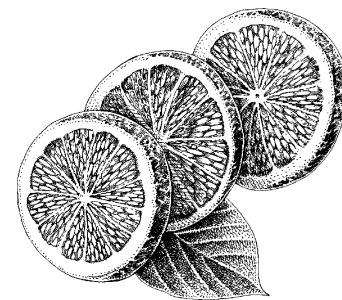




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November 2007

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - November 21, 2007
Location Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Regular Monthly Schedule Business meeting 10:30 Social time/registration 11:00 Meeting/luncheon 11:30	Menu: Game hen with wild rice stuffing, broccoli with cheese gratin, salad and dessert. Speaker: Carol Nolan Topic: An Interesting Case.....

November Speaker: Corol Nolan

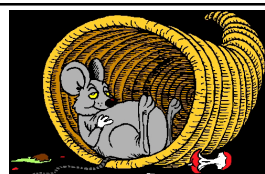
Alcohol and Beverage Control
 by Stan Wirth

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. She spoke to us in Nov. 2006, but was not able to speak about the case she wanted to as it was still in court. The department's headquarters in Sacramento consists of the director's office and other offices performing licensing, fiscal management, legal, business practices, training, personnel/labor relations, and other administrative support functions for the department.

Has anyone seen PJ?

The weather in Michigan has held and the golfing is fantastic. Most golf courses have remained open and the condition of the courses this time of the year is fantastic. Hunting is picking up with a few confirmed deer kills. Unfortunately I have not enjoyed the same amount of success. Time is still on my side and I will step up the pressure. I'll see you all in early December.

P.J. Andrews



From
 Your Branch Officers
 &
 Chairmen

Happy Thanksgiving!

What's New with Big and Little Sir?

A few words from Big Sir Jerry Courter: I will be absent for the November meeting. Jeannie has the week off from work so we will be traveling to Arlington, Washington to have Thanksgiving with our son and his family. Getting away to travel, seeing friends and family is very important to all of us. It adds to the enjoyment and satisfaction in our lives.

I hope everyone in the club takes advantage of these types of opportunities. The SIR organization is designed to support it's members and provide them with enjoyable activities. We hope we are doing that for all of you. SIR 150 leadership team also hopes each member maximizes opportunities to travel, and the opportunity to participate in any of the club's voluntary activities.

Your only responsibility as a club member is to attend all monthly luncheon meetings. Keep our club strong by attending these meetings when you are in town. Your attendance provides an opportunity to solidify friendships in the club as well as build camaraderie within the club.

Reminder: The December luncheon will be our Christmas party. Wives or significant others are invited. Hope to see you there.

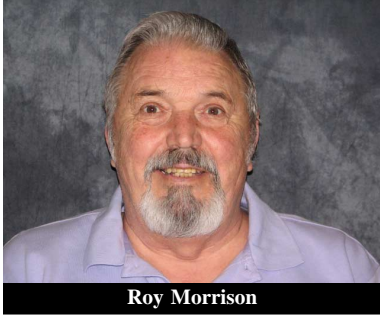
And, some from Little Sir Stan Wirth: In holding with my tradition of just a few brief comments, here are a few brief comments. Just a reminder, don't forget to set your clocks back on November 4th. They (whoever they are) have changed the date.

In my other life (working at the railroad museum) we have finished our summer season running the Spookamotive excursion train. We will operate (with steam) the weekend of Thanksgiving and then the Polar Express. It is a lot of fun. If anyone is looking for a change of pace, check us out on the Thanksgiving weekend. The Museum will have model trains set up (by clubs in the Sacramento area) on the first floor. It is some pretty neat stuff..

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Spotlighted Sirs

By Bruce Kennedy



Roy Morrison

Roy started life in the sprawling metropolis of Ashland, Wisconsin on the shore of Lake Superior at the base of Chequamegon Bay. Say that fast five times. Roy was the sixth of nine children and the youngest of the three boys. Dad worked for the Chicago & Northwest Railroad. As you might guess, Mom had her hands full, but also worked part time at the Bus Depot in town. Roy,

like all his family, grew up with a fishing pole in one hand and a shotgun in the other. He got his first 22 at 12 and his first deer at 13. He also liked Partridge and Grouse hunting, but stream fishing was his favorite outdoor sport and there was no shortage of streams, rivers and lakes in Northern Wisconsin. No shortage of mosquitoes either.

Both older brothers joined the Marine Corps out of high school and went off to Korea. Roy followed suit at 18 in 1953. The war was winding down, but Roy could not get over there since his oldest brother had been killed in combat and his other brother had been wounded. Because of his family's losses, service restrictions kept Roy stateside. The VFW in Ashland recently renamed its Hall in honor of Roy's brother and Roy went back to be there. He spent time as a plow-back drill instructor. Now I know where that unmistakable voice came from. He also spent time at Camp Elliot, out near present day MCAS Miramar where over 1,100 North Korean and Chinese prisoners of war were being held. While there Roy met a Navy Dental Technician named Carol. Both were released from service in 1956 and they were married in 1957. Maybe part of the attraction was that Carol grew up with three brothers, and came from an even colder, more forested, more remote area than Roy did - the very northern tip of Maine.

