



The SIR Prize



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Santa Lucia Branch #89
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Meeting: 12 Noon 2nd Wednesday
Executive Board Meeting:
10 am 2nd Wednesday
Salinas Elk's Lodge
614 Airport Blvd.



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

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 at 831-676-6137 or Vic Lanini at 831-675-3503.



Big SIR Brian Borgerding sez:

The town hall meeting I attended last month had a lot of good things. Not everything is available on the SIR's website, but I'll give you what is there. The SIR's rules have been rewritten. There were more than 400 rules. They have been redone and consolidated into 50. The rules really haven't changed, they are just easier to read. They should be online in early March. They had some things to say via video about how to get more members. They are worth watching.

These videos can be also be linked directly from YouTube. The direct links are:

SIR Introduction: <https://youtu.be/IA2GnBpuwfg>

What Can a Member Do: <https://youtu.be/yi2jSeTjfkI>

The Town Hall Link with all the Slides:

<https://sirinc.org/MemInfo/TownHall20190212/>

Menu for March 13th:

Roast chicken, white rice, and steamed broccoli.

March Speaker

Tammy Foss Warden, Salinas Valley State Prison

Tammy Foss has been the Acting Warden of Salinas Valley State Prison (SVSP) since Nov. 3, 2018. Prior to becoming the Acting Warden she was the Chief Deputy Warden. Her career included Chief Deputy Warden at High Desert State Prison, Chief of Program Support at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Headquarters, Associate Warden of Reception Center and Camp Mission at CDCR Headquarters and Correctional Business Manager at San Quentin State Prison. She began her career in 1996 as a Correctional Officer at Pelican Bay State Prison.

April Speaker

Vince Sanchez PIO – Mosquito Abatement Control District

No biography available.

Birthday Boys for March

Birthday Winner for February → Byron Owens

*Richard Bawcom (90), Brian Borgerding (67), Dennis Boronda (70)
Jim Brown (73), Hugh Campbell (88), Bob Earl (78)
Wally Johnson (94), Wayne Johnson (66), Andy Klingelhofer (67)
Jim Washington (88)*

2019 Officers:

Big SIR: Brian Borgerding (831-601-2691)
 Little SIR: Jim Mills (831-206-0555)
 Secretary: Jim Washington (831-757-1846)
 Asst. Secretary: **vacant**
 Treasurer: Al Bowman (831-384-0507)
 Asst. Treasurer: Bob Pendergrass (831-229-0603)
 Attend./Membership: Vic Lanini (831-675-3503)

Directors:

John Grider
 Dick Chavez
 Charles Lowe
 Don Webster
two vacancies

Honorary Life Members

Ray Morasca (Sr. Life)
 Bob Earl
 Jack Smailes

Committees & Chairs:

Newsletter Editor: Bob Earl
 Bowling: **vacant**
 Golf: Neil Ledford & Bob Pendergrass
 Historian: Bruce Adams
 Music: Chuck Karnow
 Plans/Arrangements: John Grider
 Sunshine: Tom Bailey & his therapy dog
 Telephone: Gary Bowden
 Chaplain: Jim Kubik
 Speaker Chairman: John Lynch
 Photographer: Bob Earl
 SIR Logo Apparel: Bob Pendergrass
 Travel: Brian Borgerding

State Officers:

President: Ed Benson (925-943-7011)
 Region 4 Director: Pat O'Keefe (831-809-5830)
 Area 14 Governor: Bruce Adams (831-484-9432)

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Sunshine News: Call Tom Bailey & his therapy dog (831-455-1100)

The latest edition of the **SIR Happenings** can be found on the SIR state website:
www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

Attendance % for this year:

J 71 F 60

Questions or comments about this newsletter can be sent to <newsletter@sirbranch89.org>.

Today's Humor: It could've been worse . . .

James is walking on a downtown street one day, and he happens to see his old high school friend, Harry, a little ways up ahead. "Harry, Harry, how are you?" he greets his old buddy after getting his attention. "Not so good," says Harry. "Why, what happened?" James queries. "Well," Harry says, "I just went bankrupt and I've still got to feed my family. I don't know what I'm going to do." "Could have been worse," James replies calmly. "Could have been worse." A month or so later, James again encounters Harry, in a restaurant. "And how are things now?" he asks. "Terrible!" says Harry. "Our house burned down last night." "Could have been worse," says James, again with total aplomb, and goes about his business. A month later, James runs into Harry a third time. "Well, how goes it?" he inquires. "Oh!" says Harry. "Things just get worse and worse. It's one tragedy after another! Now my wife has left me!" Harry nods his head and gives his usual optimistic-seeming little smile, accompanied by his usual words: "Could've been worse." This time, Harry grabs James by the shoulders. "Wait a minute!" he says. "I'm not gonna let you off so easy this time. Three times in the past few months we've run into one another, and every time I've told you the latest disaster in my life. Every time you say the same thing: 'Could have been worse.' This time, for God's sake, Harry, I want you to tell me: how in Heaven's name could it have been any worse?" James looks at Harry with the same little wisp of a smile. "Could have been worse," he says. "Could have happened to me."

Bob Earl
SIR Br 89 Newsletter Editor



Golf by: Neil Ledford & Bob Pendergrass <golf@sirbranch89.org>

<u>Name</u>	<u>2/7</u>	<u>2/14</u>	<u>2/21</u>
Bruce Adams			71
John Bohannon			
Brian Borgerding	64		71
Gary Bowden	66		
Al Bowman	63		71
Jim Brown			63
Mike Carter			
Dick Chavez			
Ed Cole	64		75
Wayne Davis	59		63
Pete Flores			67
John Jennings			
Richard Glenn	67		71
Gene Griffin			75
Vic Lanini			
Neil Ledford			66
Dave Lucero			
Tom Lynch			
David Miller			
Jim Mills	67		
Ed Moncrief	59		
Bob Pendergrass	76		67
Bob Romo			
Mike Shuttleworth			
Jim Tashiro			
Gene Tonus			
Cary Tremewan			
Don Webster	63		
Carlos Yniguez	66		66

These are all net scores.