

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting November 18, 2024 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA
 Luncheon at 11:30 am–Executive Committee at 9:30 am

Program: The November program will be the annual celebration of our veterans. The speaker will be **Sean Farley** who is an army veteran that grew up in Durham and served in Iraq in 2004 and 2005. He is the founder of a Private Military Museum located in Durham and also the founder of The Military Minute Video series and Podcast highlighting our Veterans and also our Military personnel who have served and are currently serving. One aspect of the Museum involves featuring restored military vehicles such as Farley's World War II jeep along with some other World War II vehicles being restored. The Military Minute is a project developed by Sean Farley as a way to honor and narrate the stories of past and present military members. Working to ensure that history is preserved, shared, and celebrated.



Lunch: The price of a salad will be reduced to \$18. The price of lunch is still \$20.

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
We will have roast turkey , mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, bread and butter. Dessert will be apple pie with whipped cream.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the November luncheon. Please respond to the survey , but if you could not do the survey, and if you WILL attend , contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 by Thursday, November 14.

Big Sir Message: Thanks to Dr. Isaac Brundage for an inside view as to what he does and how what his department does to increase the student enrollment at Chico State. He let us know all that he oversees, and it's not surprising that he needs a staff of nearly 300 people to take care of his responsibilities. He informed us on just a small part of what is necessary to make 13,000 plus students succeed in their studies to want to come back to Chico State in the future to secure their degree. The slides he showed magnified just how much the people of the City of Chico depend on the students and how important their dollars are to the life blood of this town. As he said, his responsibility is to increase the number of students enrolled at Chico State and it was apparent that his target market is from Butte County and the surrounding counties. His slide showed that over a quarter of our students are coming from Butte County and that the highest percentage of them are Hispanic. He confirmed a question I asked him, that when I graduated from CSUC, and up until the 80's, 75% of the students were Caucasian from all over the State and less than 25% of the students got any kind of grants or student loans of any kind and today it is exactly the opposite. Seventy-five percent of the student population is nonwhite and 75% get some type of student assistance and most of them are from the surrounding counties. I am an avid sports fan and when I asked if



Athletics at CSUC were safe, he did a little dance and said somewhat (disappointing) that they are for now. Losing sports at Chico State would be catastrophic in my world.

This month we are meeting earlier in the month than most of the year. November and December the meetings are the 3rd Monday not the 4th of the month. Twice last year I had guys contact me after the meeting in November ordering lunch for the next week. They were a week late so make sure we all understand that the next two meetings are a week earlier.

This month as we do every year, is to celebrate the Armed Forces and Veterans. Our speaker is Sean Farley an Army Veterans that grew up in Durham. He is the founder of a private military museum in Durham. I was unaware of this so it will be interesting to hear about the good things that are being displayed. I understand most of this stuff comes from one military family that has items from three generations of veterans and three different wars.

I personally think this is a great time of the year. The weather cools down, baseball concludes, (Dodgers win, bummer) football is going strong, and basketball and hockey start their long seasons. Thanksgiving also is the beginning of the calendar year where families try to get together and enjoy all the fun stuff that makes us old guys feel good. I think it is important to stay in touch and involved with your family as much as we can. But in the next month or so we tend to get additional opportunities to get together with family, some which comes from out of the area. Thanksgiving gives us the chance to watch sports on TV, enjoy some great food and remember old stories. I hope you all enjoy your family and these special get togethers and we hope to see you on November 18th. *Dave*

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Please check out our website for frequent updates and new humor.


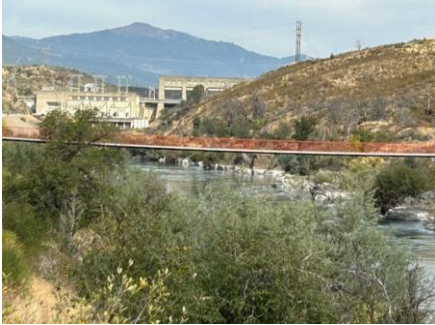
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SIR 110 Activities

Please remember that when planning SIR activities, it is critical that approval be obtained from the BEC and have it entered into the minutes for insurance coverage.

<h2>Hiking</h2>		<p>Our Friday, November 15, hike is along the Sacramento River Trail in Redding. We'll meet at 8:30 am at the Park and Ride off of Highway 99 on Fir Street, the lot closest to 99.</p>
<p>We'll carpool to the South Diestelhorst Bridge Trailhead off Benton Drive. The trail has several options, one being a 5.5 mile loop along the river.</p> <p><u>PLACE:</u> South Diestelhorst Bridge Trailhead, Sacramento River Trail, Redding</p> <p><u>Lunch:</u> After the hike with place TBD (optional)</p> <p><u>DATE:</u> Friday, November 15, 2024</p> <p><u>TIME:</u> 8:25 am (to meet at Park and Ride in Chico, then carpool to Redding)</p> <p><u>WEAR:</u> Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots</p> <p><u>LOGISTICS:</u> Bring water. Bring a snack, if desired. Suggest bringing sunscreen, lip balm, walking poles or staff if desired, a personal first aid kit, and a hat. This is a bird area so binoculars could come in handy. Include in your pack the name of an emergency contact and contact information and medical insurance information. Bring money for lunch afterward (optional).</p> <p><u>COMMENTS:</u> This hike is generally on a paved path with some elevation changes. The trail is being resurfaced so be aware of work in the area. We need to be aware of other trail users that may include joggers and cyclists. Hikers who opt to walk less than the 5.5 mile loop will find it easy to return to the cars before the far point of the hike is reached. For additional information please contact Rich Utter, Randy Benson or Jim Hertl. Please contact Rich Utter if you are coming.</p>		