Roy and Carol stayed in the San Diego area for three years while Roy worked for the aircraft company Convair. To be closer to some family, Roy moved to Sacramento in 1960, got settled and then brought Carol up. They are still in that house. He went to work at a bakery that made (at different times) Wonderbread and Rainbow Bread. This would be his work for the next 25 years. Roy says it was a good job with good co-workers even though it often involved throwing 100# sacks around when it was 110 degrees outside and 120 degrees inside. Through many of these years Roy and a couple of friends operated a small gold dredging operation on the north and middle forks of the American River. At one of their sites they used a 150 year old cabin as a base of operations. Their best take one summer was 10 ounces of gold each, and several very fresh Rainbow Trout dinners.

After his 25 bakery years Roy sort of went from the baking pan into the fire. He was hired by the Bakery, Confectionary and Tobacco Workers Local to be a business agent. His DI training probably helped during the frequently tight and contentious negotiations. At one time he had responsibility for eight contracts and over 1,700 union employees in an area from Fresno to the Oregon border and Carson City to Fairfield. He allows being a baker was easier. On retirement in 1992 the union gave him a pickup and a fifth wheel which took Roy and Carol to Alaska three times and around the United States for the next 10 years. One of those trips included an Alaska fishing boat visit to Cook Inlet and a 305# halibut. Roy said the shadow of the darn thing weighed 3 pounds. Now that is a FISH story you can ask him about.

Roy plays golf with Branch 150, enjoys our monthly meetings, still tinkers in his garden, and enjoys the couple's three poodles. He has a sister, a niece, and a nephew within short flying distance. John Sigl was the co-worker and supervisor with Roy who pushed him over to Bill Ferreirae to join Branch 150. Roy was new to golf, but took to the game immediately.



Ralph Grishaber

Ralph was born in 1937 in Kansas City where his dad drove a milk delivery truck (something many of us can remember) and worked as a part-time auto mechanic. Ralph remembers sometimes the milk was frozen. They also had an "icebox" with daily ice delivery. The family moved to Inglewood, Colorado (a suburb of Denver) when Ralph was starting school and stayed there until 1950 when he was finishing junior high. A doctor suggested moving to a drier warmer climate due to respiratory problems a sister was having, so they resettled in Santa Ana, where Ralph was to graduate from high school. There his father went to work, as a supervisor, for a small company making canvass awnings. Most of us remember the summer awnings in the business sections of the towns we grew up in. Unfortunately, large pre-made other fabric awnings were to doom the small local entrepreneurs. This is where Ralph got his first job, one I'm sure many of us have shared, as a newspaper delivery boy. He started on foot until he could buy enough parts to put a bicycle together.

By the time of graduation Ralph was considering a religious calling and enrolled at Midland College, a Lutheran Theological school in Fremont, Nebraska. This is about 30 miles northwest of Omaha. After two and a half years Ralph decided he still had questions, and determined he needed to take some time to think over his plan. He joined the Air Force in 1958 and would make it a 21 year career. While at Ellsworth AFB, he finished his degree in 1972 as a Physical Therapist (his Air Force assignment) at Black Hills State College in Spearfish, South Dakota (right on the Wyoming border).

Early in his career he was stationed at Clark AFB in the Philippines where he was to meet his wife to be, Romana, although everyone here knows her as "Nanie." She was a nurse at the base hospital in the maternity ward. This was at a point in time where courting there required the constant presence of a chaperone. Marriage to Nanie put the kibosh on any further plans to preach since Ralph also joined the Catholic Church. It was a decision he was glad to make.

His favorite base was Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada, because Ralph always loved fishing and camping and both were great there. The family also camped and pursued Indian history at other bases. Ralph retired from the Air Force in 1979.

At that point the Grisaber's and their two children moved to Sacramento where Ralph began a second career as a Medical Auditor for the UCD Medical Center. He would hold this job until retiring for good in 1997.

The Grisaber's son currently lives in New Jersey where he works for Johnson & Johnson as a division chief and medical engineer. He will soon be returning to Northern California with Ralph and Nanie's two granddaughters. Their daughter lives in the Bay Area and is a geologist.

Asked about interesting event, trips or occurrences; Ralph talked about several pilgrimages made to Europe. They have been to Israel, Ireland, Eastern Europe and are looking forward to an upcoming trip to Portugal, Spain and France to see Fatima and Lourdes. Hobbies include reading history and wood working. Ralph has also taken over the role of chef in the family. Ralph lives next door to Bill Ferreirae. So how could he NOT have heard about SIR? He points out that his official sponsor was Joe Ramay, but an assist goes to Bill.

Hey check out Travel Tips on page 3. We are beginning to put together a fairly decent list. Join in and send me your places of travel and I'll add it to the list next issue. Bob Carlsdtroem, Editor

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

November 5th, 9:00 - Alister Mackenzie

November 19th, 9:00 - Wildhawk

Winter Golf

There will be no golf November 23rd. The last scramble of the year will be November 30th. There will be no **away** tournaments in December or January. The first away tournament of 2008 will be on February 5th at Bing Maloney.

