



The Sir Prize

Santa Lucia Branch #89 February 2018

Meeting: 12 Noon 2nd Wednesday
Exec. Board Meeting: 10am 2nd Wed.
Salinas Elk's Lodge, 614 Airport Blvd.



Sons in Retirement is a non-profit public benefit organization devoted to the promotion of the independence and dignity of men in retirement.

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Attendance Rules: Regular members missing meetings for three (3) consecutive months without notifying the Attendance Committee with a valid reason, or attending fewer than six (6) meetings over a twelve month period, may have their membership terminated following notification by letter of unsatisfactory attendance. Certified attendance at another SIR Branch counts for the purpose of satisfying these rules.

Can't make the meeting? Call Gary Bowden 676-6137 or Norm Graulich 455-8043



Big SIR Vic Lanini sez:

Each month before I sit down and write the monthly message I refer back to prior year's messages to see what was said for those months.

Interesting enough last year for the month of February I was talking about the fact that we had ample rainfall to end the drought we had been experiencing. Here we go again back into a below normal rainfall year. Although there still is time for it to catch up it had better get going soon. Have you also noticed how warm it has been this is not good.

I'm still also on my membership horse encouraging you to bring your friends into the branch. Our Board of Directors meets at 10 AM on meeting day and it is open to members who wish to sit in as we discuss operations of the branch. If you have some fresh ideas on how we can make it better this is also a perfect venue to make those presentations. Let me know you are coming so I can schedule you in.

Menu for February 14: Roast chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, watermelon, coffee & dessert



Little SIR Brian Borgerding sez:

On February 11, 1990, Nelson Mandela was released from prison. He served 27 years of a life sentence for attempting to overthrow the South African government. He led the coup as he and many of his countrymen could not abide apartheid. Despite the long time in prison his belief of equality never wavered. In 1994, he was elected president of South Africa in the first all race elections. He saw injustice and was willing to suffer to make change. Nelson Mandela would have been a great Sir.

February Speaker

Oscar Loza

Public Information Officer

California Highway Patrol Monterey Area

I was born and raised in the central valley, Fresno CA. After High School, I enlisted in the Army and served 5 years. I was stationed at Fort Hood TX, South Korea, and Fort Benning GA. I then enlisted in the California Army National Guard , where I currently serve, in the rank of Staff Sergeant. I've deployed to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan with the Nation Guard. After my first deployment with the Nation Guard, I applied for the CHP. I graduated the CHP Academy, Dec 2009. I worked weekend nights my first 5.5 years and I've been the Public Information Officer the last 2.5 years.

The impact of aging on driving ability varies widely, but seniors need to know that gradual incremental effects on vision, flexibility, and response times may compromise safety and eventually require them to stop driving. Research shows that seniors involved in crashes tend to be more vulnerable than younger people, meaning that seniors suffer more severe injuries. Crash prevention and in-vehicle occupant protection become urgent needs for seniors. I would also like to talk about some of the new laws and hopefully they have a few questions and concerns they would like to bring up.

Birthday Boys for February:

Birthday winner for December = Jim Tashiro

Birthday winner for January = Lee Knisley

Bob Bua (81) Bill Farrel (74) Neil Ledford (73)

Tom Lynch (72) Ray Morasca (92) Byron Owens (75)

Don Wolfe (84)

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Sunshine News: In search of a new Sunshine Chairman. Any takers?

No news is good news.

**The latest edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>**

**Attendance % for the year:
J 72**

Questions or Comments about this newsletter can be sent to rfearl41@gmail.com

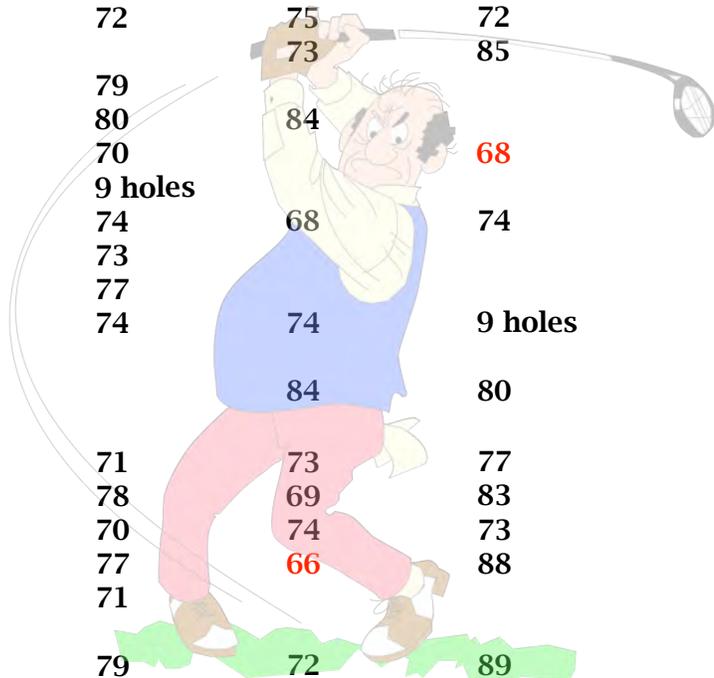
Today's Humor.....One for each of my Brothers

A cowboy, who just moved to Wyoming from Texas, walked into a bar and ordered three mugs of Bud. He sat in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finished them, he came back to the bar and ordered three more. The bartender approached and told the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time." The cowboy replied, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Arizona, the other is in Colorado. When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself." The bartender admitted that this was a nice custom, and left it there. The cowboy became a regular in the bar, and always drank the same way. He ordered three mugs and drank them in turn. One day, he came in and only ordered two mugs. All the regulars took notice and fell silent. When he came back to the bar for the second round, the bartender said, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss." The cowboy looked quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawned in his eyes and he laughed. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explained. "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking." "Hasn't affected my brothers though."



Golf: By Neil Ledford & Bob Pendergrass

<u>Name</u>	<u>Jan 4</u>	<u>Jan 11</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Jan 25</u>
Bruce Adams		68	71	74
Brian Borgerding	78	75	72	77
Gary Bowden	83	80		88
Al Bowman		72	75	72
Jim Brown			73	85
Dick Chavez		79		
Wayne Davis	81	80	84	
Pete Flores	73	70		68
John Jennings		9 holes		
Gene Griffin	67	74	68	74
Vic Lanini		73		
Neil Ledford		77		
Norm Long	68	74	74	9 holes
Dave Lucero				
Tom Lynch	70		84	80
David Miller				
Jim Mills	71	71	73	77
Bob Pendergrass	79	78	69	83
Bob Romo	66	70	74	73
Mike Shuttleworth	68	77	66	88
Jim Tashiro	79	71		
Gene Tonus				
Cary Tremewan		79	72	89
Don Webster	71	70	74	80
Carlos Yniguez		74	73	9 holes



These are all net scores