<h2>Bridge</h2>		<p>The Bridge players have played last month. Bob Dinger won two sessions. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. <u>Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for information.</u></p>
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<h2>History</h2>		<p>The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, at 10 am at 6 Stratford Way. This meeting will continue discussions about <u>Old Grocery Stores of Chico</u> and a new project on producing a book with</p>
<p>biographical sketches on notable 20th Century residents of Chico.</p> <p>The History Group has been very busy and has published "<u>Post Offices of Chico 1881-2024</u>" by Don Alger and Ray Rolls. It is digitally published and available on the SIR Branch 110 website. It is On the website under Site Map, click on "Activities" and then on "Current Activities" then on "History Group". This book is also available on Amazon.com.</p> <p>Ray Wilson has published a book on The History of the Chico Brewery and Andy Andersons Blacksmith Shop entitled "<u>The Brewer and the Blacksmith</u>". It is available on www.thebookpatch.com and will be available on the SIR website.</p> <p>If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).</p>		

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No activities will be scheduled for November or December due to the variety of holiday activities which many people have planned. Ideas for futures activities are more than welcome.

To be added to the email list, contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).

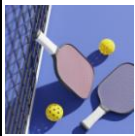
Pinochle

DUE TO HOLIDAY CONFLICTS, THE DATE CHANGES ARE NOVEMBER 20 AND DECEMBER 18. Same time and place.

Pinochle results for October. Patsy Stile - 1st; Lyn Smith - 2nd; Barbara Addington - 3rd. Next date for game and lunch is **November 20**, BCCC, at 11 am
Come join the fun group. **Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.**

Wood Working

Due to a lack of participation, there are no longer regular meetings. If someone has a project that needs a little help, call Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.

Pickleball

Pickleball will resume in early November at noon at 20th street. More news later.
Jay Hanson can be reached at jbirdhanson1@gmail.com.

Bowling

SIR Bowling meets Tuesdays at 6 pm at Bowlero. This is a drop-in league that meets each week, so you can attend every Tuesday or when the mood strikes you. If you decide to show up near a holiday or as summer approaches, you might want to check to make

sure the bowling night is happening. The cost is \$17 for three games plus shoe rental. There is a \$25 league enrollment fee so your first time to bowl will be \$42 then \$17 each time thereafter.

Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815.

Piscatology

There will not be a November fishing trip. Please feel free to join us for breakfast on November 14th at 7:00 am at the Cozy Diner, to help plan the Christmas Gift Exchange to

be on December 12th, 7:00 am at the Cozy Diner Gifts should be \$20 or less. This exchange is always a good time. Congratulations to Vern Hartman for winning the "largest fish" caught this year, thus receiving the Les VanderVelden Memorial Trophy. If interested in fishing, please join us.

Call Bill Colvin (530-521-7269) or Bob Weckerle (530-864-6698) for more information.

Please see a proposal for a Book Exchange activity in the "Announcements" section.

Golf

Branch 110 Golf is a very popular activity not only for our members but also for other local SIR Branches. There are tournaments usually twice a month on Mondays with a variety of entertaining formats at different courses. Call **Darrell Hands**, the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.

On October 17, Sirs played at Bailey Creek

1 st Net = 56.9	2 nd Net = 57.4	3 rd Net = 60.1	4 th Net = 60.9
BARNUM, DAVE	ANDERSON, ED	BROSSOIT, PAUL	BAKER, KEN
HILDENBRAND, LARRY	HANDS, DARRELL	EBER, JEFF	DAVIS, SAM
STASER, CHARLES	LIM, MIKE	HYDER, MARK	DONAHOO, SCOT
WESSELS, BOB	WEIDERT, JIM	PERTUIT, GLEN	HERMAN, CRAIG

CLOSEST TO PIN 4: BROSSOIT, PAUL - 6' 6"; MATHISON, TOM - 6' 8" **PIN 8:** HANDS, DARRELL - 4' 11"; WEIDERT, JIM - 14' 1" **PIN 13:** WEIDERT, JIM - 3' 3"; BROWNING, BOB - 18' 6" **PIN 16:** HYDER, MARK - 4' 7"; BAKER, KEN - 6' 10"

On Monday, October 21, Sirs played a tournament at Bidwell

1 st Net = 152.5	2 nd Net = 155	3 rd Net = 155
HERMAN, CRAIG	BARNUM, DAVE	BINGAMAN, BILL
BLIND PLAY	STASER, CHARLES	PARSONS, DICK
4 th Net = 155	5 th Net = 156	6 th Net = 158.5
CAGNO, JIM	GIFFORD, KEVIN	BROWN, GREG
GALLAWAY, JOE	PETERSON, RON	DAY, JEFF