NCGA Dues

NCGA dues are being collected. Everyone who wants to rejoin must pay by the 14th of December. The roster must be sent before the 31st, but I do not want to wait until the deadline so it will miss the rest of the late mailings that will occur.

Look at the SIR150.com to see if your name has the date that you submitted payment and check to make sure you did not pay twice. If you will not be at the November luncheon, mail your check of \$30 out to SIR150 to me at 1212 Clinton Road, Sacramento CA 95825.

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.

No change in membership. We still have 100 active and 17 inactive for a total of 117 members. The following members will receive special recognition at the November meeting for sponsoring new members during the past year: John Sigl, Dick McKechnie, Dick Clausen (2), Len Bloom, Mark Warner, Neil Jensen, Jim Rae, Andy Munson, Bob Williams, and Jim Dodge. Thank you.

Jim Rae

Old men can still dream can't they?

Contributed by Bob Neubacher via Jim Rae

Bill and Sam, two elderly friends, met in the park every day to feed the pigeons, watch the squirrels and discuss world problems. One day Bill didn't show up. Sam didn't think much about it and figured maybe he had a cold or something. But after Bill hadn't shown up for a week or so, Sam really got worried. However, since the only time they ever got together was at the park, Sam didn't know where Bill lived, so he was unable to find out what had happened to him.

A month had passed, and Sam figured he had seen the last of Bill, but one day, Sam approached the park and — lo and behold! — there sat Bill! Sam was very excited and happy to see him and told him so. Then he said, 'For crying out loud Bill, what in the world happened to you?' Bill replied, 'I have been in jail.' 'Jail?' cried Sam. 'What in the world for?' 'Well,' Bill said, 'you know Sue, that cute little blonde waitress at the coffee shop where I sometimes go?' 'Yeah,' said Sam, 'I remember her. What about her?' 'Well, one day she filed rape charges against me; and, at 89 years old, I was so proud that when I got into court, I pled 'guilty' and the judge gave me 30 days for perjury.'

TRAVEL TIPS

The following destinations have been submitted by some of our members. If you would like to learn a bit more about these potential travel locations, these members are willing to share their experiences and provide you some tips such as touring company, costs, places to stay, things you must see, what to expect, and much more. Behind each members name you will find contact information. This is the preferred method. In other words, some might prefer to respond by the convenience of email.

Where	When	Key
Africa, East		7
Alaska		7
Alaska	Aug 07	8
Alaskan Cruise	Fall 01	6
American Heritage Tour	Jun 01	6
Australia/New Zealand		7
China Land/Yantzee River Tour (China Spree)	May 07	9
Costa Rica	Jan 02	4
Costa Rica	Jan 04	5
Cruising, General	Apr 07	1
Durango CO, Silverton Railroad Trip	Aug 07	11
Greece	Apr 07	4
Hawaii		7
Hawaii, Maui	Jul 07	2
Ireland	Apr 07	1
Ireland (Treasure of Ireland)	Fall 06	6
Italy	Jun 06	10
Montana		7
Nevada, Mesquite	Apr 07	2
North Carolina (Elderhostel)	Mar 05	5
Norway (Grand Circle)	Aug 07	5
Nova Scotia (Elderhostel/Independent)	Sep 06	5
Rhine/Danube River Cruise	Spr 04	6
Russia, St. Petersburg (Grand Circle)	Aug 07	5
Wyoming, Cody	Aug 07	2
Yellowstone National Park	Jun 07	3
Yosemite National Park	Spr 07	3

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SIR Branch 150 Xmas Party December 19, 2007

Great Entertainment

Mike Branson
Formerly with "The Fabulous Drifters"

Great Menu

Prime Rib
Chicken Marsala
Baked Fresh Salmon

All for just \$20!!!!

Tickets on sale at the November luncheon

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 first solved by **Jim Rae**. Additional solutions by Skeeter Regan, Doug Hilton, and Ken Huseman.

Plexers

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Bob's Lottery

Here's how it works: You send me \$20 (address below) and pick a number from 1 to 25 and I'll let you know at the next meeting if you won.

Last months winner:
Don Severance (500 big ones)

Fine print: If you can read this you have sharp vision. The fact you are reading this indicates you are a suspicious person and always read the fine print. You have some good qualities.

Extra Credit What is this thing?



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

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
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

Honorary Lifetime Member

- John Mahony 2001
- Jim Eastlund * 2002

* Deceased

November Humor

A young blonde woman is distraught because she fears her husband is having an affair, so she goes to a gun shop and buys a handgun.

The next day she comes home to find her husband in bed with a beautiful redhead. She grabs the gun and holds it to her own head.

The husband jumps out of bed, begging and pleading with her not to shoot herself.

Hysterically the blonde screams back at the husband, "Shut up! You're next!"

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