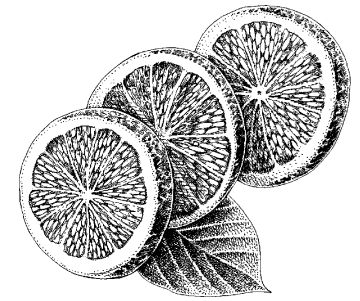




Orangevale Branch 150



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October 2007

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - October 19, 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: Beef Burgundy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and dessert Speaker: Bob Fricke Topic: Guide Dogs for the Blind



October Speaker Bob Fricke

Bob is a New Yorker, born and raised in Queens on Long Island. He graduated from New York State Maritime College in 1952 with a Marine Engineer's Degree and a commission as Ensign in the USNR. Bob married his wife Joan in 1952. They have one daughter, Gretchen.

Bob worked for General Electric for 23 years and several other electrical manufacturers. He rose to Western Regional manager with Furnas Electric Company.

Bob lived in Walnut Creek for 37 years where he started a second career as a handyman. He moved to Del Webb's Sun City Roseville in 1998 where he finally retired, but he still dabbles in handyman work.

Bob likes fishing, Bocce ball, playing Bridge, and is active in his church, Sons in Retirement, Veteran's club, and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Hey Big and Little Sir, what have you got to say?

Big Sir says: Thought I would remind the membership that our December Christmas Holiday meeting will soon be upon us. It will be held on our regular meeting date, which is Wednesday, December 19, 2007. Our social hour will begin at 11:00 A.M. and the meal will be served "sit-down style" at 12:00 noon. Check the menu in this newsletter. The entertainment is scheduled and it sounds like it will be very good.

So, if you are planning to attend, you can get your tickets at our next (October) meeting. If you plan to attend, but do not have the *cold hard cash* with you, be sure to let one of our ticket sellers know about your plans to attend. It will help us get an accurate count for the Elks Lodge. Don Severance, Len Bloom, and Chuck Reed, will be taking care of the ticket sales at the meeting.

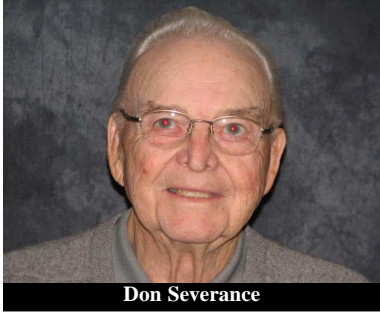
I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Little Sir says: As a man of few, but obnoxious, words, let me say that Jerry beat me to the punch. It is one of the many joys of being Big Sir. I too, was going to comment on the Christmas luncheon, but since he has already spoken, let me just say Jerry said it all.

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Spotlighted Sirs

By Bruce Kennedy



Don Severance

Don was born 84 years into a farming family living in the little town of Tracy, Minnesota out near the South Dakota border. Don was very young when the family moved about 70 miles down Highway 59 to Hartley, Iowa where he graduated from high school. Mid-West farming is a hard and dusty business. It was even more so for Don since he had intense hay fever and was asthma-

matic. In 1937 the family made a trip to visit an aunt in Santa Cruz and in two weeks Don's asthma and hay fever symptoms were clear. At 14, Don decided California was for him. When WWII started, Don was declared 4-F for his asthma and was declared an "essential" occupational farmer.

Don returned to Santa Cruz in 1946 and went to work for a Chevy dealership. He started in parts, went to service, and then to sales. Here was Don's niche. During this period he met his wife to be, Jean, at a dinner at his aunts. They were married within three months of that meeting 59 years ago. He also met a guy whose car was being serviced at the dealership and, over coffee, the fellow asked Don if he'd like to try cement sales. The fellow's boss told Don the job would not be ready for about a year, but it was his. Starting at Ideal Cement in Santa Cruz in 1956, a career was launched that would last until Don's retirement in 1989. His career began in Santa Maria as the company's social coordinator. This continued for 5 years, and he became an expert on Bar-B-Q, Santa Maria style. He headed a crew of eight that feed 500 people or more at numerous functions. No wonder our little picnic is a snap for Don. A lot of the work during this time was at Vandenberg AFB.

