day Picnic

June 20, 2007 - Folsom City Park - 11:00 a.m.

Name: _____ \$10

Name: _____ \$10

Name: _____ \$10

Total Enclosed: _____

Clip this coupon and send, along with check payable to SIR 150, to: P.J. Andrews, 110059 Crooked Stick Dr., Sacramento, CA 95829

Fun Stuff

The first person to provide 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 **Doug Hilton**. **Submissions were also provided by Norm Green, Jim Rae, Pete Eres and Ken Huseman.**

Even Steven

Smith, Jones and Brown were great friends. After Brown's wife died, his niece kept house for him. Smith was also a widower, and lived with his daughter. When Jones got married, he and his wife suggested that they all live together. Each one of the party (male and female) was to contribute \$25 on the first of the month for household expenses, and what remained at the end of the month was to be equally divided. The first month's expenses were \$92. When the remainder was distributed each received an even number of dollars without fractions. How much money did each receive, and why?

The solution to the May puzzle as provided by Doug Hilton

"This game was probably played at the Oakland Col. since the Giants were up first in the 8th inning which means that the A's were the home team. It was stated that the game was tied 0-0 at the end of 8 innings. If the score was 5-2 at the end of nine innings, the Giants must have won because if the A's would have won there would NOT have been a completed 9th inning. The game was won on a homerun which could have been either a grand slam or a three run homer. The idea about the A's scoring 5 runs in the bottom of 9th is possible only if you do NOT finish the 9th inning. But, it stated the 9th inning was completed which means that there were 3 OUTS in the 9th inning. Therefore, they could not have scored 5 runs but in fact did score 2 runs and their last desperation rally came up short."

Bob Carlstroem, Editor
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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
2006 Bob Carlstroem

* Deceased

Birthday Boys

Soulis	Brent N	1-Jun
Bloom	Leonard	6-Jun
Peterson	Les	18-Jun
Ramay	Joseph S	19-Jun
Laughlin	Thomas W	21-Jun
Holton II	Harrison	25-Jun
Benz	Norbert L	26-Jun
Carson	John P	28-Jun
Dysart	Franklin H.	28-Jun
Hill	Michael D.	30-Jun

June 30th in History

1950: US President allows American troops deployment in Korea.
1954: USSR opens its first atomic power plant.
1960: Belgian Congo becomes an independent state.
1968: Gaullists win victory in the French National Assembly elections.

Honorary Lifetime Member

John Mahony 2001
Jim Eastlund 2002

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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).