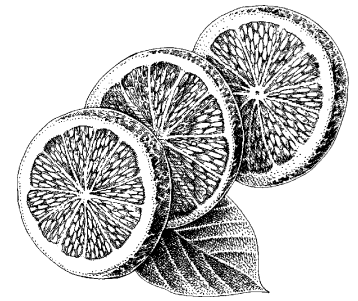




# Orangevale Branch 150



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**January 2008**

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - January 16, 2008
<b>Location</b>	<b>Regular Monthly Schedule</b>	Menu: Beef Burgundy, mashed potatoes, veggies, salad, & dessert
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge	Business meeting 10:30	Speaker: Sylvia Williams
11440 Elks Circle	Social time/registration 11:00	Topic: Reverse Mortgages
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Meeting/luncheon 11:30	

## January Speaker: Sylvia Williams



Sylvia Williams and husband Robert are loan consultants for Countrywide Reverse Mortgage. She has over three years experience and has written hundreds of policies. She carries a very impressive background in education and the business world. She has been an elementary school teacher, a college professor in the teacher education dept. at Utah State University (the home of Merlin Olson), was the NW Regional Manager for another large reverse mortgage company where she coached and trained loan originators. Sylvia has a doctorate in education, is a licensed Real Estate agent, and has earned her Certified Senior Advisor (CSA) designation.

## Jim Rae Named Branch 150 Honorary Life Member by State SIR President Tom Ross

At the Christmas Luncheon, Jim Rae was recognized by the State SIR President Tom Ross for exceptional and extraordinary service to Sons In Retirement, Incorporated. The award is bestowed only to those who, upon careful review and scrutiny, are found to have clearly earned it through faithful and outstanding service to the organization for five years or more. Only two percent of each branch membership is allowed this distinction. Our other honorary life member is John Mahoney. Congratulations Jim!



Left: Jim's wife Florine given pinning rights. Right: A big smile for the camera.

## Win a Free Lunch in 2008

Beginning January through October, if you attend 9 of the 10 luncheons OR bring in a new member, you will receive a voucher for a free regular meeting lunch. Only one free lunch per member.

Branch 150 Executive Committee			Branch 150 Committee Chairmen					
Big Sir	Stan Wirth	362-1748	Attendance	Norm Green	723-0973	Greeter/Pub Relations	Bill Ferreirae	635-6093
Little Sir	Chuck Reed	363-8406	Booster	Charlie Martin	858-1453	Historian	Dick Clausen	(530) 622-4817
Secretary	Doug Hilton	363-8751	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	Bob Carlstroem	791-3608	Fishing	Bob Bonner	961-5403	Quartermaster	Walt Nauer	966-3588
Director	Don Severance	961-6668	Golf	Harold Doppelmayer	922-6134	Social Affairs	Pat Andrews	525-0773
Director	Len Bloom	961-2225	Golf Asst.	Brent Soulis	726-6326	Travel & Events	Open	
Director	Jim Rae	967-4951				Webmaster	Bob Carlstroem	791-3608
Director	Bob Trathen	927-5987						
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						Governor Area 31	Ralph J. Lingis (916) 933-5561	

# Christmas Party 2007 - A Huge Success

## Thank you Don Severance



### The New Big Sir Stan Wirth & Little Sir Chuck Reed



**Big Sir Says:** Well, needless to say, I have been spending some time trying to figure out what to say as the new Big Sir. First, I would like to thank Jerry Courter for a great job last year, and I know he is looking forward to his time on the Executive Board.

I would also like to thank Don Severance for putting together our Christmas luncheon. Mike Branson put on an absolutely great show. And no, he was not lip syncing (but he was so good it sure seemed like it).

We have received word from the Elks that there may be a possibility of lunch price increase. The branch executive committee will be meeting with the Elks to discuss this. If you have concerns please contact me.

I look forward to working with all of you to keep our branch the best (which it is) and I'm hoping the executive board will help me stay out of trouble. This will be a big challenge for them as I am already confused by the fact that it is 2008. I can't figure out where the time has gone, but I am glad I get to spend some of that time with this group.