In Santa Maria his crew did a cook for Governor Reagan and legislators at "The Ranch." Don and Jean remember it as a great and casual event where Mrs. Reagan spent considerable time at the wives table. Mrs. Reagan introduced all eight wives to the Governor remembering every name. The "Young Americans" performed singing and dancing.

Don's move to Sacramento came in 1964, and this move involved him in the management for three new companies. His final 14 years were with Nevada Cement as a Vice President of Sales. He recalls being hired into this position over a lunch meeting in Reno.

The Severances have two sons. The oldest is in Sacramento working at Intel and the younger works for Disney in Orlando, Florida. They also have two granddaughters and a great-grandson. Working for sales with Nevada Cement resulted in a lot of travel, so most of their vacations involved camping in the Sierra's. Most of his spare time now is spent woodworking. Fondly remembering a shop class in high school he bought his first "Shop Smith" in 1949. He went through two others before he completed his current component shop. Most of the family's furniture came from Don's work. He also helped build corrals and stables for Project Ride in Elk Grove as a volunteer. Ask Bill Cheyne about the golf ball rack Don built. Don learned golf as a required business negotiation and sales skill. Ask Stan Wirth and Chuck Reed about Don's mastery of sales pitches on the links. Len Bloom was Don's neighbor and sponsor to SIR Branch 150 and "recreational" golf. And Don followed Len through the chairs as Little and Big Sir.



Charlie Martin

Charlie was born in Oakland where he grew up and remained through high school in the suburb of Montclair. In high school, when WWII started, Charlie wanted to be a Navy pilot. His dad worked to get him an appointment to Annapolis. Not being sure that would work out, Charlie started in a Naval Cadet flight program in Pocatello, Idaho in 1944. The program would allow

him to leave if he was accepted to the Academy. The acceptance came through, but Charlie only had five weeks before the actual flight part of the program began and he decided to stay. His father was not amused with this decision. He continued with the flight program only to be washed out because of an ear problem. The Navy had known about this, but it turned out to be more problematic than expected. Charlie moved to an officer training program, but decided to drop that since he could not fly. He was then assigned to the heavy cruiser Tuscaloosa and was released from service in 1946. Charlie met his wife Barbara in Pocatello. They were to have 52 very happy years until Barbara's death in 1999.

Charlie jumped on the GI Bill and graduated from Cal in 1949. No prize job jumped back to claim him, so Charlie decided to join his Dad and older brother in the meat business. The family operated the butcher shops for Lewis Markets, eventually having shops in 23 stores around the northern bay area. Lewis eventually went under and the Martins decided to carry on with their own meat markets and grocery stores. A lot of interesting things happened and Charlie met a lot of interesting people over the years. There may yet be a book.

One event stands out: Charlie had a Food King store at a very difficult time in Oakland's history. A store that was located at 98th Ave. and East 14th Street. I'm sure you all remember the "kidnapping" of Patti Hearst by the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA), a violent offshoot of the Black Panther and Islamist extremist groups of Malcom X. There was a release agreement that required the Hearst family to provide two semi-truck loads of food to the community at a Moslem bakery in Oakland. That bakery was across the street from Charlie's store. The police stayed a negotiated distance away and out of sight. Charlie called his employees and told them to stay away. However, he collected two security guards and went in the store at around 6:30 AM. The crowds were over 2,000 and the food bags were not coming out quickly enough. The crowds began pushing and rocking the trucks. The drivers, fearing for their lives, drove away, leaving doors still open. No more food, except in Charlie's store. The crowd broke windows and threw fire bombs over objections from neighborhood residents. The mob however, did not come in to challenge the guards. As evening approached, people from the neighborhood gathered in numbers and told Charlie to go home; they would not allow anyone in "their" store. They were still there in the morning and no more damage had been done. Charlie's daughter, then at the University of Utah watched it all unfold on TV.

Charlie sold his last store, retired in 1994, and moved to Sacramento to be closer to a daughter. He joined SIR Branch 150 in 1997 while on a waiting list for another Branch (thanks to a day of golf with Lou Joaquin in the same group as last month's featured Sir Bill Anderson). Charlie is active in both the golf and bridge groups. It was bridge with a Gold River group that introduced Charlie a few years ago to his second lovely wife, Joanne. They married almost two years ago. This leads to three children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. When asked about other hobbies, Charlie reports liking gardening. That probably will not be on my list.