CLOSEST TO PIN 2: PERTUIT, GLEN - 6' 11"; GIFFORD, KEVIN - 11' 5" **PIN 4:** BRUGGMAN, DENNIS - 3' 0"; MARTINSON, KEITH - 11' 3" **PIN 7:** STASER, CHARLES - 8' 4"; BROWNING, BOB - 19' 7" **PIN 12:** HYDER, MARK - 17' 9"; QUINTO, RAY - 20' 5" **PIN 16:** HERMAN, CRAIG - 5' 10"; WESSELS, BOB - 21' 1"

SIR 110 Information Resources

This is information related to History that does not represent official Branch 110 activities, but does provide information about other history events.

History		<p>There will be an endeavor to keep folks informed about upcoming history related activities. Contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452) for more information about the following.</p>
<u>Chico History Museum Events</u>		
<p>November 23: "History Of The Mouth of Chico Canyon" December 7: "Anna Marks - Another Look"</p>		
<u>Butte County Historical Society Events</u>		
<p>November 16: "Rancho Golden in the 20th Century"</p>		



Don Alger would like to thank all of those who participated in the planning and work to provide an amazing surprise and honor of the award of a SIR Honorary Life Member.





MEMBERSHIP

There are now **135** members including **8** on Attendance Relief. Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call Don Levensaler at **530-520-3291** to **get one via the postal service.**

Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2024 Roster in January, some changes have occurred. The "Roster Updates" will help keep members informed of **current membership.** If you need to communicate with a new member, contact Rocky Rockwell (530-961-3418).

Members not in the 2024 Roster	Ralph Skytte	John Schaller	Dan Bequette	Dana Davis
	Kevin Hennessy	Bill Knudsen	Paul Tullius	Joe Gallaway
	Len Spesert	Jim Cagno	Gil Jones	Steve Miller
Vince Herrera	Duncan Way	Kurt Himmler	Jeff Owings	

"New Members and Guests" will appear next month.

Announcements

Editor's Note: The deadline for the **December** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, November 28.** Send your information by email at dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at 530-894-2452.

Future Programs: The **December 16th** program will be Christmas Music by the Sounds of the Valley group. On **January 27**, a California Highway Patrol presentation will be featured.

State SIR Bulletin: (Sir Happenings) is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>.

Christmas Dinner Party: Please see the next page for the information.

Book Exchange: SIR readers, we're trying a book exchange before our November meeting. Bring some books to the November 18 meeting. We'll meet up for a book exchange in the social time before our lunch. Look for a table set up for the purpose. This will be your chance to pick up some books that catch your eye that other members have brought. In the spirit of reciprocity, bring some books that other SIR members may enjoy. One rule: If the books you bring don't get picked up, please take them home. If this book exchange is well received, we'll hold more exchanges in the future. For questions or suggestions, please contact Rich Utter.

Please Help! Branch 110 is in dire need of assistance.

We need to fill important positions and find back-up people for other tasks.

A **Little SIR** for 2025 is still needed. This position does not involve much work other than learning the duties of the Big Sir. The Big Sir position is not as demanding as it may appear because we have a well established committee structure which provides a lot of assistance to the Big Sir.

A replacement Chair of the **Member Relations Committee** is needed **immediately** because Don Levensaler (after 18 years) will be unavailable after December. Some Excel experience is required.

A replacement Chair for the **Membership Attendance Committee** is needed. This is the person who hands out the name badges. Bruce Heidemeyer has served in this capacity for several years and needs to resign. This is a great opportunity to meet and get to know our members.

Please contact Big Sir Dave Jones, if you are willing to help.

SIR Branch No. 110
2024 Christmas Dinner Party
will be held at

MANZANITA
Place
1705 Manzanita Ave.

Monday, December 2, 2024
5:00 PM Social -- 6:00 PM Dinner
MENU CHOICES
ROAST BEEF
TURKEY
VEGETARIAN
Cost: \$25.00 per person.
Holiday
Entertainment
Happy Holidays
to
Everyone!
Prizes!!

Please make checks payable to
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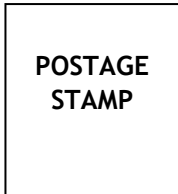
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Tickets will be on sale at the **November** luncheon meeting, but **NOT at the door.**

Donations are being accepted for the raffle. Contact Craig Lindquist



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have a November Birthday, please join us at the November 18th luncheon and see what you might win.

David	Barnum	Nov	4	Jan	Loring	Nov	12	Steve	Kodad	Nov	17
Kyle	Glaziner	Nov	4	Kenneth	Glaziner	Nov	13	Kurt	Himmler	Nov	23
Michael	Gross	Nov	12	Frank	Willis	Nov	17				

It is possible to get a free lunch. Both the sponsor and his guest will receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.

Please, be a friend and bring a friend to the next SIR meeting!

Here is hoping you all have a great Thanksgiving