**Little Sir Says:** I hope that I will perform my responsibilities in the position of Little Sir that pleases the majority of the membership. Even though I didn't volunteer and was railroaded, shanghaied, coerced and threatened with a 9 iron did I concede to agree to serve. Now that I'm here I will call for help from the membership to cooperate in getting thoughts, ideas and involvement in making the club more fun and entertaining.



## GOLF NEWS

Call **Harold Doppelmayer** at 922-6134 or his assistant **Brent Soulis** at 726-6326 if you have questions or concerns. Tournament sign-ups are available at [www.sir150.com](http://www.sir150.com) or 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

#### 2008 Away Tournaments

February 5 (Tue) *Bing Maloney - 9:00*  
 February 19 (Tue) *Bartley Cavanaugh - 9:00*  
 March 5 (Wed) *Teal Bend - 9:00*  
 March 11 (Tue) *Micke Grove - 9:00*  
 April 1 (Tue) *Lockford Springs - 9:00*  
 April 14 (Mon) *Alister Mackenzie - 8:00*  
 May 6 (Tue) *The Reserve - 8:30*  
 May 20 (Tue) *Rio La Paz - 9:00*  
 June 10 (Tue) *Plumas Lake - 9:00*  
 June 24 (Tue) *Wildhawk - 8:04*  
 July 8 (Tue) *Dry Creek Ranch - 8:02*

July 21 (Mon) *Ancil Hoffman - 8:00*  
 August 5 (Tue) *Diamond Oaks - 9:00*  
 (Note: above requires 10 day pre-payment)  
 August 19 (Tue) *Mather - 8:00*  
 September 2 (Tue) *Wild Wings - 9:15*  
 September 16 (Tue) *Green Tree - 9:04*  
 October 7 (Tue) *Bartley Cavanaugh - 8:30*  
 October 22 (Wed) *Bing Maloney - 8:30*  
 November 3 (Mon) *Alister Mackenzie - 9:00*  
 November 18 (Tue) *Wildhawk - 9:00*

#### Check out your status at [www.sir150.com](http://www.sir150.com)

Five members have been placed on the inactive list because of lack of participation with NCGA. To view your status, consult the [www.sir150.com](http://www.sir150.com) website to verify payment of dues. Those on inactive status can become active again by submitting the payment of \$30 if they do so before February 28 2008.

Members that have signed up for the golfer's luncheon on January 10 are also listed on the website. We have 53 signed up for the lunch with no response from 22 and 7 not able to attend.



## 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

We all had fun at the great Hookers Christmas Party. Lots of fishing equipment prizes for the drawing. Now on to 2008. January fishing trips include January second Non Derby Outing (NDO) to New Melones, January fifteenth Derby Outing to Amador and NDO February sixth to Engelbright. Should be great fun. Fish stories in the making.

## BRIDGE NEWS

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

Our session began with four tables of players who could remember the day. A very quite game with all players having a good time. Several players were present for the first time and had to learn some of our rules. When all the scores were counted, Bob Miller had the highest with Art and Leona the next highest. We had a guest sit-in for Bruce Kennedy who couldn't make it. His name is Doug Hilton and is a new sign-up. John will be calling for January players. We hope to have enough players to fill four or five tables.

## 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 [james.rae@att.net](mailto:james.rae@att.net).

### Annual Membership Report for 2007

- We started 2007 with 102 Active and 14 Inactive for a total of 116.
- We finished 2007 with 99 Active and 17 Inactive for a total of 116.
- We had a net shift of 3 to Inactive but our total remains the same.
- We took in 9 new members, but 6 dropped out, and 3 died.
- We remember three who died: Jerry Boone, Jim Eastlund, & Paul Cayer.

We are holding our own but look forward adding some more new members in 2008.

This is the time of year when we publish a new Roster so let me know of any changes to your personal information.

I want to thank our Past Big SIR Jerry Courter and all the members of Branch #150 for presenting me with the Honorary Life Member award at the December meeting. I am proud to be associated with such a great bunch of guys and will endeavor to continue to provide humorous stories to keep you entertained.