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

October 9th, 9:00 - Bass Lake

October 22nd, 9:45 - Bing Maloney

November 5th, 9:00 - Alister Mackenzie

November 19th, 9:00 - Wildhawk

Bing Maloney Options

Just like to remind those who will be playing Bing Maloney. Carts are optional. Sign and pay for your own cart. Green fee and prize fund are \$25. We do not know what the weather will be like, so call the course if it looks like rain. Our first tee time is 9:45. I will call the course as soon as they are open (7:00) to let them know if we will be playing. The course phone number is 433-2283.

NCGA Dues

NCGA dues for 2008 will be \$30. I must send the final membership count to NCGA the last week in December. I would like all who are interested in rejoining to have their dues paid by the 2nd week in December. I WILL NOT BE CONTACTING INDIVIDUALS TO SEE IF THEY WANT TO REJOIN. Checks made to SIR 150 are preferred, but cash is accepted. A list of those who have paid will be posted on SIR150.com. Those not paid by the deadline will be put on inactive until February and then deleted from the roster. The rejoin fee is \$40.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

For detailed information contact Jim Rae at 967-4951.

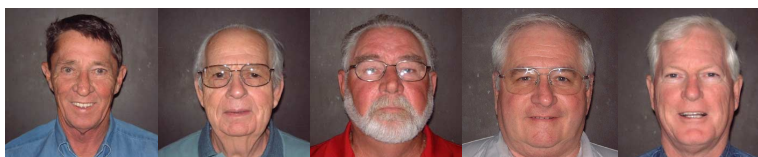
Printed rosters are available at the monthly meetings or an electronic copy can be requested from jamesrae@earthlink.net.

Chuck Shumate changed to inactive status and one new member, **Mike McGill** was added to our rolls. We now have 100 active members and 17 inactive members for a total of 117. The recent surge of five new members since August counterbalanced the four month drought from April to July. Keep those applications coming so we can meet our goal to maintain at least 100 active members. Application forms and brochures are available on the Membership Board at each meeting, or print a copy from our Branch website, <http://www.sir150.com/>. Or better yet use your computer skills and be the first to submit an application on line and win a surprise prize.

Jim Rae

Recent New Members

(If you get a chance, make these fellows feel welcome)



Jerry Campbell Pete Mackerness Ira Watson Terry Martin Mike McGill

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 email when it is a bit more convenient.

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

Key	Member	Preferred Method of Contact
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BRIDGE NEWS

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

Our last meeting was a confused mess. John forgot to print the tallies, one player never showed up, and we were only able to get three tables of players. Art White was first and Joan B was second in high scores. Tom will be making the calls for the October meeting. Hope that more players will be home.

**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 go on sale at the October 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 **Skeeter Regan**. Additional solutions by Jim Rae & John Sigl

Sudoku

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (no repeats).

			6	7				
		3			4	8	7	
7	9		1	8		4		
3	8		9					
	7						9	
				2		1	8	
		7		5	8		4	6
	2	1	3			7		
			7	1				

Bob's Lottery

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

Fine print: If you can read this you have sharp vision. The fact you are reading this indicates you think this is a legitimate game of chance. That's really sad!!!

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
2006	Bob Carlstroem

Honorary Lifetime Member

John Mahony	2001
Jim Eastlund *	2002

* Deceased

Birthday Boys

Schumann	Edward A	1-Oct
Conyers	John A	2-Oct
Regan	Armond D	2-Oct
Clausen	George R.	7-Oct
Dodge	Jim	8-Oct
Casillas	Al	11-Oct
Conner	John L	13-Oct
Kennedy	Earl	21-Oct
Caudle	Charles	22-Oct
Hatfield	Gary L	22-Oct
Morrison	Roy A	22-Oct
Lauther	Richard C	29-Oct

October Humor

- Q: Why couldn't the blonde write the number ELEVEN?
A: Because she didn't know which one came first!
- Q: How can you confuse a blonde?
A: Put her in a round room and tell her to sit in the corner.
- Q: How do blonde brain cells die?
A: Alone.
- Q: What do you call a smart blonde?
A: A Golden retriever!
- Q: Why do blondes take the pill?
A: So they know which day of the week it is.

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