Jim Rae, Membership

## 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	Where	When	Key	Key	Member	Preferred Method of Contact
Africa, East		7	Ireland	2002	13	1	Skeeter Reagan	armondregan@sbcglobal.net
Alaska		7	Ireland (Treasure of Ireland)	Fall 06	6	2	Dick Clausen	papadick@hnet.us or (916) 704-4817
Alaska	Aug 07	8	Israel	2000	13	3	Jerry Courter	jcourter2@yahoo.com
Alaskan Cruise	Fall 01	6	Italy	Jun 06	10	4	Len Bloom	lenbloom4@comcast.net
American Heritage Tour	Jun 01	6	Montana		7	5	Bob Carlstroem	bob@carlstroem.com
Australia/New Zealand		7	Nevada, Mesquite	Apr 07	2	6	Charlie Caudle	chascaudle@cs.com
China Land/Yangtze River Tour	May 07	9	North Carolina (Elderhostel)	Mar 05	5	7	Jim Jorgensen	jorgensensports@starstream.net
Costa Rica	Jan 02	4	Norway (Grand Circle)	Aug 07	5	8	Dan Berg	(916) 989-4816
Costa Rica	Jan 04	5	Nova Scotia (Elderhostel)	Sep 06	5	9	John Galik	johncg@aol.com or (916) 366-0195
Cruising, General	Apr 07	1	Philippines	2007	13	10	Bruce Kennedy	bandckennedy@sbcglobal.net
Durango CO, Silverton Railroad Trip	Aug 07	11	Rhine/Danube River Cruise	Spr 04	6	11	John Means	jojohnm@sbcglobal.net
East Europe	2005	13	Russia, St. Petersburg (Grand Circle)	Aug 07	5	12	Al Dumont	(916) 635-7813
Greece	Apr 07	4	South America		12	13	Ralph Grishaber	rgrishaber@value.net
Greece	07	12	Texas, South Padre Island	05	12	14	Norm Green	g19thgreen@surewest.net
Hawaii		7	Wyoming, Cody	Aug 07	2			
Hawaii, Big Island	Oct 07	13	Yellowstone National Park	Jun 07	3			
Hawaii, Maui	Jul 07	2	Yosemite National Park	Spr 07	3			
Ireland	Apr 07	1						

# 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 **Harold Doppelmayr**. Also solved shortly afterwards by Jim Rae.

## Exit Exam

(From 5th Grade)

There are 7 students in a room

Each student has 7 backpacks

In each backpack, there are 7 big rats

For every rat there are 7 little rats

Question: How many legs are there in the room?

### December

#### Plexers:

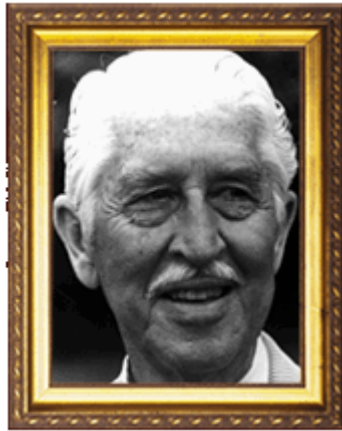
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worlds apart  
split hairs  
wherewithal  
buckle up for safety  
tennis shoes  
Too-Tall Jones  
censor  
half a mind

#### December

#### Extra Credit:

Ernie Banks

### Extra Credit: Who is this?



# 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  
2007 Jerry Courter

## Honorary Lifetime Member

John Mahony 2001  
Jim Rae 2007  
\* 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

## January Humor

### ANY IDIOTS IN THE ROOM?

"If there are any idiots in the room, will they please stand up" said the sarcastic lecturer.

After a long silence, one freshman rose to his feet. "Now then mister, why do you consider yourself an idiot?" Enquired the lecturer with a sneer.

"Well, actually I don't," said the student, "but I hate to see you standing up there all by yourself."

**NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:** All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities. (Rule 345).

**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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